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PREFACE

After nearly twelve years of research, this History and Genealogy of the Stonesifer Family of Maryland and Pennsylvania has finally been completed. The information contained within these pages should enable practically any person claiming such a descent to find their own proper lineage back to our immigrant ancestors.

These pages contain not only genealogy, but also a great deal of valuable and interesting historical material associated with numerous members of our over-all family relationship as well as background on our German origins.

Research started out originally regarding the Stonesifer family. However, it soon became apparent that the full story could not be told without it including our Bankert and Yingling background. This manuscript, therefore, tells the story of the long involvement between these three families since colonial times, and it also shows how many other families became a part of our relationship.

A great amount of time and research has gone into the compilation of this manuscript. The material included was that which was believed to be correct at the time of writing. However, as in any work of this kind, it is entirely possible that some misconceptions or errors have occurred, and if so, the writer regrets this having happened. The writer also regrets that the names of a number of family members were not able to be included because of a time factor as well as the necessity to set a stopping point in recording the descendants of various families. This seemed to be the only way to be fair to all in a family and keep things equal. In many cases some descendants could be determined while others were virtually impossible to be found.

The form used in this manuscript is one utilized quite frequently. A number of abbreviations have been used also as follows: b. = born, bap. = baptized, d. = died, m. and mar. = married, p. and pp. = pages, Bur. = buried, and T.S. = tombstone. A few others may be encountered, but their meaning should be obvious for the manner in which they are used. The genealogy outline may seem strange at first. Should this be the case, the writer suggests that readers first study the outline used for parts where they are familiar with family names.

Readers may wonder at the seeming incongruity of such a manuscript being authored by someone who apparently is not a part of the families being written about. This seeming disparity is easily explained. The writer is a 6th generation direct descendant of John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Run through not **only** his daughter, Barbara, and his sons John Daniel, Jr. and Jacob, but also through the immigrant's wife, Maria Elizabeth, and her sister, Susanna, who thus directly connect him to our Yingling and Bankert immigrant families.

The writer is indebted to numerous cousins whose interest and informative help each will notice within these pages. The writer is, perhaps, most indebted to his father, John E. Wildasin, now deceased, whose relating of incidents in his Stonesifer background spurred on the writer to initiate this manuscript. Although he did not live to see the manuscript completed, nevertheless its existence stands as a tribute to his interest and encouragement in it.

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OUR STONESIFER BACKGROUND

¹⁵⁵ John Daniel Stonesifer, the immigrant ancestor of most of the persons of that name and blood descent in Maryland and Pennsylvania, was born on Dec. 1, 1731 in Seelbach, Germany.

His parents names are not known. However, the name of Stonesifer is a very old one, and it is said to mean stone polisher. Some variations of its spelling are Steinseifer, Steinseiffert, Stonesifer, Stonecypher, and Stonecipher. Some recent information indicates that his father was twice married, and that John Daniel was the child of the second marriage. It is said that while he was still quite young, his father moved the family to a home in nearby Eiserfeld, and it was here that he grew up. This very old town is located about 70 miles east south-east of the famous old cathedral city of Cologne beside the Rhine River. Eiserfeld is thought to be the place where John Daniel's father was born - being one of 4 brothers. One of these four brothers is thought to be Johannes (John) Steinseifer who came to America in 1749. This area where our Stonesifer family ancestors lived is a very historic one, and in earlier days was known as the Principality of Nassau. Our home town of Eiserfeld was located in Nassau-Siegen, one of the five counties then comprising this ancient principality. The house John Daniel grew up in was apparently built about 1561 and existed till 1961 when it was taken down because of its age.

Our John Daniel Stonesifer came to America on the Ship Halifax, captained by a Thomas Coatam. The ship had sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, the main port of emigration for Germans coming here, stopped off briefly in the English port of Cowes, and after a long sea voyage landed in Philadelphia on Friday, Sept. 22, 1752. Historians tell us that such voyages lasted anywhere from seven to twelve weeks - & some even longer. All persons entering the port for settlement here, who were male & sixteen years of age or older, were required to sign an oath of allegiance to the British Crown. This our ancestor did, signing his name on a list in the State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia as Johann // Danniell Steinseiffer. He was 21 years old at the time. This information is from a three volume set of books by Strassburger and Hinke entitled Pennsylvania German Pioneers, and which has a wealth of material regarding arrivals in the city of Philadelphia between 1727 to about 1808.

John Daniel settled in the general area of Silver Run, not too far from Uniontown, Carroll Co., Md., but which in his day was Frederick Co., Md. In the History of Western Maryland by J. Thomas Scharf, Vol.2, page 851, the author lists the names of some of the early pioneer settlers of the Uniontown area, and one of them is Stonesifer. It is our belief that he came to America because a half brother or cousin, Johannes Eberhardt Steinseifer, was already living here. On Nov. 4, 1753 the Rev. Jacob Lischy, a traveling German Reformed minister, recorded that our John Daniel and an Anna Maria Sterner (also Steiner in those days) were the sponsors at the baptism of John Daniel, the new born son of Johannes Eberhardt and Anna Maria Steinseifer.

At this point it should be stated that Johannes Eberhardt Steinseifer was also a passenger on the Ship Patience which on Sept. 19, 1749 docked in the port of Philadelphia with "Johannes Steinsiefer" as he spelled his name then. This Johannes was probably the brother of John Daniel's father, & thus his uncle. Among the list of passengers on board was a Johan Ebert Stein - who was indicated as being sick and unable to sign his name. Prior to 1749 there is no record of any Stonesifer to be found in our area. But on Dec. 2, 1750 Johan Eberhardt

Steinseifer's name begins to occur with the various baptisms of his children and others. It seems very likely that Johannes Eberhardt (as he was known) & his uncle, Johannes, travelled to this area together, and that the younger man married a girl from here and decided to stay. Johannes, our uncle, moved on, perhaps being influenced to do so by the glowing reports of good land further south. These reports were sent back by the Scotch-Irish who, along with the Germans, were settling the interior parts of the original 13 colonies at that time. Thus Johannes Steinseifer and his family went on, and eventually settled in Culpepper, Va. He was the immigrant ancestor of W.A. Stonecypher of Lucedale, Mississippi who is very interested in family history and has been very helpful in supplying information for this manuscript.

Sometime in 1754 our John Daniel married ¹⁵⁶Anna Maria Sterner. Unfortunately, nothing is known presently of her parents or background. It seems likely that her family came to the area about the time he did. And it is also likely that she was one or so years younger than her husband, as was quite often the case at that time. Thus her year of birth would have been around 1733. The couple had 3 known children who were as follows: Martin, who was born around Mar. 5, 1755, then Anna Maria, who was baptized June 7, 1761, and lastly, Barbara, who was probably born about 1765.

In early 1762 John Daniel was naturalized according to the then prevailing Maryland law. He and many others arrived in Maryland at a time when there was a great deal of anti-Catholic sentiment. At first the Maryland colonial government required that to be naturalized one had to have lived in America for seven consecutive years and also sign an anti-Catholic oath of abjuration in a Provincial Court. Changes were made by the time our great, grandfather arrived. He was merely required to present a certificate at the Provincial Court which was attested to by 2 witnesses that he had been administered a Protestant communion within the preceding 3 months. Thus it is recorded in Colonial Maryland Naturalizations by Jeffrey A. and Florence L. Wyland (an abstract of material from Provincial Court Judgement books at the Hall of Records in Annapolis) that "Daniel Steinstauffer - German" took communion in Frederick County in a Reformed place on April 4, 1762 and which was administered by Rev. Lischy and witnessed by Benjamin Swoope and Jost Runckel. The Provincial Court of Frederick then naturalized him Apr. 14, 1762.

Anna Maria, the first wife of John Daniel, died around 1765. She was likely one of the first persons to be buried at St. Mary's Lutheran and Reformed Church cemetery in Silver Run, and which was organized there on May 31, 1762. Practically none of the tombstones from that early time have survived.

162 → Sometime during 1765 our great, grandfather married for the second time - to Maria Elizabeth Yingling who was born in 1744. She was the daughter of John 161 and Margaretha Elenore Banckert Yingling who lived near Silver Run. Eventually this couple had 11 children whose names and dates of birth (as far as can be determined are as follows: Jacob - July 21, 1766, John - @ 1767, Henry - Sept. 23, 1769, Peter - @ 1770, Louise - @ 1771, Abraham - Sept. 10, 1772, Isaac - @ 1776, Christina - @ 1778, Daniel - July 8, 1780, Elizabeth - Sept. 19, 1783, and Hannah - Sept. 29, 1787.

Two neighbor families of the Stonesifers were Martin and Anna Margaret Study and Erhart and Maria Eve Baumgardner. From known associations among them, it appears possible that both wives may have been sisters of John Daniel.

John Daniel was supposed to have been an only child, and it was handed down that he left a considerable fortune behind him in Germany when he came here. It is probable that he left his native land for the same reason so many others had done so - repeated wars in Europe which usually used Germany as a battle ground, leaving the people there helpless and hopeless. Tradition credits him with being a school teacher, a good singer, and one who often officiated as preacher in the absence of a pastor by conducting catachetical classes, delivering funeral sermons, etc. He was a devoted member of the German Reformed Church, and helped to establish St. Mary's Union Church in Silver Run where Lutheran and Reformed people worshiped together.

He was also a successful farmer in his time, and accumulated considerable real estate. On June 21, 1775 it was recorded in Deed Book BD 1, pages 655-657 in Frederick that "Daniel Stinesiver" had purchased from Martin Study, farmer, for "thirty nine pounds Pennsylvania currency" three pieces of land which were part of a larger tract of land called "Resurvey of High Germany," in what was Frederick Co., Maryland. The three pieces of land consisted of 33 acres, 92 acres, and 25 acres - or around 150 acres in all. (John) Martin Study made his mark, but Daniel signed the agreement. The agreement also stated that Daniel (he began to drop the John as time went on) would allow the use of a path over the property to and from other land of Martin Study's. This purchase became what was to be known in later years as the homestead plantation. Eventually John Daniel's land holdings totaled some 403 acres.

No records seem to remain as to what part our Stonesifer family may have played at the time of the Revolutionary War. Indirectly, however, we can fill in a bit of the picture. We do know that two brothers of Maria Elizabeth, the second wife of John Daniel, were members of the Maryland Associators in 1775. The Associators were the local militia units throughout the colony. It is very likely that Martin, the oldest son of John Daniel, would also have been in such a local unit and probably his father, too. In Vol 18 of the Maryland Archives there are incomplete lists of soldiers who served in the Revolution. The introduction states that there are some missing lists of soldiers, and especially a list of those who composed the two companies who marched from Frederick Co. to the siege of Boston. It is quite possible that at least Martin Stonesifer's name may have been one. The likelihood that John Daniel himself would have joined such an expedition is remote because he had recently acquired a large plantation and also had several young children to look after and provide for. Hopefully at some other time more specific information may come to light.

On April 11, 1792 an agreement was made among a number of landholders who were having property line disputes. One of the most vocal in the matter was Peter Erb, a near neighbor and friend of the Stonesifers. The dispute involved some eleven tract holders, of whom only two seemed to be causing all the trouble. It was all recorded and settled in Deed Book WR 13, page 135 on Mar. 26, 1795 in Frederick where it states that Daniel Stonesifer was a subscriber to the agreed settlement.

That same year on June 11, 1795 Martin Study and Daniel Stonesifer conveyed to Nicholas Dill (a local public official at the time) a tract of land to be held in trust for all concerned and the neighborhood in general as a public road - for the sum of five shillings. This transaction was recorded in Frederick on Aug. 5, 1795 in Deed Book WR 13, page 433. The land was in a tract called "Resurvey of High Germany," and was probably a part of the road now passing through the area of the little town of Mayberry of today. Indications are that this was apparently the area of John Daniel's home plantation.

John Daniel and Maria Elizabeth Stonesifer became quite prosperous in their later years. This led to their often helping out children, close relatives, and neighbors when such persons needed a helping hand. On April 20, 1805 they sold to their son, Abraham Stonesifer, a tract of land of 102 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres for 500 pounds. It was part of a larger tract called "Ohio" and the transaction was recorded in Frederick on May 27, 1805. From later estate papers of John Daniel and Maria Elizabeth it can be determined that they made various loans to quite a number of persons. These loans were made over a number of years to Frederick Yingling - a brother of Maria Elizabeth, to Abraham and Jacob Bankert - first cousins of Maria Elizabeth and who were the sons of her Uncle Jacob Bankert (@1716-1789), to Isaac and Daniel Stonesifer - two of their sons, to John Bankert - a son-in-law who married their daughter Christina, and to Peter Bankert - also a son-in-law who had married their daughter Elizabeth. The names of several of the neighbors were mentioned as well.

The transition from the unsettled conditions of Europe to frontier America was a very successful one for our great grandfather. (The term great grandfather in all cases should have another two or three greats preceding it, depending on the degree of descent of the reader, but the shortened form has been used for the sake of brevity and ease of usage) Undoubtedly there was a great deal of hard work involved in carving out "plantations", as farms and home sites were then called, from the natural state of the land. Yet in most cases our first family prospered, eventually consisting of fourteen children - eight sons and six daughters - whose names have been previously given. However, just as in all families, reversals did come periodically. The little daughter, Anna Maria, apparently died sometime in the late 1760's. Then in the last part of 1799 a son, John, died. That spring he had just started out on his own and had purchased a "plantation" near Taneytown. To survive him he left a widow and four children. A few years later the same scene was repeated. This time the oldest child in the family, Martin, passed away about 1805, (the exact year has been impossible to determine). and he left a widow and six children. Although there is no written proof of it, it seems likely that John Daniel and Maria Elizabeth would have assisted these two families in any way necessary. Despite such setbacks John Daniel continued to have a firm hand on family affairs. It was not till Jan. 11, 1813 that he felt the need to write his will, at which time he did so, and signed it; apparently still vigorous for his age.

John Daniel died Aug. 9, 1813, and was buried in what is now the old cemetery at St. Mary's Church, Silver Run. He was aged 82 years, 8 months and 9 days. Maria Elizabeth, his wife, died around Aug. 20, 1821, and she was also buried in the same place. She was aged 77 years. His tombstone still exists; no marker can be found for her.

OUR YINGLING FAMILY BACKGROUND

John Daniel Stonesifer married Maria Elizabeth Yingling in 1765 as his second wife. Her parents were John and Margaret Elenora Bankert Yingling who lived near Silver Run. Due to the fact that our Stonesifer line stems directly from the Yingling and Bankert families, and that these three families inter-married and mingled together in all walks of life, it seems entirely fitting and proper that we look at this early phase of our family history.

Our Yingling background begins with Christian Yingling whose German name was spelled Juengling and Jungling. However, for many years after coming to America variations in spelling it included Yenglin, Yingland, Yingelling and England. Eventually Jungling became established as Yingling.

Although there are few ship lists of immigrants from the very early days of Pennsylvania history, later family data causes this writer to believe (as does Claude J. Rahn in his Yingling Genealogy of 1958) that Christian arrived in Philadelphia around 1710. Historians of those early years tell us that most of the early immigrants were Mennonite in background. However this does not fit known facts of the early Yingling family. It is more likely that Christian Yingling was one of the early refugees from the German Palatinate who flocked to London around 1709 to escape the war torn conditions of their homeland. The British government resettled many of these people in Ireland where they quickly found long range conditions unfavorable. Consequently many of them soon sailed for America and Penn's colony where they were promised a freedom they could not find in Europe. The good reports these early settlers sent back to their homeland then caused the flood of German immigration which began in the late 1720's and continued up to the time of the American Revolution. As our Yingling family was affiliated with the Lutheran Church from the earliest records that can be found of them in this country, it seems most likely that they were some of the first members of that denomination in Pennsylvania.

Because records of that day are rather scarce, we must take known data and interpret it in light of the pattern of life of that time. As Christian Yingling's first child was born about 1710, it would seem that he met his future wife on board ship and that they were married shortly after their arrival in Philadelphia. Both were probably around twenty-one years of age and were born around 1685-90. Although her maiden name is unknown, her first name may have been Susanna because that name was a favorite one among their descendants. After marriage they settled down in what was then Salford township, Philadelphia County. In Daniel Israel Rupp's book entitled A Collection of Upwards of 30,000 Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Other Immigrants into Pennsylvania one finds that in 1734 Christian Yingling was on the tax lists for the area as having owned twenty acres of land for some years. That home site is now in Worcester township, Montgomery County, some miles north of Philadelphia.

The couple had eight children, all of whom were born in America. Based on the known dates of birth for two of them as well as the order of names given in their father's will, their names and approximate birth dates were as follows: Modlen (Magdalena) - 1710, Catharine - 1712, Abraham - 1715, Susannah - 1717 (married Johannes Hildebrant of Philadelphia), John (our ancestor) - 1719, Andrew - 1721, Christian, Jr. - 1723, and Maria Catharine - 1725 (married Valentine Scherer). John was baptized near Hanover in 1742 at the age of 23; his sister Maria Catharine was twenty years old on June 16, 1745 when she was confirmed at Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe, near Philadelphia.

Augustus Lutheran Church is the oldest, unaltered church building of that faith in the United States. It was erected in 1743 under the guidance of its pastor, Rev. Dr. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who later became so highly respected and honored for organizing and establishing the Lutheran Church in colonial days on a firm basis. Rahn in his book on Yingling Genealogy states that our early Yingling family aided in the construction of this church both physically and financially. It is also known that the children of Maria Catharine Yingling who married Valentine Scherer were baptized and also confirmed there. Likely other members of the family had similar associations. Around 1749 Muhlenberg was in the Hanover vicinity and preached to the Lutheran congregation here. It would be interesting to know if the pastor and the two Yingling brothers living here met. Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg (1711-1787), his wife who was Anna Maria Weiser (1727-1802), and their oldest child, Peter (1746-1807), are buried in the old cemetery next to the north-east wall of this historic Lutheran church in Trappe.

Our Yingling family of that day would also have known Peter Muhlenberg, the oldest child of the pastor's family. Although he began his life's work as a minister, he later became famous in Pennsylvania history as a soldier, statesman, and an intimate friend of Washington. When the American Revolutionary War broke out he was serving as Lutheran pastor in Woodstock, Virginia. History records that on the Sunday he preached his farewell sermon there he concluded with the memorable declaration "There is a time to preach and a time to pray; there is also a time to fight, and that time has come now." He then threw off his clerical robe (now in the library at Mt. Airy Seminary in Phila.) and showed himself dressed in the full uniform of a Virginia Colonel in the Colonial Guards, and after reading his commission he invited the men of his congregation to follow his example. We are told that they did so almost to a man.

Christian Yingling made his will on Jan. 22, 1755 and signed it in German script. He died Feb. 9, 1758 aged about seventy years. His will was probated Feb. 28, 1758 in Philadelphia where it is still on file in City Hall, and was recorded on page 90 of Will Book L - 1757-1760. As his wife is not mentioned in it she apparently had died by the time he wrote it. Among its provisions it states that his son John (who became our ancestor) was to receive only "one English shilling." This would indicate that either he had been provided for otherwise, or that he may have been under parental disfavor.

In 1739 John Yingling and his brother Abraham left their home area and came to what is now the Hanover area, it is said, as teamsters for some new settlers. It seems quite likely that these new settlers were the Wildasin family, as they are known to have arrived at that time. Subsequent data indicates that the Yingling and Wildasin families knew of each other from this time on. Later this writer's great, grandfather, Samuel Wildasin, married Susanna, the oldest child of John Yingling, and one of Susanna's sisters, Maria Elizabeth, married our John Daniel Stonesifer, also the great, grandfather of the writer.

For several years after their arrival here, John and Abraham Yingling apparently lived in the area between what is now Hanover and Littlestown called Digges' Choice. This area was claimed by both Maryland and Pennsylvania, and for many years disputes over property rights and boundary lines were common. It is very likely that both men may have been employed by Martin Kitzmiller who around 1739 was building a large grist mill on the Little Conewago several miles southwest of what later became Hanover. The parents of Martin Kitzmiller's wife, Christophel and Anna Eva Bankert, were also living in the vicinity with several other children, one of whom was a girl about the same age as John Yingling.

John Yingling and that girl, Margaretha Elenora Bankert, were married on Sept. 19, 1740 "at the Evangelical Lutheran congregation on the Conawago." This "congregation" became St. Michael's Lutheran Church of Hanover, and in whose records the marriage is recorded. These records also state that on Oct. 11, 1742 John Yingling was baptized at the age of 23. Later, in 1803, this church changed its name to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

John and Margaret Yingling stayed living for several years near her family in Digges' Choice. Their first child was Susanna who was born Oct. 10, 1741. Her baptism was recorded in the old record book of St. Matthew's as occurring sometime in October of 1742 at which time her mother's brother, Jacob Bankert, served as a witness to the event. Eventually this couple raised a family of fourteen children - five sons and nine daughters. The names of these children and their known or approximate dates of birth were: Susanna - Oct. 10, 1741 (married Samuel Wildasin); Catharine - Jan. 19, 1743 (m. Laurance Spielman); Maria Elizabeth - 1744 (m. John Daniel Stonesifer); Frederick - @ 1745; Maria Magdalena - Dec. 29, 1747 (originally her name of Magdalena was spelled the old German way of Mauldin - married Ludwig Sweitzer); Anna Maria - Nov. 29, 1749 (m. Lawrence Erbaugh); John Jr. - @ 1750; Jacob - @ 1752; Abraham - @ 1755; Margaret - @ 1757 (m. Henry Fox); Louisa - baptized Sept. 4, 1760; Christiana - baptized May 3, 1762 (m. John Long); Peter - @ 1764; and Hannah - @ 1766 (m. Peter Wilt).

Sometime during the period from the late 1740's to around about 1749 the two Yingling brothers moved their families to the Silver Run area of Maryland, probably to get away from the constant bickering over property rights in Digges' Choice. John Yingling settled down in the area that was called Pipe Creek Hundred. On Aug. 14, 1758 he purchased some 42 acres of land called "James Fancy" on Great Pipe Creek in the area between Silver Run and Taneytown, Maryland. He asked for a resurvey of this property on May 17, 1764, and in doing so it was proved that he actually had 182½ acres. This was duly recorded on Feb. 12, 1766 in the court house in Frederick as the "Resurvey of James Fancy." Since Frederick County was established in 1748, the possibility of another reason exists as to why the Yinglings and others moved from the Digges' Choice area into Maryland. When Frederick County was formed out of Prince George's County the county seat was set up in the town of Frederick, thus making it much more convenient to handle legal matters than formerly.

At the outbreak of the French and Indian War (1754-1763) John Yingling and his brother Abraham were enlisted in the Maryland militia for 1757-58. The militia was organized by the Maryland colonial government to protect the undefended borders of the province from the attacks of the French and their Indian allies, and which came as close as the Gettysburg area. The two brothers were in Capt. Thomas Norris' Company, and their names appear on the Colonial Muster and Pay Rolls on pages 176-177 under the heading of documentation called Colonial War and located among the historical papers now located in the Hall of Records in Annapolis, Maryland.

Gradually more settlers came to the Silver Run area, mainly from the southern portions of Pennsylvania and they were mostly of German background. Their religious needs were cared for irregularly by ministers who visited them from Hanover and York. Dissatisfaction with such an arrangement finally ended when the Lutheran and Reformed people of the area built a church to be used jointly. It was dedicated on May 31, 1762, and given the name of St. Mary's. Several members of both congregations signed a paper of articles of agreement, and our great, grandfather John Yingling was one of those persons who signed for the Lutheran side.

On Jan. 24, 1771 John Yingling (spelled "Yingland") purchased two pieces of land - "Part of High Germany" of 62 acres, and "Part of Tryers Delight" (actually spelled "Fryers Delight") of 23 acres. With the acquisition of these 85 acres for 63 pounds 12 shillings he brought his total land holdings to around 267 acres.

John Yingling wrote his will on Sept. 4, 1774, and died a few days later. It was probated Sept. 16, 1774 in Frederick, being recorded in Will Book A-1, p. 510, and also GM-1, p. 97. Generally, it provided that his wife, to whom he referred as "Margaret Lenore", was to inherit the property, and at the end of four years sell it and divide the proceeds equally among his children. However, it appears that Margaret may have bought the property herself, as a 1782 tax list for the area found in the Maryland State Historical Society in Baltimore showed his widow as living in Piney Creek Hundred and owning some 200 acres known as "James Fancy."

Our Yingling family's part in the American Revolution is unknown. The Maryland Historical Magazine, Vol. XI. page 175, published in Baltimore in 1916, contains a "List of Associators Released in Frederick County, 1775." On this list are the names of "John Yingelling" and "Frederick Yingland." These are the two oldest sons of John & Margaret Yingling. The Maryland Archives, Vol. 18, contains an incomplete list of soldiers service in the Revolutionary War, and in the introduction it says that there are some missing lists of soldiers, especially a list of those who had composed the two companies who marched from Frederick Co. to the siege of Boston. It is most likely that this missing material would have names from our family on it.

On Jan. 2, 1795 Margaret Lenore Yingling, Charles Angel (executor of the estate of John Yingling), and a son, Frederick Yingling, are recorded as having sold to Peter and John Erb the properties called "James Fancy", "Part of High Germany", and "Fryers Delight". This sale may have been the final act in the settlement of John Yingling's estate. In a sense, this sale kept the properties in the family because Peter and John Erb had a sister, Margaret Magdalena, who was married to Abraham Bankert - a nephew of Margaret Yingling. Abraham was the son of Jacob Bankert - the brother of Margaret Lenore Bankert Yingling.

Margaret L. Yingling died early in 1801 - an inventory of her estate having been filed in Frederick on Mar. 17 of that year. She died aged 81. John, her husband, had died aged 55. They are buried at Silver Run, but no markers have survived.

Abraham Yingling (1715 - 1799), John's brother, had married Mary (@1725 - 1806). About 1749 the two brothers had left Digges' Choice and settled near Silver Run. For some years Abraham worked as a teamster - hauling iron ore to Philadelphia for processing. In 1760 he purchased a 50 acre plantation called "Molley's Delight" in the Great Pipe Creek area. Then in 1767 he sold it and purchased a lot in Baltimore where he lived till his death at the age of 84. None of his 6 children (five sons and 1 dau.) had remained in the area. One son went to the Ohio area, three sons settled in the Bedford Co., Pa. area, & 1 son & the dau. went to Berkeley Co., Va. Abraham's wife died at her daughter's home in Virginia aged 75. These descendants Anglicized the family name of Yingling to England.

In 1763 Christian Yingling, Jr. and his wife, Susannah, settled on an 82 acre plantation in Digges' Choice, just a few miles north of his 2 brothers, Abraham and John near Silver Run. Later he apparently moved to Carroll Co. also. Christian, Jr. had a family of 6 children whose dates of birth and baptism were recorded at Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe, Pa. (see pages 5 & 6). We now know of only two of these children - John, who became a prominent resident of Westminster, and Christian 3rd, who lived just west of the Manchester, Md. of today. Descendants of these two sons of Christian, Jr. are found throughout our area to the present day. Thus, whether we are descended from Christian, Jr. or his two brothers, Abraham and John, we are all cousins descended from Christian Yingling who came to America @ 1710.

OUR BANKERT FAMILY BACKGROUND

Our Bankert family background has a great depth of historical association with our home area. The name has been variously spelled Banckert, Bankard, Banker, Bencker, Benckert, and Bankert. It's possible that it is of Holland (Dutch) origin because in the late 1600's there were Banckerts in the New York area who are known to have come from Holland. Also, in the Armorial General by Rietstap, a set of books having nearly a hundred thousand coats of arms of European background, the author gives the name of Banckert as being found in the Zeeland area of Holland. Thus even if our Banckert ancestors were to have come from the German Palatinate, the chances would be very good that originally our family name came from Holland.

Our immigrant Bankert ancestors were Christophel and Anna Eva Banckert. Both were probably born around 1685-1690. They sailed from Rotterdam, Holland on the Ship Mortonhouse, John Coultas, Commander, stopped briefly at Deal in England on June 15, 1728, and after a voyage of nine weeks they arrived at the port of Philadelphia on Aug. 23, 1728. The next day, Aug. 24, the passengers, composed of about 207 persons of which 80 were men, left ship. All males sixteen years and over were taken to the Court House in Philadelphia on High (now Market) Street where they signed oaths of allegiance to the British Crown and were then released to their waiting families.

Christophel (sometimes spelled Christofel, and which was a name also used by the New York Banckerts) and Anna Eva brought along with them four children - one son and three daughters. Their names and approximate years of birth were: Julianna - @ 1710, John Jacob - @ 1714, Anna Margretha - @ 1716, and Margaretha Elenora - @ 1720.

For several years our Banckert family undoubtedly lived in one of the many German settlements just outside the Philadelphia of that day. During that time Julianna married Hans Martin Kitzmiller, a young man whose family was also on the same ship that brought the Banckerts to America. The Kitzmillers came from the area of Waldorff in Germany, and where Martin was born @ 1709.

It appears that our Banckert family came to what is now the Hanover - Littlestown area in early 1731. A careful study of the meager data available indicates that they were among the very first settlers to arrive here.

The sites which they and other early comers chose for their new homes were to be a source of contention as to ownership and boundry lines for many years. In 1727 a John Digges of Maryland received a grant of 6, 822 acres of land from Lord Baltimore. This grant, known as Digges' Choice, was in an area claimed by both Maryland and Pennsylvania. Roughly, it extended between what is now Hanover and Littlestown, with the main part being in Adams County and the townships now known as Conewago, Germany, and Union.

In the History of York County by George Prowell it states in Vol. 1, page 71 that in 1731 an Adam Forney and other German settlers procured from John Digges a bond of agreement for lands in Digges' Choice. Some of these, including a colony of thirteen families from Eastern Pennsylvania, went on to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. (It is possible that one or so of these last mentioned families were known to Johannes Stonesifer who was mentioned earlier in the Stonesifer Background, and that is why he and his family moved on from Silver Run to later settle in Virginia also).

Adam Forney, who was of French Huguenot ancestry, was a remarkable and industrious settler. He was noted for having been a tailor, farmer, and inn keeper. Eventually one of his granddaughters became the wife of a grandson of Christophel and Anna Eva Banckert. It is due to the preservation of some of his early papers by family descendants that we know a good bit about him. His land agreement with John Digges, dated Oct. 5, 1731, was for 150 acres of land at a place called Conewago - now part of the site of Hanover. Among the first settlers, in addition to Forney, who would have procured land also from Digges are the names of Banckert, Sell, Unger, and Sheets - all of them bound together through numerous marriages among their descendants and with the Stonesifer family. However, all records of their early land transactions, with the exception apparently of Forney, were likely filed somewhere in Maryland by the authorities of that time, and probably are now buried in the Maryland Hall of Records in Annapolis. Thus we must try to utilize other means to prove the early arrival of our Banckert family in this area.

Prowell in his History of York County listed quite a number of the early baptisms performed in this area. In Vol. 1 and on page 146 we find two such cases which are of great importance to us. There Prowell has recorded the baptisms of two children of Martin and Julianna Banckert Kitzmiller: John Jacob on April 19, 1731, and Johannes on Dec. 27, 1734. Sponsors for both occasions were the paternal grandparents - John Jacob Kitzmiller, Sr. and his wife.

In the History of Cumberland and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania, by various writers, we find on page 23 of the Adams County section a list of names of purchasers of land here in 1734 as found in public documents of the day, and on this list is the name of Martin Kitzmiller. On page 24 of the same work it says a Jacob Banker purchased land in 1742. Jacob Banker was the brother of Martin Kitzmiller's wife, Julianna.

An earlier purchase of land by Jacob Banker is indicated by John Gibson in his History of York County, Pennsylvania when he gives the names of persons who settled here prior to 1737. Although the word purchase is not used, it seems to be implied. We also know from historical authorities that the early settlers usually occupied the land for a little while before making formal purchase. The mention here of Jacob Banker can be found on page 573 of the work indicated.

Another work which has a bearing on our situation, and one that is an excellent study of the early settlers, is The Beginnings of the German Element in York County by Dr. Abdel R. Wentz, himself a descendant of one of the early families. On page 76 of his book he lists Jacob Banker as having taken out a land purchase grant before 1737.

Based on the above indications, this writer feels justified in concluding that our Bankert family arrived early in 1731 or shortly thereafter.

In 1734 the first permanent settler of the Littlestown area of Adams County arrived. This was Andrew Shriver with his wife Anna Maria Kaser (Keiser) Shriver from the Trappe-Goshenhoppen area just north of Philadelphia. He was born Sept. 6, 1712 and died Aug. 12, 1797. She was born Sept. of 1710 and died May 8, 1801. In due course he purchased some one hundred acres of land from John Digges. As he was a shoemaker, we are told that he paid for his land with one hundred pairs of negro shoes. The location of his plantation was about two miles east of the present town of Littlestown and the old German Reformed Christ Church.

In the late 1800's his site was becoming known as the George Basehoar farm. It is also recorded that for a number of years after his arrival the Indians lived in many places throughout the region. Each spring for some years Indian war parties would stop off at the Shriver plantation for rest and provisions, and if on their way home from an attack on another tribe, they would take delight in showing off the fresh scalps of their Indian victims. The settlers (Shriver and his neighbors) were never harmed because, obviously, it was best to appear friendly and cooperative - and show an interest in scalps.

All this is being mentioned because there is a very strong possibility that our great, grandmother - Anna Eva Banckert - was an aunt or older relative of Andrew Shriver. In the book on the Shriver Family History there are several women of her name mentioned for the late 1600's part of the family line. This possible tie could be the reason why the Banckerts and Shrivs came to this area about the same time. Instead of settling in the numerous German areas in and around Philadelphia, or going north of the city to the areas of Allentown, Bethlehem, and Reading of today where Germans were locating, but came here to Digges' Choice could have been a result of relationship.

Also, some years after the Banckerts and Shrivs had settled in Digges' Choice, Anna Eva Banckert was the sponsor for a little daughter of the Shriver family when the child was baptized. The little girl's name was Elisabeth, and she had been born on Jan. 21, 1747. It was the custom in those days, perhaps more so than today, to have a close relative act in this capacity of sponsor. In the Christ Church baptism entry for this event it mentions that Andrew Shriver was from Alstenborn in the Pfaltz (the Palatinate), and that his wife was from Reichenheim. Alstenborn could very well be the place from which the Banckerts came from in Germany. In recent times the Shriver farm or plantation was in the ownership of a Millard Basehoar - a descendant of George Basehoar who bought the original property from the Shriver family. The location is at the end of Christ Church Road on the left. Deeds in the Adams Co. courthouse in Gettysburg support this understanding.

Julianna Banckert, the oldest child of Christophel and Anna Eva Banckert, married Martin Kitzmiller sometime in the fall of 1728, following their arrival in Philadelphia. After settling in Digges' Choice in 1731 or a year or so later along with the parents of both of them, Martin made an initial land purchase in 1734. Then in 1737 he purchased the 100 acre plantation of John and Anna Maria Leman (later Lemmon), and in 1738-9 he built a log grist mill on the banks of the Little Conewago, a few miles west of present day Hanover. It soon became one of the best known mills west of the Susquehanna River - the memory of which has come down to the present day. This historic mill (which no longer exists) was apparently operated for some years in the late 1800's by John W. Stonesifer. Over the mill door was a large stone on which was inscribed the following names and dates: "Hans Martin Kitzmiller, Aug. 1738; Ano 1755; I. H. G. K. M., May 12, 1791." - which are apparently the dates of the building and rebuilding at the mill. Throughout its existence it was always known as Kitzmiller's Mill & was constantly owned & operated by the family till sold out of the family in 1844.

Martin & Julianna Banckert Kitzmiller had 5 children as follows: Catharine - b. @ 1729 near Phila. & was twice married, 1st to John Kuntz who died in 1751, 1 child (a daughter), then John Adam Stam (also Stamm) & they had 2 sons & 3 dau. She d. @ 1800; John Jacob - b. Feb. 28, 1731 - d. Sept. 1, 1808 who married Anna Elizabeth Sell - b. Feb. 1, 1738 - d. June 19, 1811; John Leonhart - b. Oct. 15, 1734 - d. Aug. 20, 1804 who married Anna Maria - b. Jan. 20, 1743 - d. Mar. 17, 1813; and John George - b. Oct. 29, 1738 - d. Mar. 10, 1824 who married Anna Christina - b. Jan. 22, 1747 - d. Mar. 3, 1831, and lastly a little girl named Julian (Julianna), b. Mar. 22, 1747 & apparently died in infancy.

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 Although Martin Kitzmiller claimed to be a resident of Pennsylvania, there must have been enough uncertainty to cause him to become, for a time at least, a naturalized citizen under Maryland law. On Oct. 2, 1743 he participated in a communion service by Rev. Candler at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Hanover (a requirement of naturalization being that one take a Protestant communion previously to prove one was not a Roman Catholic), and it is recorded in Colonial Maryland Naturalizations that he was naturalized on Oct. 18, 1743.

Throughout the 1740's and early 1750's the settlers of Digges' Choice were harrassed about property lines and the payment for land and taxes by Maryland authorities. For Martin Kitzmiller this culminated on Feb. 26, 1752 when Digges and a group of men tried to arrest him and take him to jail in Baltimore for non-payment of land and taxes. Kitzmiller (keep in mind that he was our great uncle) had steadfastly maintained that his land was Pennsylvania property from the time of purchase. In the general struggle that took place between the Kitzmillers and Digges' men, Jacob, the son of Martin Kitzmiller, contested with Duddley Digges, son of John Digges, for a rifle which accidentally fired killing young Digges. The Marylanders left the scene very soon afterwards, and our young cousin, Jacob, turned himself in to the authorities in York where he was jailed. After a legal battle as to whether Pennsylvania or Maryland had jurisdiction, Pennsylvania determined that the scene of the fight was on Pennsylvania land. In a court trial in York on Oct. 30 of that same year (1752), both judge and jury believed the explanation of accidental death, and Jacob came home a free man. Duddley Digges, the victim of this tragic incident, was buried near McSherrystown at the Catholic mission known as Conewago Chapel. Today it is Sacred Heart Basilica.

This tragedy cooled things off considerably, and in a few years the Mason-Dixon Line was established to end such troubles. Our Kitzmiller relatives now expanded their grist mill operations. This included not only a large brick addition to the original mill in 1755, but also having a saw mill, oil mill, and a hominy mill. There were even some slaves kept to assist in the operation.

Martin and Julianna's three sons, John Jacob, John Leonhart, and John George, served in the York County militia during the American Revolution. Their names, along with others of the York Militia who are buried at Christ Church near Littlestown, are commemorated on a large bronze marker there.

Martin Kitzmiller made his will on April 10, 1786 (and which he signed by making his mark - X), and it was probated on May 27, 1788 and recorded in York in Will Book G, page 285. In it he provided for his wife (who survived him by several years), and also stated that he sold his mills and plantation to his son George for 800 pounds, that Jacob and John were given small plantations of their own as marriage portions, and that the portion due his deceased daughter, Catharine, was to be shared by her six children - which he then named.

Both Martin and Julianna Kitzmiller, Christophel and Anna Eva Banckert, and Andrew and Anna Maria Shriver are buried at old Christ Church where they and some of their descendants were members.

(The troubles of the Kitzmillers and the other settlers of Digges' Choice can be read in great detail in Vol. Five of the Colonial Records of Pennsylvania, pages 582-597, and also in Vol. One, First Series, Penna. Archives from pages 680 to around 730).

John Jacob Banckert was the only son of Christophel and Anna Eva Banckert. Records indicate that he made a land purchase in Digges' Choice around 1736 - which would have been shortly after he became of age. It was probably near the Kitzmillers, and Jacob, as he was known, would have lived there with his parents and youngest sister. In 1742 he is on record again as having purchased land. The location of this new property was likely in the general area where Littlestown is now located. In 1744 Jacob married a girl named Ester Knouff whose family had recently arrived in that area. Her parents were Johan Henrich and Maria Margretha Knouff (also spelled Knauff). The family had come from the Palatinate to the port of Philadelphia in the Ship St. Andrew on Oct. 7, 1743, and at which time John Henry signed the required oaths of allegiance in the Court House. Shortly they were in Digges' Choice. (On June 15, 1745 Jacob & Ester's first child, a girl, was born, and she was given the same name as Ester's mother - Maria Margretha.)

For several years Jacob and Ester Knouff Bankert lived in Digges' Choice. But the fact that his sister & husband, Margaret Elenora & John Yingling, now lived in comparative quiet near Silver Run, Md., and the fact that his own area of Digges' Choice suffered constant irritations over boundaries and taxes apparently helped him to decide to move. This he did, likely sometime in late 1749, locating on a tract of land where Union Mills in Maryland is now situated today, and just a few miles south of Silver Run. The year of 1749 is given as the date of his relocating because with that year his children ceased to be recorded locally, and his name does not appear on a tax list of the Digges' Choice area for 1749-50, although his wife's family does appear there.

The new location proved beneficial to him, as he eventually became a wealthy and influential man. Gradually Jacob acquired land which came to total more than five hundred and fifty acres. He also operated a grist mill for the area. As was often customary with other millers, it is likely that much of the land he had was given to raising crops which could be utilized by his mill.

As he had been an immigrant, it was eventually necessary for Jacob to be naturalized. Thus, in 1760 his name is recorded in the Colonial Maryland Naturalizations as having participated in a communion service held Sept. 4, 1760 by Rev. Jacob Lischy, a Reformed pastor in Frederick Co., and he was naturalized in Provincial Court records (likely at Frederick) on Sept. 10, 1760. The witnesses involved were Peter Erb and Jost Runckel. The communion service would have had to be held in some large home or building near Silver Run, or perhaps even out in the open, because at that time there was as yet no church building in the area.

The lack of a local church was soon remedied by the leaders of the community, & in the spring of 1762 a small log church was erected in Silver Run on part of a tract known as Dyer's Mill Forest & given the name of St. Mary's Union Church. On May 31, 1762 the two local congregations were organized - the Reformed congregation by "Jacob Lischy, Minister of the Word of God, Calvinist Minister in York Co., Pa.", and the Lutheran congregation by "George Bager, Lutheran Minister in York Co., Pa." Both ministers served as witnesses to the signing of a Covenant of articles regarding the union church, and among the signers of this agreement are three names which have great interest to us - Jacob Bankert (our great uncle & in some cases our great grandfather), Johannes Jungling (our great grandfather who was still spelling his name in the German way), and Hans (John) Leman (the man who sold his plantation in Digges' Choice to our great Uncle and Aunt, Martin and Julianna Kitzmiller). St. Mary's became our home church, with the Stonesifers & Bankerts usually members of the German Reformed congregation, and our Yingling relatives usually members of the German Lutheran side.

Jacob Bankert was about thirty years old when he married Ester Knouff. She was about ten years his junior. Together they raised a family of twelve children - six sons and six daughters. The names of these children, their dates of birth where known, and who they married if known, are given thusly. Sons - John Jacob, Jr. - b. July 25, 1746; Johannes - b. Mar. 24, 1749, married Barbara _____; Peter - married Louis (Louisa) Forney, a granddaughter of Adam Forney of Hanover; Christophel; Abraham - b. Oct. 16, 1763, married Margaret Magdalena Erb; and Henry, apparently the youngest child. Daughters - Maria Margretha - b. June 15, 1745, the oldest child and who apparently married Andrew Lohr; Catharine - married George Kepler; Magdalena - married Peter Schuy (also Schue); Mary - married Sochr; Judith - christened Aug. 12, 1761; and Ester - married George Kuntz. With the exception of Judith of whom nothing further is known presently, all of the children married. Magdalena later may have married Philip Daniel Nail.

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Jacob Bankert died around May of 1789, but his wife survived him by some years. He wrote his will Jan. 20, 1783, and it was probated in Frederick on June 3, 1789, and recorded in Will Book GM - 2, page 310. From some of its items we can get an idea of how successful he had been in life. To his wife Ester he "left a good feather bed with bedstead and curtains with complete furniture thereunto belonging" as well as 300 pounds specie. His oldest son, Jacob, inherited 125 acres on or near Great Pipe Creek in a tract called Carolina and partly in a tract called Ohio. His second son, John, was left 125 acres in the same two tracts and partly in a tract called Hill Spring and partly in a tract called Christopher's Lott. The third son, Peter, was left 125 acres in tracts called Carolina, Ohio, and Christopher's Lott. The fourth son, Christophel, was left 125 acres in tracts called Ohio, Jacob's Lott, Hill Spring, and Christopher's Lott. To his two youngest sons, Abraham and Henry, both not yet of age when the will was written, he left 50 pounds specie each. To his oldest daughter, Margretha, he left a 50 acre tract of land - and which was in part of the tracts called Ohio and Carolina. He then specified that his mill and remaining land was to be sold and the proceeds distributed to his six daughters and two youngest sons - Abraham and Henry. The bequests of land, he also specified, were to be laid off in tracts by a Christian Bowers (also Bauers) who was a local surveyor. As his executors he named David Shriver and Jacob Calzel. The last named person was Jacob Cassel, whose last name was misspelled, and who was the son of Jacob Bankert's sister, Anna Margretha who had married Henry Cassel.

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One part of the estate settlement didnot go smoothly. On Feb. 7, 1797 two daughters of Jacob Bankert, Mary Sochr and Catharine Kepler, sold their father's mill property to Andrew Shriver for 260 pounds, and the transaction was recorded Feb. 27, 1797 in Frederick. On June 26, 1797 this Andrew Shriver, a grandson of Andrew Shriver who settled in Digges' Choice in 1734, took up residence at the grist mill formerly owned by Jacob Bankert. He soon took into partnership with him his brother, David Shriver, who had been one of the executors of the former owner's will. But it was nearly thirty years until they had a clear title because some of the Bankert heirs contested the sale and refused to sign off. However, the Shrivers held the property from 1797 on, and the partnership is said to be the origin of the name Union Mills. Today this old property is a museum and noted landmark. Further details can be read in Scharf's History of Western Maryland in Vol. 2 on pages 864-865.

Both Jacob and Ester Bankert were buried in what is now the old cemetery at St. Mary's Church in Silver Run, and just like his family members of a generation before who were buried at old Christ Church, there are no longer any markers to indicate their last resting place.

Anna Margretha Bankert was the 3rd child of our Banckert family. Born @ 1716, she married John Henry Cassel (also Kassel) of Digges' Choice in 1734, & they continued to live there for some years. Although there was a mix-up in the recording some dates of birth & baptism, the couple seems to have had 4 children. The first was John Jacob - b. Mar. 9, 1735, & at whose baptism John Jacob Bankert (his mother's brother) was sponsor. In October of 1738 a daughter, Catarina, was born. Baptized May 3, 1740, she apparently died shortly thereafter. Another daughter, this time named Catharine, was born in 1742, & her baptism was recorded at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in what is now Hanover on June 11, 1743. Again Jacob Bankert was the witness. A fourth child, Anna Eva, was born Feb. 25, 1748. Her baptism was recorded at Christ Church, and on this occasion her grandmother, Anna Eva Banckert, was the witness. About 1754 the family moved from Digges' Choice to the Silver Run area where Henry Cassel purchased 50 acres of land on July 8, 1754. This was duly recorded in Frederick on July 19, 1754. Like the original Banckert family, Henry and Anna Margretha Cassel (later Cassell) had 4 children - 3 daughters & 1 son. The son, Jacob, later became one of the two executors of his Uncle Jacob Bankert's will. It appears that all the Cassells of Carroll Co. through the years descend from Henry and Margretha Cassel.

Margaretha Elenora Bankert was the youngest of the four original Banckert children, all of whom were born in Germany. Born @ 1720, she came to Digges' Choice with the rest of her family in 1731. Here she met John Yingling, also of German extraction, and they were married on Sept. 19, 1740. They lived here for several years, and then @ 1749 the family moved to the Silver Run area of what is now Carroll Co., Maryland. There the couple eventually had a plantation of some 260 acres of land, and raised a family of 14 children - five sons and nine daughters. A complete profile of this family is given on pages 5 to 8.

Perhaps readers will think that too much emphasis has been placed on our Bankert background. However, very little material seems to have ever been collected about this family before this writing. Also, besides our historical heritage, this research shows how deeply all of us have been effected by two children of Christophel and Anna Eva Banckert. Their daughter, Margaret Lenora, married John Yingling, and this union gave us our great, grandmother - Maria Elisabeth Yingling - who married our great, grandfather, John Daniel Stonesifer. The Banckert's only son, John Jacob, not only is the founder of all those persons of that family name in this area, but he had two grandsons who married two of John Daniel & Maria Elisabeth Stonesifer's daughters - Christina Stonesifer who married John Bankert, and Elizabeth Stonesifer who married Peter Bankert. Both John and Peter were sons of Jacob Bankert, Jr.

Since the preceding material was completed, two additional things have come to light which are worth recording. On pages 59-60 in the book by Dr. Abdel R. Wentz entitled The Beginnings of the German Element in York County, Pennsylvania there is a list of 48 names of German settlers west of the Susquehanna River by Oct. 25, 1736 - and one of them is a George Fans Pancker. This name is most likely actually George Hans Bancker, and should be spelled Banckert. Nothing further is presently known about him. Also, there is a Cassell Family cemetery located on the Adams Mill Road near Westminster where a number of the direct descendants of Henry & Margretha Bankert Cassel were buried over the years since @ 1800. Sometime between Aug. 8 to 20 of 1983 this small cemetery of @ 50 by 70 ft. was heavily damaged, & many of the tombstones badly disturbed or broken. The only brick-lined grave, and which was of great age, was totally destroyed. One of the stones not harmed was that of Henry Cassell, a nearly 78 year old cousin of ours who was born in 1764 and died in 1842. He was a son of Jacob, the only son of Henry and our great, great aunt Margretha Cassel. The cemetery has a 4 ft. spiked, cast iron fence which was forced for entrance. Hopefully, this manuscript will help to prevent loss of information as that which has occurred as just mentioned.

EPILOGUE

Most people of today must be constantly readjusting to the rapid changes taking place in all phases of our daily life and society. This situation leaves little time to give any thought to the people who came to America many years ago to settle here and begin the development of this country. Such a thing seems very remote. Yet some of these early settlers had the names of Stonesifer, Yingling, and Bankert - and they were our own flesh and blood - our immigrant ancestors.

These early ancestors of ours came to America by way of a harrowing, nearly three months long sea voyage on a primitive sailing ship. After landing in Philadelphia they came to our home area here in Maryland and Pennsylvania in rough, horse drawn wagons which had to be ferried across the Susquehanna River on log rafts. Once here, they began the process of clearing away the virgin forests, built log cabin homes, planted their first crops, and began to raise large families which helped to develop their lands gradually into what they called, at first, plantations. Several accounts which have been handed down directly from these early relatives mention the fact that among their neighbors there were numerous Indians that still lived in the area.

Gradually the plantations of our first ancestors became well established homesteads, better roads brought easier access to places such as Lancaster, York, Baltimore, and Frederick where they could buy or sell goods. The little villages that later developed into the towns of Westminster, Taneytown, Littlestown, and Hanover came into being. And in these little villages were businessmen and craftsmen who increasingly serviced the needs of our early families living in the rural areas. The story of the building of America from colonial times to the present is told in numerous books for young and old to read. One part of this story of America is, of course, the American Civil War, and in which many of our relatives served. As one becomes acquainted with the actual names, dates, bits of information, and the geographical locations that pertain to one's relatives in past years, a new sense of pride and understanding of one's family and country should develop within the descendant of today.

In looking back to our beginnings in this country, the courage and the determination of our first family members to leave Europe, cross the ocean to America, and strive to build a new life in a new world seems to be an historical parallel to the words of St. John in 21:1 of the Book of Revelation when he wrote: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."

As the years advanced, our pioneer Stonesifer, Yingling, and Bankert family members, and then their descendants, passed on. The last resting place of most of these people is known, and markers exist. However, the burial place of some of our deceased relatives, especially the very early ones, is either unknown or in doubt. Thus, perhaps readers will not take it amiss if an epitaph were to be written here for our past family members, and especially for those men, women, and children who, through no fault of their own, have no markers at their last resting place. Near the end of that famous book by John Bunyan entitled Pilgrim's Progress is a sentence that seems most fitting for our purpose, and it reads as follows: "So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

CHILDREN OF JOHN DANIEL STONESIFER

The following data is a general survey of the 14 children of our immigrant ancestor. It also serves as a guide to the location of each one's section by giving the first and last pages of the material pertaining to that child. The material is not only genealogical in nature, but it also includes historical matter as well when such things are of interest and appropriate.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Pages</u>
1. Martin Stonesifer.....	1755-@1801....	50.....	6.....	18-24
2. Anna Maria Stonesifer.....	1761-1762.....	1.....	0.....	25
3. Barbara Stonesifer.....	1765-@1835....	70.....	1.....	26-28
4. <u>Jacob Stonesifer</u> ^{MATERNAL}	1766-1844.....	78.....	9.....	29-47
5. John Stonesifer.....	1767-1799.....	32.....	4.....	48-59
6. Henry Stonesifer.....	1769-1815.....	46.....	2.....	60-63
7. Peter Stonesifer.....	@1770-1839....	69.....	11.....	64-84
8. Louise Stonesifer Weimert.....	1771-@1850....	80.....	3.....	85
9. Abraham Stonesifer.....	1772-1861.....	89.....	12.....	86-100
10. Isaac Stonesifer.....	1776-@1850....	74.....	6.....	101-105
11. Christina Stonesifer Bankert.... ^{JOHN}	@1778-1849....	71.....	9.....	106-122
12. <u>Daniel Stonesifer</u> ^{PATERNAL} ^{JR.}	1780-1849....	69.....	8.....	123-190
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Only 3 of these children reached the age of 80, and the average age reached was 63.4 years. Two of them had families of 12, but the average was 6. The first three children were by John Daniel's 1st wife - Anna Maria Sterner, and the following eleven were by his 2nd wife - Maria Elizabeth Yingling. Seven of the above children are buried at Silver Run, as are their parents. Specific information as to all this material is part of the family history and genealogy that follows.

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- I. JOHN MARTIN - baptized Mar. 5, 1755 - died sometime between 1801-1809; was married to Margaret Haintz (later Haines) - b. @ 1755 - d. Oct. 8, 1821.

The first child of our Stonesifer family, his exact date of birth is not known. However, his baptism as stated above was performed by Rev. Jacob Lischy, & John Martin Rutter and his wife, Anna Margretha, were the sponsors. Till the early 1780's he helped his father to establish the family homestead plantation. Then about 1783 he married Margaret Haintz. They had 6 children, and lived in Westminster Town as it was then known. There he was a cordwainer - a trade involved with making all types of leather goods as well as being a shoemaker. Martin also bought and sold several properties in town in the 1790's, perhaps on a speculation basis. Around 1799 the family moved to the Uniontown area where he apparently died a few years later. His wife is buried in the old, original cemetery of St. Mary's Church at Silver Run. While no marker exists for him, he is likely buried there, too.

Children:

1. Rachel - b. May 10, 1784 - d. Jan. 15, 1875; never married, she lived her last years with her sister, Anna Maria Yeiser and her family. She died at the age of 91, and is buried at Silver Run.
2. Daniel - b. Jan. 22, 1786; probably went to Juniata Co., Pa. with his brother - David (below).
3. Henry - b. @ 1787; joined the Company of men from the Westminster area who were recruited by Capt. Thomas Shriver of Union Mills to fight the British at North Point near Baltimore in the War of 1812. He was a Cornet in Capt. Shriver's Co., 2nd Reg., 1st Cavalry Dist. in June 26, 1812, & a 2nd Lieut. by Dec. 22, 1812. He likely went to Juniata Co., Pa. also.
4. David - b. @ 1789 - d. @ 1840; married on Nov. 12, 1829 to Jane Kyle of Mifflentown, Pa. A shoemaker; moved to Mexico, Juniata Co., Pa.; died there.

Children:

- A. John - married Eliza Harmon and lived in Williamsport, Pa. till 1901 when he went to Kansas. They had a daughter - Ida May.
- B. Samuel - married; a dau. Kajia; thought to be still living in 1901; but most likely he is the Samuel "Stonecypher" from Snyder Co., Pa. who served in the Union Army from Aug. 13, 1862 till his death Jan. 2, 1863 in Wash., D.C. & buried there in the Military Asylum Cemetery.
- C. Thomas - married Jane Fowler of Mifflentown, Pa. They went to live near Williamsport, Pa. where he owned a farm about seven and a half miles north of there; had a daughter who married a Franklin Stoger.
- D. Jarred Andrew - b. Mar. 8, 1837 at Mexico, Juniata Co., Pa. & shortly thereafter the family moved to a place about seven miles north of Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa. where he became a painter by trade. He served in the Civil War from Sept. 8, 1861 till July 17, 1865 in Co. K, 45th Pa. Regt.; was taken prisoner at Petersburg, Va. on June 1, 1864 and imprisoned in Andersonville for 5 to 6 months when he escaped and returned to his regiment. In Nov. of 1865 he married Priscilla Miller of Montoursville, Pa. where both were members of the Lutheran Church. He died Nov. 29, 1891; his wife died Apr. 13, 1884.

Children:

- a. Hattie - died in infancy.
 - b. Janne Irvin - b. May 11, 1869. After finishing school in the town of Montoursville, he clerked for a year. In the autumn of 1886 he went to Selins Grove (now Selinsgrove) Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University, where he graduated from the Classical Dept. in June of 1890; then from the Theological Dept. in 1893. June of 1893 he married Hallie R. Ulbrech of Selins Grove. The same year on July 1st he became pastor of the Lutheran church at Hartston where he was still serving in 1901.
 - c. Fannie Clora - b. May 20, 1872. After graduating from school at Montoursville she taught school for a time. She then married James R. Hutson of that town where, as of 1901, they were living in her old family homestead.
 - d. Thomas Franklin - died in infancy.
 - E. Alonzo - served in the Civil War in Co. K, 45th Pa. Regt., being mustered in on Oct. 2, 1861, was captured and held prisoner from June 7, 1864 till Apr. 29, 1865; was discharged June 5, 1865.
 - F. William - married Phoebe Harmon; served in the Civil War (unit not known); and about 1880 he went to either Kansas or Iowa.
 - G. Rachael
 - H. Sarah Jane - married William Horn - a farmer.
5. Anna Maria - b. ● 1790 - d. Apr. 13, 1879; married David Yeiser - b. Aug. 17, 1799 - d. Nov. 11, 1863. They farmed near Silver Run. Later their only son, Absalom, took over the farm, and she and her sister, Rachel, lived there with him in their last years. Anna Maria lived to be 90, her sister to 91. Anna Maria and David, and all their children and grandchildren listed below are buried at Silver Run in either the old or new cemetery.

Children:

- A. Maria Magdalena - b. Sept. 13, 1819 - d. ● 1821.
- B. Belinda - b. Oct. 16, 1822 - d. Apr. 19, 1884; married Moses Troxell - b. Mar. 4, 1823 - d. July 16, 1893. They had 1 child - Henry T.

Children:

- a. Henry T. - b. Feb. 19, 1851 - d. Mar. 24, 1925; married Maria Lippy - b. Sept. 15, 1852 - d. Mar. 7, 1932. They had 4 children: Ada M. (mar. Edward H. Wentz), Moses J.M. (mar. Cora May Yeiser), Rebecca (mar. Ira Bowman), and Clarence R. - died aged 6 days.
- C. Absalom - b. Mar. 24, 1826 - d. May 17, 1896; married Isabelle Louise Zentz - b. Aug. 18, 1829 - d. Apr. 24, 1907. They had 3 children.

Children:

- a. David Sylvester - b. Dec. 9, 1846 - d. Nov. 3, 1860.
- b. Alice Anna Mary - b. Apr. 17, 1856; married William H. Belt.
- c. Martha May - b. Feb. 7, 1872; married John W. Flickinger.

6. Johannes - b. Nov. 28, 1794 - d. Aug. 31, 1881; married Anna Mary Wine - b. Aug. 9, 1795 - d. Dec. 22, 1875. Although lame, he farmed near Silver Run. Buried: St. Mary's Cemetery at Silver Run.

Children:

- A. Reuben - b. Apr. 15, 1824 - d. Dec. 1, 1876; married Dec. 19, 1850 to Anna Mary Sentz - b. Nov. 21, 1829 - d. Jan. 1, 1918. They farmed near Taneytown, Md. Buried: Grace Reformed Church cemetery in Taneytown.

Children:

- a. Henry Oliver - b. Oct. 1, 1851 (Tombstone = 1850) - d. Jan. 13, 1932; married Feb. 3, 1877 to Sarah J. Stansbury - b. Nov. 23, 1853 - d. Nov. 13, 1924. He was a farmer near Keysville in Carroll Co., and was a director of the Taneytown Savings Bank for 30 years. Buried: Grace Reformed Church cemetery in Taneytown, Md.

Children:

- (1) Carrie Belle - b. Sept. 23, 1877 - d. Sept. 28, 1959.
- (2) Charles Henry - b. Jan. 2, 1879 - d. July 22, 1925; was married Dec. 13, 1899 to Carrie Gertrude Hilterbrick - b. Feb. 16, 1879 - d. Apr. 23, 1928. He operated a bread route for the R.B. Everhart Bakery in Taneytown - hanged himself in his barn in an apparent fit of despondency. They had a son, Wilbur C., who married May 6, 1925 to Dorothy Elizabeth Boller. Charles Henry is buried in Trinity Lutheran Church cemetery in Taneytown.
- (3) William Joshua - b. Oct. 1, 1886 - d. Jan. 7, 1969; mar. Dec. 22, 1907 to Carrie May Keefer - b. Feb. 14, 1886 - d. May 9, 1974. A farmer near Taneytown, he had been a director of the Detour, Md. Bank for 50 years as well as a director of the Taneytown Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Buried: Grace Reformed Church cemetery in Taneytown, Md.

Children:

- (3a) Ralph William - married Jan. 25, 1938 to Frances V. Barrick. He has been a farmer, a poultry producer, & in the excavation business.

Children:

- (3aa) Doris - married Salvatore Privitera
 (3ab) Ralph William Jr. - married Carol Stiely
 (3ac) James Harry - married Shirley Myers

- (3b) Earle Keefer - married Katherine I. Stitely on Apr. 5, 1942. She was b. 1917 - d. Apr. 15, 1970. He then married Anna Elizabeth Myers. He is a farmer near Taneytown.

Children:

- (3ba) Mary Ellen - married Wilson Arbaugh
- (3bb) Betty Earlene - mar. James Ardel Stonesifer
- (3bc) Earl Kenneth - married Louise Hendrickson

- b. Matilda Elizabeth - b. Jan. 28, 1853 - d. June 29, 1934;
married Dec. 26, 1879 to Nelson Wantz - b. Aug. 21, 1858 -
d. Apr. 13, 1931. They farmed near Taneytown, and are buried
in Grace Reformed Church cemetery in Taneytown, Md.

Children:

- (1) L. Edna - b. 1880 - d. 1945; married Andrew J. Baumgardner -
b. 1871 - d. 1935.
- (2) Mervin C. - b. 1884 - d. 1971; married Jessie V. Brown -
b. 1886 - d. 1973.
- (3) Raymond L. - b. July 14, 1889 - d. Jan. 26, 1977; married
Mary V. Witherow - b. May 23, 1892 - d. Jan. 10, 1968.

- c. Reuben Alfred - b. Feb. 5, 1856 - d. Feb. 19, 1927; married
Oct. 7, 1879 to Clara I. Frock - b. Dec. 3, 1861 - d. Apr. 30,
1935. They farmed near Keysville, Md.; buried: Keysville Cem.

Children:

- (1) Clarence Gordon - b. Apr. 30, 1880 - d. Apr. 1, 1932;
married Dec. 14, 1904 to Mary Grim - b. Aug. 21, 1881 -
d. Oct. 1, 1947. They farmed near Keysville.

Children:

- (1a) Clarence R. - b. July 3, 1906; married Dec. 20,
1930 to Ruth E. Valentine - b. Oct. 14, 1911.
Their son, Clarence Ernest, married Hazel Marie
Keilholtz on Nov. 2, 1950; then married Leah
Mae Mummert on Dec. 15, 1962.
- (1b) Beulah V. - b. Apr. 15, 1911; married Dec. 2, 1931
to Carroll Baumgardner Phillips - b. Nov. 27,
1911 - d. Jan. 13, 1977. Buried: Keysville Cem.

Children:

- (1ba) Helen E. - married Robert O. Woods
- (1bb) Fred Eugene

- (1c) Ethel Pauline - married Dec. 10, 1932 to Robert A.
Hockensmith; live at Shenandoah Junction, W. Va.

Children:

- (1ca) Mary Frances - married Jerry Hockman
- (1cb) Margaret Ann - married _____ Saunders
- (2) Marlin Arthur - b. Oct. 19, 1882 - d. Jan. 6, 1950; married
Feb. 19, 1908 to Alice J. Hockensmith - b. Oct. 29, 1882 -
d. Nov. 16, 1956. Worked for A.W. Feeser Co., Taneytown.

Children:

- (2a) Clara R. - married Dec. 18, 1937 to Dorsey F. Rippeon.
- (2b) Glenn A. - b. 1909 - married Sept. 14, 1940 to
Essie A. Burch - b. 1908
- (3) Harry Roy - b. June of 1886 (T.S. = 1884) d. 1938; married
● Nov. 24, 1906 to Mary A. Troxell - b. 1869 - d. 1937.
Buried: Mountain View Cemetery, Emmittsburg, Md.
- (4) Jacob Russell - b. Feb. 8, 1892 - d. July 30, 1973; married
Nov. 17, 1925 to Lydia Anna Ritter - b. Aug. 28, 1896 -
d. May 20, 1971. A farmer near Keysville, Md., he also had
been a former president of the Keysville Union Cemetery.
Buried: Keysville Cemetery, as is his sister - Bertha E.

Children:

- (4a) Jean - married John Lambert
- (4b) Fred R.
- (4c) George Richard - married Elizabeth Ann Cairns
- (5) Bertha E. - b. Feb. of 1895 (T.S. = 1894) - d. 1945; married
Aug. 31, 1914 to Harvey R. Shyrock - b. 1885 - d. 1946
- d. Ann Lucinda - b. Feb. 3, 1858 - d. Mar. 21, 1937; married Jan. 29,
1877 to Josiah G. Wantz - b. Apr. 15, 1854 - d. Feb. 23, 1923.
They farmed near Harney, Md.; buried in Mountain View Cem., Harney.

Children:

- (1) Ada A. - b. Dec. 6, 1877 - d. July 19, 1928; married to
Harry F. Angel - b. May 24, 1877 - d. Mar. 26, 1964.
- (2) Arthur G. - b. 1881 - d. 1948; married to Clurinda Hahn -
b. 1884 - d. 1976.
- (3) Harvey Edgar - b. 1897 - d. 1969; married Mabel Ruth Harner,
then Pauline V. Kump - b. 1901 - d. 1972.
- e. Solomon - b. Apr. 30, 1860 - d. aged 12 hours.
- f. John Abraham - b. Dec. of 1862 (T.S. = 1861) - d. 1936; married
Apr. 7, 1898 to Minnie Jane Fleagle - b. 1870 - d. 1919. They
farmed near Middleburg in Carroll Co. Buried: Keysville Cemetery.

Children:

- (1) Laura A. - married Oct. 28, 1920 to Edgar E. Troxell.
- (2) John E. - b. 1906 - d. 1968 - mar. Jan. 14, 1928 to Catharine
Romaine Troxell, then Lenore E. - b. 1915.

Children:

- (2a) Robert Lee - married Sharon Foglesong
- (2b) John Wayne
- (2c) Paul Edward - married Linda Paulette O'Brien
- (2d) Linda - married William R. Erb

- (3) Earl W. - b. Mar. 21, 1907 - d. Mar. 22, 1907.
- (4) David Thomas - b. 1909 - d. Nov. 17, 1980; married Mar. 24, 1934 to Margaret E. Null. Buried: Keysville Cemetery, Md.

Children:

- (4a) Doris L. - married John G. McGlaughlin
- (5) Tolbert Franklin - b. 1911 - d. July 22, 1981; married Oct. 14, 1933 to Mary E. Keeney, then Dec. 24, 1943 to Margaret Irene Black. A veteran of W.W. II., he is buried in the Keysville, Md. cemetery, as is his brother John E. mentioned earlier.

Children:

- (5a) Patricia Ann - married Ray W. Horner, Jr.
- (5b) Mary Louise - married Noel Wendell Atwell
- (5c) George S. - lives in Seattle, Washington
- (6) Paul W. - b. 1913 - d. 1935

- g. Mahlon - b. Oct. 17, 1866 - d. July 15, 1949; married Jan. 28, 1896 to Annie Virginia Fuss - b. Nov. 6, 1874 - d. Jan. 6, 1950. Buried: Mountain View Cemetery, Emmittsburg, Md.

Children:

- (1) Robert William - b. Aug. 9, 1896 - d. Apr. 10, 1967; married Mary Esther Gordon - b. Oct. 23, 1900 - d. Dec. 30, 1952. She died from acute arsenic poisoning after being depressed at being in ill health for five years. Buried: Fairfield Union Cemetery, Adams Co., Pa.

Children:

- (1a) Virginia L. - married Apr. 20, 1940 to Carl V. Angell.
- (1b) Vivian Mary - married Nov. 10, 1943 to Edgar Truman Hahn.
- (1c) Patricia May - married Nov. 23, 1947 to John Andrew Krenzer.
- (1d) Robbie Helen - married June 27, 1952 to Joseph Glesson Sanders.
- (2) Anna May - b. 1900 - d. 1949; married H. Scott McNair, Sr. Buried: Mountain View Cemetery, Emmittsburg, Md.

Children:

- (2a) Dallas P.
- (2b) Luella M. - married Jan. 10, 1938 to Lewis E. Kreitz.
- (3) Carrie - b. May 27, 1904 - d. Apr. 30, 1918.
- (4) Edgar Mahlon - b. 1906 - d. Sept. 8, 1982; married Nov. 19, 1927 to Mary Ruth Woods. He is buried in the Emmittsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Children: (order not known)

- (4a) Ronnie E. - b. 1945 - d. 1963.
 - (4b) Linda Mae - d. at birth - Apr. 10, 1949.
 - (4c) Walter L. - married Catherine E. Manahan.
 - (4d) Janet Ruth - married Robert Leon Unger.
 - (4e) Donald Edgar - married Pauline C. Showers - both divorced.
 - (4f) Richard Thomas - married Sonja Rebecca Lee Fraley, then to Linda June Chapman.
 - (4g) Susan Marie - married Cecil Sterling Stultz.
 - (4h) Diane - married Alvie L. Lookingbill
- (5) Carroll W. - b. May 14, 1908 - d. July 1, 1960; married Jan. 24, 1942 to Margaret Reaver - b. Dec. 4, 1913.
He worked for the Hanover Dress Co. Buried: Mountain View Cem.
- (6) Helen A. - married Aug. 4, 1930 to Charles F. Myers.
 - (7) Marian - married Sept. 14, 1935 to Reno Eyler.
 - (8) Ruth - married Sept. 20, 1941 to Charles Copenhaver.
 - (9) Emma - married Allen Bollinger.
 - (10) Leonard - lived in Chicago, Ill.
 - (11) Roy - lived in Chicago, Ill.
- h. Alma B. - b. Apr. 2, 1872 - d. Oct. 2, 1952; married Dec. 16, 1889 to Oliver G. Newcomer - b. Dec. 18, 1866 - d. Jan. 30, 1921. They farmed near Keysville where he died from a case of severe, double pneumonia. Buried: Grace Reformed Church Cemetery, Taneytown, Md.

Children:

- (1) Carrie P. - b. Oct. 20, 1890 - d. Jan. 14, 1974; married Grier J. Keilholtz - b. Apr. 30, 1888 - d. May 21, 1972.
 - (2) Charles O. - b. Apr. 15, 1893 - d. Jan. 17, 1916.
 - (3) Sarah Ann - b. Sept. 16, 1896 - d. June 27, 1919; married Roy Baumgardner.
- i. Sarah P. - b. Mar. of 1875; married July 6, 1902 to Theodore Shriner.
- B. Sarah "Sallie" - b. 1827 - d. May 26, 1892; never married; lived most of her life in Pleasant Valley. Buried: just inside the gate in the first row to the right in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.
- C. Mary Magdalena - b. @ 1830 - d. @ 1914; married Dec. 21, 1850 to Henry Myers - b. June 10, 1825 - d. Feb. 12, 1868. They farmed near Silver Run. Buried: St. Mary's Cemetery, Silver Run.

Children:

- a. Jacob A. - b. @ 1850 - married Mary A. Fleagle.
- b. Celena - b. Nov. 28, 1851 - married Jacob Koontz.
- c. Cornelia D. - b. Sept. 12, 1854 - married Jessiah Hahn.
- d. Mary Alice - b. Sept. 26, 1856 - married Himmelshue.
- e. Augustus Henry - b. Apr. 18, 1858 - married Mary Alverta Bentzel.
- f. John Alonza - b. Apr. 3, 1860 - married Annie M. Zile.
- g. Sarah Fransanna - b. Jan. 29, 1862 - apparently died in infancy.
- h. George Granville - b. Oct. 23, 1863 - married Cora Belle Koontz.
- i. Martha A. - b. @ 1865 - married Edward H. Flickinger.
- j. Laura V. - b. Dec. 5, 1867 - married Linnes C. March.

ANNA MARIA STONESIFER

II. ANNA MARIA - baptized June 7, 1761 - apparently died in infancy.

The only thing known of this little girl is the date of her baptism, and that the sponsors for the occasion were Valentin Bergheimer and his wife Maria Jacobina.

Her baptism was registered in the personal pastoral records of the Rev. Jacob Lischy - a minister representing the German Reformed Church who traveled about on horseback visiting or establishing churches for the early settlers of that faith throughout this area of Maryland and Pennsylvania. Usually these churches were a joint venture of the Lutheran and Reformed people living in a particular area. Two such churches that he helped to found, and which are of great importance to our family background, are St. Mary's at Silver Run and St. Benjamin's (Krider's) near Westminster in Carroll Co., Md. Rev. Lischy's records are now on file at the Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pa.

Anna Maria, her brother Martin, and a sister, Barbara, were the children of John Daniel Stonesifer's first wife - Anna Maria Sterner. As Martin was born in 1755, Anna Maria in 1761, and Barbara @ 1765, it seems very likely that there were also other children born of the first marriage, but who died at birth or shortly thereafter and thus there are no records of them.

It is also probable that Anna Maria was buried at Silver Run, as in those days St. Mary's was the only church and cemetery then near to the Stonesifer homestead. As such, hers would have been one of the very first interments to take place there.

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III. BARBARA - b. @ 1765 - d. @ 1835.

She was the oldest of John Daniel Stonesifer's five surviving daughters. Her husband's name is not known, but indications are that it may have been Henry Begtil (later Bechtel), and that he died young. Her name was listed first among the daughters when named in their father's will. Also, in an estate settlement of John Daniel's will in 1831 the executor, who was her brother-in-law Peter Bankert married to her sister Elisabeth, listed Barbara's name as first among the daughters in the estate distribution of money. She lived in the vicinity of Uniontown; and it seems, was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran and Reformed Church at Tyrone, a few miles east of Uniontown. This church is more familiarly known as Baust's Church. Her death probably occurred around 1835 because about that time the heirs of John Daniel Stonesifer began to contest the correctness of the estate settlement of their father, and Barbara's name is missing from the dispute. This dispute culminated in 1842 when these heirs instituted two law suits against Peter Bankert to correct what they considered the inequity in the settlement of their father's estate. (These two law suits were known as Cases in Equity numbered 59 and 61, and were not settled till July 12, 1853 in Orphan's Court in Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.). In all likelihood Barbara was buried in the old cemetery at Baust's Church. However, the tombstones in that section are so worn or missing that no actual means of identification seems possible today.

Barbara may have had several children, but the name of only one is known. This child's name was also Barbara, and she was mentioned in John Daniel Stonesifer's will as his granddaughter married to Henry Routson.

Children:

1. Barbara - b. 1785 - d. between 1850-1860; married John Henry Routson - b. Dec. 24, 1784 - d. May 23, 1860. Always known as Henry, he was a weaver, and the family lived near Uniontown. Around 1827-28 when the real estate of John Daniel Stonesifer was being sold off, he purchased some 40 acres which he later sold to Hannah Stonesifer, the youngest daughter of the immigrant. In their last years Henry and Barbara lived with their son David and his family. They are buried at Meadow Branch Brethern Church near Westminster, among other members of their family. However, their tombstones have broken off, and only the bases remain.

Routson family history began in America when a Jorg (George) Michel Gibler and his wife, Anna Elisabeth Margaret Routson Gibler, came to Philadelphia on Sept. 19, 1749 in the Ship Patience. On board ship at the same time were Johannes and John Eberhardt Stonesifer (see pp. 1 & 2 concerning them). On Aug. 24, 1750, Mrs. Gibler's brother, John Ludwig Rauhzahn, arrived here with his family as some of the 271 passengers on board Capt. Muir's Ship Brothers; one of the family members being a son - Adam Conrad Routson. In early days the family name was variously spelled Routzahn, Routzan, Routzong, and Rauenzahn.

In the late 1750's the Giblers came to the Silver Run area, accompanied by their nephew - Adam Conrad Routson. On May 31, 1762 Michel Gibler was one of those persons who signed the Covenant agreement establishing St. Mary's Lutheran and Reformed Church at Silver Run. About 1763 Adam Conrad (b. @ 1736) married a girl named Elizabeth Catharine (b. @ 1736) whose last name may have

been Wiessner, and they settled in the Uniontown area near the Stonesifers. There the couple had a plantation of @ 400 acres, he farmed and was also a shoemaker, and they raised a family of 10 children. They were members of the Silver Run Lutheran congregation - as were his uncle and aunt - the Giblers. From the limited data of that day obtainable from church, cemetery, and court house records, the names of the Routson children and their apparent dates are: Benjamin - b. @ 1763 - d. @ 1830; Adam Conrad Jr. - b. 1765 - d. Sept. 13, 1831; Ludwick (sometimes written Lewis) - b. Sept. 1, 1767 - d. Aug. 16, 1856 and married an Eastor (Esther) - b. Jan. 1, 1767 - d. Mar. 8, 1815; Margaret Magdalena - b. @ 1769; Elisabeth - b. @ 1771 and married a Henry Boulus; George - b. July 6, 1774 - d. July 12, 1867 and married an Elizabeth - b. Mar. 13, 1784 - d. July of 1837; Jacob - b. @ 1778; Daniel - b. Apr. 24, 1783 - d. Oct. 1, 1869; Henry - b. Dec. 24, 1784 - d. May 23, 1860 and who married Barbara Stonesifer Beachtel (?) - b. 1785 - d. 1850-60. It is likely that all of them were married, but information to prove this has not yet been found.

Probably about 1820 Adam Conrad Routson, Sr. and his wife, Catharine, left the Uniontown area and went to live in the Middletown area of western Frederick Co., Md. where most of their children and their descendants had resettled. Both died there, and were buried in the Zion Lutheran and Reformed Church cemetery in Middletown where their tombstones give us the following information: Adam Routzahn - d. May 5, 1827, aged 90 years, 7 months, & 20 days; Catharine Routzahn - b. 1736 - d. June of 1831, aged 95 years, six months, & 0 days, & left 9 Children, 63 grandchildren, & 150 great, grandchildren. From this we can determine that Adam, Sr. was born Sept. 15, 1736, and his wife, Catharine, was born in Dec. of 1736. Their children - Adam, Jr., George, Daniel, & Ludwick are also buried there with many other descendants; Henry is buried at Meadow Branch Brethern Church near Westminster. Where the other children are buried is not presently known.

In the estate papers of both are several items that are of historical interest to descendants today. His will, written Oct. 29, 1825, was probated in Frederick on June 27, 1827 (Will Book HS-3, p. 544) states that his wife was to receive \$200 in money and all household furniture and kitchen utensils; that son George was to inherit the homestead plantation; and that he had previously conveyed all other lands to his son Benjamin - the whole being of a tract called "Adam's Expense." In Administration Account Books GME-4, p. 395 & GME-8, p. 406 it tells us that Adam's estate paid \$5.00 to a Rev. McGraw for the funeral service, and that each child eventually received the amounts of \$294.86 and 3/10 cents and \$19.44 and 7/8 cents. From their mother each child finally received \$9.05 and 5/9 cents, a Rev. Abraham Reck was paid \$5.00 for having her funeral, and a David H. Smith received \$1.00 for his "ringing the church bells" at her funeral service. Both estates were finally settled by their son, Ludwick, on the same day - Nov. 19, 1832.

Adam Routzahn's uncle and aunt (and our great uncle and aunt), Michael and Elizabeth Gibler, were buried at St. Mary's Church, Silver Run. Their tombstones still exist and are in remarkably good condition, and are inscribed in German. Elizabeth Gibler's marker tells us that she was born a Routzahn, & her dates are: b. May 14, 1725 - d. Jan. 20, 1791. The dates for her husband, Michael Gibler, are: b. Feb. 19, 1728 - d. Apr. 5, 1791. His full name was that of George Michael Gibler.

This Routson family background has been included because Lydia, a daughter of Henry and Barbara Routson, married Joseph Stonesifer, and their descendants form a very large group of our family relationship.

Children: (of Barbara and Henry Routson)

- A. Elizabeth - b. @ 1807
- B. Lydia - b. Mar. 10, 1809 - d. Nov. 16, 1881; married Joseph Stonesifer - b. Apr. 3, 1811 - d. Mar. 1, 1891. Joseph was a son of John Daniel Stonesifer, Jr. who was the 12th child of John Daniel Stonesifer, Sr. of Silver Run. - the immigrant. They had 15 children, and lived first near Uniontown, then in Bachman Valley, Md., and lastly near Bart's Church, Union twp., Adams Co., Pa. (See pages 149 - 189 for their full story.)
- C. Charles - b. @ July 12, 1814 - d. Nov. 12, 1877; married Margaret Forney - b. Mar. 2, 1823 - d. Nov. 11, 1906. They seem to have had a son, Charles, who married a Catharine.
- D. Henry - b. Apr. 19, 1815 - d. Oct. 19, 1893; married Susan Yingling - b. Nov. 3, 1819 - d. July 18, 1895. A weaver like his father, he and his wife are buried at Meadow Branch Cemetery near Westminster.

Children:

- a. Belinda Catharine - b. @ 1839
- b. Malinda C. - b. 1841; married June 19, 1863 to John Corbin
- c. Ezra - b. Oct. 3, 1842; married Dec. 22, 1869 to Sarah Petry
- d. Anna Mary "Amanda" - b. Nov. 13, 1844; mar. Theodore P. Yingling
- e. Henry J. - b. Dec. 19, 1846
- f. Nelson - b. Oct. 30, 1849
- g. Matilda Elizabeth - b. July 19, 1853

E. Barbara - b. @ 1818

- F. David - b. Feb. 26, 1820 - d. Apr. 21, 1892; married Susan Little - b. Sept. 19, 1819 - d. Feb. 14, 1900. He was also a weaver - like his father and brother. They are buried along the driveway in the old section of Pipe Creek Brethren Cemetery - just west of historic Uniontown, Md., and next to a couple who probably are her parents - Hannah and Peter Little. His tombstone is now gone.

Children:

- a. Rosinda - b. 1844
- b. Barbara E. - b. 1845; married William Baker
- c. Hannah Elizabeth - b. 1847; married David Owen Bankert (see p. 120)
- d. Aaron - b. Nov. 25, 1849; married Apr. 17, 1875 to Mary M. Martin
- e. Jacob Henry - b. July 20, 1852; mar. Sept. 11, 1882 to Ellen Martin
- f. David Ezra - b. Apr. 4, 1855; married on Feb. 9, 1880 to Sallie J. Heltibidle
- g. Frances Ann Mandilla - b. Nov. 11, 1857

According to the 1850 census David's household had an Ann R. Johnson aged 10 years living there. This might have been a daughter of his sister Elizabeth or Barbara.

G. Anna - b. June 11, 1828

JACOB STONESIFER

- IV. JOHN JACOB - baptized Mar. 5, 1766 - d. Apr. 20, 1844; married Anna Margaret Hobi (later Hoppe) - b. Nov. 18, 1762 - d. Aug. 22, 1843.

He was the first child of John Daniel Stonesifer and his second wife - Maria Elizabeth Yingling, and the sponsors for this event were his maternal grandparents - John and Margaret Lenore Bankert Yingling. As with his older brother, Martin, his exact date of birth is not known. For some years he lived in Carroll Co., Md. (but in his day it was still Frederick Co., Md.), then about 1810 the family moved to the area of Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa. where he continued to farm. There is some indication he was also a miller. The family, composed of parents and nine children, also became members of Christ Reformed Church nearby. Jacob, his wife, and others members of their family are buried at Christ Church, just east of Littlestown, Pa.

Children:

1. Jacob - b. Aug. 9, 1787 - d. Aug. 19, 1850; married Susanna "Susan" Wentz - b. Sept. 22, 1798 - d. Oct. 24, 1831; he then married Maria Susanna "Susan" Melsheimer - b. May 13, 1797 - d. Aug. 3, 1854. His first wife, whose last name is sometimes given as Vance due to the German pronunciation of Wentz, was the sixth child of Frederick Wentz, Jr. (see pp. 151-152 for further information on the Wentz background). Jacob was a miller in Carroll Co. for six years, then about 1815 he moved to Germany township, Adams, Co., Pa. near his father. After milling again for a few years he acquired some 98 acres of land @ three miles south of Littlestown near the Md.-Pa. line and became a farmer. He was a Democrat and held several local offices. From 1841-1845 he owned and operated Bittle's Tavern about two miles south of Littlestown and on the road leading into Maryland. Like his father, he was an active member of the German Reformed Church, and served for many years as either elder or deacon at Christ Church near Littlestown. As a result of his two marriages, he had a large family of 12 children. He was buried at Christ Church, his first wife at Krider's Church near Westminster, and his second wife at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover, Pa.

Children:

- A. Rebecca - b. Mar. 25, 1817 - d. Sept. 8, 1848; married Jacob King - b. 1810 - d. 1870. Both mother and baby died in childbirth and are buried at Christ Church. He then married her sister, Eliza - see p. 35.

Children:

- a. Calvin J. - b. 1840 - d. - 1902; m. Mary Louise Goodrich - b. 1845 - d. 1925; apparently lived in Baltimore.
 - b. William - b. 1842
 - c. Amelia Maria - b. 1844
 - d. Theodore - b. 1845
 - e. Laura - b. 1847
 - f. Baby - d. at birth Sept. 8, 1848
- B. Edward F. - b. July 8, 1818 - d. Nov. 12, 1879; married Jan. 3, 1847 to Anna Mary Elizabeth Little - b. Aug. 13, 1822 - d. Nov. 1, 1865. He was a shoemaker who lived mainly in Union township, Adams Co., and near Littlestown. They are buried at Silver Run.

Children:

- a. John - died in infancy
- b. Rebecca Ann - b. 1846
- c. Jane - b. @ 1848; married Jan. 25, 1872 to John Funk
- d. Sophia - b. June 6, 1849
- e. Annia - b. Oct. 29, 1851
- f. Mary - b. Apr. 4, 1853

C. Ann Maria - b. Feb. 22, 1820 - d. Feb. 11, 1905; married Jan. 28, 1847 to William Willet - b. Feb. 22, 1823 - d. Dec. 6, 1904. They farmed in Union twp., Adams Co., Pa. and then retired to live in Hanover, Pa. Buried: Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover.

Children:

- a. Susanna Barbara - b. 1850 - apparently died young.
- b. Mary Rebecca - b. Sept. 27, 1852 - d. Aug. 26, 1926; married to David Bentzel - b. Dec. 18, 1842 - d. Dec. 16, 1910. He was a carpenter by trade, & served in the Civil War in Co. G, 202nd Pa. Inf. Buried: Mountain View Cemetery, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Children: (order not known)

- (1) William H. - b. Sept. 19, 1873 - d. Sept. 24, 1906.
- (2) Arthur H. - b. June 30, 1891 - d. Oct. 8, 1918; was in the 154th Depot Brigade of Md. in World War I; he apparently died of influenza at Camp Meade, Md.
- (3) Calvin I. - lived in New Oxford, Adams Co., Pa.
- (4) David E.
- (5) Jacob S. - lived in Emmitsburg, Md.
- (6) Annah B. - married C.C. Springer
- (7) Susan M. - " W.R. Gallagher
- (8) Mary A. - " W.H. Ness

c. Emma Jane - b. Oct. 12, 1854 - d. Feb. 8, 1857.

d. Clair J. - b. @ 1856

e. George David - b. 1858; married Jan. 9, 1883 to Anna M. Formwalt.

f. Samuel Harry - b. Mar. 4, 1861 - d. Nov. 19, 1922; married to Annie M. Bankert - b. Oct. 4, 1860 - d. Jan. 6, 1893; then he married Louise M. Yeiser - b. June 18, 1867 - d. Aug. 10, 1951. Farmed in Adams Co. for 19 years, then came to Hanover & worked for D.E. Winebrenner Co. & then H.W. Miller Co. - a local grocery business of which he became president. He lived at 9 East Middle St. where he also had a store; was a member of Trinity Reformed Church where he was an elder & Sunday School teacher; was a 2 term school board member. Buried near his parents in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Children: Treva Marie, Burnell, & Mark - all died in infancy, then William J., Clair Y., Lester K., David, and Richard L.

g. William T. - b. 1866; married Martha Jane Bucher, was in the grocery business with his brother, but later went to Baltimore, Md. He was still living at the time of his brother's death in 1922.

- D. John George - b. Jan. 27, 1821 - d. Apr. 7, 1904; married July 23, 1846 to Lucinda C. Swope - b. Feb. 2, 1828 - d. Apr. 18, 1891. Known most of his life as George, in his early years he worked on his father's farm; then from 1846 - 1857 he was a huckster between Littlestown and Westminster. He then came to own and operate a general store in Littlestown for many years; served several years as assistant county assessor of Adams Co.; helped to organize the Littlestown Savings Institution, and was President of it from 1886 - 1896 as well as serving as a director for many years. He helped to promote the local railroad serving the area which was called the Northern Central Railroad, and of which he served as director and treasurer for many years. He had also served as a Littlestown councilman from 1867 - 1883. He and his family were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Littlestown. There were ten children of which only the names of nine are now known. The parents and many of their descendants are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Littlestown. (Note: the 10th child is now listed also.)

Children:

- a. George Swope - b. Nov. 20, 1847 - d. Apr. 16, 1851.
- b. Sarah "Sallie" Catharine - b. Apr. 26, 1850; married July 20, 1871 to Henry "Harry" C. Gilbert.

Children:

- (1) Herman
- (2) John Stonesifer - b. Mar. 12, 1885

- c. Rufus Rosenmiller - b. Oct. 31, 1852 - d. Feb. 7, 1854.
- d. Emma Jane - b. June 16, 1854 - d. May 8, 1857.

- e. Mary "Mollie" Lucinda - b. Apr. 23, 1856 - d. Apr. 30, 1915; married Feb. 22, 1874 to William Powers Stover - b. May 23, 1851 - d. Jan. 5, 1935. He was a carriage maker by trade, and for a time was custodian of the Littlestown schools. At the time of his death he was serving his second term as jury commissioner of Adams Co. His wife, Mary, died from after shock at seeing the church steeple of Redeemer's Reformed Church in Littlestown struck by a tremendous bolt of lightning during a storm as she sat at a window across the street from the church. Buried: Mt. Carmel Cem., Littlestown.

Children:

- (1) Laura Blanche - b. July 7, 1875 - d. July 16, 1925; married Harry Zercher - 1870 - 1951.
(1a) DOROTHY HANE
(1b) LADY S. W. R. T.
- (2) George Stonesifer - b. Feb. 17, 1878 - d. Jan. 12, 1950; married Margaret Isabella Fink - b. 1884 - d. 1962.
(2a) GEORGE FINK
- (3) Elenora "Nora" - b. Feb. 21, 1880 - d. Jan. 26, 1941; married Charles Weikert - b. 1881 - d. 1957.
(3a) CATHARINE W. F. S. T. P. D. S. T. L.
(3b) H. A. A. W. H. L. E. R.
(3c) C. H. A. R. L. E. S.
(3d) P. H. I. L. I. P.

L. DAVID - FREDERICKIAN
 b. CAROLINE - M. 4000 m. VICTOR
 d. MARY BETH - B. 3. 1885. 1887

M O C H O R

(4) Violet May - b. Mar. 14, 1883 - d. Dec. 3, 1958;
 married William H. Dixon - b. 1883 - d. 1962.

(5) William Robert - b. Nov. 20, 1884 - d. Nov. 5, 1969;
 married Elsie M. Spangler - b. 1886 - d. 1959.

(6) Mary Catherine - b. Mar. 6, 1887 - d. Feb. 6, 1969;
 married O. Stanley Stonesifer - b. Aug. 21, 1881 -
 d. July 5, 1965.

(7) Emma E. - b. Apr. 6, 1889 - d. July 21, 1889.

(8) Helen - b. Mar. 29, 1891 - d. Aug. 11, 1933;
 married Philip Weaver.

(9) Naomi Gertrude - b. Aug. 19, 1894 (1898)
 married Preston Harner O.K.

(10) Stanley Blint - b. July 7, 1897 - d. July 6, 1970;
 married Naomi Elnora Simpson - b. 1899.

f. Jacob Sterner - b. Sept. 24, 1857 - d. May 7, 1863.

g. Child - b. @ 1860 - name unknown.

h. Theodore Henry - b. Apr. 13, 1865 - d. Mar. 27, 1944; married
 Dec. 27, 1887 to Prudence Ella May Ocker - b. 1870 - d. 1932.
 He assisted his father in the Littlestown store for some years;
 later he had his own store in Lebanon, Pa. Buried: Mt. Carmel
 in Littlestown.

Children:

(1) George Ocker - b. July 19, 1888 - d. July 17, 1928;
 married Jollen N. Green on July 30, 1921. He was a
 vaudeville actor in New York City where he died. He
 took the stage name of George O. Stone. Buried in
 Mt. Carmel, Littlestown. (Jollen is likely Jolleen).

(2) Fauline Margarete - b. Dec. 1, 1890; married to M.P.
Gisriel - they lived in Detroit, Michigan.

(3) Mary Lucinda - b. Oct. 1, 1893

(4) Gail Esther - b. Jan. 22, 1896 - d. 1919.

(5) Joseph Edward - b. Mar. 18 (T.S. = Mar. 23), 1899 -
 d. Nov. 13, 1943; married Donna M. Wintermyer on
 Dec. 3, 1921. Bur: Greenmount Cemetery, York, Pa.

Children:

(5a) Lois E. - b. Mar. 20, 1923 - d. Dec. 17, 1943
 (5b) Robert E.
 (5c) Joseph E., Jr.

- i. Laura Josephine - b. July 19, 1867 - d. 1943; married Dec. 18, 1884 to Arthur Winton Crouse - b. 1867 - d. May 13, 1934. He had a butcher business in Gettysburg for several years, then they moved to Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa. where he had an auctioneering business for some 30 years. They are buried at Mt. Carmel, Littlestown.

Children:

- (1) George Francis - b. Dec. 26, 1884
- (2) Ruth Pauline - b. May 16, 1886
married C.I. Swartz
- (3) Florence Lucinda - b. 1888 - d. Aug. 10, 1888
- (4) Nena O. - b. 1892 - d. 1947

- j. Violet Belle - b. Dec. 3, 1869 - d. Dec. 23, 1871.

- E. Isaac David Wentz - b. Mar. 25, 1825 - d. Sept. 6, 1904; married Margaret Miller - b. Nov. 1, 1831 - d. Jan. 14, 1892. He operated a grocery store in Harney, Md. (some miles southwest of Littlestown) for many years. Then for several years he was a hotel proprietor in New Oxford, Pa., and then moved to Manchester, Carroll Co., Md. where he operated a hotel for some years. Both he and his wife are buried at Mt. Carmel, Littlestown.

Children:

- a. Charles William - b. Nov. 6, 1852; married Jan. 1, 1874 to Annie Simkins. In 1896 he was living in Nebraska where he was in the grocery business. In 1901 he moved to Seattle, Wash. They had a son - Herman.
- b. Eugene Miller - b. Jan. 9, 1854 - d. Jan. 1, 1890. He never married; died in Tacoma, Washington.
- c. Jacob Henry - b. July 6, 1855 - d. Feb. 26, 1856.
- d. James Buchanan - b. Jan. 14, 1859 - d. Nov. 15, 1916; married Martha K. Tobias - b. Nov. 23, 1867 - d. Feb. 11, 1922. He was a German Reformed minister who served churches in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. He and his wife are buried at Fort Loudon, Pa.

Children:

- (1) Robert Milton - b. Mar. 17, 1890 - d. June 20, 1968; married Edith Williams. He was a career soldier.

Children:

- (1a) Russell Dickson - b. Jan. 20, 1920; married Delores Rider. He also is a career soldier.

(2) Mary Elizabeth - b. Jan. 19, 1892
married Edmond P. Melson

(3) Paul Tobias - b. Feb. 6, 1896 - d. June 7, 1958;
married Esther Wittlinger. He was a Reformed Church
minister for many years after which he became the
Librarian at Lancaster Theological Seminary. He is
buried near Millersville outside Lancaster, Pa.

Children:

(3a) Richard James - b. June 21, 1922
married July 2, 1947 to Nancy Jane Weaver.
He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College
in 1946 with an A.B. degree, secured an M.A.
degree from Northwestern Univ. in 1947, and then
a Ph. D. degree from the Univ. of Penna. in 1953.
From 1947 to 1963 he was associated with Franklin
and Marshall College in Lancaster as an associate
professor of English, assistant to the dean,
assistant to the president, and assistant to the
provost. He has been associate professor of
communication at the Annenberg School of
Communications, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts
and Prof. of English at Drew University in New
Jersey, and since 1971 has been President of
Monmouth College, New Jersey. He also served as
moderator of a TV discussion series from 1954-60,
served in the U.S.A.A.F. from 1943-46, is a
member of Phi Beta Kappa, and is the author of
W.H. Davies: A Critical Biography as well as
numerous articles in professional journals. He
and his wife have a daughter - Pamela Ann.

(4) James Daniel - b. Feb. 11, 1912
married Edyth Holt. He followed a career in business
and sales.

e. Rosemonde "Rose" M. - b. Mar. 19, 1860 - d. Mar. 21, 1932.

f. Ida Ann - b. Mar. 19, 1860 - d. Apr. 15, 1860.

These two children were twins - a rare happening in the
history of the Stonesifer family.

g. Mary Elizabeth - b. Sept. 26, 1861 - d. May 21, 1922; married
May 4, 1886 to William H. Kahn - b. Oct. 28, 1856 - d. Nov. 19,
1938. Buried: Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover.

Children: (Known)

(1) Glenn Frank - b. July 31, 1888 - d. Nov. 24, 1943.

(2) Fern - married Fred Strine.

(3) Isaac S. - b. Sept. 18, 1893 - d. Feb. 11, 1969.

- h. Nannie Jane - b. Dec. 14, 1862 - died at Winchester, Va.
- i. Sarah - b. Nov. 10, 1863 - d. Nov. 11, 1863.
- j. Grace - b. Nov. 10, 1863 - d. Nov. 11, 1863.
Twins - an extreme rarity in one family for Stonesifer history,
and in this case, twice in the same family.
- k. Katie - b. Nov. 19, 1868
married Apr. 28, 1889 to Oliver Calvin Lippy; they had
lived in York, Pa.
- l. Minnie Belle - b. June 26, 1871
married Aug. 20, 1889 to Charles A. Gernand; separated on
Aug. 8, 1904. Then on Oct. 2, 1915 she married Calvin Stahl.
They lived in Hanover where he died Jan. 30, 1937. From her
first marriage she apparently had two children: Lucile -
born Jan. of 1890, and Elsie - b. July of 1897. There may
have been others, but no record can be found at present.
It seems likely that Minnie returned to the Westminster
area after the death of her second husband, but no trace
has been found of her at this writing.

F. Eliza - b. 1827; married Mar. 4, 1849 to Jacob King. She became
housekeeper for Jacob who was first married to her sister Rebecca,
and who had died in child birth. After caring for her sister's
children for a time she married Jacob and raised a family of her
own. He was a farmer and huckster near Littlestown. Their burial
place cannot be found, but may have been at Christ Church.

Children:

- a. Cyrus - b. Dec. 27, 1849
 - b. Charles
 - c. George
 - d. Rose
 - e. Mary Ella "Mollie"
 - f. Kate
 - g. Clinton
 - h. Edgar "Doc"
- G. Emanuel - b. May 11, 1828 - d. Nov. 28, 1837.
 - H. Francis Jacob - b. Jan. 8, 1830 - d. Jan. 14, 1851.
 - I. Michael - b. May 10, 1831 - d. July 29, 1831.
 - J. Agnes Margaret - b. 1838 - d. 1886; married July 24, 1860 to
Henry Sprenkle - b. 1836 - d. 1896. They had at least one child -
Maud - b. 1865 - d. 1896 who had married George Miller. All four
are buried at Mt. Olivet in Hanover.

K. Calvin Zwinglius - b. Jan. 8, 1840 - d. Aug. 23, 1861.

L. Susan Amelia - b. 1842 - d. Jan. 30, 1914. She never married, was a well known seamstress in Hanover for many years and died of T.B.

2. John - b. @ 1789 - d. Oct. 3, 1828; married Rachel Shaffer - b. 1790 - d. Dec. 8, 1867. He was born near Westminster as was his wife. In 1817 he moved to what is now North Fayette twp., Allegheny Co., Pa. There he bought a farm of about 150 acres for \$3,300 in a tract called "The Cabins", and located about nine and a half miles southwest of Pittsburgh. He was very fond of horses and road wagons. With this in mind, he built a combined home-tavern of hugh logs and roofed with oak shingles that were fastened with hand wrought nails. Located on the main road, it was said to be the first house between Pittsburgh & Steubenville, Ohio on which the roof was nailed. The tavern was known as the White Horse Inn, and for which he procured a sign picturing a white horse in a large wooden frame for \$50. This Inn was a very popular hostelry, and continued for 3 years after his death by his widow who then closed it. He also built a distillery which operated till the inn closed. A Democrat, he died of consumption aged 39 years. His descendants usually spelled the family name as Stonecipher.

Children:

A. William - married; lived in Putnam, Ohio where he was postmaster.

Children:

- a. Missouri - a school teacher
- b. Jefferson - never married
- c. Mary
- d. John - was a lawyer in Zanesville, Ohio
- e. William - d. in Jan. of 1882 from congestion of the lungs

B. Reuben - d. Aug. 26, 1876; married; a farmer; he died from consumption.

Children:

- a. John C. - b. 1837 - d. Jan. 26, 1893; married a girl named Morrison; was a farmer near Slatelick, Armstrong Co., Pa.

Children:

- (1) Alvah Ellsworth - was a physician; had three children - Cecil, Mary, and a child whose name is not known.

- (2) Frank - was raised by his mother's family after her death and took the name of Morrison.

b. Melinda M. - was a dressmaker in Kittanning, Pa.

c. Margaret E.

d. Annie J.

e. Hennrietta M.

f. Jacob J. - born June 23, 1851; married; salesman - Allegheny City, Pa.

Children:

- (1) Jessie Belle - married May 9, 1899 to John A. Holloway.
- (2) Ellie Estella - married H.C. Poschman.
- (3) Myrtle
- (4) Lidia Graham - died in infancy.

g. Oliver C. - was a farmer near Slatelick, Pa.

C. John - b. Dec. 18, 1817 - d. Feb. 18, 1884; married Rebecca Whitmore.

He was taken as an infant to Allegheny Co. Later he purchased the family homestead where he lived and farmed till October of 1874 when he retired to nearby Oakdale. He was a Democrat, a Presbyterian, and held a number of minor township offices.

Children:

- a. John Franklin - b. Aug. 22, 1852 - d. Feb. 19, 1919; married Sept. 6, 1877 to Jennie Micke. Born on the old family homestead in Allegheny Co., Pa.; graduated from Lafayette College in 1874; then from what is now Princeton Theological Seminary in 1877; was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1878; served churches in Mercer, Pa. and Dover, Del.; also served as chaplain to the Delaware Legislature. In 1899 he received a Doctor of Divinity degree from Lafayette College, and where he served as college librarian from 1902-1919; was a director and vice pres. of the Easton, Pa. Y.M.C.A.; and had authored a "History of Dover Presbyterian Church." In the 1890's and early 1900's he did family research which he summarized in a chart of known names and accompanying brief notes. His material has been most helpful in later extensive Stonesifer family research.

Children:

- (1) Frank Whitmore - b. Aug. 18, 1878 - d. June 6, 1952; married Oct. 8, 1902 to Lela H. Felver. Born: Mercer, Pa.; was a graduate of public schools of Dover, Del.; spent a year each at Pennington Boys School of Lawrenceville, N.J. and Easton (Pa.) Academy; graduated: Lafayette College in June of 1899 and Univ. of Pa. Law School in 1902; practiced law in Pittsburgh - law firm of Stonecipher & Ralston; was vice pres. and a dir. of Electric Products Corp. of Pittsburgh; member of local, state, and national bar associations; was listed in Who's Who in Pa. There were no children.
- (2) Elizabeth McKeen - b. July 28, 1880 - d. Nov. 27, 1881.
- (3) Helen Massey - b. Mar. 31, 1885
- (4) Agnes Morgan - b. Feb. 1, 1887; married Sept. 10, 1913 to Stanley Dale Howell.

b. Hannah Jane - b. Feb. 10, 1857 - d. Mar. 5, 1873; she contracted diphtheria from which she died while at the Female Seminary at Steubenville, Ohio.

c. Jacob Whitmore - b. Dec. 9, 1861 - d. Dec. 22, 1864.

D. Isaac - b. @ 1819 - d. Jan. 16, 1886; went to California with the gold rush of 1849, traveling by way of the Isthmus of Panama. He mined for gold around Placerville, California, never married, suffered greatly from rheumatism, and died in California.

E. Mary - b. Jan. 8, 1821 - d. July 29, 1886; married James McCormick and they farmed near the old homestead in Allegheny Co., Pa.

F. Margaret - b. Oct. 7, 1823 - d. June 23, 1890; married Philip McCandless and they also farmed near the old family homestead. They retired to Oakdale where Philip died Jan. 22, 1895. There were 3 sons and 2 daughters - names not known.

G. David - b. Apr. 9, 1826 - d. Mar. 28, 1901; married Elizabeth Meloney and lived near Clinton, Allegheny Co., Pa. where he was not only a cabinet maker by trade but also farmed most of his life. He died from apoplexy. Only the names of 8 of their 9 children are known.

Children:

a. John C. - b. May 28, 1850 - d. Feb. 9, 1916; married Margaret Wilson and farmed his father's homestead in North Fayette twp., Allegheny Co.; was a Republican in politics.

Children:

(1) Mary Ellen - a school teacher and later the principal of the school in Allegheny City, Pa.; she married on Sept. 8, 1903 William M. Nesbit, Jr.

(2) Jessie A.

b. Everett - b. Dec. 9, 1851; taught school for several years and then became a farmer near Clinton, Pa.

Children:

(1) David - b. July 27, 1879

(2) Wayne - b. 1884

c. Rachel - b. Oct. 12, 1853 - d. Aug. 27, 1855.

d. Margaret - b. Dec. 3, 1855 - d. Jan. 21, 1892; married A.J. Purdy - a farmer, and they lived near Clinton, Pa.

e. Ella - b. Jan. 8, 1858 - d. Apr. 26, 1877.

- f. James - b. Nov. 17, 1859; married and was a tailor in Latrobe, Pa. - had two children: Flo and Helen.
- g. Benton - b. Nov. 3, 1863; married Nannie Donaldson; they farmed near Clinton and had two children: Margaret and Mary.
- h. Alice - b. Nov. 1, 1865; married James K. Harper and they also farmed near Clinton, Pa.
3. John Daniel - b. June 30, 1791 - d. Jan. 6, 1844; married Oct. 20, 1812 to Catharine Study - b. Oct. 13, 1782 - d. Dec. 4, 1866. They had a 153 acre farm in Bachman's Valley several miles southeast of Silver Run, and which was part of an early tract of land known as Rock Spring. Some months after marriage it was recorded in Frederick that on Aug. 2, 1813 that he had purchased from a John Bower a sorrel mare with a bold face three years old, one black cow with white spots about nine years old, a red cow with a white face about five years old, two bedsteads and bedding, one walnut chest and one walnut table - all for eighty dollars. Some years later, on Sept. 13, 1829 he, with the help of a Joseph Keifer, purchased from Peter Sheets for one hundred dollars the following items: one red "muly cow", five sheep, five hogs, two beds and bedstead, one bureau, one table, three iron pots, one dutch oven, four chairs, and all kitchen furniture - for a note on his property. He and his wife are buried at Jerusalem Church in Bachman's Valley.

Children:

- A. Catharine Ann "Cassa" - b. Aug. 20, 1814 - d. Aug. 3, 1893; married Benjamin Mathias - b. Apr. 4, 1807 - d. Oct. 8, 1892. They farmed in Pleasant Valley which is a few miles northwest of Westminster. They are buried in the older of the two cemeteries that are located on the crest of a hill overlooking Pleasant Valley.

Children:

- a. Mary C. - b. Aug. 4, 1835 - d. Aug. 18, 1893.
 b. Cornelius - b. 1839 - married Maria Sheets.
 c. Benjamin Franklin - b. Dec. 4, 1844 - d. Feb. 25, 1923.
 d. Reuben J. - b. 1847 - married Emma Jane Leinaker.
 e. Jerome - b. 1850.
 f. Emily Eliza Jane - b. Feb. 12, 1856.
- B. Joshua - b. June 2, 1817 - d. Jan. 26, 1892; married Mar. 18, 1856 to Sarah Strevig - b. July 13, 1830 - d. Sept. 12, 1892. He farmed the family homestead in Bachman's Valley and became quite wealthy. They are buried at Jerusalem Church.

Children:

- a. William Henry - b. 1857 - d. 1927; married Jan. 16, 1898 to Anna R. Geiman - b. 1866 - d. 1927; farmed in the Bachman Valley area; buried at Meadow Branch Cem. near Westminster.

Children:

- (1) Walter Joshua - b. Oct. 15, 1898 - d. Sept. 14, 1979; married Apr. 17, 1920 to Annie Irene Noble - b. July 25, 1903; they followed the family tradition of farming, then retired to live in Hanover where he died of cancer. They had one daughter - Mary Elizabeth, and she married on Aug. 21, 1943 William Edward Bittinger. Buried: St. David's Cemetery.
- (2) Roscoe Geiman - b. Nov. 13, 1899 - d. Jan. 23, 1967; married Gertrude A. Masenheimer - b. Sept. 28, 1903. He had been a painter, and had also worked for the Citizens Service Oil Co. of Westminster. Buried: Mt. Olivet in Hanover.

Children:

- (2a) William H. - married Dec. 17, 1955 to Betty Margaret McGraw, then married Nov. 20, 1959 to Elizabeth Louise Black.
- (2b) Joan Marie - married Richard C. Bankard, then Bernard W. Slaybaugh.
- (3) Neva - married Apr. 1, 1923 to David Augustus Stonesifer.
- (4) Sarah Pearl - married Dec. 10, 1925 to Melvin E. Kroh.

b. John E. - b. Aug. 22, 1859 - d. Feb. 23, 1923; married Mary R. Hoppe - b. Oct. 18, 1863 - d. Apr. 5, 1890; then married Mar. 7, 1895 to Susan A. Fogle; then married May 5, 1900 to Helen Shriner Crouse. He and his first wife are buried at Kriders near Westminster. From his first marriage there was one child - Sallie Grace. She was married Aug. 20, 1907 to Edward H. Coppersmith.

c. Theodore - b. Dec. 29, 1864 - d. Dec. 30, 1864 - aged 18 hours.

d. Joshua Howell - b. Aug. 5, 1870 - d. Apr. 24, 1945; married Aug. 19, 1894 to Fannye M. Hemler - b. 1875 - d. 1956. He was a farmer near Westminster for many years. The last part of his life he lived near New Oxford, Adams Co., Pa. where he died after suffering for three weeks from a cerebral hemorrhage. Buried: New Oxford Cemetery.

C. William Henry - b. Mar. 1, 1819 - d. Nov. 28, 1824. Buried at Jerusalem Church in Bachman's Valley - his small stone is half buried and nearly unreadable.

D. Elizabeth - b. 1824 - d. @ 1858; married Feb. 23, 1848 to John Jacob Bixler b. 1823; he was a cabinet maker in Westminster where he later operated a dry goods store.

Children:

- a. Alice - b. 1849
 b. Ellen Louisa - b. 1850
 c. Theodore - b. 1852

4. David Thewaldt - b. Mar. 10, 1792 (T.S. = Mar. 20) - d. Feb. 20, 1825; married Rebecca Koontz (T.S. = Kuntz) - b. Oct. 18, 1800 - d. Dec. 30, 1820; then married Rachel . He was a farmer in Bachman's Valley. Buried: Jerusalem Church there.

Children:

- A. Mary Ann "Polly" - b. 1820 - d. 1909; married William Tagg - b. 1816 - d. 1887. She was completely deaf, he was an auctioneer & blacksmith near Union Mills. Buried: Moorhead Cemetery, Union Mills.

Children:

- a. Rebecca Elizabeth - b. Feb. 9, 1847 - d. 1907.
- b. Lucretia Matilda - b. May 1, 1849 - d. 1933.
- c. William Henry Robert - b. Aug. 7, 1851 - d. Mar. 26, 1864.
- d. Perry Oliver Lycurgus - b. Jan. 20, 1855 - d. 1917.
- e. David Addison Harvey - b. May 2, 1858 - d. 1924.
- f. Milton Holiday Flicks - b. June 8, 1861 - d. 1944; married July 4, 1889 to Margaret H. Selby - b. 1864 - d. 1956.
- g. Mary Ann Dorida - b. Mar. 12, 1864 - d. @ Mar. 7, 1922.

- B. Maranda - b. @ 1822 - nothing is presently known of her except that she was named in her father's will which is on record in Frederick.

5. Solomon - b. May 2, 1794 - d. Mar. 16, 1832; married Susan Swope - b. June 1, 1799 - d. Feb. 16, 1851. They farmed 196 acres in Conewago twp., a few miles east of Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa. Buried: Christ Church.

Children:

- A. Belinda - b. Oct. 6, 1815 - d. Nov. 2, 1873; married Feb. 2, 1837 to Abraham Bankert - b. @ 1814 - d. July 17, 1882. They lived near Littlestown where he was a carpenter. She is buried at Christ Church; he is buried in Mt. Olivet, Hanover with his second wife.

Children:

- a. Jane - b. 1838
- b. Ephraim F. - b. 1842
- c. Edmund H. - b. 1847
- d. James L. - b. Jan. 16, 1848 - d. Feb. 21, 1926; married Oct. 1, to Jane Essix - d. @ 1881. He is buried in Mt. Olivet, Hanover.
- e. Emma C. - b. June 8, 1854 - d. June 22, 1858.
- f. Ellen S. - b. 1857
- g. Alverta H. - b. 1860 - d. 1863.

- B. Ephraim Adam Francis - b. June 17, 1818 - d. June 7, 1895; married July 4, 1841 to Maria Sophia Cordelia McIlvain - b. Oct. 28, 1819 - d. Apr. 5, 1895. He spent his youth on his father's farm near Littlestown, attended the regular schools, and then went to the Littlestown Academy. At the age of 16 he learned the plasterer's trade and worked at it for eight years. Then for 8 years he worked at the butcher business. In 1841 he married Cordelia McIlvain.

Her father was of Scotch descent and her mother of German descent. In 1856 they went to Knoxville, Illinois where he worked as a plasterer till 1861 when he took a partnership in a grocery business for 18 years. After leaving the grocery business he took a partnership in a drug store and later took over the business. He belonged to the German Reformed Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. Around Sept. of 1887 he, his wife, daughter, and granddaughter came from Knoxville to Littlestown to attend a family reunion held at the place of George and Lucinda Stonesifer.

Children:

- a. Georgianna Elvira - b. May 5, 1843; married J. Brenner.
- b. Clarinda Susanna - b. Nov. 20, 1844 - d. Aug. 7, 1845
- c. William - b. Feb. 7, 1848 - d. June 29, 1872; married Mary Starrett; was only sixteen years old when he served in the Civil War in the 138th Illinois Vol. Infantry from May to October of 1864. The couple had one child - a son Charles who later lived in Toronto, Kansas. William's death was due to consumption.
- C. Harriet - b. Mar. 13, 1820; married Feb. 4, 1840 to Henry F. Davis.
- D. Julia Ann "Julian" - b. Feb. 11, 1822 - d. Apr. 19, 1824.
- E. Catharine - b. May 1, 1824 (T.S. = 1825) - d. Mar. 18, 1903; married Sept. 23, 1841 to Simon S. Bishop - b. Feb. 10, 1817 - d. Apr. 5, 1898. They had farmed for some years near Littlestown. Then they moved to town where he was a merchant for many years, was justice of the peace for 20 years, and also a notary public for 5 terms. They were strong pillars of the United Brethren Church (now Centenary Methodist) for some forty years, but a religious dispute within the church in his last years caused them to attend church elsewhere. They had one child - Laura Virginia - b. @ 1843 - d. Apr. 30, 1923; she married Henry S. Stauffer - b. Aug. 27, 1846 - d. Jan. 6, 1929. Simon, Catharine, and Laura Virginia are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Littlestown. Stauffer is buried in York, Pa.
- F. Worley Jacob - b. Apr. 3, 1826 - d. Oct. 17, 1847.
- G. Edwin Isaac - b. May 2, 1828 - d. Aug. 19, 1856; married Sept. 25, 1849 to Ann Catharine Basehoar - b. Mar. 2, 1831 - d. Mar. 2, 1860. They farmed in the Littlestown area, had 3 children, and were members of Christ Church. He is buried at Christ Church near his brother - Worley. After his death his wife remarried to Jacob Lott. She is also buried at Christ Church and near to her first husband. Edwin was only 28 when he died, and Ann was only 29.

Children:

- a. Margaret Virginia - b. July 31, 1850; married Apr. 25, 1871 to William Waltman.

- b. Sarah Jane - b. Apr. 3, 1853 (T.S. = Nov. 12, 1851) - d. June 14, 1914; married John E. Wahler - b. Aug. 22, 1848 - d. Mar. 31, 1909. They lived in Littlestown where he was a horse dealer & carpenter. He died from Bright's disease. Buried: Mt. Carmel.

Children:

- (1) Arnold Willis - b. Sept. 15, 1870 - d. in infancy.
- (2) Arthur - b. 1871 - went to Reading, Pa.
- (3) Anna May - b. Feb. 28, 1872 - d. July 14, 1872.
- (4) Cora Bell - b. May 1, 1874 - d. June 15, 1887.
- (5) John C. - b. Sept. 16, 1877 - d. Jan. 30, 1945; married Rose Stratton; lived in Thorofare, N.J.; and is buried in Eglinton Cemetery, N.J.
- (6) Sarah Myrille - b. Aug. 24, 1879 - d. Feb. 20, 1946; married Maurice W. Feesser - b. July 19, 1880 - d. Mar. 11, 1960. Buried: Mt. Carmel. They had three children.
- (7) Harvey L. "Harry" - b. Feb. 7, 1882 - d. Sept. 18, 1882.
- (8) Ralph Edward Daniel - b. June 8, 1886 - d. Feb. 22, 1944; married Lizzie Jeanette Hofe - b. 1887 - d. Aug. 26, 1961. They lived on West King Street in Littlestown, were members of Redeemer's Reformed Church, and he was employed by the Littlestown Hardware & Foundry Co. His death was the result of a stroke while at work. Buried: Mt. Carmel. They had one son.
- (9) Alverta Grace - b. Mar. 19, 1888; married Daniel Hostetter and lived in New Port News, Virginia.
- (10) Walter Lee - b. July 16, 1889 - d. Sept. 1, 1903; he was crushed to death by a drag while working at the B.F. Shriver Canning Co. in Littlestown.
- (11) Mary - b. Jan. 21, 1892 - d. Oct. 20, 1966; married to Adam D. Helfrich - b. Aug. 8, 1897 - still living. She was a teacher for some years in Adams Co. Some time after marriage they moved to York, Pa. where she was a bookkeeper for the Tioga Weaving Co. She is buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown.

- c. Belle - b. @ 1855 - may have died shortly after marriage to J. Lewis Robinson who was born Nov. 6, 1851 - d. Jan. 19, 1887. He is buried in Mt. Carmel, and apparently she is also, but no information can presently be found further about her.

H. Lewis - b. Mar. 17, 1830 - d. Nov. 9, 1859; married June 16, 1853 to Ann Elizabeth Myers. He worked as a plasterer in his youth, then went to medical school in Philadelphia and became a doctor in the Littlestown area. He is buried at Christ Church with two of his 3 children. After his death his wife remarried.

Children:

- a. Henry Myers - b. Mar. 16, 1855 - d. May 5, 1859.

- b. Albert Lewis Gates - b. Mar. 20, 1856 - d. Feb. 17, 1907.

He had worked for the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Phila. as a machinist, then for the Singer Sewing Machine Co. in Chicago where he had held a responsible position. His wife's first name was Ella (last name not known), and when he died she had returned his body to Adams Co. for burial at St. John's Reformed Church at New Chester. He is buried there in his grandfather Myers plot along with his mother and other members of that family.

- c. Nancy Kate - b. Apr. 2, 1858 - d. Feb. 22, 1859.

- I. Alfred G. - b. Dec. 16, 1831; married Sophia Barrett. In early manhood he went to Pike Co., Missouri where he engaged in mercantile pursuits and married. During the Civil War he moved to California in the area of the San Joaquin Valley where he raised French Merino sheep - his place being known as "Woodside Stock Farm." In this business he amassed a fortune, retired in 1890, and built himself a fine residence in the suburbs of Newman, Stanislaus Co., Cal. He died there after a short illness from erysipelas.

Children:

- a. Clarence A. - was a lawyer in California who later entered the Geological Survey Bureau in Sacramento.
- b. Catherine Lizzie
- c. Mary Harriet
- d. Augusta Arabella

6. Isaac - b. Nov. 11, 1798 - d. Aug. 15, 1847; married Feb. 7, 1828 to Elizabeth Stonesifer - b. Mar. 3, 1807 - d. Mar. 3, 1864. His wife was a 1st cousin - a daughter of his Uncle Daniel Stonesifer, the 12th child of John Daniel Stonesifer the immigrant. Isaac became a very prosperous farmer near Littlestown, having 127 acres of land and said to be worth some \$10,000 at the time of his death. His farm was located in Germany twp. He was buried at Christ Church; his wife and some of their children were buried in the cemetery of the Methodist Church in Littlestown. This cemetery was later partly removed to Mt. Carmel, and the site built over by the church.

Children:

- A. Matilda - b. Aug. 3, 1828 - d. Feb. 17, 1855.
- B. Nancy - b. Sept. 5, 1829 - d. Spring of 1859; married Mar. 27, 1851 to William Henry Feeser - b. Jan. 31, 1830 - d. Jan. 8, 1904. They lived near Littlestown where he was a plasterer by trade. He had served in the Union Army during the Civil War but his unit is not known. After He and Nancy had two children, and after her death he remarried. No marker can be found for her, and she might have been buried near her mother. William and his 2nd wife are buried in Mt. Carmel.

Children:

- a. Elmira "Ella" - b. Mar. 15, 1852 - d. Jan. 6, 1871; buried with her father in Mt. Carmel.
- b. Sarah Jane "Jennie" - b. Aug. 28, 1855 - d. May 25, 1939; married Dec. 25, 1873 to Jonas F. Eckman - b. Oct. 8, 1847 - d. Dec. 12, 1924. Buried: Mt. Carmel. They were survived by 4 children.
- C. Jesse - b. Oct. 5, 1830 - d. June 27, 1855.
- D. Isabella - b. Nov. 26, 1831 - d. Oct. 23, 1855.
- E. Amos - b. Feb. 10, 1833 - d. Mar. 21, 1909; married Feb. 9, 1864 to Sarah Catharine Lightner - b. 1841 - d. May 17, 1870; then married Nov. 28, 1871 to Catherine "Kate" Miller - b. Apr. 11, 1839 - died Mar. 26, 1902. His first wife was from Gettysburg, and she was the daughter of a former Sheriff of Adams Co.; his second wife was the daughter of a minister (Brethren) of Orrstown, Adams Co., Pa. Amos was a currier and tanner by trade, working first in Littlestown, then after his second marriage he moved his business to Orrtanna (near Fairfield) in 1875 - it being the home area of his wife. About 1891 he became a merchant in produce, flour, feed, and lumber with this business being located in Orrtanna also. In a Gettysburg city directory for 1903 he was listed as living there at 427 Baltimore St. and operating a grocery store next door at 429 Baltimore St. He had served as a private in the Civil War in Co. E, 165th Pa. Inf. Both he and his first wife are buried in Mt. Carmel, Littlestown. His second wife is buried with other family members at the little Brethren Church on a mountain-top overlooking Orrtanna.

Children:

- a. Mervin Kemp - b. Aug. 3, 1864 - d. Oct. 5, 1941; married to Minnie Bywaters - b. 1877 - d. 1952. They lived at Orrtanna where he helped his father in the lumber business; then later he operated a general store there for 25 years. His wife was from Virginia. Buried: Evergreen Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pa.

Children:

- (1) Alvah L. - b. 1898 - d. June 11, 1973; married Oct. 13, 1917 to Edith B. Daugherty - b. 1899 -
He owned and operated a grocery store in Orrtanna for many years, then worked for the Adams Co. Novelty Co. of Gettysburg, & was a member of the Cashtown Fire Co. Buried: Fairfield Union Cemetery.

Children:

- (1a) Robert Carlton - married Jan. 11, 1939 to Mildred Naomi Strang.
- (1b) Freda Lucille - married Mar. 10, 1939 to Raymond Julian McCleaf.
- (1c) Alvah Lyle, Jr. - married June 10, 1950 to Ruth M. Perry.

- (2) Daisy Olive - married June 23, 1926 to Chester S. Cornwell; then married Theodore Deardorff.

- b. William Grant - b. May 3, 1866 - d. Oct. 29, 1941; married Jan. 12, 1890 to Mary Alice Keilholtz - b. Apr. 1, 1870 - d. Apr. 15, 1958. They lived at Leola, just across the river from Harrisburg, Pa. where he was apparently in the lumber business. Buried: Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown, Pa.

Children: (order not known)

- (1) Greta - b. 1894 - d. 1919; married Apr. 4, 1915 to Charles C. Carey.
- (2) Lawrence Clifton - b. 1897 - married Sept. 27, 1921 to Emma Jennetta Shoop - b. 1900 - d. 1976.
- (3) Rose - married George Spotts.
- (4) Guy Vernon - b. 1903 - d. 1930; married Mabel
- (5) Russell W. - married Mar. 17, 1927 to Helen May Goudy.
- (6) Laura I. - b. 1907 - d. May 23, 1980; never married.
- (7) Ora H. - never married.
- (8) Clarice - married Sept. 6, 1936 to Daniel J. Nye.
- (9) Dorsey B. - married Jan. 14, 1937 to Vera Marie Wire.

- c. Anna Bella - b. 1868 - d. Feb. 27, 1935; married Dec. 7, 1890 to Charles A. Newman - b. 1862 - d. July 28, 1940. They farmed in Mt. Joy twp., some miles south of Gettysburg. She was found frozen to death on a road leading to her home after a visit to friends in Gettysburg. It was at the time of a severe snow storm, and after being left out of a car at the entrance to the road to her home a short distance away, she first stopped in at a store at that location which was on the Littlestown - Gettysburg highway. After starting out for home she got part way but then collapsed, possibly from a heart attack, and could not recover. Family members found her body several hours later while out searching for her. The evening of the last day of his life, her husband left the house to do a little hunting with a gun after a thunderstorm had passed over the area. The next morning his body was found in a field of his farm. Both are buried in Mt. Carmel, near her parents, at Littlestown, Pa.

Children:

- (1) Thurman Richard - married Pauline Millhimes.
- (2) Esther Julia - married Paul H. Bowers.
- (3) Alda Ruth - married Joseph H. Kuhn.

- d. Eliza M. - b. Mar. 25, 1870 - d. Aug. 2, 1870.

- e. Olive K. - b. Aug. 3, 1875 - d. 1955; married Dec. 23, 1904 to William Robert Walter - b. 1860 - d. 1944. She was his second wife. She is buried at Mt. Carmel in Littlestown. He is buried with his 1st wife at Flohr's Church just west of Gettysburg, Pa.

Children:

- (1) Zelda G. - married Edgar F. Yingling.
- (2) Jacob Blaine - mar. Oct. 21, 1935 to Edith M. Shultz.

f. Nellie Jane - b. Nov. 10, 1876 - d. Oct. 28, 1934; married June 18, 1896 to Lemuel Mickley - b. 1856 - d. 1943.
Buried: Fairfield Cemetery @ 8 miles west of Gettysburg, Pa.

Children:

- (1) Donald Glenn - b. 1899 - d. Nov. 10, 1975; he had owned & operated a nursery at Gettysburg R.D. 5.
- (2) Ethel - married Sidney C. Donaldson.

g. Fannie Irene - b. Sept. 3, 1880; married Dec. 24, 1903 to Charles A. Baker - separated; then married Aug. 7, 1923 to Harvey A. Miller. She is said to have had two sons by her first marriage, but the names are unknown. She is also said to have been a highly individualistic person with some temper. Her final whereabouts are presently unknown.

F. Ellen Maria - b. Apr. 9, 1836 - d. May 27, 1864.

G. Eliza - b. Apr. 9, 1837 - d. July of 1873.

H. Lydia Anna - b. June 20, 1838 - her birth & baptism are recorded in the Reformed Church register of Manchester, Md. with the note that her parents were of Christ Church near Littlestown. Died in infancy?

I. Thomas - b. Jan. 4, 1840 - d. Apr. 17, 1840; buried at Christ Church.

J. Isaac T. - b. May 4, 1841 - d. Aug. 21, 1867; married to Catharine Orndorff (?) - last name not certain. Buried: St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Taneytown.

K. Jacob Henry - b. Sept. 16, 1843 - d. July 24, 1863

L. Richard - b. Mar. 1, 1845 - d. May 5, 1937; married Sarah A. Reaver - b. Feb. 19, 1846 - d. Apr. 13, 1913. He worked as a manager and/or bartender at various hotels in the Adams Co. and Carroll Co. area. They had one son, Orion N. - b. Aug. 22, 1871 - d. July 21, 1898 and who died the day after a fall from an electric light pole in Baltimore where he was employed. Richard was @ 92 when he died. He is buried in an unmarked grave in the New Oxford Cemetery on the plot of friends with whom he lived in his last years. His wife and son, from whom he was separated for many years, are buried in the Church of God Cemetery at the edge of Uniontown, Md.

7. Maria "Polly" - b. @ 1800 - d. @ 1823; is said to have married and gone to Ohio where she died shortly after arrival.

8. Catharine - b. @ 1803 - d. 1823; married Samuel Klein @ May 6, 1822. Both died within months of each other. His will was probated in Frederick on Apr. 7, 1823; and hers on Nov. 17, 1823 and in which she left her possessions to her brothers and sisters.

9. Elizabeth - b. Mar. 23, 1808 - d. July 21, 1888; she had married a Barney McIlheny.

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- V. JOHN - b. @ 1767 - d. Nov. of 1799; married Anna Maria Yingling - b. @ 1770 - d. Sept. 5, 1843.

Married @ 1786, she was the daughter of Frederick Yingling who was a brother of John's mother (see pp. 2-7-64 for additional data). The 1790 Census gives indication that at first they lived at the Stonesifer homestead. Eventually they moved to the Taneytown area. Here John had purchased on Mar. 16, 1799 two tracts of land located on the eastern side of Piney Creek for 344 pounds from a John Low. One tract was of 64 acres and part of a larger one called Crossburg, the other tract of 3 acres and was part of one called Addition. However, just as he was starting out on his own in farming, he became seriously ill. His condition became so bad that he had to have a will written for him on Nov. 13, 1799, and which he was only able to sign by making his mark. In this document it states of him as "being very Sick and weak of Body but of perfect mind and memory," and named Adam Conrad Routson and Jacob Yingling as his executors. The first executor was a close neighbor, the second executor was his wife's uncle who was also the brother of his mother - Maria Elizabeth Yingling Stonesifer, and thus his uncle also. The three witnesses to the making of this will are of great family importance to us, also. They were Henry Stonesifer - a brother of John's; Abraham Yingling - an uncle of both John and his wife and who was the brother of Jacob Yingling, one of the executors; and Andrew Kump - a neighbor whose own descendants were to intermarry with the Stonesifer family later. John Stonesifer died very shortly after the making of the will, as on Nov. 26, 1799 Adam Conrad Routson sent a signed paper to the Orphan's Court and Register of Wills in Frederick in which he renounced his position as co-executor, pleading that his personal circumstances didnot permit him to act in this capacity. The will was probated in Frederick on Dec. 3, 1799 by Jacob Yingling who then carried out his necessary duties for the widow and four children.

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1. John - b. @ 1787 - d. @ 1840; married Catharine Little - b. @ 1788; they lived in what is now Carroll Co., apparently in the area of Uniontown.

Children:

- A. Martha - b. Jan. 14, 1814

- B. Henry Levi - b. Dec. 2, 1817 - d. May 12, 1897; married Eve Hann - b. Dec. 20, 1819 - d. Feb. 20, 1906. In early manhood he was a carpenter near Uniontown, then changed to farming for some years in Carroll Co. The family later moved to Germany twp. in Adams Co., Pa. where he continued to farm. They retired to a home near Hanover in an area called Midway where he died of dropsy. Both are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover.

Children:

- a. Eliza Jane - b. Dec. 25, 1841 - d. Apr. 19, 1923; married Emanuel Hawk - b. Mar. 24, 1839 - d. July 10, 1909. They farmed near Taneytown, Md., had seven children, and were members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown in whose cemetery they are buried. The following material is

taken from his obituary in the Gettysburg Compiler of July 21, 1909 at the time of his death:

"Emanuel Hawk, a well known citizen of Carroll County, Md., died on July 10, from dropsy, aged 70 years, 3 months and 16 days. He was a Civil War veteran and received nine wounds, one was a wound in the neck, received in the Battle of Weldon Railroad, Aug. 18, 1864. The ball entered just below the right ear and came out back of the neck where the skull rests on the spinal column. He lay unconscious about two hours on the field, between the two lines. At one time the Confederate lines were only eight or ten feet from him. The Union forces finally charged over his body and he was recovered by some of the men of his own company."

Children:

- (1) Levi - b. @ 1861 - d. sometime in the 1870's.
- (2) Sarah Catharine - b. May 16, 1869 - d. Aug. 24, 1935.
- (3) Emanuel - b. Sept. 1, 1871 - d. Mar. 7, 1893.
- (4) Annie - married John Fuss.
- (5) Mary - married Charles G. Brown.
- (6) Samuel E. - b. Aug. 9, 1879 - d. Dec. 28, 1926; married Bertha Bowers - b. Aug. 15, 1876 - d. June 8, 1944.
- (7) William T. - b. 1884 - d. 1949; married Mearle Crabbs - b. 1886 - d. Oct. 24, 1928.

- b. Anna Elizabeth - b. June 30, 1843 - d. Nov. 14, 1902; married Thomas I. Adams - b. July 14, 1844 - d. Nov. 6, 1913. He was a blacksmith for 50 years at Brushtown, Adams Co., a place a short distance west of McSherrystown, Pa. Both are buried in the cemetery at Conewago Chapel near McSherrystown.

Children:

- (1) Levi Jacob - married Nov. 22, 1887 to Emma Josephine Neiderer.
- (2) Lewis Thomas - married Oct. 8, 1889 to Vilana Sluser.
- (3) Henry J. - married Dec. 29, 1896 to Emma K. Lawrence.
- (4) George W. - married May 30, 1901 to Minnie Young.
- (5) Emanuel David - married Oct. 20, 1903 to Mary Anna S. Weaver.

- c. Savilla Agnes - b. July 27, 1845 - d. Dec. 16, 1920; married Sept. 2, 1866 to William H. Krug - b. July 17, 1844 - d. Jan. 13, 1917. He had worked for the Long Furniture Co. of Hanover. Both are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover on her parents plot.

Children:

- (1) George L. - b. 1870 - d. @ July 15, 1946; married Mary E. Karicoaf - b. 1875 - d. 1952.

C. Eliza - b. @ 1822

D. Maria - b. @ 1828 - d. Sept. 12, 1905; she appears to have been the Mary Stonesifer who died on the stated date in the Carroll County almshouse aged about 80 years and was buried at Union Mills.

E. Ephraim - b. 1829 - d. @ 1864; married Feb. 5, 1852 to Sarah E. Arthur - b. June 28, 1828 - d. May 9, 1910. The family appears to have lived somewhere in the vicinity of Baust's Church near Tyrone in Carroll Co. prior to the Civil War, and where two of the children are buried. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War, was captured and died in the Confederate prison at Danville, Virginia. Later she lived with her mother in Fountain Valley near Westminster, and was widely known and loved, and was called "Aunt Sarah" by those who knew her. She is buried at Krider's Church near Westminster.

Children:

- a. Benjamin F. - b. 1855; married Feb. 4, 1878 to Mary C. Bricker.
- b. John T. - b. 1857; he and his brother lived in Baltimore.
- c. William A. - b. July 19, 1860 - d. Jan. 20, 1881.
- d. Mary Ellen - b. Aug. 31, 1861 - d. Dec. 19, 1862.

F. Rebecca - b. July 17, 1830 - d. May 28, 1899; married Apr. 8, 1852 to Levi H. Handley - b. Apr. 2, 1833 - d. July 6, 1905. They lived in Fountain Valley where he was a shoemaker and blacksmith. They are buried at Krider's Church Cemetery under a beautiful, old cedar tree.

Children:

- a. Anna M. - b. Dec. 28, 1853 - d. Dec. 2, 1923; married to Nicholas S. Hill.
- b. Charles M. - b. Oct. 6, 1854 - d. Oct. 19, 1929; never married.
- c. Jacob H. - b. Apr. 3, 1856 - d. July 26, 1930; married to Anna M. Warner - b. Dec. 28, 1854 - d. Dec. 2, 1923.
- d. Levi O. - b. 1858
married Mary C. C. Warfield
- e. Eliza E. - b. 1860
married John L. Zahn
- f. Rebecca Alice - b. 1862
married Curtis Hall Brown
- g. Virginia "Jennie" M. - b. Sept. 4, 1868 - d. Feb. 28, 1882.
- h. Luther Tobias - b. Jan. 1, 1871 - d. Feb. 8, 1882

G. James - b. 1837; married Matilda Agnes _____

2. Mary - b. @ 1788

3. Henry - b. @ 1790 - d. 1859; married Dec. 16, 1818 to Mary Macue.
They moved to Steubenville, Ohio where he was a carpenter for many years. He died at Warrentown, Ohio.

Children:

- A. Angeline - married John Misse.
- B. Mary C. - married David Gilmore.
- C. Julia Ann - married William Caughrean.
- D. Ephraim - died at Blairstown, Iowa - married but had no children.
- E. William - never married.
- F. Sarah - married _____ Johnson.
- G. Mary Ellen - married William T. Stinger.
- H. Caroline - married Thomas Pope.
- I. Lucinda - married _____ Leeper; then _____ Porter.
- J. Elizabeth - died young.
- K. Eliza Jane - married Sylvester H. King.

4. Daniel - b. @ 1792 - d. 1876; married Anna Mary Magdalena Stonesifer - b. May 26, 1795 - d. Mar. 5, 1843; he then married Isabella Irvin - b. 1824 - d. @ 1901. His first wife was a daughter of his uncle, Abraham Stonesifer, who was one of the sons of our John Daniel Stonesifer. At first Daniel was a farmer, having purchased some 57 acres of land on Apr. 26, 1828 from Jacob Yingling for \$370.50. Jacob Yingling was a brother of his grandmother - Maria Elizabeth Yingling Stonesifer. The land which he had purchased lay near Silver Run, and was part of a tract called Dyer's Mill Forest. It was also on part of this tract that St. Mary's Lutheran and Reformed Church had been erected. After farming for some time, he then came to own and operate a general store in Silver Run for a number of years. During his years at Silver Run he served several times as a trustee of St. Mary's Church, representing the German Reformed side of the congregation. Later he was a butcher in Hagerstown, Md., Littlestown, Pa., and lastly at Mechanicsburg, Pa. All his life he was a staunch member of the German Reformed Church, and was a strong Republican in politics. His last years were apparently spent with his son, Jacob H. and his family, who was living in Lewisberry at that time. He is said to have died near Harrisburg about 1876, and is probably buried in an unmarked grave at St. John's cemetery near Lewisberry. His first wife is buried in the old cemetery of St. Mary's Church at Silver Run; his second wife is likely buried at Charles Town, West Virginia where she was still living in 1901. Daniel had a family of thirteen children - 6 by his first wife and 7 by his second wife. In the years following the Civil War the family became widely scattered, and almost none of them remained in the homeland area of their forefathers.

Children:

- A. Augustus - b. Aug. 21, 1819 - d. @ 1900; married Salome Herr.
He was a miller in Cumberland, Md.
- B. William J. - b. 1821 - d. 1900; married Nov. 3, 1842 to Elizabeth Fried - b. 1819 - d. Mar. 15, 1886. He went from Carroll Co., Md. to Monroe twp. near Carlisle, Pa. about the time of the Civil War. First a farmer and butcher, he later moved to Carlisle where he had a trucking business for many years, and was also a well known auctioneer. They are buried in the Old Graveyard in Carlisle, an historic cemetery dating back to 1751 and in which a number of noted personalities are buried, including Molly Pitcher, the heroine of the Battle of Monmouth in the Revolutionary War.

Children:

- a. Ishmael - was a butcher who first lived near Carlisle, Pa., but then later moved to Duncannon, northwest of Harrisburg. He was married July 30, 1867 to Miss Martha Cleland of Carlisle. He was a Civil War veteran, and served as a Pvt., Co. F, 130th Pa. Regiment.

Children:

- (1) Cora - baptized Mar. 7, 1869
- (2) George Washington - baptized Apr. 27, 1873
- (3) Myrtle - baptized July 12, 1882
- (4) Paulyne - married July 12, 1882 to Ellsworth Carver in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Simon C. Stonesifer, a cousin who was a minister of the Church of God.

- b. William H. - b. 1850 - d. Jan. 2, 1916; married May 30, 1872 to Emma M. Glass - b. 1852 - d. 1902; then married to Anna C. Raudabaugh - b. 1868 - d. Mar. 15, 1922 (T.S. = Mar. 17). He was a well known auctioneer in Carlisle, like his father, and like his father, he is also buried in Carlisle's Old Graveyard - with both his wives.

Children:

- (1) Charles Fry - b. Aug. 12, 1873 - went to Newark, N.J.
- (2) Henry "Harry" F. - b. June 26, 1876 - went to Los Angeles, California.

- c. Nelson Curtis - lived in Williamsport, Pa. where he was in the brewery business.

- d. James Calvin - married Florence "Flora" Lower; lived in Wilmington, Del. where he worked as a painter in a car shop.

Children:

- (1) Nelson Curtis (also spelled as Newton Kurtz) - b. July 10, 1878 - d. May 20, 1884.
- (2) John Walser - b. Mar. 1, 1880; married on Oct. 14, 1908 to Mary W. Gallaher; then married on Apr. 7, 1916 to Grace Elizabeth Heisey. He was a machinist in Harrisburg.
- (3) James Calvin - b. Dec. 15, 1882
- (4) Emma Flora - b. Dec. 15, 1882 - James & Emma were twins.

- e. John D. - married Dec. 27, 1887 to Kate Hoffman.

- f. Luther Martin - died in infancy.

C. Abraham James - b. May 17, 1823 - d. @ 1826.

D. Jacob Henry - b. Feb. 9, 1827 - d. Sept. 30, 1903; married Apr. 6, 1851 to Eliza Ann King - b. Mar. 11, 1832 - d. July 9, 1906. He was born near Silver Run, Carroll Co., Md.; his wife was from the same area, and she was a descendant of Peter Little - the founder of Littlestown, Pa. For some years after marriage they lived at Creagerstown (near Walkersville) in Frederick Co., Md. There several of their children were born and one lies buried. In 1862 the family moved to the Lewisberry area of Newberry twp. in York Co., Pa. about 12 miles southwest of Harrisburg.

Shortly after settling there he enlisted at Camp Curtin in Harrisburg for service in the Union Army during the Civil War, serving in Co. I, 6th U.S. Cavalry for more than eighteen months. During one engagement with the Rebels he received a disabling wound in the shoulder from a saber that also knocked him off his horse. It was due to this wound that he was later discharged.

He returned to Lewisberry where he continued to live for some years, being variously engaged as a cattle dealer, butcher, and conducting a dairy business. On June 15, 1868 he was appointed the local postmaster and he served in this capacity for about a year and a half.

About 1878 he moved to Harrisburg where he resided for twenty years, working as a dealer in grocery produce and as an inspector for the Pa. Highway Dept. For many years he was an active Democratic politician, was a member of Post 58, G.A.R. of Harrisburg, and was a staunch member of the German Reformed Church as his father had been.

In 1898 he finally retired from business activities and returned to Lewisberry to live. Retirement was mainly due to ill health resulting from his military service disability, and from which he had suffered for many years. He died at the age of 76, having been highly esteemed all through his life. He and his wife are buried at St. John's Lutheran and Reformed Church cemetery near Lewisberry, although the church is no longer standing. His name is one of the 34, 530 others listed on bronze memorial tablets around the base of the Pennsylvania State Monument on the Gettysburg battle field, commemorating every soldier of Pennsylvania who fought in the Battle of Gettysburg. Jacob and Eliza had a family of thirteen children - 11 sons and 2 daughters, all of whom reached adulthood except four boys who died young.

Children:

a. Robert Nelson - b. Apr. 1, 1852 - d. Dec. 20, 1913; married June 9, 1878 to Alice M. Griest - b. May 2 (actually Mar. 14), 1858 - d. 1937. He was in the tin and stove business in Lewisberry, operated a shingle mill, and was a justice of the peace there from May of 1883 to May of 1895. Although he was a Democrat, he was consistently elected to office over Republicans in a strongly Republican town. They are buried at St. John's cemetery near Lewisberry.

Children:

- (1) Vinnie M. - died young.
- (2) Anna Jane - b. June of 1884 - d. 1947; married Nov. 25, 1905 to Park Calvin Bell - b. 1885 - d. 1954.

Children:

- (2a) Elverna I. - b. 1906 - married Charles Roland Warren - b. 1896 - d. 1951.
- (2b) Robert G.B. - b. 1909 - d. 1968; married Florence M. Bieler - b. 1911 - d. 1979.
- (2c) D. Madeline - b. 1914; married Floyd Leroy Spangler - b. 1906.
- (3) Harriet B. - b. Nov. 20, 1886 - d. Jan. 8, 1978; married Homer S.C. Hetrick - b. July 3, 1885 - d. Nov. 30, 1952. Of Quaker background, he was a doctor in Lewisberry, and was affiliated with a large number of local, state, and national organizations. (All these descendants of Robert and Alice are being buried in Emanuel Cemetery near Lewisberry).

Children:

- (3a) Eugene - said to have been a doctor also in Lewisberry.
- (3b) H. Bruce - of Camp Hill near Harrisburg.

- b. Laura A. - b. 1853 - d. Nov. 26, 1934; married Lyman L. Shettel - b. June 7, 1851 (T.S. = 1852) - d. Sept. 22, 1897. She then married James Kline. Lyman Shettel was from Lewisberry where the family had a match making business. He was killed by falling from a load of hay. He and Laura are buried in the St. John's Cemetery near Lewisberry.

Children:

- (1) Caroline M. - married John Armstrong.
- (2) John H. - married Apr. 29, 1894 to Margaret Bratten.

- c. Charles Grayson - b. May 12, 1855 - d. Sept. 24, 1940; married Rachel Epley - b. Sept. 12, 1853 - d. May 28, 1925. He was a cigar maker in Lewisberry. Buried: Emanuel Cem. - Lewisberry.

Children:

- (1) Robert Grason (Grayson) - b. Nov. 23, 1873 - d. 1950; married June 2, 1904 to Myrtle E. Prowell - b. 1883 - d. 1970; They had an infant that died at birth on Apr. 22, 1905.
- (2) Mervin E. - b. Feb. 9, 1880 (T.S. = 1879) - d. Feb. 10, 1961; married Sept. 2, 1900 to Mary E. Miller - b. 1878 - d. 1960.

Children:

- (2a) Carl H. - b. 1902 - d. Mar. 26, 1905.
- (2b) Eugene S. - b. 1903 - d. 1912.
- (2c) Miriam Ruth - b. Nov. 9, 1908; married Nov. 9, 1928 to Carl Franklin Hostetter; then married Stanton Kapp of Camp Hill.
- (2d) Julia Elizabeth - b. Jan. 28, 1910; married Dec. 13, 1926 to Dwight K. Thomas of Lewisberry.
- (2e) Beatrice Virginia - married Feb. 13, 1934 to Lester Hughes of Lewisberry.

(3) Lulu I. - b. July 4, 1885

married Nov. 27, 1907 to Joseph A. Bell.

(4) Raymond Harry "Bud" - b. Dec. 27, 1887 (T.S. = Dec. 25, 1888) - d. Jan. 24, 1949; married Apr. 16, 1919 to Nellie Christine Groves. He was a cigar maker of Lewisberry, and had served in W.W. 1 as a private in Co. S, unassigned, of the 58th Engineers. They had a son - Raymond Jr.

d. William P. - b. Dec. 7, 1856 - d. Dec. 28, 1856; buried near Creagerstown, Md.

e. Francis D. (known as Frank) - b. 1858 - d. Feb. 14, 1930; married to Mary R. - b. 1861 - d. May 12, 1900; then married Sept. 10, 1903 to Erma Russell. He was a tinsmith in Harrisburg. There was one child which was of his first marriage - a daughter named Myrtle May. She was married Sept. 25, 1900 to William H. Jones and they lived in Chambersburg, Pa. Frank and his first wife are buried at Paxtang Cemetery near Harrisburg - she has a tombstone, but there is no marker for him.

f. Lloyd S. - b. Nov. of 1859 - was deceased by 1930; married on July 11, 1899 to Adeline "Addie" Kline - b. 1863 - d. Apr. 22, 1944. He had been a farmer at Andersontown, York Co.

Children:

- (1) Mrs. Bertie S. Shierer - lived in California
- (2) Mrs. Merle Kilmore - of Shepherdstown, Pa.
- (3) Elmer - lived at R.D. 2, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
- (4) Walter - of Gardners, Pa.
- (5) Mrs. Carl Reiss - lived in California
- (6) Harry

g. William H. - b. 1861 - d. Dec. 31, 1932; married on Sept. 25, 1885 to Anna Q. Stimer - b. 1860 - d. 1926. He was in the tailoring business in Steelton, Pa. They are buried in East Harrisburg Cemetery.

Children:

- (1) William R. - b. 1887 - d. Sept. 15, 1962; married to Alice Finley. He was a supervisor of music in the Steelton schools for many years; died from intestinal cancer, and is entombed in the mausoleum of the East Harrisburg Cemetery.
- (2) Henrietta - married Linwood B. Anderson. They lived in Washington, D.C. where she was murdered in 1936 under mysterious circumstances. President Roosevelt later personally commuted the sentence of the man convicted of her death. She had three children apparently - two boys and a girl. They were raised, and probably adopted by their uncle William just mentioned above. One of them took the name of William R. Stonesifer, Jr., and he married May 20, 1959 a Sandra F. Esworthy; and they have a daughter named Alice.
- (3) Stanley Quay - married Apr. 26, 1924 to Annie Evelyn Siemons; lived in Freeport, Long Island, N.Y.

- h. Mary S. - b. @ Jan. of 1862 - d. May 31, 1943; married Howard L. Wright - b. 1857 - d. Jan. 26, 1925. They lived in Harrisburg where he worked as an automobile mechanic. He died from bladder cancer, and she from stomach cancer. They are buried in East Harrisburg Cemetery.

Children:

- (1) Ella - married Charles W. Feagley; then married to Thomas A. Fenicle.
- (2) Harry L.
- (3) John B.

- i. Hugh McClune - b. Dec. 3, 1862 - d. Feb. 3, 1863.

- j. Son - b. @ 1865 - died in infancy.

- k. George Howard - b. 1866 - d. Mar 29, 1930; married to Addie Belle Gaffney - b. June 17, 1871 - d. June of 1954. He was in the tailoring business with his brother, William, in Steelton. He is buried in Lewisberry, Pa.

Children:

- (1) Martha - b. Dec. of 1894 - d. June of 1978; was married to Elmer Krout; spent her last years in Florida.

Children:

(1a) Catherine - b. Jan. of 1920
married Gilbert Unger.

(1b) Dorothy June - b. Dec. of 1920
married Dr. Richard Owen.

Children:

(1ba) Richard
(1bb) Christopher

(2) Justus Donot - b. Nov. of 1895 - d. Aug. 14, 1970; he was first married to Irma Rhinehart who died Apr. 11, 1934; then he and a Helen Cora Jones of Hanover, Pa. applied for a marriage license in Harrisburg on Feb. 5, 1936 and which was issued Feb. 8, 1936 - but illness apparently(hers) precluded using it; he then married Ethel Esther Sholter Zeiders on July 2, 1942. Justus lived in Harrisburg where where he was variously employed as a salesman, then was in the grocery business, and finally was proprietor of a drug store. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Children:

(2a) Evelyn G. - b. Sept. of 1916
married John Elder.

Children:

(2aa) Dianne
(2ab) Joan
(2ac) John
(2ad) David

(2b) Jay James - b. 1918 - d. 1962; married July 19, 1941 to Isabelle Eileen Fortenbaugh. They have one child - a daughter named Evelyn "Lynn".

(3) Marian E. - b. Dec. of 1905
married May 18, 1928 to Paul E. Moore; then married Martin Greenawalt and lives in Baltimore, Md.

Children:

(3a) Betty Louise Moore - b. Mar. 14, 1930
married David Bennet.

Children:

(3aa) David III - b. 1954 (3ad) Melanie - b. 1959
(3ab) Stephen - b. 1956 (3ae) Christopher - b. 1960
(3ac) Richard - b. 1957 (3af) Cinthia - b. 1965

1. Parkey Edwin - b. Dec. 4, 1868 - d. Jan. 27, 1869.

m. Victor Brook - b. June 12, 1870 - d. Apr. 21, 1906;
married Dec. 12, 1893 to Amelia A. Heisler. He was
a tinsmith in Lewisberry. Buried: St. John's Cemetery,
near Lewisberry.

E. Jessiah (also Josiah) - b. Apr. 22, 1829 - d. May 3, 1865 (?);
married Ann Brown. He served in the Union Army during the Civil
War, and it is believed that he was either killed or died in the
service as he never returned. A cavalryman, he had two horses
shot from under him.

He may be the Josiah Stonesifer who is mentioned in the History
of Lancaster Co., Pa. by Franklin Ellis and Samuel Evans in 1883.
They state that a Josiah Stonesifer enlisted Apr. 19, 1864 in the
Union Army there and served in Co. H, 79th Regiment as a private,
died near New York on May 3, 1865, and was buried in Cypress Hill
Cemetery, Long Island. Although this Josiah was an army private,
it may be our Josiah who, perhaps unable to continue in the
cavalry for some reason, was able to continue to serve his country
in the infantry.

F. Cyrus David - b. Oct. 16, 1834 - d. 1896; married Jan. 12, 1859
to Anna Myers - b. Apr. 3, 1842 - d. May 5, 1869. They lived
near Westminster during their marriage. After her death he went
to the Harrisburg area for some years, and at one point was a
huckster in Harrisburg. It seems that he may have also remarried
while in that area, but definite proof of this fact cannot be
found. In his last years he seems to have returned to his home
area, as he died near Silver Run. His wife, Anna, is buried at
Meadow Branch near Westminster. At some time her tombstone was
accidentally broken off in the past, and for many years it has
been leaning against a nearby stone wall that fronts the cemetery.
Probably Cyrus was buried near her, but no marker can be found.

Children:

a. Henry "Harry" Franklin - b. Nov. 21, 1859

b. Addie

c. John

d. Clarence Daniel - b. @ 1865 - d. Jan. 5, 1903; married
Florence M. Brown, then married Finda C. Jenkins. He
had been the proprietor of Stonesifer's Fish Market in
Harrisburg, and was also a huckster. He was the youngest
child of Cyrus and Anna. When he died his obituary
specifically named a Florence as his sister - hence the
implication that his father, Cyrus, had remarried.

Children:

(1) Clarence R. - b. @ 1895 - d. Nov. 3, 1941; he was a
produce dealer in Harrisburg for many years.

(2) Ira J. - married Aug. 15, 1911 to Carrie G. Jennings; they had a daughter named Elsie C. who was married Dec. 18, 1933 to Elmer Nelson.

(3) Earl Joseph - married June 30, 1919 to Catharine Blanche Horner.

e. Florence M. b. @ 1874; married May 17, 1892 to Grant W. Lenig - b. @ 1869. At the time of marriage application she named Cyrus as her father, and in the obituary of Clarence Daniel she is named as his sister.

2nd
G. Amelia Alice - b. Mar. 3, 1845 - d. Aug. 3, 1845; she was the first child of Daniel and his second wife - Isabella.

H. John Adolphus - b. Feb. 8, 1846 - d. July 3, 1929; married Anna A. - b. 1845 - d. Feb. 13, 1894; then married Aug. 10, 1898 to Florence M. Rupp. Born in Carroll Co., Md. as were all his brothers and sisters; was a Civil War veteran of the Union Army, having served as a private in Co. C, 202 Regiment, Pa. Vol. Infantry. After the war he went to live in Harrisburg where he was a member of the B.F. Eisenberger Post 462, G.A.R. According to his obituary he had a brother Elmer, and who was still living in Hagerstown, Md. John and his first wife are buried in East Harrisburg Cemetery. On their tombstone it indicates that they had an "Infant - d. 1881".

I. Hannah Clementine - b. 1847; married _____ Shepherd and was living in Steelton in 1901.

J. Robert Nelson - b. July 14, 1849 - d. Sept. 22, 1850.

K. Granville Thomas - b. Feb. 3, 1852; lived in Charlestown (at times written as Charles Town), W. Va. where he was a huckster.

L. Daniel Franklin - b. Oct. 29, 1853; lived in either Charlestown, W. Va. or Harrisburg, Pa. (this is according to John Franklin Stonesifer who did some family research in the late 1890's), but it would seem to be Charlestown because other family members were in that area including Daniel Franklin's mother.

M. Elmer - b. @ 1855 and reportedly lived in Hagerstown. Except for mention of him in his brother's obituary no data has yet been found about him.

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- VI. HENRY - b. Sept. 23, 1769 - d. July 31, 1815; married Barbara Reiss -
b. July 14, 1769 - d. Jan. 21, 1812; then married Rachel

He lived in the Bachman Valley area somewhere near Jerusalem Church. Apparently he farmed. He also had a patent for distilling liquors for Baltimore and Montgomery Counties, Md. Twice married, he had two children - a son Henry by his first wife, and a daughter Barbara by his second wife. He made his will on May 7, 1815, apparently due to illness, and signed his name as "Henry Steinsiford." Some items in it stated that his father had been Daniel Stonesifer, that his deceased brother, John, had a son Henry to whom he gave \$200 in current money, and that his distilling business was to be sold and the profits to go to his daughter - Barbara. He made his wife, Rachel, and his "worthy friend Henry Craumer" sole executors, but his wife renounced her part on Aug. 7, 1815. The will was probated in Baltimore on Aug. 19, 1815. It is now at the Hall of Records in Annapolis, Md. He and his first wife are buried at Jerusalem Church, Bachman's Valley.

Children:

1. Daniel Henry - b. @ 1809 - still living in 1880 as per 1880 U.S. Census; married Rachel - b. @ 1810 - d. prior to 1860. He lived in the Westminster area where he was a school teacher, shoemaker, and a clock repairman. Burial place is unknown. He had 7 children.

Children:

- A. Daniel - b. Nov. 25, 1827 - reportedly went to Hagerstown area.
- B. Dennis - b. Oct. 15, 1830 - d. Aug. 5, 1903; married Feb. 26, 1855 to Pamelia A. Durbin - b. Aug. 1, 1838 - d. Sept. 13, 1906. They lived in Westminster where he was a shoemaker. Buried: Westminster Cem.

Children (apparently they lived in Baltimore)

- a. Jesse Lee - b. Feb. 1, 1857 - d. June 10, 1857.
- b. Ellen Louise - b. 1860 - married Mar. 6, 1881 to George Rice.
- c. Gertrude - b. Apr. 10, 1868 - d. Jan. 2, 1910; married to Benjamin Stoner.
- d. Laru - married to William Low.
- C. Ann C. - b. 1833; married Oct. 15, 1856 to Rufus A.M. Miller.
- D. Samuel - b. 1834 - d. 1864; married Alice Maria Frazer - b. Jan. 27, 1834 - d. Feb. 2, 1890. He is apparently buried in the Westminster Cemetery where there is an iron plate marker measuring about 14 inches wide by 23 inches high, and being about a half inch thick. It simply says "S. Stonesifer - aged 30 years." It is in the plot area where three of his brothers & their families are buried also. His wife, Alice, is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa.

Children: (only child presently known)

- a. Charles W. - b. Oct. 23, 1859 - d. June 26, 1918; married on Sept. 2, 1890 to Mary Jane Virginia Tracy - b. Jan. 8, 1856 - d. Apr. 4, 1937. He and his family seem to have come to the

Gettysburg area from Westminster © 1900. In her obituary it stated that she had a brother, Alec Stonesifer, who lived in Hagerstown, Md. Thus far Alec cannot be identified. Charles and Mary Jane are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa.

Children:

- (1) William D. - b. 1888 - d. 1953; married Jan. 20, 1907 to Catherine "Kate" Naugle who died Sept. 6, 1952. He had been employed by the Reading Railroad; later by Western Maryland Railroad. After some years his wife left him to live with a man who apparently was her relative. It seems that he adopted a philosophical attitude towards her and the other person, & even helped out financially. Buried: Evergreen Cemetery.

Children:

- (1a) Harry William - b. 1912; married May 9, 1933 to Mary Kathryn Nickolls - b. 1914.

Children:

- (1aa) William David - married Dec. 24, 1952 to Doris Ellen Miller; then married Dawn Leanna Myers.
 (1ab) Virginia K. - married Apr. 15, 1953 to Raymond J. Howe.
 (1ac) Harry W., Jr. - married Donna Jane Raffensperger.
 (1ad) Frances
 (1ae) Betty Jane - died Dec. 11, 1953 at the age of 13 from burns over three/fourths of her body when her clothing caught fire while she was burning a pile of discarded clothing. Buried: near her grandfather in Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg.
 (1af) Doris J. married Thomas A. Mowery.
 (1ag) Jean
 (1ah) John Richard - married Apr. 29, 1972 to Shelley Keystone Noble who died Apr. 29, 1976; then married Connie Maria Stare.
 (1ai) Sherry Lee - married William Joseph O'Dean.
 (1b) Frances V. - b. 1916 - d. 1964; was married to a Strobel; lived in Chicago; buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg.

- (2) Corie L. - b. May 6, 1893 - d. May 8, 1893.

E. Isaac Nelson - b. 1835; married Dec. 29, 1858 to Matilda Koontz - b. 1840. They had 4 known children, and according to the U.S. Census of 1870 were living in the area of Union Bridge in Carroll County. Some years later they moved to Baltimore.

Children:

- a. Harry - b. 1863 (or 1864)
 b. Charles - b. 1865
 c. Winfield - b. 1867
 d. Sallie - b. 1869 (may also have had the name of Grace)

F. Josephus - b. Sept. 18, 1839 - d. Aug. 14, 1902; married June 6, 1867 to Mary Ellen Stone - b. Mar. 4, 1842 - d. Dec. 10, 1924. They lived in Westminster where he was a shoemaker, worked in Zaher's Shoe Store, played the violin, and taught music. He is said to have liked his "schnapps" & good looking women, & that at least some of his education was acquired in private schools. They had 6 children, of whom only 5 are now known. He died of facial cancer. Buried: Westminster Cemetery.

Children:

- a. Josephus - b. Sept. 30, 1868 - d. Mar. 10, 1870.
- b. Mary Katherine - b. Apr. 19, 1870 - d. Mar. 12, 1950; married on Sept. 15, 1890 to W.H. Paynter. They lived at Sparrows Point, Dundalk, Md. & he was a management employee of Bethlehem Steel Co. She is buried in Westminster Cemetery. They had a dau. - Lola.
- c. Edward Luther - b. Sept. of 1876 (1900 Census) but tombstone dates = b. 1877 - d. 1947; married May 30, 1898 to Clara Ellen Gracey - b. Jan. of 1880 (1900 Census) but tombstone dates = b. 1879 - d. 1947. He lived in Westminster, for a time attended Western Md. College, played the banjo at weddings & banquets and in this way met his wife, was a grocery clerk for a time, then worked for the telephone company. About 1910 the family moved to Baltimore. Buried: Oaklawn Cemetery near East Point in east Baltimore Co., Md.

Children:

- (1) Mabel Irene - b. May 14, 1898; went to good schools, earned a nursing degree in N.Y.C. in the 1920's, then worked as a psychiatric nurse at world renowned Shepherd-Pratt Psychiatric Hospital in Towson, Md. Her 1st husband was a doctor, the 2nd a lawyer named Lasky. They lived in California (Beverly Hills & San Francisco) where she also was a nurse. After Mr. Lasky died in 1966 she returned east to live near her sister, Hilda, & Hilda's daughter, in the Cherry Hill area of New Jersey.
- (2) Hilda May - b. Feb. 2, 1900 - d. July of 1978; married to Mahlon Stokes who died in 1968. Their daughter, Hilda Stokes Blake, was born in 1926.
- (3) Elsie Blanche - b. Oct. 3, 1901; married in 1920 to Walter Joyner. They had 1 child - a daughter.

Children:

- (3a) Shirley Ellen - b. Jan. 13, 1923; married in 1941 to Herbert Myers - b. 1919. Separated in 1948.

Children:

- (3aa) Susan Ellen Myers Taylor - b. Oct. 10, 1942.

- (3ab) Judith Eileen - b. July 25, 1943; educated in private schools, attended Notre Dame College in Baltimore, the University of Maryland, & graduated from Towson State University. She then entered the teaching field, but presently is in government work. In late May of 1983, while on a trip to Germany, she stopped off in Eiserfeld & met descendants of our original Stonesifer family.

- (4) Gladys Ada - b. Apr. 12, 1903 - d. Dec. of 1967; unmarried, she died from a heart attack after a long history of being troubled with heart problems.
 - (5) Joseph Edward - b. May 15, 1906 - d. Nov. of 1957; married to Margaret Kruge. He also died from a heart attack. Their daughter, Marie Eileen, was born in 1925. She married a Mr. Franks & they live in Pasadena, Md. near Gibson Island.
 - (6) William Albert - b. Jan. 16, 1916 - d. Nov. of 1977; married Marie Jackson. They have a son, William, b. in 1938.
 - (7) Edward Luther - b. Aug. 29, 1920 - d. Dec. of 1977; unmarried.
 - d. Ada Belle - b. 1879 - d. Jan. 12, 1933; married Feb. 2, 1898 to Charles Norville Fuss - b. 1879 - d. May 2, 1958. They lived in Sparrows Point where he was employed at the Bethlehem Steel Co. Buried: Westminster Cemetery. Their daughter, Lillian, b. @ 1900, went to live in Philadelphia, Pa. (After Ada's death he remarried.)
 - e. William Dennis Raymond - b. May 21, 1881 - d. Oct. 16, 1885.
 - f. Infant - name & dates unknown; likely died soon after being born.
 - G. Charles W. - b. July 14, 1847 - d. Feb. 3, 1913; married July 19, 1869 to Anna R. Barnes - b. May 9, 1855 - d. Aug. 2, 1922. They lived in Westminster where he was a shoemaker, worked in Zaher's Shoe Store with his brother, & later was a sporting goods dealer. He organized and was the first leader of the First Regiment Band, being associated with it for 47 years. Buried: Westminster Cemetery.
- Children:
- a. Laura Blanch - b. Sept. 7, 1875 - d. Aug. 21, 1877.
 - b. Arthur Lee - b. 1878 - d. 1941; married Feb. 9, 1904 to Mary E. Hahn - b. 1886 - d. 1967. They lived in Westminster where around 1908 he was operating Stonesifer's Music Store, and among the items he sold were Gilbert Smith pianos, Edison phonographs, and a large variety of sheet music. He had graduated from Western Maryland College, and for a time had also managed a local department store. They had a son, Geary Luther (d. 1978) who had taught at Baltimore City College. He, in turn, had a son, Geary L., Jr., who became a doctor and was on the staff of Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is now chief of staff of the Greater Baltimore Medical Center. Arthur L. & Mary E. Stonesifer are buried in Westminster Cemetery.
 - c. Goldie May - b. 1885 - d. 1940; married Harry Yost; she was manager of a dress store. Buried: Westminster Cemetery.
 - d. Meta - married Arthur Federline; she was a dress maker.
 - e. Cletus Claud - no dates; died aged 15 days.
 - 2. Barbara - b. Aug. 25, 1814 - d. Sept. 8, 1831. In the very old part of the Krider's Cemetery near Westminster is buried a "Barbary" Stonesifer. It is this writer's belief that this young lady was the daughter of Henry Stonesifer by his second wife - Rachel.

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- VII. PETER - b. © 1770 - d. Sept. of 1839; married Elizabeth Yingling - b. © 1775 - d. prior to 1850. She is known to have survived him by some years.

They lived near Mayberry in what is now Carroll Co., Md. where he farmed some 28½ acres that had been purchased from his father's estate. In his will which was probated in Westminster on Sept. 23, 1839 and associated estate papers it indicates that he was also a cooper, did cloth weaving, raised bees, and possessed a number of old German books at his death which means that he could probably read in that language. It is said that Peter was considered to be a peaceable man, honorable and upright, and one who was loved by his neighbors. He and his family were members of the Reformed congregation of St. Mary's at Silver Run.

His wife was Elizabeth Yingling, a daughter of Frederick Yingling and wife (name unknown) whose family consisted of five sons and six daughters. (A sister of Elizabeth's had married John Stonesifer, a brother of Peter.) Elizabeth's father, Frederick, was also the brother of Maria Elizabeth Yingling Stonesifer - the mother of Peter. Around 1770 Frederick went to the new lands opening up in Pennsylvania in what was then Bedford County but is now Blair County. He settled in a place variously called Morrison's Cove or Great Cove near Roaring Springs and became a miller. In that day Hagerstown was the nearest place for the settlers to go and buy or sell things. When the American Revolution came the Indians began to make attacks on the region. These attacks reached a height of ferocity in 1777 - one attack resulting in the mill that Frederick Yingling operated being burned down. These conditions forced him and nearly all other settlers there to flee with their families back east. Two of the members of Frederick's family were his daughters - Anna Maria who later married John Stonesifer and Elizabeth who married Peter Stonesifer. Frederick returned to the Silver Run area where he became an active member of the militia, and also apparently bought a 150 acre plantation in Piney Creek Hundred called "Frankfort" on which he was paying taxes in 1782. Around 1794 he and his family returned to Morrison's Cove and took up the life they had left in 1777. The two daughters, Anna Maria and Elizabeth, having married into our Stonesifer family, remained here where many of their descendants live today.

No place of burial for Peter and Elizabeth Stonesifer can now be found, but it was likely at Silver Run. Descendants of their eleven children are scattered throughout this home area.

Children:

1. Margaret Rebecca - b. Dec. 25, 1794 - d. Nov. 22, 1850; married Adam Yingling - b. Sept. 8, 1793 - d. Mar. 9, 1863. They lived near Silver Run where he was a brick and stone mason. Adam was a son of John Yingling, Jr. whose brother was Frederick Yingling. Both John and Frederick were brothers of Maria Elizabeth Yingling Stonesifer - Peter Stonesifer's mother. Adam and Margaret Rebecca are buried at Silver Run.

Children:

- A. Elizabeth - b. July 23, 1816 - d. Mar. 3, 1889; never married.

B. Rebecca - b. 1817; married Henry Hoff

Children known:

- a. Susanna Elizabeth - b. Jan. 14, 1862
- b. Leonard Isaiah - b. Aug. 18, 1864

C. Anna Maria "Polly" - b. May 7, 1818 - d. Apr. 10, 1913; married Daniel Reinecker - b. May 23, 1814 - d. Sept. 30, 1878. They lived near Silver Run where he was a carpenter and farm hand. Both are buried at Silver Run.

Children:

- a. Benjamin - b. May 1, 1841 - d. Sept. 17, 1921; married Mary Ann Elizabeth Formwalt - b. Dec. 8, 1843 - d. Feb. 28, 1921.
Buried: Mt. Olive Cemetery in Abbottstown, Pa.

Children: (order not known)

- (1) Granville - b. 1867 - d. Sept. 18, 1944; married Bertie Belle Formwalt - b. 1874 - d. Jan. 23, 1954.
- (2) Anna J. - b. 1871 - d. 1957; married Jacob L. Peterman - b. 1873 - d. 1944.
- (3) Harry F. - b. May 18, 1873 - d. May 18, 1935.
- (4) George D. - married Anna M. Zimmer - lived at York Springs
- (5) Laura Missouri - married Edward Mummert, Jr.
- (6) Ada - married Buehl
- (7) Milton - lived in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
- (8) Mary C. - b. July of 1884 - d. Dec. 10, 1917; married Isaac Harbold. She died from tuberculosis.

b. Susanna Elizabeth - b. Aug. 13, 1842

c. Sarah Cordelia - b. Sept. 29, 1843; married Elisha Snyder - b. Sept. of 1836. They lived in Hampstead, Md. where her mother Anna Maria lived with them in her last years.

Children:

- (1) Charles A. - b. June of 1863
- (2) John O. - b. Nov. of 1869
- (3) Howard - b. Sept. of 1880

d. Albert Henry - b. Dec. 26, 1849

D. Sarah - b. Sept. 29, 1820 - d. Aug. 5, 1896.

E. Benjamin - b. Feb. 4, 1823 - d. Oct. 20, 1888; married Rachel M. Flickinger - b. 1828 - d. Aug. 7, 1902.

Children:

- a. Barbara Ellen - b. Nov. 14, 1851
married Richard Kane

- b. Mary Catherine - b. @ 1852 - d. Sept. 8, 1889
married George Harman
 - c. William H. - b. May 5, 1854 - d. July 9, 1920
married Agnes S. Babylon
 - d. Sarah E. - b. Jan. 18, 1856 - d. Oct. 31, 1900; never married
 - e. Margaret A. - b. Feb. 26, 1857 - d. 1949; never married
 - f. Susan A. - b. Feb. 2, 1859
married Edward Devilbiss
 - g. John Adam - b. May 6, 1861 - d. Mar. 11, 1934
married Flora E. Kemp
 - h. Thomas Benjamin - b. Apr. 14, 1863 - d. Mar. 26, 1932
married Alice Zentz
 - i. Nancy Jane - b. Oct. 19, 1865 - d. Nov. 27, 1943; never married
 - j. Rachel Rebecca - b. Feb. 5, 1868 - d. Feb. 21, 1869
 - k. Laura Agnes - b. Nov. 7, 1869
married Thomas Myers
- F. Margreta - b. Jan. 20, 1826 - may have died in infancy
- G. Noah Miller - b. @ 1828
married Rebecca Myers - b. Nov. 26, 1831 - d. Oct. 30, 1903
- Children:
- a. Benjamin F. - b. Dec. 8, 1853 - d. Apr. 1, 1923; never married
 - b. Daniel Calvert - b. Dec. 8, 1854 - d. Apr. 21, 1939
married Lucretia Arbaugh - b. Feb. 21, 1862 - d. Mar. 1, 1931
 - c. Mary "Molly" - b. July 21, 1856
married Ezra Byers
 - d. Laura S. - b. Oct. 13, 1857
 - e. Alice J. - b. Nov. 5, 1859 - d. Apr. 7, 1913
married James Fowler
 - f. Sarah Ellen - b. Sept. 11, 1861
married Samuel F. Bigham
 - g. Wirt H. - b. @ 1863 - d. Mar. 8, 1935
married Rosa Granadeer - b. @ 1874 - d. Dec. 26, 1944
 - h. Charles Milton - b. 1866 - d. Feb. 17, 1948
married Mary A. Wright - b. @ 1869 - d. May 7, 1946

- i. Howard Cramer - b. May 11, 1872 - d. Aug. 30, 1930
married Laura Miller
- j. George L. - lived at Smallwood, Md.
married Ida A. Wagner

H. Josiah - b. ● 1832

- I. Kessiah - b. Nov. 27, 1833 - d. Feb. 19, 1907; married Jeremiah W. Little - b. Mar. 13, 1839 - d. Mar. 24, 1913. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- a. Cornelia Virginia - b. Sept. 30, 1861
married Jacob H. Heagy -
He was a driver for Hanover Cabinet Co.
- b. Sarah A.
married Charles A. Fisher
They had two children - Irene and Harry S.

- J. Adam Peter - b. Jan. 27, 1836? - d. Nov. 21, 1919
married Almeida Burgoon - b. Jan. 3, 1846 - d. Apr. 3, 1933

Children:

- a. Clara Ann - b. Sept. 30, 1863
married Leander Miller
- b. Newton W. - b. ● 1866 - d. Apr. 3, 1888; never married
- c. Herbert S. - b. 1871 - d. May 22, 1956
married Mary E. Leppo
- d. Edith Irene - b. May 6, 1874
married Eli Booze
- e. David Wesley - b. Oct. 3, 1876 - d. 1947; never married
- f. Emma J. - b. Aug. 8, 1878
married Paul Fitze
- g. Mary Margaret Lulu - b. Dec. 29, 1880
married Clinton Warner
- h. Benjamin Franklin - b. Mar. 22, 1883 - d. Aug. 11, 1957
- i. Sarah Estella - b. Aug. 22, 1886
married Charles A. Leppo
- j. Adam Wilmer - b. Jan. 25, 1890 - d. Feb. 16, 1890

2. Louisa - b. @ 1795 - still living in 1860; married Michael Lingenfelter -
b. May 7, 1786 - d. @ 1840.

Children:

- A. Peter - b. Apr. 14, 1816 - d. Sept. 5, 1896; married Feb. 20, 1841
to Matilda Brown - b. Apr. 2, 1816 - d. Mar. 1, 1891. They are
buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown, Pa.

Children:

- a. Catharine - b. Sept. 22, 1843; married Nov. 29, 1863 to
Ferdinand E. Coat.

- b. Louisa - b. Oct. 18, 1850; married Dec. 31, 1873 to
George W. Wickert.

- B. Catharine - b. Apr. 6, 1823

- C. William - b. @ 1825

- D. Abraham - b. @ 1835

3. Benjamin - b. Jan. 23, 1796 - d. June 30, 1879; married Susannah (Susan)
Freed - b. Feb. 18, 1802 - d. Dec. 16, 1886. A farmer and weaver, he
purchased the plantation of his father, Peter Stonesifer, in 1831 and
operated it till the late 1840's. The family then moved to Conewago Twp.
in Adams Co., Pa. where he worked as a farm laborer. They are buried
at Christ Church near Littlestown.

Children:

- A. Peter F. - b. Aug. 18, 1830 - d. 1896; married Nov. 21, 1858 to
Catharine "Kate" Raubenstine. He first worked as a miller near
Littlestown; about the time of the Civil War he and his wife moved
to Ashland Co., Illinois where he worked as a carpenter.

Children:

- a. Hamilton F. - b. Mar. 10, 1859; married Sarah Griffith, and was
a carpenter in Savannah, Ill. They had a daughter, Agnes, who
was born Mar. 27, 1881.

- b. Ellen - b. Oct. 2, 1860 - d. Aug. 16, 1861

- c. Susan Catharine - b. Aug. 28, 1862 - d. Jan. 28, 1864

- d. Benjamin McClellan - b. Dec. 28, 1865; was a cripple

- e. Laura L. - b. Sept. 7, 1867

- f. Charles - b. Dec. 6, 1869 - d. Dec. 18, 1869

- g. Mary C. - b. June 18, 1873

- h. Belinda "Lynne" - b. July 12, 1876

- B. Susan - b. Aug. 3, 1831; married Mar. 7, 1852 to Elias Reitz (name may have been Wright and the Reitz a misspelling); they had at least one child: David - b. 1855.
- C. Rebecca - b. Oct. 17, 1832 - d. 1851
- D. Benjamin - b. Oct. 29, 1833 - d. ● 1849 aged 17-2-19
- E. Sarah - b. Mar. 16, 1834 - d. in infancy
- F. John W. - b. Oct. 14, 1836 - d. Dec. 3, 1905; married Jan. 31, 1867 to Amanda Harnish - b. July 8, 1841 - d. Oct. 18, 1888. He was a miller in the Hanover area for many years, apparently having operated the old Kitzmiller mill, and had served in the Union Army during the Civil War as a private for nine months in Co. A, Pa. Vol. He died from a paralytic stroke of a day's duration and was buried at Christ Church near Littlestown.

Children:

- a. Sarah Virginia - b. Oct. 31, 1867 - d. Dec. 7, 1944; married Mar. 20, 1892 to Edward H. Moul - b. Sept. 6, 1865 - d. Jan. 27, 1946.

Children:

- (1) Ralph Stewart - b. Aug. 6, 1894 - d. Sept. 26, 1894
- (2) Harold Luther - b. Oct. 4, 1896 - d. Oct. 20, 1896
- (3) Emaline Rebecca - b. Jan. 25, 1899; married Oscar Daniel Anderson

Children:

- (3a) Oscar Daniel, Jr. - b. June 1, 1931
- (3b) Emily Virginia - b. Apr. 29, 1936
- (4) Virginia Mae - b. Dec. 4, 1902; married John Dickey - no children.

- b. Emma Jane - b. Feb. 22, 1872; married Oct. 29, 1903 to F. Earl Heffner. They lived in Canton, Ohio.

- G. Reuben - b. Nov. 24, 1837 - d. Dec. 29, 1897; married Rebecca Cummings. Born just west of Silver Run, he later moved to Williamsport, Pa. where he was a carpenter by trade. They had a son, Benjamin Franklin, who became a telegraph operator in Williamsport. Reuben was a Civil War veteran and had served for three months as a private in Co. F, 16th Regt. Pa. Vol., being mustered in at York, Pa. on Apr. 25, 1861. The following item appeared in his local newspaper at the time of his death:

- Dec. 30, 1897. Special to the Public Ledger, Williamsport, Pa.
 "Reuben Stonesifer died last night at his home on Park avenue.

He was 60 years old. For years he was engaged in the lumber business in this city. An interesting incident is related of Mr. Stonesifer. He was a young man, employed in the Government service at Washington, when Abraham Lincoln was shot. Shortly afterward Stonesifer was arrested. He was shown the picture of John Wilkes Booth, whom he was taken to be, and the resemblance was so close that he was not discharged until identified by relatives from Hanover."

- H. Israel - b. Apr. 12, 1839 - d. Sept. 25, 1928; married Oct. 19, 1873 to Sarah "Sallie" A. Walter - b. 1850 - d. June 8, 1935. He was born at Silver Run, and in his early days was a miller at Bollinger's Mill between Hanover and Littlestown. On Oct. 19, 1873 he married "Sallie" Walter of Gettysburg in the beautiful and historic Conewago Chapel of the Catholic Church located a mile or so north of McSherrystown, Adams Co. At first they lived in Littlestown where he was a butcher, miller, and was a member of the town council in 1878. Later they moved to Gettysburg where around 1884 he was elected as Democratic Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds for Adams Co. Although he was a staunch Democrat from the time he cast his first vote, he was elected and reelected to these offices with the support even of the dominant Republican Party who allowed him to run without opposition - a marked tribute to his popularity. He also served as Assistant Supt. of the Gettysburg National Military Park from 1894-1920. Israel was one of five brothers who served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He had helped to organize two companies of infantry at the outbreak of the war - recruiting men mainly from Franklin, Hamilton, and Reading townships in Adams Co. He himself served as a 1st Lieutenant in Co. D, 165 Pa. Inf. for nine months, being stationed much of the time at Suffolk, Virginia. He and his family are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa.

Children:

- a. Mary Theodosia - b. 1874 - d. 1888
- b. Gertrude Rebecca - b. 1877 - d. 1909
- c. Joseph Bernard - b. Nov. 8, 1878 - d. Dec. 7, 1960; married Bessie Sadie Novak - b. Dec. 21, 1882 - d. Jan. 13, 1961. They lived in Oak Park, Illinois where he was in the banking business.

Children:

- (1) Elaine Freed - b. Aug. 5, 1908
married Stanley Henry Johnson

Children:

- (1a) Robert Stanley - married Elva Barabash;
they have two children: Jeanne and Louise

- (1b) Doris Elaine

- (2) Joseph Novak - b. Feb. 14, 1914; married Mar. 5, 1955 to Jean Ann Fisher - b. Feb. 23, 1927. He has had an outstanding career in education, business, and government service, and is now a management and administration specialist with his own business called Janus Enterprises. Born in Oak Park, Illinois, he now lives in Falls Church, Virginia.

His educational background comprises an A.A. from Morton Jr. College in 1933, B.S. degree from Washington University of Ill. in 1936, an M.A. from George Washington University in 1946, and an A.B.D. in administration from American University in 1973. He has been listed in the 16th edition of Marquis Who's Who in the South, and in which his accomplishments as outlined there include:

Wholesale representative for Armour & Co., Chicago, 1932-34; personnel classification analyst CSC, Washington, 1935-38; dir of organization U.S. Maritime Commission, 1938-46; dir. of personnel U.S. Naval Air Station, Oahu, Hawaii, 1939-40; dir. of administration, Office of Chief of Naval Operations and Office of the Sec. of the Navy, Washington, 1946-50; planning officer in Office of Administration, CAA, Washington, 1950-54; mobilization liaison officer, Executive Office of the President, Washington, 1954-59; director of management studies in FAA, Washington, 1959-69; coordinator of computer processing in the Dept. of Transportation, Washington, 1965-69; director of organization for the Executive Office of the President, 1966-68; was a member of the faculty of George Washington University in Washington from 1955-71, assoc prof of business and public administration, 1969-; was an assoc prof. at Central Michigan University, 1974-76; proprietor Janus Enterprises - consultants on management, Falls Church, Va., 1965-; dir. of manpower development program, Fairfax Community Action Program, 1977-; and served as a lieutenant commander in the USNR, 1942-46 and member of the Reserves, but is now retired. He is a member of these professional organizations: American Association of School Administrators; International Personnel Management Association; American Society for Public Administration; Society for Advancement Management; American Psychol. Association; American Association for Higher Education; American Educational Research Association; Academic Management; American Political Science Association; Beta Beta Tau; and Phi Delta Kappa; and is a member of the Toastmasters Club, of which he was president in 1950-51. He has authored the following material: Background and Success of Classification Analysts, 1950; The Executive Officer's Handbook, 1959; Selective Bibliography for Personnel Management, 1960; Conduct of Organization Programs, 1969; and has contributed to various professional journals.

Children:

- (2a) Joseph Novak, Jr. - b. Jan. 27, 1956
- (2b) John Dewitt - b. May 26, 1958
- (2c) Jean Ann - b. Mar. 8, 1962

d. Walter Israel - b. 1881 - d. 1881

I. Joseph G. - b. Oct. 22, 1840

married Apr. 17, 1884 to Julia K. Cramer

He served in the Civil War, being captured at the battle of Monocacy Junction on July 4, 1864, and was held a prisoner in both Libby and Danville Confederate prisons for a time. His army unit is not known. After the war he lived in Williamsport, Pa. where he was a wholesale and retail grocery merchant. There were two children: Bessie Rae and May.

J. Lydia Ann - b. Apr. 2, 1843 - d. July 6, 1904; married July 11, 1864 to John F. Johns - b. 1829 - d. Apr. 7, 1904. She was his second wife; they are buried at Salem United Methodist Church in Mount Pleasant township, Adams Co. - a few miles south of Route 30 between New Oxford and Gettysburg, Pa.

K. Elias "Eli" - b. Oct. 23, 1844

married Anna Crane; he was a 1st Lieutenant in the Union Army during the Civil War, and was severely wounded at Monocacy Junction on July 9, 1864. After the war he lived in Springfield, Ohio where he was a moulder by trade. They had one child: Anna Mabel.

L. David Jacob - b. ● 1846 - died young

M. Daniel Henry - b. 1849 - d. Nov. 24, 1913; married Mary Clawson.

He had left Adams Co. in 1866 when he was 17 and went to Lee Co., Illinois where he became a prosperous farmer. There were seven children, but the name of only one son is presently known - Benjamin. Around 1908 he had come to the Littlestown area for a family reunion.

4. Jacob - b. ● Dec. of 1797 - d. sometime between 1870 - 1880; married to a Sarah, Catharine, Ann M., and Mary A. He lived between Silver Run and Westminster, and was married four times but only the first names of his wives are presently known. A cooper and shoemaker by trade, he supposedly moved to Illinois about the time of the Civil War. If so, he returned here because he and his family were listed regularly in each census till 1880 when the family was still listed but he apparently was deceased.

Children:

- A. Caroline - b. 1828; married Nov. 24, 1846 to Joshua Sentz - b. 1827.
They farmed in the Silver Run area.

Children: (known)

- a. Israel D. - b. Aug. 9, 1847
 - b. Sarah Elizabeth - b. Oct. 22, 1848
 - c. Susanna - b. Jan. 31, 1850
- B. Maria Sibilla - b. Jan. 14, 1833; married Nov. 26, 1856 to George Ebert.
- C. Jacob Daniel - b. Aug. 13, 1834
- D. Anna - b. @ 1837; married Jan. 3, 1859 to Isaiah Sheets.
- E. Mary M - b. @ 1848
- F. Henry C. - b. @ 1850
- G. Susanna C. - b. Aug. 12, 1852 - d. Jan. 19, 1900; married Nov. 10, 1871 to Greenberry Null - b. Aug. 4, 1848 - d. Feb. 9, 1921.
She died of heart trouble; both buried at Silver Run.

Children:

- a. Harvey C. - married Flora M. Greenholtz
 - b. James Frank - married Emma K. Reaver
 - c. Howard E.
 - d. Murray E. - b. Oct. of 1881
 - e. Cora M. - b. Dec. of 1883 - married Milton Albert Reaver
 - f. Effie Jane - b. May 15, 1886 - d. Aug. 13, 1892
 - g. Mary E. - b. Dec. of 1888 - married Horace Myers
- H. Peter D. - b. @ 1852
- I. Ellen Elmira Sarah - b. @ 1853 - d. @ 1893; married Jan. 13, 1871 to Christopher Sheckles - b. @ 1850
- J. John - b. @ 1857
- K. Sophia - b. @ 1860
- L. Andrew A. - b. @ 1863; married Sept. 25, 1887 to Ella E. Stewart
- M. Rufus E. - b. @ 1864
5. Samuel - b. Feb. 10, 1799 - d. Mar. 27, 1883; married Sarah Salome Feeser - b. Oct. 25, 1796 - d. Nov. 7, 1850; then married Jan. 25, 1852 to Elizabeth Shuyler - b. 1813 - d. Sept. 6, 1883. He owned and operated three farms near Taneytown, Md., and served as the German Reformed trustee of St. Mary's Lutheran and Reformed Church at Silver Run from 1844-1849. His first wife is buried in the old cemetery at Silver Run; he and his second wife are buried in the new cemetery there.

Children:

- A. Eliza - b. Dec. 28, 1829 (T.S. = Sept. 28) - d. June 26, 1906; married Dec. 17, 1857 to Absalom Zepp - b. Aug. 4, 1837 - d. Jan. 4, 1907. They farmed near Pleasant Valley. Buried: Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Children:

- a. Ann "Annie" Mary Catharine - b. Jan. 24, 1861 (T.S. = Feb. 24) - d. Apr. 15, 1940; married Jan. 21, 1894 to George W. Starner - b. Feb. 22, 1863 - d. May 6, 1910. He was a cousin of hers (see p. 145) and they farmed near relatives of both in Pleasant Valley. George committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn. They are buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery. They were survived by 2 daughters: Ada Elizabeth (mar. Oliver Eckard) & Dorothy M. (mar. Daniel Willet).
- b. Sarah Jane - b. 1863 - d. Aug. 2, 1928; married Oct. 31, 1880 to George Albert Starner - b. 1861 - d. Mar. 14, 1945. They farmed, and for some years lived near Mayberry, then in later years in Pleasant Valley. Buried: Pleasant Valley Cemetery. They were survived by 2 children: Elsie C. (mar. Elmer J. Wantz) and Harvey T. (mar. Mary E. Wildasin).
- c. Theodore Stonesifer - b. Dec. 26, 1865 - d. Apr. 16, 1942; married Mary C. Wantz - b. June 22, 1859 - d. July 16, 1928. They farmed near Uniontown. Buried: Pleasant Valley Cemetery. They were survived by 5 children: Elmer W. (m. Pauline Musbaum), James S., Earl E. (m. Margaret E. Zendgraf, then Mattie M. Riley), Clarence A. (m. Rachel E. Devilbiss), and Ema (m. Newton Stair).
- d. Nathaniel David - b. Sept. 5, 1868 - d. Sept. 25, 1929; married Fannie Bell Wantz - b. Aug. 1, 1869 - d. Mar. 23, 1933. They farmed near Pleasant Valley. Buried: Pleasant Valley Cemetery. They had 1 son - Archie Henry who married Hilda May Powell.
- B. Lydia Ann - b. June 18, 1831; married Nov. 28, 1855 to Lewis Rouch.
- C. Salome - b. June 20, 1833
- D. Noah - b. Nov. 14, 1835 - d. Sept. 20, 1836.
- E. Anna Maria - b. Mar. 20, 1837 - d. Apr. 5, 1838.
- F. Mandilla "Amanda" - b. Feb. 16, 1839 - d. @ 1900 (?); married Sept. 13, 1855 to David Zepp - b. Jan. 29, 1835 - d. Apr. 18, 1913. They farmed near Westminster. In their later years they seem to have lived near Union Bridge. Buried: location presently unknown. He was also a carpenter.

Children:

- a. Sarah Catharine - b. Nov. 10, 1856; married Henry M. Snader; they lived in Baltimore, Md.
- b. Sterling - b. 1857
- c. Martha Ellen - b. Sept. 30, 1858; "Ella", as she was known, never married.
- d. William Henry - b. May 5, 1861; married Eliza J. Bowersox; they lived near Union Bridge, Md.
- e. Franklin "Frank" David - b. Oct. 2, 1863; married Fannie K. Hooker.
- f. Molly May & Minnie Belle - twins - b. Feb. 25, 1870 - d. Mar. 6, 1870.
- g. Alice V. - b. @ 1873; married Josiah H. Cover; lived in Baltimore.
- h. Eliza - date unknown; married Frank Zepp; lived near Taylorsville, Md.

- G. David - b. May 4, 1843 - d. Oct. 21, 1898; married Sevilla Marker - b. Feb. 1, 1848 - d. May 27, 1892. He was a wealthy farmer near Mayberry, Carroll Co., and lived on the old homestead which had been his Uncle Samuel's, and previously owned by Peter Stonesifer - one of the sons of our immigrant grandfather, John Daniel Stonesifer. David was considered to be a fine man by all who knew him, was a Democrat in politics, and was a member of St. Mary's German Reformed Church at Silver Run. He was killed in a gas accident at Hagerstown, Md. His wife, who was born near Wiest's Mill, died of cancer. Both are buried at Silver Run.

Children:

- a. Emma Jane - b. Jan. 29, 1870 - d. Feb. 5, 1949; married Dec. 21, 1892 to James Lewis Unger - b. Oct. 15, 1868 - d. Feb. 22, 1939. They were a well-known farming couple near Taneytown. Buried: Baust's Church near Tyrone.

Children:

- (1) Miriam B. - married Raymond Franklin Rodkey
- (2) Jesse D. - married Hester Roberts Heltibridle
- (3) Savilla R. - married Walter S. Keefer
- (4) William R. - lived in Burbank, California
- (5) Charles R. - married Helen Genevieve Eyer
- (6) Marguerite - married Leonard G. Wantz
- (7) Norman Samuel - married Irene Gist
- (8) Mary E. "Mae" - married Raymond L. Perry
- (9) Franklin S. - b. Apr. 29, 1910 - d. Oct. 24, 1944 in Italy - Pvt. 458th Engineers Depot Co. in W.W. II.

- b. Samuel E. - b. Dec. 13, 1874 - d. Jan. 12, 1877.

- c. William J. - b. May 28, 1882 - d. May 15, 1972. He had lived in Spokane, Washington. Buried: Silver Run.

- H. Sarah "Sallie" - b. © 1844; mar. Oct. 2, 1852 to William Stephen Hyle.

6. Adam - b. May 10, 1801 - d. Sept. 14, 1866; married Sarah Brown - b. © 1803 - d. © 1832; then married Mary Magdalena Little - b. © 1816. He was a miller by trade, working first in Carroll Co. and then in West Manheim twp. near Hanover. Their burial place is not know.

Children:

- A. Mary - b. Oct. 6, 1823 - apparently died in infancy.
- B. Matilda Catharine - b. July 8, 1831; married Lewis Rinehart; they are thought to have lived near Hanover.
- C. Belinda - b. Apr. 6, 1842 - d. Nov. 10, 1843. Buried: Jerusalem Church, in Bachman's Valley.
- D. Mary A. - b. © 1843; married Dec. 24, 1862 to Joshua Stansbury.

E. Jacob Henry - b. Mar. 21, 1845

F. Edward - b. 1850

7. Andrew - b. Oct. 19, 1802 - d. Dec. 28, 1892; married Margaret Magdalena "Molly" Reinecker - b. Jan. 22, 1806 - d. Feb. 15, 1891. He was a farmer for many years near Silver Run and then near Littlestown. They are buried at Silver Run in the first row on the left just inside the entrance to the new cemetery at St. Mary's Church.

Children:

- A. Samuel - b. Mar. 4, 1827 (T.S. = 1825) - d. Dec. 28, 1892; married Sept. 14, 1848 to Catharine Speck - b. 1830 - d. 1900. They lived at Union Mills, Md. where he was a cooper. They are buried at Moorhead Cemetery at Union Mills.

Children:

- a. Andrew - b. July 19, 1849 - d. Aug. 9, 1907; married May 18, 1873 to Elizabeth Jane Byers - b. Feb. 26, 1842 - d. Aug. 1, 1890; then married Nov. 15, 1891 to Emma Virginia Baughman (also spelled Bachman) - b. Nov. 26, 1863 - d. May 27, 1900; then married Sept. 22, 1901 to Ellen Lefever. He operated the old Gitt Mill on the Monocacy River near Emmitsburg, Md. for many years; died from cancer at the age of 58 years. His first wife is buried at Kriders Union Cemetery near Westminster. He and his second wife are buried at Sunrise Cemetery near Harney, Md.

Children:

- (1) Charles Edward - b. Nov. 29, 1874 - d. Aug. 19, 1956; married Mar. 15, 1896 to Mary Sophia Master - b. 1876 - d. Apr. 26, 1926; then married Apr. 8, 1928 to Clara Mae Schriver - b. 1882 - d. 1954. He lived in York where he was a letter carrier for the post office, was a member of Heidelberg Reformed Church, and had two children from his first marriage. He and both of his wives are buried in Greenmount Cemetery, York.

Children:

- (1a) Iva O. - b. 1903 - d. Apr. 2, 1932; married to _____ Liggett - lived in Phila.

- (1b) Esther L. - b. 1907 - d. Mar. 31, 1980; married May 31, 1927 to Harold E. Recker.

Children:

- (1ba) Mary Elizabeth
 (1bb) E. Lois - married Gilbert Lupp
 (1bc) Dorothy - married Joseph Furlough

- (2) Herbert Francis - b. Aug. 28, 1877 - d. Jan. 10, 1907.
He was the operator of a "soda pop factory" in Emmitsburg, Md. at the time of his death at 29 years of age from acute Bright's disease. Buried: Sunrise Cemetery at Harney, Md.
- (3) Effie Celeste - b. Feb. 13, 1879 - d. Sept. 5, 1959; married Jan. 16, 1891 to William Hockensmith who died Sept. 23, 1956 aged 82 years. They lived at Taneytown where he had been a farmer as well as a carpenter. They are buried at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in Taneytown, Md.

Children:

- (3a) Mrs. Loy Hess (Carrie B.)
(3b) Mrs. Walter (Vesta) Weybright

- (4) Harry Andrew - b. July 21, 1882 - d. July 21, 1955; married Dec. 24, 1901 to Lizzie Agnes Horner - b. 1882 - d. Oct. 20, 1961. He operated the 3rd Street Shoe Repair Shop for many years - and died on his birthday. They are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown, Pa.

Children:

- (4a) Paul P. - b. Aug. 19, 1904 - d. Sept. 27, 1962; married Oct. 14, 1922 to Anna O. Wentz - b. Sept. 4, 1905 - d. Oct. 6, 1971. He separated from his first wife and then married Naomi Wise of Hanover - b. 1906 - d. Feb. 17, 1975. He lived in Chicago where he was a cabinet maker. He had one child - a son Harry C. from his first marriage. He is buried with his parents at Mt. Carmel, Littlestown; his first wife is buried with her parents at Rest Haven in Hanover; the second wife is buried at Mt. Olivet in Hanover.

Children:

- (4aa) Harry Clinton - b. Dec. 9, 1922; married Mar. 25, 1944 to Ferne Charlotte Arentz - b. Sept. 9, 1921. He was a 1st Lieut. in W.W. II in the 168th Combat Engineers Battalion - was a German prisoner for a time near the end of the war; graduated from Dickinson College and its law school and is now an attorney in Hanover; past president of Hanover Lions Club; served as assistant district attorney of York Co. in the late 1960's.

Children:

- (4aaa) Jeffrey C. - b. Aug. 11, 1946; married Karen Ellis. He was born in Hanover, and is now a minister of the United Church of Christ; graduated from Catawba College in

N.C. in 1968, then from Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Andover, Mass., & received his Master of Theology degree from Boston University in May of 1971; was ordained June 20, 1971 in his home church - Grace U.C.C. in Hanover; he is interested in pastoral care & counseling; after serving in several places in Conn. he became pastor of Bethany U.C.C. in Phila.; at present he is pastor of the St. John's U.C.C. in Orwigsburg, Pa. He is married to Karen Ellis of Gainesville, Fla., & they have a foster daughter named Heidi and a son Jonathan.

(4aab) Randall S. - b. Oct. 8, 1948

(4aac) Michael A. - b. June 8, 1952; married Apr. 30, 1983 to Stephanie R. Konitz.

(4aad) Carol J. - b. Nov. 9, 1957; married Aug. 8, 1981 to Dana C. Bullock - d. Feb. 7, 1982, aged 25. He is buried in Mt. Olivet.

(4aae) Catherine E. "Cathy" - b. Mar. 26, 1959 - d. Feb. 21, 1960. Buried: Mt. Olivet

(4b) Roy P. - b. June 6, 1912 - d. Feb. 6, 1981; married on Jan. 30, 1932 to Mary Evelyn Swartz - b. Dec. 1, 1913. Born in Hanover, he was one of the founders of the Lyric Band there. A lifelong woodworker, he had been formerly a superintendent of Ethan Allen Furniture Co. of Beecher Falls, Vermont, and later of Leird's Manufacturing Co. of Little Rock, Arkansas; was a past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Buried: Roselawn Cemetery in Little Rock.

Children:

(4ba) Roy P., Jr. - b. Dec. 17, 1932; married on Nov. 23, 1957 to Jeanette J. Scarano - b. Oct. 18, 1934. He is a graduate of Gettysburg College with a B.A. degree; received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Penn State. His wife has a B.S. degree from Albany State College in New York. He is now Professor of History at the Edinboro State College, Pa.

Children:

(4baa) Anne Evelyn - b. June 25, 1961

(4bab) Susan Lee - b. Nov. 30, 1966

- (4bb) Mark Jeffrey - b. July 9, 1955; married Aug. 10, 1973 to Robin Ann Robson.

Children:

- (4bba) Laura - b. Feb. 5, 1974

- (4c) Ruth Elizabeth - b. Nov. 25, 1917; married Mar. 11, 1935 to Homer S. Wintrode - b. Jan. 31, 1915.

Children:

- (4ca) Delores Marie - b. July 30, 1935; married Harold E. Sheely.

- (4cb) Larry Kenwood - b. Sept. 13, 1945; married Nancy Matthias.

- (5) Mamerta Ann Jane (known as "Merta" and "Myrtle") - b. Nov. 25, 1885; married June 22, 1904 to John Q. Pfeiffer; then married Howard Miller. She lived in York, Pa.

- (6) Wade Earl - b. Oct. 28, 1892 - d. May 25, 1972; married Sept. 18, 1926 to Dorothy Anne Hempfling. Born in Littlestown, he had a distinguished career as a clergyman in the Episcopal Church and then as a teacher; graduated from both Gettysburg College and Gettysburg Seminary; attended Christ Church College and Mansfield College of Oxford University in England; was then ordained in the Episcopal Church as a deacon on June 19, 1923 and as a priest on Dec. 21, 1923 in Baltimore, Md. His ministry was served in a number of parishes in Brooklin and Long Island, N.Y., then in Clifton, N.J., and finally Baltimore, Md. He had also taught philosophy and public speaking at the University of Baltimore.

Children:

- (6a) Henry Wade - b. Apr. 18, 1934; married Oct. 4, 1958 to Joan Frech.

Children:

- (6aa) John Wade - b. Aug. 7, 1961
(6ab) Henry Wade, Jr. - b. Apr. 4, 1964
(6ac) Gail Lynn - b. June 18, 1968

- (7) Bertie Virginia - b. July 31, 1894; married Sept. 25, 1912 to Clarence M. Forney. Supposedly lived in the Taneytown area for some years.

- (8) Elmer Clayton - b. Feb. 28, 1896 - d. Aug. 6 (T.S. = July 20), 1929; married June 21, 1924 to Carrie M. Hoffman - b. Sept. 27, 1887 - d. May 26, 1928. They lived in Hagerstown, Md. where he was a shop foreman.
- (9) Ruth Elizabeth - b. May 13, 1897 - d. Sept. 6, 1897.
- (10) Walter Howard - b. Jan. 31, 1898 - deceased; married Sept. 17, 1917 to Carrie I. Shelton. They lived in Hagerstown, Md.; had children - names not known.
- (11) Ernest Mervin - b. Nov. 24, 1899 - d. Sept. 6, 1965; married May 3, 1923 to Retta Jane Myers - b. Nov. 16, 1898 - d. May 30, 1977. They farmed near Taneytown, Md.; spent their last years in Baltimore. Buried: Taneytown Reformed Church cemetery.
- b. Mary C. - b. Mar. 11, 1851 (T.S. = Feb. 13) - d. Feb. 28, 1852.
- c. Mary Ellen - b. 1852; married Dec. 16, 1875 to Ephraim Lytle.
- d. Samuel David - b. 1861 - d. July 29, 1937. He never married, lived near Westminster, Md., and is buried in Moorhead Cemetery at Union Mills without any marker.
- e. Frances Anna - b. 1863 - d. July 27, 1939; married Charles A. Erb - b. Apr. 10, 1858 - d. Mar. 1, 1902; then married to Edward J. Weaver. Her name was originally given as Lamanna Francesanna when young, and which she later made into the name of Frances Anna. She had two children - both sons from her 1st marriage. Buried: Moorhead Cemetery in Union Mills.
- Children:
- (1) Harvey E. - married Elva M. Ensor; lived in Manchester, Md. where he was proprietor of the Central Hotel & Restaurant.
- (2) Wilson
- f. Susanna - b. 1867 (T.S. = 1866) - d. May 15, 1937; married Josiah S. Erb - b. 1865 - d. 1942. Buried: Moorhead Cemetery.
- Children:
- (1) William E. - b. July 5, 1886 - d. Sept. 6, 1887.
- (2) Mabel A. - b. Jan. 21, 1891 - d. Feb. 26, 1950; married Seldon V. Taylor - b. Apr. 9, 1882 - d. Mar. 2, 1950. They had one daughter - Mary A. who married Bernard Dillman and lives in Littlestown. Buried: Silver Run.

- (3) Elmer I. - b. 1897 - d. Nov. 4, 1963; married May 2, 1915 to Susannah Jane Koontz. He lived at Westminster, R.D. 1, was a member of Centenary Methodist Church in Littlestown, had separated from his wife and never remarried; died in Springfield State Hospital at Sykesville, Md. He is buried in Moorhead Cemetery, Union Mills, Md.

Children:

- (3a) Helen - married Charles Myers
 (3b) Jessie - married George Bentzel
 (3c) Malcolm E. - married Loretta Hull
 (3d) Anna Mae - married John Albert McClain

g. Emma - b. 1870

- h. William Wilson - b. Mar. 28, 1873 - d. Apr. 5, 1882. He died of pneumonia, and was the first person buried in Moorhead Cemetery at Union Mills. Some years after the Civil War the church known as Moorhead Methodist Episcopal Church was established there, taking its name from a pastor who was instrumental in founding it. The church was taken down some years ago, but the cemetery remains, is maintained, and is occasionally used even today. A number of Stonesifer family descendants are buried there, a number of them without markers.

- B. William - b. Oct. 19, 1828 (T.S. - Oct. 17) - d. Sept. 27, 1907; married May 15, 1849 to Patience Shanabrook - b. Mar. 16, 1829 - d. Dec. 7, 1908. They lived a few miles east of Westminster in the area known as the Tannery where he worked mainly as a farm laborer. Buried: St. John's (Leister's) Lutheran Church cemetery.

Children:

- a. Sarah Elizabeth - b. Sept. 29, 1850 - d. Dec. 16, 1890; married Feb. 10, 1868 to Peter Sylvester Sies - b. June 20, 1844 - d. Aug. 20, 1938 - aged 94 years. They lived at Mexico, a few miles east of Westminster, where he was a blacksmith and also a wheelwright. Buried: St. John's (Leister's) Church cemetery.

Children: (order not known)

- (1) William Henry - b. July 19, 1868 - d. July 10, 1876.
 (2) Laura Elizabeth - b. Sept. 1, 1877 - d. Dec. 17, 1885.
 (3) Cora May - b. May 21, 1883 - d. Apr. 16, 1887.
 (4) Jessiah Franklin - b. Dec. 10, 1885 - d. Apr. 17, 1887.
 (5) Howard -
 (6) Lewis - married Cora Hape
 (7) Charles - married Bertha E. Low
 (8) Gertrude "Gertie" - married Jacob P. Green
 (9) Mary - married Ernest B. Dell

- b. Patience Agnes - b. June 1, 1853 - d. Feb. 28, 1940; married Josephus Bowman - b. Nov. 29, 1847 - d. June 28, 1916. They lived at Tannery where he was an employee of the butcher business there. Buried: Leister's Church cemetery.

Children:

- (1) Thomas D. - b. Sept. of 1875
- (2) Sarah M. - b. Dec. of 1878 - married McHenry Marshall
- (3) Josephus F. - b. Aug. of 1880
- (4) Elsie M. - b. Jan. of 1883 - married W.D. McClintock
- (5) William R. - b. Aug. of 1885 - married Sarah D. Morelock
- (6) Blanche K. - b. May of 1888 - married Hecker
- (7) Gerty A. - b. Feb. of 1891 - married L.M. Williams
- (8) Wesley C. - b. Nov. of 1893

Practically all of these children went to Baltimore where they married and apparently lived all their lives.

C. Ephraim - b. Mar. 26, 1831

- D. Josiah - b. Dec. 15, 1833 - d. Feb. 12, 1895; married Mar. 24, 1861 to Lydia Hilbert - b. Feb. 26, 1837 - d. Mar. 7, 1885; then married Oct. 23, 1886 to Margaret Ellen Baum - b. Jan. 27, 1838 - d. Jan. 31, 1907. He was a farmer near Littlestown, and died from yellow jaundice at the age of 61 years. Buried: Christ Church near Littlestown.

Children:

- a. Josephine Catharine - b. Nov. 4, 1862 - d. Aug. 14, 1887; married Dec. 24, 1882 to Alonza G. Koontz.
- b. Henry A. "Harry" - b. Oct. 15, 1872 - d. Sept. 15, 1950; married Dec. 16, 1894 to Lillie M. Raubenstine - b. June 8, 1872 - d. June 4, 1950. He was a blacksmith on the Westminster Road near Hanover for 55 years. They are buried at St. Bartholomew's Church cemetery southwest of Hanover.

Children:

- (1) Relda M. - married Apr. 3, 1921 to Herbert S. Myers.

E. Leah - b. Aug. 28, 1836 - d. Feb. 12, 1859.

- F. Matilda - b. May 29, 1839 - d. Feb. 24, 1920; married George T. Stonesifer - b. Mar. 1, 1845 - d. Mar. 15, 1918. They lived in the Bachman Valley area some miles southeast of Silver Run. He was a son of Daniel and Susanna Lippy Stonesifer and who was a son of Daniel Stonesifer - the 12th child of John Daniel, our immigrant grandfather. (See pages 139-140 for George T. also) Their descendants are listed on pages 140-143.

3. Mary Elizabeth - b. Apr. 25, 1842 - d. May 19, 1929; married Feb. 27, 1868 to Edward H. Stonesifer - b. Mar. 31, 1847 - d. May 26, 1900. He was a brother of George T. just mentioned in the preceding entry. Mary and Edward lived with her parents and helped to operate the family farm near Silver Run. They had no children. Buried: Silver Run.

H. Savannah - b. Aug. 9, 1845

I. Paul - b. Aug. 31, 1851 - died in infancy.

8. Eve - b. 1806 - d. Nov. 8, 1899; married Nov. 5, 1837 to Jacob Basehoar - b. Jan. 9, 1799 - d. Jan. 9, 1870. They farmed near Littlestown, and are buried at Christ Church. The Basehoar name is of French Huguenot ancestry.

Children:

- A. Mary - b. Nov. 5, 1839 - d. Mar. 16, 1921; married Amos Cump (also Kump) - b. Apr. 8, 1836 - d. Mar. 2, 1908. They lived near Littlestown where he was a brick & stone mason. A Union veteran of the Civil War (unit unknown) he died of pneumonia. Buried: Christ Church.

Children:

- a. Ellen E. - b. Nov. 15, 1862 - d. Apr. 3, 1909
- b. Charles H. - b. Mar. 21, 1864 - d. Apr. 2, 1864
- c. Raymond - b. Sept. 16, 1865 - d. May 26, 1944; married Annie Dehoff - b. 1871 - d. Oct. 25, 1950. He was a painter. Buried: Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown. Children: Mrs. T. Walter Allen, Miss Lorraine, Mrs. Paul E. Aumen, and John H.
- d. Clara L.H. - b. May 15, 1868 - d. Jan. 3, 1939; married to Gordon Henry Hess. She is buried at Christ Church near Littlestown, Pa.
- e. John Henry - b. Oct. 31, 1870 - apparently died young.
- f. Annie Louise - b. Nov. 11, 1871 - d. June 26, 1930; married to Charles Franklin Sheely - b. Oct. 13, 1852 - d. Mar. 20, 1908.
- g. Sarah J. - b. July 8, 1873 -
- h. Rufus - b. Dec. 8, 1875 - d. Aug. 27, 1959; married Emma J. Myers - b. Dec. 17, 1874 - d. Aug. 27, 1959. He was a painter as his brother. Buried: Mt. Carmel, Littlestown. They had a son, Nevin.
- i. Milton - b. 1878 - d. July 21, 1883
- j. Amos - b. July 25, 1881 - d. Apr. 12, 1907

- B. Daniel - b. Dec. 9, 1840 - d. Oct. 4, 1904; married Mary Sheely - b. 1845 - d. Jan. 13, 1927. Farmed near Littlestown, then moved to Hanover & lived at 234 W. Chestnut St. He served in the Civil War in Co. G, 209th Regt., Pa. Inf.; he died of a stomach hemorrhage. They are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Hanover.

Children:

- a. James W. - b. Oct. 11, 1866 - d. Feb. 4, 1871
- b. Joseph Henry - b. Jan. 24, 1868 - d. Feb. 1, 1871
- c. Amos D. - b. May 21, 1869 - d. Feb. 3, 1871
- d. Calvin Theodore - b. Nov. 16, 1870 - apparently died young
- e. Katie M. - b. Sept. 27, 1871 - d. Jan. 5, 1955; married to Nathaniel Sentz. Buried: Grace Lutheran Church, Two Taverns, Pa.
- f. Anna - married Graybill Dornbaugh; lived in Lancaster, Pa.
- g. Vertie S. - married Charles L. Hamme
- h. Charles L. - b. Feb. 9, 1883 - d. Nov. 5, 1906

- C. Elizabeth - b. May 16, 1842 - d. Feb. 19, 1923; married Levi Fisher - b. 1839 - d. Mar. 3, 1903. He served in the Civil War as a private in Co. E, Pa. Draft Militia. Buried: Christ Church near Littlestown.

Children:

- a. Emma M. - b. 1866; mar. Sylvanus M. Ports - lived at Walkersville, Md.
- b. Charles - b. 1868; mar. Annie Vertie Elizabeth Yealy
- c. Sarah Isabel - b. 1872; mar. Charles Grant Davis - lived in Cumberland, Md.
- d. Maurice (Morris) - b. 1874 - of near Westminster, Md.
- e. Emory E. - b. 1878 - mar. Mary J. Hofe
- f. Mary E. - b. Mar. 3, 1880 - d. May 19, 1882
- g. William H. - b. Feb. 3, 1883 - d. Feb. 22, 1883
- h. Elder - of Emmitsburg, Md.
- i. Howard - mar. Anna Grisby - lived in Charleston, West Va.

- D. Susanna - b. Apr. 4, 1844 - d. June 29, 1900; married Albert Smith - b. July 15, 1844 - d. Dec. 14, 1917. He worked in a grain mill in Mt. Joy twp. near Gettysburg. Buried: St. John's Lutheran Church just west of Littlestown.

9. Anna Mary Catharine - b. Dec. 28, 1810 - d. Feb. 18, 1891; married June 4, 1829 to George Little - b. 1796 - Buried: Bart's Church.

Children:

- A. Elizabeth - b. Sept. 23, 1829
- B. Rebecca - b. Aug. 23, 1832
- C. Jacob Henry - b. June 9, 1834
- D. George W. - b. 1838
- E. Peter Eli - b. June 10, 1843
- F. Malinda - b. May 17, 1845
- G. William C. - b. 1847
- H. Eliza - b. 1848
- I. Robert - b. 1849
- J. Anna Mary Jane - b. Oct. 16, 1850

10. Sophia - b. May 19, 1812 - d. Oct. 31, 1887; never married, lived with her brother Samuel, and is buried on his cemetery plot at Silver Run.

11. Elizabeth - b. 1816; never married, and is likely buried at Silver Run.

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VIII. LOUISE - b. 1771 - d. 1850-60; married @ 1796 to
Peter Weimert - b. 1766 - d. June of 1851.

He was born in Germany & came to America with his parents some years prior to the American Revolution. The Weimert family apparently settled in the Littlestown-Silver Run area in the 1790's. After marriage, Peter and Louise seem to have lived near Littlestown for a time, as in 1799 his name appears on a tax list for Germany twp., Adams Co. as being a maker of nails & having a tax assessment of \$52. For a time they lived near Silver Run, then moved to the Westminster area where they farmed. No markers can be found for them, but they likely are buried at Krider's Church near Westminster.

Children:

1. Barbara - b. @ 1798; married Frederick Kaltreiter. They had a son, Daniel, b. Mar. 31, 1818, who was baptized at St. Benjamin's (Krider's Reformed) Church on July 19, 1818 with Peter and Louise Weimert as sponsors.
2. Magdalena - b. @ 1800; married Wilhelm Bargesser. Their daughter, named Catharina, b. Nov. 12, 1820, was baptized Mar. 11, 1821 at St. Benjamin's (Krider's Lutheran) Church with Peter and Louise again as sponsors.
3. Elizabeth - b. 1803; married Samuel Young - b. 1798. They lived near Westminster where he was a shoemaker and farmer. They were both still living at the time of the 1870 census, had two known children, but their burial place is presently unknown.

Children:

- A. William - b. 1825 - still living in 1870 with his parents; incompetent.
- B. Leah Mary - b. Jan. 25, 1830 - d. Mar. 10, 1909; married Dec. 10, 1860 to John Stuller - b. Mar. 9, 1836 - d. Oct. 17, 1895. They lived in Pleasant Valley near his parents - Christian and Catharine Stuller. All four are buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Children:

- a. Edward J. - b. Feb. 28, 1861 (T.S. = 1866) - d. Nov. 17, 1948; married Oct. 16, 1883 to Annie Yingling - b. 1863 - d. 1885; then married Mar. 20, 1886 to Ella B. Kemper - b. Nov. 30, 1859 - d. Feb. 1, 1952. He was a carpenter and then a farmer near New Windsor; had 2 children: Ada Belle (m. Luther Stultz) and Mary V. (m. Charles V. Barnhart); and was a member of Winter's Lutheran Church near New Windsor, & is buried there.
- b. Samuel Young - b. Jan. 18, 1863 - d. Dec. 31, 1945; married to Sarah S. Kemper - b. July 15, 1867 - d. Mar. 13, 1908. Farmed near Winfield, had a son Herbert Stuart (m. Beulah Gruber), a daughter Emma (m. S. Benjamin Waddell), had 10 grandchildren, and died from pneumonia aged 82. His brother Edward d. aged 87. Buried: Krider's Church where he was a member of the Lutheran congregation.
- c. Mary V. - b. 1866; married Mar. 23, 1886 to John Shoemaker - b. 1863.

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- IX. ABRAHAM - b. Sept. 10, 1772 - d. Feb. 5, 1861; married Catharine Ross - b. 1768 - d. Dec. 17, 1832; then married Catharine Leppo - b. 1814 - d. Dec. 14, 1866.

He was a farmer near Silver Run, his property consisting of 102 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres that he had purchased from his parents on Apr. 20, 1805. The land was said to have been located near the Md.-Pa. line about three miles or so south of Littlestown. Twice married, he had twelve children - eight from his first wife and four from his second wife. He and both his wives are buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Silver Run. After his second wife died, her children and step-children had the following touching epitaph included on her tombstone :

"O Let us think of all she said
and all the kind advice she gave
and let us do it now she's gone
and sleeping in her lonely grave."

Children: (from his 1st wife)

1. Elizabeth Catharine - b. Dec. 8, 1793 - d. Feb. 20, 1873; married to John Bankert - b. Feb. 4, 1790 - d. Aug. 23, 1870. Lived near Uniontown.

Children: (presently known)

- A. Mary Elizabeth - b. Nov. 19, 1836

- 3676 2. Anna Mary Magdalena "Polly" - b. May 26, 1795 - d. Mar. 5, 1843; married Daniel Stonesifer - b. 1792 - d. 1876; he was a son of her uncle - John Stonesifer who was a brother of her father. (See page 51 for additional information about her, her husband, and their children)

Children:

- A. Augustus - b. Aug. 21, 1819 - d. @ 1900
married Salome Herr.

- B. William J. - b. 1821 - d. 1900
married Elizabeth Fried - b. 1819 - d. Mar. 15, 1886.

- C. Abraham James - b. May 17, 1823 - d. @ 1826.

- D. Jacob Henry - b. Feb. 9, 1827 - d. Sept. 30, 1903
married Eliza Ann King - b. Mar. 11, 1832 - d. July 9, 1906.

- E. Jessiah (also Josiah) - b. Apr. 22, 1829 - d. May 3, 1865 (?)
married Ann Brown.

- F. Cyrus David - b. Oct. 16, 1834 - d. 1896; married Jan. 12, 1859
to Anna Myers - b. Apr. 3, 1842 - d. May 5, 1869.

(See pages 51 through 59 for further data on these children)

3. Hannah - b. Sept. 16, 1799 - d. Oct. 5, 1877; married @ 1826 to John Feeser - b. Nov. 5, 1794 - d. Apr. 12, 1839; then married Oct. 26, 1843 to David Zuck - b. Aug. 17, 1791 - d. July 23, 1875. Known generally as "Ann" she and her first husband lived near Silver Run where they apparently farmed, had two sons, and were members of St. Mary's German Reformed Church there. The family name of Feeser had originally been spelled as Fieser in earlier years here. After her husband died she followed her brother, Thomas J. Stonesifer, to the White Hall area north of Littlestown a few miles where she kept house for a few years for a David Zuck whose wife had died in 1838. In 1843 she married him and became step-mother to his two sons and three daughters. One of her step-daughters, Catharine, married Abraham Tawney who became a successful mason and contractor who erected quite a number of buildings in Adams Co. - in Gettysburg itself this included the gas works, several churches, and Court House (dated 1859). David Zuck had driven freight wagons between this area and Pittsburgh in his younger days, and had also operated a hotel for a time "on the Pittsburgh Pike." In later years he had farmed some 48 acres of land near White Hall and also operated a general store in the area. Hannah and David are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Littlestown. Her first husband is buried at Silver Run.

Children: (by her first husband John Feeser)

A. Emanuel - b. Sept. 1, 1827 (T.S. = Oct. 2, 1827) - See also p. 101

B. Abraham James - b. Jan. 29, 1831

4. James J. - b. Dec. 17, 1801 - d. Sept. 14, 1849; married Rebecca Agnes Sheets - b. May 17, 1803 - d. June 14, 1883. They apparently farmed near Silver Run and were members of St. Mary's German Reformed Church there and in which their children were baptized. About 1847 the family moved to the White Hall area near Littlestown where his brother, Thomas, and sister, Hannah, were living, the area being in Mt. Pleasant twp., Adams Co., Pa. He died there about two years later of Bright's Disease, a disease which afflicted a number of Stonesifer family members through the years and in those days seems to have usually been fatal. On Nov. 15, 1855 his wife remarried - to Adam B. Wentz. James Stonesifer is buried in the old cemetery across the road from St. Luke's Church at White Hall. His wife, Rebecca, is buried at Christ Church near Littlestown under the name of Wentz.

Children:

- A. Uriah E. - b. Jan. 14, 1826 - d. May 28, 1875; married May 28, 1846 to Emily "Emma" Angel - b. 1823 - d. Nov. 6, 1896. They lived near Taneytown where he farmed and was also a cooper. About 1861 they moved to Union twp. near Littlestown where he continued to work as a cooper. (Census records tell us that his daughter Ellen was born in Md. but that his son Oliver was born in Pa.) Uriah and Emily are buried at Christ Church, but there are no markers for them. In the 1920's quite a number of tombstones were removed from one area of the cemetery by a thoughtless sexton, and their stones were among them.

Children:

- a. John A. - b. Sept. 1, 1846 - d. July 29, 1872.
- b. Abraham Augustus - b. Aug. 22, 1848 - d. Apr. 24, 1925; married Nov. 8, 1877 to Lucetta Elmira Waltman - b. Sept. 23, 1859 - d. Mar. 2, 1929. For some years he was a farmer, then he moved to York, Pa. where he was employed by the S. Morgan Smith Co. They had an adopted daughter, Naomi R., who was married Feb. 27, 1916 to David E. Engle and they lived at Lemoyne near Harrisburg, Pa. Abraham and Lucetta are buried in Greenmount Cemetery, York.
- c. William E. - b. 1851 - married Feb. 24, 1876 to Harriet M. Oliver
- d. Thomas - b. 1855
- e. Ellen - b. 1860 married Mar. 6, 1881 to George Rice
- f. Clarence Oliver N. - b. Apr. 2, 1862 - d. Aug. 29, 1920; married Dec. 15, 1887 to Anne "Annie" Catherine Myers - b. Sept. 2, 1867 - d. Jan. 3, 1960. He was born in Union twp. near Littlestown, Pa. and married a girl from Mt. Joy twp. which lies between Littlestown & Gettysburg. Their marriage application is recorded in the Court House in Gettysburg, and they were married by the minister of Redeemer's Reformed Church (now U.C.C.) in Littlestown. That church's records also mention that their daughter, Helen Edna, was baptized Apr. 18, 1892 and that she died shortly afterwards. About 1893 Clarence and Annie moved to Baltimore Co., Md. where they lived at various places in the area of Liberty Road till settling down in the town of Oella, Md. He worked variously as a stone mason, farmer, and mill worker. Their family had 17 children born into it - of which three died in infancy. This is the largest number of births to an individual Stonesifer family presently known. Clarence died of cancer at the age of 58. Annie lived to be 93. They are buried in the Good Shepherd Cemetery in Ellicott City, Md.

Children:

- (1) Elsie May - b. 1889 - d. 1956; married William Robertson, a carpenter; lived at Back River, Md.
- (2) Charles Oliver Daniel - b. 1890 - d. Apr. 9, 1973; married Fanny Lloyd who died, then married Freda Kruger; he had lived in Ellicott City, then moved to Catonsville, Md.; was employed by the Transit Authority.
- (3) Helen Edna - b. 1891 - d. 1892.
- (4) Annie Estella - b. 1893 - d. 1953; married Charles Foulk, a carpenter; lived in Essex, Md.
- (5) James Lewis Franklin - b. 1895 - d. 1974; married Emma - separated, then married Sarah; lived in Newark, N.J.
- (6) Howard Clinton - b. 1896; married Esther - deceased; worked as a machinist; lives in Howard Co., Md.
- (7) Ervin - b. 1898; married Eva Poe - deceased; worked as a salesman, and is now a retired minister of the Assembly of God Church; lives in Winchester, Va.

- (8) Ethel Blanch - b. 1899 - d. 1964; married John Baer; had lived in Ellicott City.
- (9) George Henry - b. 1900 - d. June 1, 1974; married Virginia; was a mill worker; lived in Catonsville, Md.
- (10) Emma - b. 1902 - d. 1902.
- (11) Romaine Catherine - b. 1903; married Ervin Miles, a carpenter, deceased, then married Moore - deceased; had lived in Skaggsville, Md. but now lives in Florida.
- (12) Clarence Walter - b. 1905 - d. 1938; married Sarah Ridgely; was a mill worker; lived in Ellicott City.
- (13) Liddia - b. 1907 - d. 1907.
- (14) John Myers - b. 1908; married Annie Gamber; they live in Catonsville, Md. where they have a painting business.
- (15) Ruth Elizabeth - b. 1908; married William Gillespie, a mechanic; they live in Baltimore Co., Md.
- (16) Edward Milton - b. 1911 - d. July 13, 1958; never married; he died of wounds received in W.W.II; buried in Good Shepherd Cemetery, Ellicott City, Md.
- (17) Lillian Marie - b. 1914; married Francis Ottess, a mail carrier - deceased; lives in Savage, Md.

g. Ida Emma - b. 1867 -
 married Oct. 23, 1899 to John W. Six (?) and separated Dec. 4, 1922; then married Dec. 8, 1922 to Charles Zachariah Ness. They lived in York, Pa.

B. Hanson Henry - b. Aug. 12, 1827 - d. Sept. 28, 1880; married Oct. 26, 1852 to Sevilla Shildt - b. Feb. 2, 1834 - d. Dec. 12, 1863; then he married Sept. 21, 1865 to Elizabeth Unger Willet (a young widow) - b. Nov. 19, 1835 - d. Mar. 21, 1924. Born near Silver Run, he became a farmer near Littlestown, Pa. and became a member of Christ Church - as were both his wives. Around 1878 he moved his family to the Fort Wayne area of Newton Co., Indiana where he also farmed. He was then suddenly stricken with rheumatism and palsy for about two months before he died. After his death his family returned to Pennsylvania and settled in York. His final illness was believed to have been caused by his service in the Civil War, in which he served as a Pvt., Co. G, 109th Pa. Vol. He is buried at Fort Wayne, Indiana; his first wife and four children are buried at Christ Church; and his second wife and other children are buried in Greenmount Cemetery, York, Pa.

Children:

a. Amelia - b. May 18, 1854

b. Mary Elizabeth - b. June 27, 1856

(One or both of these daughters may possibly be one of those daughters subsequently named. However, identification cannot positively be made at this time as to whether duplication in one or so cases has occurred. Presently it seems that all of the children named are their own identity. Thus the names are listed as found.)

- c. Emma Catharine - b. Jan. 1, 1859 - d. Dec. 26, 1859
- d. Ida Lilly - b. June 10, 1862 - d. Feb. 16, 1863
- e. Sevilla C. - b. Dec. 3, 1863 - d. Jan. 18, 1864
- f. Amos S. - b. Feb. 20, 1868 - d. Apr. 8, 1868
- g. Jacob H. - b. 1869 - d. Apr. 24, 1959; married June 3, 1890 to Sarah Ann Vaugh - b. 1868 - d. 1956. He farmed most of his life in West Manchester twp., York Co. in the area of St Paul's (Wolf's) Church - several miles east of Spring Grove. He then moved to York where he spent some fifteen years as an employee of Dentists Supply Co. there. Buried: Greenmount Cemetery, York.

Children: (order not known)

- (1) Laura G. - b. Nov. 19, 1885 - d. Apr. 12, 1888
- (2) Edna M. - married Martin Platts
- (3) Mary E. - married Stewart Buie
- (4) Paul H. - married Delores Livingston
- (5) James J. - b. Oct. 12, 1893 - d. May 29, 1958; married Oct. 28, 1911 to Mary E. Doll - b. May 3, 1891 - d. Aug. 26, 1966; he separated from her and then married Oct. 18, 1932 to Marie E. Tangert - b. May 23, 1894 - d. July 21, 1962. He was employed by the York Division of Borg-Warner Corp., was a driver for the Vigilant Fire Co. of York, and had one child - a son by his first wife. He and both his wives are buried in Greenmount Cemetery, York.

Children:

- (5a) Richard James - b. 1912 - d. 1964; married July 24, 1938 to Elsie Mae Miller - b. 1907
- (6) Wilson Henry - married June 4, 1927 to Myrtle Estella Lehigh.

- h. Ida M. - married Calvin Landis
- i. Henrietta - married Charles Wrantzell; then Ross H. Jacobs
- j. Herbert - b. July 19, 1871 - d. Mar. 24, 1904; married Sept. 17, 1889 to Lillian T. Zartman. He was a rather small man, but was strong and wiry, and he worked as a beer distributor employee in York. He died from pneumonia - being ill for five days, and is buried in Mt. Zion Church cemetery east of York. He had 1st been buried in Greenmount Cemetery, York. His wife later was remarried to a George Gingerich.

Children:

- (1) Royal Andrew - b. Nov. 4, 1889 - d. Mar. 2, 1958; married May 5, 1912 to Louise Agnes Peters - b. 1890 - d. Sept. 22, 1931; then married Nov. 29, 1947 to Carrie Alice Keller Frey. He was a sand drier at the Spring Garden Brick Co. of York for 50 years. Buried: Mt. Rose Cemetery, York.

Children:

- (1a) Rufus E. - married Elizabeth C.
 - (1b) Edith - married Donald J. Nugent
 - (1c) Mrs. Evelyn Smith
 - (1d) Mrs. Louise Ruth
 - (1e) Alverta M. - b. Aug. 31, 1912 - d. Apr. 16, 1929
 - (1f) Charles E. - d. Mar. 16, 1919
- (2) George W. - b. 1891 - d. Sept. 25, 1923; married Fairy E. Schrum. They had two children - George, Jr. and a girl whose name is not known. His nickname was "Skin", and he was a veteran of World War I - having been a private in Co. A, 112th Infantry, A.E.F. Buried: Mt. Zion Church Cemetery, a few miles north-east of York.
- (3) Charles Eugene - b. Nov. 21, 1892 - d. July 17, 1973; married to Leah Thomas - separated; then married Mar. 5, 1940 to Romaine Isabel Robinson. Nicknamed "Whitey"; he is buried in Mt. Rose Cemetery in east York.

Children: (1st marriage = 3a, 3b, 3c, - 2nd marriage = 3d, 3e)

- (3a) Eugene H. - married Isabel Heaps; then Evelyn Louise Grove
 - (3b) Lillian L. - married Robert E. Williams
 - (3c) Hazel Lorraine - married Dec. 30, 1939 to Richard Harry May
 - (3d) Marlene - married June 15, 1968 to Barry Charles Markel; then to Thomas Lauber
 - (3e) Michael Lee - married Aug. 8, 1970 to Beverly Patricia Poff
- (4) Ross J. - b. July 9, 1894 - married Mar. 10, 1917 to Beulah Becker - separated. When a young man he was in the army for several years, and served under General John J. Pershing on the Mexican border against Pancho Villa. Most of his life he worked for the York Safe Co., and he helped to install its products in many businesses throughout the region.
- (5) Mary Elizabeth - b. Dec. 15, 1897 - married Dec. 24, 1915 to Harry Roy Sipe of York - now deceased.

Children:

- (5a) Marian - married Chester Henry
 - (5b) Velma - never married - now deceased
 - (5c) Mazie - married Carroll Ehrhart
 - (5d) Marie - married Burton Heagy
 - (5e) Harry - married Gloria Ness
- k. Minnie - married William Blauser
- l. Katie - married Nov. 19, 1896 to Ross Henry Jacobs; then to Irvin Michaels; then to Harry Gilland.
- m. Anne E. - married May 17, 1900 to Marlet Coleman; then to Charles A. Kaufman; then to Thomas West.

- C. George W. - b. 1830 - d. June 7, 1907; married on Feb. 5, 1856 to Louise Graft - b. Mar. 25, 1829 - d. Apr. 3, 1912. They lived in Brushtown for many years, then in McSherrystown. He was a carpenter by trade & she was a seamstress. Buried: on their daughter's plot with no markers in the St. Mary's Cemetery of Annunciation Catholic Church in McSherrystown, Pa.

Children:

- a. Emma Jane - b. Mar. 24, 1857 - d. May 12, 1915; married on Oct. 1, 1878 to Francis X. Little - b. June 16, 1856 - d. Aug. 5, 1919. He was a brick & stone mason in McSherrystown. Buried: St. Mary's Cemetery.

Children:

- (1) Charles Joseph - b. Dec. 25, 1878 - d. Jan. 27, 1945; was married to Bessie Yohe. He had been employed as a fireman for the Keystone Wire Cloth firm of Hanover. Buried: St. Mary's Cemetery. They had 3 children: Charles H., Mrs. Earl Redding, and Mrs. Charles Fox.
- (2) Mary Catherine - b. Nov. 5, 1885 - d. Apr. 10, 1979; was married to J. Grover McKinney - b. 1884 - d. Jan. 4, 1959. They lived in McSherrystown where he was a cigarmaker. "Mamie" as she was called, died aged 93. Buried: St. Mary's Cemetery. They had 1 child - F. Hugh.

- D. Mary Mandilla - b. June 10, 1832 - d. Feb. 20, 1864; married on Sept. 18, 1855 to Jerome Heidler & they lived in McSherrystown. She is buried at Conewago Chapel. He remarried. They had 4 children: Mary Ellen - d. aged 7 years, Anna Jane - d. aged 4 years, Luke Henry - d. aged @ 9 mo., & Rebecca Catharine who lived.

- E. Charles Amos - b. Mar. 4, 1834 - d. Aug. 5, 1865; married Mar. 2, 1858 to Fannie Lewis - b. Mar. 18, 1835. Always called Amos, he worked at first near Littlestown as a farm hand, clerk, and teacher. Preferring city life, he went to Baltimore on Apr. 16, 1857 & became a clerk in a dry goods store. Amos and Fannie, who was originally from Ellicott Mills near Baltimore, were married in an Episcopal Church. At first they stayed at Amos' boarding house at 52 Liberty St. On Sept. 6, 1858 they moved to their own home at 64 George Street - for which Amos paid \$30 a month rent. On the day of his death, Amos and his brother, James H., were fishing near Baltimore. While eating lunch his rod was swept away. After retrieving it, Amos was returning to shore when he got cramps and, in spite of being an excellent swimmer - drowned. James tried desperately to rescue him but was unable to do so - nearly drowning also. Fannie, a graduate of Fatapsco Institute, later supported her family by teaching. Buried: somewhere in the Baltimore or Ellicott City area. Amos was only 31 when he died.

Children:

- a. Lillie - b. @ Nov. of 1858 - d. @ Sept. 10, 1859.
- b. James - b. 1860 - went to California as a young man.
- c. Charles Amos, Jr. - b. Dec. 15, 1861 - left Baltimore as a young man for St. Louis, then New Orleans or Galveston, & finally Nebraska.
- d. Francis Albert - b. Sept. 26, 1865 - d. Oct. 9, 1904; married Sarah Smith - b. @ 1870 - d. @ 1949. He is buried at Lazarus Church in Lineboro, Md. (was born 6 weeks after his father had died).

F. James H. - b. Jan. 7, 1836 - d. Aug. 29, 1910; married Nov. 18, 1858 to Leanna Shildt - b. Aug. 25, 1830 - d. Aug. 20, 1863; then married Louise E. Sipe - b. Jan. 15, 1843 - d. July 20, 1919. He did farm work and also was a pump maker. His first wife was from the Christ Church area near Littlestown, his second wife was originally from York. He died after an illness of some 9 months from dropsy. He served twice in the Civil War - first as a Corporal in Co. H, 165th Pa. Regt.; then as a Private in Co. G, 209th Pa. Infantry. It is most likely that he is the James Stonesifer who is mentioned in the History of Lancaster Co., Pa. by Ellis and Evans in 1883 as having been a prisoner of the Confederates for some time in 1864-65. His first wife is buried at Christ Church but no longer has any marker. He and his second wife are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover, but only he has a marker.

Children:

- a. Augustus Granville - b. May 25, 1859 - d. Oct. 16, 1913; married Lillie R. Ernst - b. Aug. 3, 1864 - d. May 25, 1929. Buried: Greenmount Cemetery, York, Pa.

Children:

- (1) James - b. 1881 - d. at birth
- (2) Laura Jenette - b. Nov. 19, 1885 - d. Apr. 12, 1888
- (3) Blanche A. - married July 15, 1913 to George H. Bentzel
- (4) Maude C. - married Robert Robertson, then married Lloyd W. Ort
- (5) Dora L. - married Ervin E. Lehr

- b. Samuel - b. 1867 ; married July 8, 1888 to Mary Hicks. They lived in Reading, Pa.

- c. James H. - b. 1868 - d. 1956; married Aug. 16, 1892 to Annie Rebecca Boose - b. Nov. 28, 1871 - d. Apr. 17, 1920; then married May 28, 1922 to Carrie Rife Pierson - b. May 17, 1850 - d. May 10, 1937. He lived midway between Littlestown and McSherrystown for many years, working as a farm hand. He and his first wife are buried at Christ Church; his second wife is buried at St. John's Lutheran Church, Abbottstown, Pa.

Children:

- 615 (1) Charles S. - b. Oct. 13, 1893 - d. Feb. 29, 1956; married Oct. 14, 1916 to Lillie M. Richard - b. Apr. 1, 1890 - d. Dec. 10, 1959. He worked for some years as a house painter, then for Sprenkle's Bakery of Hanover. Buried: Mt. Olivet, Hanover.

Children:

- (1a) Infant son - d. May 7, 1917 - at birth
- (1b) Marie C. - b. Sept. 9, 1920 - d. Dec. 16, 1920

- (1c) Charles Earl - b. Dec. 30, 1924 - d. June 12, 1974; married Mar. 2, 1946 to Mary Agnes Long. He was a private in the U.S. Army in W.W.II; later was a foreman at Tradition House furniture plant in Hanover.

Children:

- (1ca) Charlotte Elaine - married Donald Joseph Smith
 (1cb) Yvonne E. - married James M. Anderson
 (1cc) Warren Eugene - married Nov. 2, 1968 to Dorothy Elizabeth Wolf
 (1cd) Mary Ann - married Thomas Edward Miller
 (1ce) Camellia
 (1cf) Karen

- (2) George H. - b. 1896 - d. Jan. of 1897

- (3) Earl G. - b. Nov. of 1897 - d. Sept. 11, 1898

- (4) Basil L. - b. Oct. of 1898 - married May 6, 1922 to Neda I. Joseph - b. Dec. 9, 1899 - d. Oct. 8, 1972. They lived near York. Burial site is in Mt. Rose Cemetery, York.

Children:

- (4a) Vernell Levere - married Merle D. Finefrock
 (4b) William Henry - married Margaret Elenora Ahrens
 (4c) James Bernard - married Marian Lucille Lee
 (4d) John Edward - married Jane Maria Scianguila
 (4e) Juliet Mae - married Robert Donald Glassmoyer, then married Laverne L. Spangler
 (4f) Mary Jane - married Lloyd Zercher
 (4g) Donald L. - married Helen A. Crone
 (4h) Frances - married Hugh S. Wisolzky

- (5) Louise - b. Dec. 9, 1900 - d. May 14, 1932; married Apr. 19, 1919 to Ellis E. Staub. Buried: Mt. Olivet.

Children:

- (5a) Robert
 (5b) Madeline Marie - married Wilbur Edward Mays
 (5c) Anna Mae - married Fred L. Arentz
 (5d) Rodney Leroy - married Elaine Mae Shultz
 (5e) Richard Burnell - married Janet Nadine Markle
 (5f) Wilbur

- (6) Curtis J. - b. Sept. of 1902 - d. Feb. 26, 1903

- (7) Arelia C. - b. Dec. 22, 1903 married Dec. 25, 1920 to Cyrus M. Feeser - b. July 6, 1897 - d. May 21, 1965. They farmed between Hanover and Littlestown. Burial site: Mt. Olivet, Hanover.

Children: (order not known)

- (7a) Nadine C. - married Courtland E. "Pete" Shafer, then Millard Krebs, and finally "Bud" Long.
 - (7b) Mildred - died in young adulthood.
 - (7c) Cyrus M., Jr. - married Ethel T.
 - (7d) Aurelia - died young.
 - (7e) Dorothy C. (deceased) - married Russell E. Kehr.
 - (7f) Delores - married Joseph Long.
 - (7g) Kenneth C. - married Dorothy M. Locken?
 - (7h) Frederick - died young.
 - (7i) Carl D. - married Claire Ann Wildasin.
 - (7j) Larry - married; lives out of state.
 - (7k) Infant - died at birth.
- (8) John - b. 1905 - d. Apr. 11, 1906 - from pneumonia.
 - (9) Nellie Catharine - b. ● 1908 - married Roy Bradley, then Andrew Rodman and lives in Lancaster, Pa.
 - (10) James A. - b. 1910; married Edith Stief - lives in Lancaster.
 - (11) Clair - b. 1911 - d. Dec. 4, 1926. He was killed in a farm accident near Millersville, Lancaster Co. when he was crushed between a truck and a barn while helping to unload some hay.
 - (12) Carl - b. ● 1913; married Helen B. Nissley and lives in Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa.
 - (13) Donald Leroy - b. ● 1916; married Reba Mae Zeager and lives at Myerstown in Lancaster Co.
 - (14) Mary - b. ● 1918 - d. ● Sept. 9, 1920.
- d. Katie May - b. 1869 - d. Jan. 22, 1954; married Nov. 11, 1889 to Charles Francis Kemper - b. 1868 - d. Mar. 28, 1943. They lived at Menges Mills where he was a miller for some 45 years. He died from pneumonia. Buried: Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, Moulstown, Pa.

Children:

- (1) William J. - went to St. Louis, Missouri
 - (2) Ralph L. - married Mabel A. Moul
 - (3) Helen - married John S. Krape
 - (4) Naomi - married Robert Amspacher
 - (5) Catherine - married Alvin Jacobs
 - (6) Harry E. - married Maybella A. Shetter
 - (7) Blanche - married Victor St. Martin
 - (8) Stella - married William Yohe
 - (9) Mary - married Paul Diehl
 - (10) Charles, Jr. - married Evangeline Miriam Stough
- e. Charles William "Smoky" - b. Aug. 19, 1872 - d. Apr. 2, 1954; married Aug. 13, 1895 to Mary Agnes Hockensmith - b. Mar. 1, 1877 - d. June 11, 1911. They lived in McSherrystown where he was a cigar maker. Buried: Annunciation Catholic Church cemetery there, but they have no markers for them on their plot.

Children:

- (1) Blanche Catherine - b. Jan. 17, 1896 - d. Sept. 28, 1915. She died in the University of Pa. Hospital in Phila. from an operation for a brain tumor. Buried: with parents.

- (2) Hilda M. - b. May 29, 1898 - d. Oct. 10, 1982; mar. Feb. 18, 1919 to Augustus Snyder - b. Aug. 30, 1888 - d. July 8, 1941. He served in W.W. I in the 316th Inf. of the 79th Div. Buried: Annunciation Cemetery, McSherrystown, Pa.

Children:

- (2a) Marie C. - married Sterling Warehime
- (2b) Sister Beatrice V.
- (2c) Margaret M. - married Charles Mark Klinedinst
- (2d) Mary J. - married Todd Clark
- (2e) Dorothy E. - married Leroy Sheely
- (2f) Joyce A. - married James Henry
- (2g) Francis E. "Skip" - married Marian Fair

- (3) Florine Elizabeth - b. Aug. 31, 1900 - d. Dec. 16, 1982; married May 9, 1922 to Raymond Jacob Small - b. 1885 - d. 1951. Buried: Annunciation Cemetery. They had 1 son, Raymond Jacob Jr. - mar. Catherine Corcoran - separated.

- (4) Robert Joseph - b. Aug. 20, 1902 (Sept. also recorded); mar. Mar. 20, 1922 to Ruth Naomi Miller - b. Oct. 5, 1903.

Children:

- (4a) Mildred Elizabeth "Betty" - married Burnell H. Weaver.
- (4b) Robert Joseph Jr. - married Doris Miner, then Bobbie ; then Jean Shoemaker.

- (5) Samuel James - b. Oct. 10, 1904 - d. Nov. 28, 1981; married June 11, 1927 to Ada I. Hoke - separated; then married Mar. 16, 1967 to Dorla M. Brenneman Becker - b. 1932 - d. 1977. He was a naval veteran of W.W. II. Buried: in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Hanover, Pa. (served in U.S. Army also)

Children:

- (5a) Charles James - married Lois Simpson
- (5b) Arlus Yvonne - married Stuart Jonathan Alwine
- (5c) Constance Elaine "Connie" - married Richard William Fisher, Sr.
- (5d) Tamara Kay "Tammie" - dau. of Samuel & Dorla

- (6) Marguerite Victoria - b. Jan. 16, 1907 - d. Mar. 28, 1915; died from tuberculosis. Buried: Annunciation Cemetery.

- (7) Helena T. - b. July 15, 1909; married June 14, 1927 to Bernard Lawrence Neiderer - b. July 3, 1904 - d. Nov. 9, 1963. Buried: Annunciation Cemetery.

Children:

- (7a) Joan - married Louis Keepers
- (7b) Gloria Marie - married Pius Joseph Smith

f. John - b. July 20, 1873 - d. Aug. 6, 1873.

g. Elenora Jane - b. 1874; married May 30, 1893 to Lewis S. Culp.
They lived in Akron, Ohio.

h. Cecelia R. - b. 1877 - d. 1953; married July 4, 1911 to Guy L. Small - b. 1886 - d. 1962. He had worked as a laborer, box maker, and for Hanover Cordage. Buried: Mt. Olivet, Hanover.

G. Maria Ellen - b. Mar. 18, 1840 - d. Jan. 23, 1891; married Feb. 11, 1854 to William Unger - b. Nov. 1, 1838 - d. July 24, 1921. They farmed in Mt. Pleasant twp. near Littlestown, and were members of Christ Church near Littlestown. Buried: Christ Church cemetery.

Children:

- a. Rebecca C. - married Harry H. Flickinger
- b. Elmira J. - married in 1887 to William Strine
- c. Elmer F. - married Ethel
- d. Lillie May - married Jan. 21, 1892 to Henry Sheaffer
- e. Annie E. - married Jan. 28, 1894 to John A. Serff
- f. Charles W. - married Mar. 18, 1897 to Lillie Rohrbaugh
- g. Roy S. - married Apr. 15, 1909 to Emma C. Shaffer

H. Catharine "Kate" - b. Nov. 7, 1841 - d. May 12, 1927; married Nov. 29, 1868 to Frederick W. Yost - b. Feb. 7, 1827 - d. Jan. 22, 1909. She taught school in Adams Co. for a number of years, and was her husband's second wife. He was a farmer near Lineboro, Md., and was a veteran of the Spanish-American War. They had no children. She is buried in Greenmount Cemetery, York; he is buried with his first wife and a daughter at St. Lazarus Church in Lineboro, Md.

I. Francis Thomas - b. 1849 - died in infancy.

- 5. Sarah "Sally" - b. June 24, 1803 - d. May 24, 1888; married Jacob Willet - b. Aug. 10, 1802 - d. Feb. 11, 1852. They farmed near Silver Run; he was a member of the Lutheran congregation at St. Mary's Church there, and she was a member of the German Reformed congregation. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- A. Amanda F.C. - b. 1830
- B. Rebecca - b. 1831; married Dec. 24, 1852 to Jacob Wantz
- C. Abraham - b. Oct. 15, 1833; married Feb. 8, 1864 to Elizabeth Myers
- D. Caroline Elizabeth - b. July 23, 1836; married George W. Bowman
- E. Susanna - b. Apr. 9, 1841; married Sept. 3, 1861 to Jacob Lawyer
- F. Josephine Agnes - b. Mar. 8, 1848 - d. May 26, 1938; married to Thomas Kesselring - b. June 25, 1846. She died in Washington, D.C. at the age of 90 years, and is buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery. His burial place is not known.

6. Thomas J. - b. Dec. 17, 1807 - d. Dec. 15, 1877; married Anna Nancy Sherman - b. June 16, 1806 - d. Oct. 3, 1887. He farmed for some years near Silver Run, then @ 1840 relocated to the White Hall area of Mt. Pleasant twp. a few miles north of Littlestown. Here he farmed some 77 acres and generally had three horses and five cows. He also had a carriage for traveling purposes which was valued at forty dollars - a valuable piece of property for that day. Buried: Christ Church.

Children:

- A. Thomas H. - b. 1833
married Sept. 21, 1882 to Helen N. Hilbert
- B. Hiram - b. May 12, 1834 - d. Mar. 6, 1906. He was somewhat retarded and died on the home place from tuberculosis.
- C. Abraham John Calvin - b. Apr. 15, 1835
- D. Ann Medline - b. Nov. 6, 1836 - d. June 20, 1926; married Feb. 24, 1859 to Joseph Sheely - b. Mar. 19, 1835 - d. June 12, 1917. He was a farmer at White Hall near Littlestown; he also had a noted huckster route, and conducted a general store in that place; was widely known for buying turkeys. Sheely family tradition states that when the homestead farm was settled at White Hall there were Indians for neighbors, and down through the years spots were pointed out where wigwags had stood. Buried: St. Lukes Church at White Hall.

Children: (order not known)

- a. Sarah - married Henry Basehoar
 b. William Weikert - married Zulu Lerew
 c. George A. - married Emma Sterner
 d. Thomas J. - married Rosanna M. Schwartz
 e. Lizzie - married Herbert Treiber
 f. Harry A. - married Bertie V. Swartz
 g. Cora - married Samuel R. Bair
 h. Mary S. b. Jan. 15, 1872 - d. Feb. 25, 1953
 i. Laura - married Thomas Whalley and lived in Phila., Pa.
 j. Emory C. - married Katie M. Raffensperger

- E. Solomon Obediah - b. Feb. 9, 1838

- 6956 F. David - b. Feb. 23, 1841 - d. Sept. 18, 1915; married Jan. 16, 1866 to Sarah Ellen Kohler - b. Jan. 27, 1841 - d. Dec. 24, 1925. He was a butcher by trade - first in Littlestown and later in the New Oxford area; served eleven months in the Civil War in Co. C, 202 Pa. Vol. Buried: New Oxford Town Cemetery.

- G. Elizabeth - b. Jan. 22, 1844 - d. Mar. 12, 1912. She never married but lived on the home place of her father and operated it with the help of her brother, Hiram, who lived there with her. Both she and her brother are buried at Christ Church.

- H. Sarah Alverta "Jennie" - b. Apr. 18, 1849 - d. July 10, 1927; married Nov. 8, 1870 to Henry Albert Weikert - b. July 7, 1849 - d. Mar. 27, 1919. Both are entombed in the Mt. Olivet Mausoleum in Hanover.

Children:

- a. Robert Herbert S. - b. May 2, 1882
married Ella King
- b. Laura Bertha - b. Oct. 25, 1885
married Clarence P. Keefer
- c. Carrie A. - b. Apr. 14, 1889 - d. Oct. 3, 1889

7. Catharine - b. @ 1809
married Daniel Fried

Children:

- A. Anna Maria - b. Nov. 17, 1828
 - B. Barbara - b. Feb. 3, 1831
 - C. Elizabeth Catharine - b. Jan. 26, 1834
8. Sophia - b. 1812 - d. 1870-80; married Jacob Sheets - b. 1809 - d. 1880-90.
They lived somewhat north of Westminster in the area of Kriders Church of which they were members; he was a blacksmith. Although no markers have been found, they are likely buried at Kriders Church.

Children:

- A. Elias Jacob - b. Mar. 30, 1830
- B. David - b. Feb. 20, 1832
- C. Appolonia Catharine - b. June 22, 1836
- D. Henry Wilhelm - b. July 15, 1838
- E. Catharine - b. Sept. 17, 1840
- F. Albert Thomas - b. Oct. 20, 1842
- G. Abraham - b. Jan. 27, 1845
married Sept. 18, 1867 to Sally C. Yingling Holloway
- H. Wilson Zacharia - b. Apr. 9, 1847
- I. John - b. 1852

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9. Ann "Annie" M. - b. July 16, 1833 - d. Dec. 28, 1905; apparently first married to a David (?) Boose; then married to Samuel Kesselring - b. Nov. 5, 1820 - d. Feb. 8, 1903. They lived near Silver Run where she was his second wife. Buried: Silver Run.

Children: (A and B of first marriage, C of second marriage)

A. Martha V. - b. Mar. 20, 1866 - d. Jan. 15, 1869

B. Laura A.M. - b. Sept. 24, 1868 - d. Apr. 7, 1877

C. Milton Harvey - b. Jan. 12, 1876 - d. June 18, 1887

10. Abraham - b. June 9, 1839 - d. Feb. 15, 1896. Never married, he lived in the Silver Run area all his life, and died from pneumonia. At the time of his death it was said of him that he had lived a quiet and unobtrusive life, and "was generally much thought of" by all. Buried: Silver Run.

11. Albert - b. June 21, 1842 - d. Sept. 23, 1864. Buried: Silver Run.

12. Amelia Alice - b. Dec. 19, 1851 - d. Jan. 12, 1862. Buried: Silver Run.

This chapter has been about Abraham Stonesifer and his descendants. An interesting footnote can be added concerning one of his grandchildren. Abraham's will was probated Feb. 11, 1861 at the Court House in Westminster. Towards the end of the document he states that his grandson Augustus owed him \$20. and that the debt was discharged. However, the \$20. was to be considered the inheritance of the grandson and he forfeited any and all claims - as Augustus had disobeyed his wishes. It would be interesting to know what Augustus had done that caused his grandfather to be so angry with him.

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- X. ISAAC - b. 1776 - d. 1850-60; married to Sallie Routson - b. Feb. 10, 1781 - d. Aug. 29, 1858.

He had a small farm for many years between Silver Run and Mayberry in Carroll County. In his last years he apparently lost it all due to a drinking problem & was listed as a pauper. His wife was a granddaughter of Adam Conrad Routson (see pp. 26-27). Isaac probably died in the early 1850's as his wife spent her last years living with her daughter, Lydia Duttera, near Littlestown. He is likely buried at Silver Run although no marker can be found anywhere for him. Sarah, or "Sallie" as she was known, is buried near her daughter at Christ Church.

Children:

1. Lydia - b. July 3, 1803 - d. Mar. 12, 1889; married George Duttera - b. Aug. 16, 1784 - d. Dec. 24, 1862. She was the second wife of George, who farmed near Littlestown and had several children by his first wife; and whose family name came to Pennsylvania in 1683. He had been one of the committee who had charge of major building renovations to Christ Church in 1838. Both are buried at Christ Church.

Children:

- A. Harriet - b. Apr. 9, 1831 - d. Apr. 4, 1863; married Dec. 2, 1851 to Emanuel Feeser - b. Sept. 1, 1827 (T.S. = Oct. 2) - d. Apr. 15, 1914. They farmed near Littlestown, and he was a Union veteran of the Civil War. His mother was Hannah Stonesifer first married to John Feeser & then David Zuck (see p. 87). Buried: Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown.

Children:

- a. William Henry Andrew - b. 1854 - married Barbara E. Baughman
- b. Sarah Hannah Catharine - b. Feb. 21, 1855 - d. Apr. 19, 1937; mar. Benjamin J. Sentz - b. Aug. 26, 1850 - d. Dec. 12, 1925. They farmed near White Hall & had 10 children. Buried: Christ Church.
- c. Rolandis David Warren - b. 1856 - d. July 20, 1947; married to Nancy Shanabrook - b. Apr. 13, 1845 - d. Oct. 10, 1919. They are buried at Mt. Carmel, Littlestown. They had 2 children.
- d. John George - b. 1858; went to Columbus, Wisconsin
- e. Newton Adolphus - b. 1860; went to Laura, Illinois
- f. Ellen Virginia - b. Nov. 9, 1861 - d. Aug. 15, 1948; married to Henry W. Buddy - b. May 26, 1862 - d. Apr. 19, 1945. Buried: St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery in Littlestown. No children.

- B. Sarah - b. Sept. 5, 1833 - ; mar. Dec. 17, 1850 to Edward Long - b. 1825 - . They were members of Christ Church, farmed in Germany twp till the Civil War, after which time no trace can be found of them. Possibly like others, they moved to the west.

Children:

- a. Granville Augustus Sechler - b. Dec. 31, 1851
- b. Vianish Alverta - b. Dec. 29, 1853
- c. Sarah Lydia Elizabeth - b. Oct. 11, 1855
- d. Raymond Edward Newman - b. Dec. 27, 1858
- e. George William McClellan - b. Oct. 12, 1861

2. Catharine - b. Jan. 5, 1809 - d. Nov. 19, 1885; married Jan. 23, 1834 to Henry Shildt - b. May 2, 1810 - d. Nov. 27, 1887. They lived near Taneytown, Md. where he had a blacksmith shop and they were members of Trinity Lutheran Church there. Buried: Trinity Lutheran Church cemetery in Taneytown. Their tombstones are now so weathered that it is nearly impossible to read them. The family name is also spelled Schildt.

Children:

- A. William - b. July 20, 1835 - d. Mar. 3, 1904; married to Sophia - b. June 18, 1827 - d. Apr. 5, 1907.
He farmed near Taneytown. Buried: Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Children:

- a. James A. - b. 1865
- b. William Clayton - b. 1866
- c. Isaac Theodore - b. 1868

- B. Henry J. - b. 1838 -
married Nov. 7, 1864 to Mary A. Kiser - b. 1834 -
He was a blacksmith near Taneytown.

Children:

- a. Annie C. - b. 1867
- b. Thomas - b. 1871
- c. Marietta - b. 1874
- d. Sarah - b. 1877

- C. James - b. Jan. 4, 1839 -
married Dec. 28, 1870 to Margaret Ann Hockensmith - b. 1832 -
He was a blacksmith near Taneytown. They apparently had no children.

- D. David W. - b. Nov. 7, 1840 - d. May 27, 1922; married Dec. 15, 1867 to Elizabeth B. Jones - b. Mar. 1, 1848 - d. Dec. 20, 1938. Buried at Rocky Ridge Brethren Church near Woodsboro, Frederick Co., Md.

Children:

- a. Harry F. - b. 1868
- b. William - b. 1871
- c. James - b. 1872
- d. Charles - b. 1875
- e. Latimore - b. 1876
- f. Silas - b. 1879

- E. Susan E. - b. 1842 -
married Jan. 27, 1864 to Ignatius Linderer

- F. Sarah Ann - b. Nov. 1, 1844 - d. Oct. 9, 1915; married Mar. 15, 1870 to John T. Rock - b. Apr. 9, 1842 - d. Feb. 15, 1908. He was a teacher; a Union veteran of the Civil War. Buried: Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

- G. Amos - b. Nov. 4, 1846 - d. July 28, 1878.

- H. Catharine - b. July 26, 1849 - d. Oct. 27, 1861.

3. Rachel - b. @ 1810 - d. @ 1832?; married Jan. 26, 1829 to George Wentz. They lived near Westminster and were members of Krider's Lutheran Church. Indications are that she died two or three years after marriage. Their marriage is on record in the Court House in Frederick.

Children: (presently known)

A. George Washington - b. Nov. 26, 1829

4. Matilda - dates unknown

married Dec. 26, 1839 to Jesse Hann. For a few years after marriage they lived near Silver Run. Then they moved to the area of Baust's Church near Tyrone where some baptisms of their children are recorded. Their location in their late years is unknown.

Children:

A. Samuel Wesley - b. Jan. 12, 1844

B. Ephraim Benton - b. Oct. 6, 1849

C. Francis Lucas - b. Apr. 6, 1851

D. William Pierce - b. July 22, 1853

5. Maria - dates unknown, but apparently died @ 1857; married Nov. 10, 1840 to Samuel Hann - b. Aug. 10, 1814 - d. Nov. 6, 1907. After living in the area of Silver Run for a few years, they moved to the area of Catoctin Furnace in Frederick Co., Md. Then about the time of the Civil War the family moved to some place between Littlestown and Gettysburg in Adams Co., Pa. It was around this same time that Maria died, but it is not known if she died in the Catoctin area or in Adams Co. Maria and Samuel had five children as far as it is known. Her burial place is not known.

After Maria's death Samuel remarried and had a number of children by his second wife. Eventually he moved back to Carroll Co., settling in the Bachman Valley area, and where he was sexton of Jerusalem Church for some 23 years prior to his death. When he died at the age of 93 years the children from each of his two wives acted as two groups in putting an obituary about him in Westminster's paper - the Democratic Advocate. Samuel and his second wife are buried at Jerusalem Church.

Children:

A. Daniel F. - dates unknown - lived in Chanute, Kansas.

B. Joshua Levi - b. Jan. 15, 1847 - d. Feb. 21, 1932; married Dec. 17, 1872 to Susanna Sherman - b. May 17, 1852 - d. Jan. 5, 1940. They farmed about a mile or two just east of Two Taverns on what is known as the White Hall road. Two Taverns is located in Adams Co. about midway on the road between Littlestown and Gettysburg. They are buried at Grace Lutheran Church cemetery at Two Taverns.

Children:

- a. George L. - b. June 26, 1875 - d. Mar. 12, 1954; married to Lucy E. Harner - b. Dec. 13, 1883 - d. Jan. 7, 1970. They lived near Two Taverns, were members of St. John's Lutheran Church near Littlestown, and he worked at the Keystone Cabinet Co. in Littlestown. Buried: St. John's Lutheran Church cemetery.

Children:

- (1) Roy Levi - married Lucy Knight
 (2) Paul Ross - married Mary Ketterman

- C. Elizabeth Catharine "Lizzie" - b. 1850 - d. Feb. 13, 1930; married Jan. 17, 1871 to David P. Green - b. 1848 - d. @ 1903. They lived in the Westminster area where he worked as some kind of a mechanic. After his death she lived in Hanover from about 1905 until her own death. Buried: Mt. Union United Brethren Church in Carroll Co.

Children:

- a. Renna B. - married John A. Neuman. They lived in Hanover, had 3 children, and he worked for the Hanover Shoe Co. He developed personal problems over a marriage separation and union organization activities, and hanged himself in a shed behind his home at 217 Fair Ave. on Feb. 28, 1939, aged about 56. A member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hanover, he was buried in Mt. Olivet on his parents plot.

Children:

- (1) G. Russell
 (2) Mrs. Harman Dell (Margaret E.)
 (3) Miss Betty Jane

- b. David D.

- D. Franklin P. "Frank" - b. Nov. 9, 1854 - d. May 6, 1946; married Nov. 1, 1881 to Laura Colestock - b. Feb. of 1864 - d. June 26, 1949. Frank, as he was always called, was born near Catoctin Furnace, in Frederick Co., Md. and was brought here as a child when the family moved to the Littlestown area. He spent his entire life in that town and community. When he married Mrs. Hann the wedding was performed in the house on East King Street in Littlestown where she was born (her mother died when she was six months old), and in which house she continued to live after marriage till after her husband died. She then left it to live with her son in Chester, Pa.

Both were life-long members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Littlestown, were active in the various departments of the church, and both sang on the church choir. He first worked as a carpenter, then was employed for many years as a master mechanic by the Hanover Traction Co., and lastly he worked as a house painter.

When they celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on Nov. 1, 1938 one of the gifts they received was a case containing the famous "Heinz Fifty-seven" varieties from the Heinz Co. in Pittsburgh. At that time it was the custom of that company to seek out couples who were going to celebrate fifty-seven years of married life and present this gift to them. Frank died in his home in Littlestown at the age of 91; his wife, Laura, died at the home of her son in Chester at the age of 83. Both are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Littlestown, but they have no individual markers.

Children:

- a. Mary Elizabeth - b. Nov. 2, 1883 - d. Nov. 23, 1921. She was a teacher in the public schools of Union twp. and Littlestown for 12 years; was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Littlestown where she was a member of the choir, was a pianist and soprano soloist in the Sunday School there for many years; and was organist of St. John's Lutheran Church near Littlestown at the time of her death, which was caused by severe, intestinal complications. Buried: Mt. Carmel Cemetery.
- b. Ray Henry - b. Apr. 15, 1887 - d. Aug. 24, 1950; married Mary E. Ford - b. Nov. 21, 1891 - d. July 8, 1975. He went to Chester, Pa. to work around the time of W.W. I., married a local girl, and lived there the rest of his life. His wife was a well educated person who had a 30 year career in journalism which included staff work for the Phila. Evening Bulletin and Chester's own Daily Times. She was also well known for her social, civic, and charitable work in community affairs, and received numerous honors for it.

The couple had 3 daughters: Mary Elizabeth - b. @ 1931, and twins, Barbara and Bernadette, b. @ May of 1934. The family suffered a tragedy on Sunday, Sept. 2, 1934 while they were spending the weekend on the beach at Ocean City, Md. near the new Sinepauvent Inlet. Around 1 a.m. a gasoline stove Mrs. Hann was using to heat milk for the infant twins exploded and enveloped their tent in flames. Nearby tourists came to their aid, and the family was taken to Peninsula General Hospital at nearby Salisbury, Md. and treated for severe burns. However, one twin, Barbara, and the oldest girl, Mary Elizabeth, died from burns. The full story can be found on page 1 of the Hanover Evening Sun of Sept. 5, 1934.

Ray is buried in the family plot in Mt. Carmel, Littlestown. His wife and two deceased children are buried in St. Michael's Catholic Church cemetery in Chester where she was a member. They are survived by Bernadette "Bunny" who is married to Robert P. Sakers, and they live in Atlanta, Ga.

- E. John T. - b. Aug. of 1856 - deceased by 1932; married Ella - b. Dec. of 1863. They lived near Hanover for several years where he was a traveling drug salesman. In the 1890's they resettled in Baltimore. Known children: Bertha B. - b. Feb. of 1882 & Ada M. - b. Sept. of 1884.

6. Sarah - b. 1820 -

The youngest child of Isaac and Sallie Stonesifer, she lived at home with her parents till her father's death in the 1850's. No further information is presently known about her.

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- XI. CHRISTINA - b. @ 1778 - d. Feb. of 1849; married John Peter Bankert -
b. July 6, 1776 - d. @ Jan. 21, 1817.

They apparently farmed in the area of Union Mills in what is now Carroll County. She was the 11th child of John Daniel Stonesifer. He was the son of John Jacob Bankert, Jr., & the brother of Peter Bankert who married Christina's sister - Elizabeth. John Jacob Bankert, Jr., the father of John and Peter, died in 1824, and in his will which was probated in Frederick on Aug. 14, 1824 (& found in Will Book HS-3, page 348) he names John as his deceased son, and then names all of John's children - stating that they are to be among his heirs. Jacob, as he was usually known, then named all his other children, these being Jacob, Mathias, Peter, Ester Hinds, and Catharine - unmarried. As executors of his will he named his son, Peter, and his son-in-law, Patrick Hinds. The burial site of Christina and John is unknown, but was likely Silver Run or Krider's.

Christina Bankert died @ Feb. of 1849, but her estate was not finally settled till May 8, 1854 due to the Cases in Equity 59 & 61 - law suits which her brothers and sisters had instituted against her brother-in-law, Peter Bankert, regarding the manner he had settled John Daniel Stonesifer's estate of which he had been executor. An account of Christina's estate can be found in Westminster in Administration Book H-4, page 373. It was executed by her son, Isaac, and it names the same children as were mentioned in the will of Jacob Bankert (her father-in-law) as probated on Aug. 14, 1824. Christina's name is also found among the estate papers of her father, John Daniel Stonesifer - the estate papers which this writer discovered filed away in the Westminster Court House while he was researching the Cases in Equity 59 & 61.

This rather tedious explanation has been necessary because there were several John and John Peter Bankerts who were contemporary with Christina's John and his brother, Peter. This account thus gives proof of ancestral descent, and should be of value to descendants of the 9 children of John & Christina Bankert.

John and Peter Bankert's father was the son of John Jacob Bankert, Sr. (1714 - 1789) This first Jacob Bankert was the only son of our immigrant Bankert family (see pages 9-16). Eventually our first Jacob Bankert had a family of 6 sons & 6 daughters. The father of John and Peter was the oldest of the six sons. The first John Jacob Bankert's sister, Margaret Lenore, married John Yingling (see pages 5-8), and it was one of their daughters, named Maria Elizabeth, who married John Daniel Stonesifer, and who thus became Christina's mother. This background is mentioned because it shows how close and involved is our Stonesifer-Yingling-Bankert ancestry.

Children:

1. Isaac - b. Aug. 10, 1802 - d. Sept. 28, 1884; married Susanna Barbara Erb - b. Aug. of 1804 - d. Feb. 21, 1866; then married Dec. 14, 1869 to Magdalena King - b. @ 1814 - d. @ Mar. 29, 1880. He was a carpenter and farmer, and seems to have lived at first in the area of Union Mills, but later in life in the area of Pleasant Valley. On May 19, 1831 he purchased the home place of his grandfather, John Jacob Bankert, Jr. who had died in 1824. The transaction was part of the estate settlement being handled by the executor who was his uncle - Peter Bankert, and it can be found in

Frederick in Deed Book JS-36, page 207. In the write-up of the transaction it is mentioned that Peter Bankert (the executor) is the son of the late Jacob Bankert. Isaac, in turn, was later the executor of his mother's estate. He and his first wife are buried at Silver Run. His second wife, who was a widow when she married Isaac, is probably buried either at Silver Run or Krider's Church with her first husband.

Children:

- 439 A. Lydian (Lydia Ann) - b. June 2, 1828 (T.S. = June 4) d. Dec. 4, 1897; married Sept. 24, 1853 to Rufus H. Starner - b. May 31, 1831 - d. Jan. 8, 1901. They farmed near Westminster, had no children, and are buried at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren near Westminster. Her grandmother, Christina Stonesifer Bankert, and his grandfather, John Daniel Stonesifer, Jr., were brother and sister.
- B. Joseph - b. Oct. 27, 1830 - d. May 19, 1894; married Anna Mary Fieser - b. May 13, 1825 (T.S. = July 24) - d. Jan. 21, 1895. They lived near Union Mills where he was a shoemaker. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- a. Mary Magdalena - b. 1852 - still living in 1895.
- b. Theodore M. - b. July 4, 1858 - d. Sept. 30, 1912; married July 1, 1877 to Ellen L Smeak - b. Sept. 23, 1860 - d. Apr. 26, 1922. Farmed, belonged to Silver Run Reformed Church, & buried there.

Children:

- (1) Monroe S. - b. 1877 - d. July 17, 1938; married to Clara Rose Forney - b. 1875 - d. 1924. He was accidentally shot the day previous to his death by two young men who were target practicing. The incident occurred while he was exercising a horse at the home place of a friend on Penna. Ave., extended, in Westminster, Md. He died in the Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore. He and his wife had six children. Buried: Taneytown Lutheran cemetery.
 - (2) Anna A. - b. 1880 - d. 1967; married George E. Koutz - b. 1872 - d. 1928. Buried: Taneytown Reformed cemetery.
 - (3) Robert J. - b. July 19, 1883 - d. Sept. 5, 1883.
 - (4) Ourvin - lived in York, Pa.
 - (5) George - lived in Phila., Pa.
 - (6) Helen - married Cline - lived in New York.
 - (7) Howard J. - b. Aug. 26, 1901 - d. Nov. 11, 1914.
- C. Rachel - b. Mar. 27, 1833 - d. (?) ; had a son, Jesse, who was raised by her brother - Josiah Calvin. Lived with her sister - Susanna B.
- D. Beniah E. - b. Mar. 10, 1835 - d. May 18, 1919; married Sarah Reigle - b. Dec. 20, 1846 - d. Mar. 31, 1927. They had nine children, farmed near Melrose, Md., and are buried in the cemetery adjoining Jerusalem Church in Bachman's Valley.

Children:

- a. John W. - b. Nov. 13, 1866 - d. Mar. 28, 1892.

- b. Augustus G. - b. Mar. 17, 1868 (T.S. = 1871) - d. Apr. 18, 1946; married Edna Catherine "Kate" Lippy - b. Mar. 7, 1876 - d. Mar. 1, 1934. They lived in Hanover where he was a watch repairman for years. Buried: Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover, Pa.
 - c. Samuel U. - b. May 24, 1870 - d. June 9, 1943; married Cora Berwager - b. Jan. 27, 1880 - d. Oct. 15, 1962. They also lived in Hanover where he was a gunsmith. Buried: Mt. Olivet.
 - d. Milton - b. Jan. 17, 1872 - d. Oct. 10, 1961; married Sarah Jane Wentz - b. Apr. 18, 1876 - d. Dec. 8, 1917. Buried: John Luther Miller Memorial Cemetery in Bachman's Valley about a mile west of Jerusalem Lutheran Church.
 - e. William T. - b. Mar. 28, 1875 - d. Nov. 28, 1963; married Eva R. Kopp - b. Sept. 10, 1875 - d. Sept. 29, 1963. Buried: St. David's (Sherman's Church) Cemetery.
 - f. Emma Jane - b. Nov. 2, 1877 - d. Feb. 28, 1958; married John E. Roser - b. Jan. 1, 1874 - d. Aug. 1, 1950. They farmed near Melrose, Md. Buried: St. David's (Sherman's Church) Cemetery.
 - g. Clinton Garfield - b. June 25, 1880 - d. Apr. 26, 1962; married Della V. "Dellie" Myers. Buried: Miller Memorial Cemetery.
 - h. George - b. © 1883; went west and settled first in Seattle, Wash. and later lived in Colfax, California.
 - i. Chester Beniah - b. Oct. 9, 1886 - d. Mar. 28, 1892.
- E. Josiah Calvin - b. Oct. 27, 1839 (T.S. = 1837) - d. Apr. 23, 1915; married Mar. 11, 1869 to Elizabeth Myers, then on Mar. 4, 1890 to Eugenia Harner, then married Catherine V. - b. Jan. 16, 1852 - d. (no date on stone). He farmed near Westminster, raised Jesse Bankert - son of his sister, Rachel, and later lived retired in Westminster where he died. Buried with his 3rd wife at Silver Run.
- F. William H. - b. 1842 - d. Feb. 22, 1919; married Oct. 28, 1861 to Helen Jane Yingling - b. 1844 - d. 1909. Buried: Methodist Episcopal Cemetery in Uniontown adjoining the property & just south of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church there.
- Children:
- a. Sallie H. - b. © 1861 (T.S. = 1851) - d. 1923.
 - b. Lillie C. - married William C. Diehl, mar. 6-18-1884 in Hagerstown.
 - c. Jacob - went to live in Hagerstown, Md. (her name was Lydia)
- G. Susanna Barbara - b. Dec. 11, 1846 - d. Sept. 2, 1899; she never married, and is buried at Meadow Branch Church near Westminster.

- 2. Elizabeth Catharine - b. © 1803 - married James Long

Children: (presently known)

A. Edward - b. June 25, 1826

B. Wilhelm - b. May 6, 1827

C. Absalom - b. Jan. 3, 1830

D. Rebecca - b. Oct. 7, 1831

E. James - b. Jan. 6, 1833

3. James - b. Mar. of 1805 - d. Sept. 14, 1867; married to Sarah "Sally" Humbert - b. Apr. 18, 1805 - d. Aug. 20, 1864. They farmed in the Silver Run area. Buried: Silver Run.

A. Catharine Matilda - b. Apr. 12, 1830 -
married Nov. 21, 1850 to Jacob Shaffer

Children: (presently known)

a. Ellen Catharine - b. Jan. 1, 1857

B. Christianna - b. Apr. 12, 1830 (T.S. = Apr. 12, 1829) - d. Feb. 11, 1913; never married, she lived her last years with her twin sister, Catharine Matilda, who lived in Pleasant Valley. Christianna was found one morning dead on the floor while in the process of dressing for the day. Buried: Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

C. Uriah James - b. Jan. 21, 1832 - d. Feb. 3, 1912, married to Rebecca Catharine Cullings - b. July 5, 1836 - d. July 23, 1884; then married Sarah Rife Rudisill - b. Sept. 22, 1834 - d. Feb. 4, 1909. He was a shoemaker near Silver Run and then in Germany twp. in Adams Co. for many years, & finally in Hanover. His 1st wife was a daughter of Matilda Stonesifer who married Thomas Cullings. (See page 147). Uriah and his 1st wife are buried together in Mt. Olivet, Hanover. His 2nd wife is also buried there, but with her first husband.

Children:

a. Thomas Jefferson - b. Sept. 19, 1858 - d. Apr. 16, 1946; married Feb. 10, 1880 to Mary C. Mundorff - b. Oct. 28, 1857 - died Mar. 20, 1910; then married Louisa S. Cline - b. 1866 - d. 1955. Buried: Mt. Olivet.

Born near Union Mills in Carroll Co., Md., "Tommy" as he was often called, started a career in the field of public education that began in 1877 when he was 19 years old, and continued till his retirement from active life on June 30, 1929. His teaching career began with two years in Union twp. in Adams Co., then fourteen years at Mt. Pleasant and five years at Sand Hill - both schools being in Conewago twp., in Adams Co. The rest of his teaching years were spent at the Pennville school just west of the Hanover Boro line, and located on the Hanover-Littlestown road.

In Nov. of 1915 he was elected a school director for Hanover and served a six year term. In July of 1916 he was chosen secretary of the Hanover Public School Board, but he continued to teach until Nov. 1, 1923 when he was again chosen secretary of the school board. In that capacity he also served as truant officer and business manager - a post he held till June 30, 1929 when he retired.

For many years he had lived on Frederick Street not too distant from where he taught. Later he lived at 11 East Middle Street in Hanover - the home where his parents had lived. He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, was a teacher of the Men's Bible Class there for some years, and had one child, a son Charles M. from his first marriage. The picture of him that accompanied his obituary in the Hanover Evening Sun at the time of his death portrayed a very distinguished man who had led a very distinguished life. He was 87 when he died. Buried: Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Children:

(1) Charles M. - b. Oct. of 1882 - d. Sep. 18, 1950;
married Aug. 8, 1906 to Carmine E. Moore - b. 1885.
While living in Hanover he was a silk weaver. Some
years after marriage they moved to Carlisle, Pa.

b. Martha A. - b. 1861 - apparently died young.

c. Charles D. - b. Sept. 9, 1864 - d. Feb. 14, 1865.

d. Emma Sarah J. "Sallie" - b. 1869; married Jan. 7, 1883 to
Charles Grant Carl; they lived in York, Pa.

D. Sarah Ann - b. Sept. 21, 1833 - d. Dec. 23, 1913; married Nov. 1, 1850 to Josiah Koontz - b. May 7, 1827 - d. May 19, 1888. They lived at Union Mills and were members of St. Mary's Reformed Church in Silver Run. Always called Jesse, his name was sometimes written as Jessiah. He was a Union veteran of the Civil War, unit not known, but he was a member of Post 99, G.A.R. Sarah lived about 25 years after his death - her death being caused from cancer of the liver. Both are buried at Silver Run.

Children:

a. James Oliver - b. June 10, 1851 - apparently died young.

b. Sarah Jane - b. Apr. 14, 1853; married Nov. 2, 1874 to
Michael J. Myers and they farmed near Taneytown, Md.

c. George W. - b. May. 25, 1855 - d. Apr. 27, 1857.

- d. Robert Nelson - b. Jan. 27, 1857 (T.S. = 1858) - d. June 12, 1921; married Clara E. Wolfe - b. Mar. 26, 1860 - d. Feb. 26, 1932. They lived at Union Mills where he was in the milling business - operating the Jesse Myers grist mill near there for many years. He learned the trade by working in the Shriver Mill in his younger days. He was a Democrat, was twice elected as a Judge of Orphans Court in Carroll Co., and was a member of St. Mary's Reformed Church in Silver Run where he served as a member of the consistory. Buried: Silver Run.
- e. Jessiah C. Perry - b. Apr. 23, 1861 - d. Dec. 8, 1923; he was twice married - first to Mary I. - b. Feb. 27, 1856 - d. Dec. 26, 1888; then to Amanda J. - who survived him. As an adult he spelled his name as Josiah; was ordained in 1891 in Mechanicsburg, Pa. as a minister of the United Brethren Church; and for a period of some 36 years served numerous churches of that denomination in south central Pa. from Chambersburg in Franklin Co. to Yoe in York Co. and including Hanover and some churches in Carroll Co., one there being Bixler's in Bachman's Valley. A very well known person, he died suddenly in York a few hours after conducting the funeral for two persons who had been killed in a car-train accident. His first wife is buried at Silver Run; he is likely buried with his second wife in York.
- f. Mary E. - b. Oct. 12, 1862 - d. July 24, 1864.
- g. Orestus P. - probably born @ 1865; worked for a time in the early 1920's in a hardware store in Hanover, then is said to have moved to the Keymar, Md. area; m. Margaret M. Shorb.
- h. Cora Belle - b. Sept. 12, 1868 - d. Feb. 18, 1952; married George Granville Myers - b. Oct. 23, 1863 - d. May 22, 1926; then married Feb. 25 to a widower cousin - Harvey S. Morelock - b. Feb. 24, 1863 - d. May 7, 1929. Her first husband was a son of Henry and Mary Magdalena Stonesifer Myers, and was ill for several years prior to his death. She died in Littlestown at the home of Amidee K. Ecker, her nephew and son of her sister Kate Ecker. Buried: Silver Run.
- i. Ellen M. - b. Oct. 12, 1870 - d. Aug. 26, 1872.
- j. M. Kate - b. Feb. 16, 1874 - d. Aug. 8, 1938; married W. Bernard Ecker - b. Dec. 3, 1874 - d. June 27, 1955. They lived near Cora Belle at Union Mills where he was employed by the B.F. Shriver Canning Co. for 40 years. He died at the age of 80 while helping with the work on a nearby farm. Buried: Silver Run.
- E. Margaret Rebecca - b. Dec. 12, 1835 - d. Sept. 15, 1912; married Abraham Thomas Stonesifer - b. Feb. 1, 1834 - d. Apr. 17, 1863. She was always known as Rebecca. Her husband was a cousin - the son of Joseph Stonesifer who was the son of John Daniel Stonesifer, Jr., and Daniel, Jr. was the 12th child of John Daniel Stonesifer, Sr., our immigrant grandfather. For complete data on Rebecca's family see pages 167-170.

F. Julia Ann - b. Mar. 22, 1838 - d. Apr. 5, 1917; married Jan. 1, 1861 to David Crowl - b. Dec. 25, 1839 - d. Dec. 7, 1912. They lived at Cherrytown just east of Silver Run, had 8 children, and are buried at Silver Run. His middle initial was H.

Children:

- a. Allowies (Eloise?) - married Allen D. Feeser
- b. Milton J. - married Emma Stewart
- c. John W. - married Frances Elizabeth Flickinger
- d. Charles H. - married Emma P. Feeser
- e. Garfield D. - married Mary Anna Myers
- f. William H. - married Eva V. Flickinger
- g. Ida L. - married Joshua Stewart
- h. Emma - never married

G. Martha Jane - b. Sept. 11, 1840 -
married Jan. 7, 1865 to Samuel Baust - b. 1841
They had one child presently known - Robert Lee - b. 1866

H. Lydia Cordelia - b. Mar. 29, 1846 - d. June 21, 1918; married Nov. 10, 1870 to David H. Frock - b. Sept. 18, 1841 - d. Mar. 15, 1919. They lived in the area of Pleasant Valley, Md. He was a Civil War veteran, having served in Co. C, 6th Md. Regt.; his death was caused by dropsy. Buried: Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Children:

- a. Bessie J. - married A. Clayton Geiman
- b. Cora F. - married Edward J. Myers
- c. Jacob Thomas - married Fannie Myers
- d. Harry - married Linnie A. Kiser
- e. Katie M. - married Whitfield Frank Sullivan
- f. Flora B. - married George W. Grob

4. Rebecca - b. @ 1807 - d. 1841-50; married Peter Myers - b. 1793 - d. Feb. 23, 1859. They farmed in the Silver Run area, and he was also a carpenter. It was he who made the coffin for John Daniel Stonesifer's wife - Maria Elizabeth, and her estate papers tell us that he received \$ 9.00 for doing so. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- A. Rebecca - b. 1830; married Dec. 13, 1852 to Noah Yingling.
- B. Mary C. - b. 1833; married Dec. 16, 1861 to Jesse Engleman.
- C. Andrew L. - b. 1836; married Jan. 20, 1866 to Mandilla Myers.
- D. George R. - b. 1841; married Dec. 27, 1865 to Eliza Simpson.

5. David S. - b. Aug. 3, 1808 - d. July 10, 1873; married Rachel Zepp - b. Mar. 16, 1807 (T.S. = Feb. 16, 1808) - d. Feb. 28, 1850; then married Aug. 25, 1850 to Sarah A. Houghtman - b. June 10, 1824 - d. Apr. 29, 1897. He lived in Bachman's Valley and was a member of the German Reformed congregation of Jerusalem Church there. He and his first wife are buried in the church cemetery; his second wife is buried about a mile west in the John Luther Miller Memorial Cemetery. David's middle initial of S. stood for Stonesifer - as it was often the custom for sons to take as their middle name the maiden name of the mother. David's mother was Christina Stonesifer and she had married John Peter Bankert.

Children:

A. Mary Jane - b. @ 1844

B. William H. - b. Sept. 17, 1851 (T.S. = 1852) d. Aug. 31, 1855.

7211 C. Isaiah David - b. Feb. 6, 1853 (T.S. = 1852) - d. Apr. 24, 1916; married Dec. 25, 1878 to Sarah Ann "Annie" Stewart - b. Mar. 22, 1855 - d. July 25, 1919. Originally from Bachman's Valley, Md., they moved to Hanover and lived at 586 Baltimore St. He was a carpenter & also did general labor; died after suffering for 7 months from dropsy - to which he lost a leg. His final funeral rites were held in the Bittinger-Forney Memorial Chapel in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. His wife died @ 3 years later due to diabetes. The family were members of Trinity Reformed Church. Buried: in Mt. Olivet.

Children:

a. Gertrude C. - b. July 24, 1880 - d. Jan. 26, 1922; married Sept. 2, 1902 to Ellis W. Brian - b. May 19, 1876 - d. Jan. 5, 1938. They lived in York; she was a seamstress like her mother, he worked as a bartender for several prestigious city establishments that included the historic Washington House, Stack House, and Hotel Yorktowne. She died at their home at 150 South Duke St. from a paralytic stroke suffered on Jan. 21, 1922. He later moved to 166 West Market St. where he died from pneumonia. They had no children. Buried: Prospect Hill Cemetery in York.

b. Harvey J. - b. June 24, 1881 - d. Jan. 10, 1948; married on Dec. 24, 1901 to Mary L. Becker - b. Oct. 14, 1880 - d. Dec. 14, 1966. They lived in Hanover at 322 Spring Ave., were members of Trinity Reformed Church, and he was employed by the Hanover Shoe Co. for nearly 50 years. Buried: in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Hanover. They had four children: Sterling H. (m. Anna Welensiek), Earl L. (m. Emma L. Miller), Richard B. (m. Ruth M. Swartz), and Mary C. (m. Joseph B. Klunk).

c. Madaline - b. Aug. 4, 1884 - d. Dec. 8, 1931; married June 29, 1911 to Faber M.H. Garrett - b. Feb. 17, 1890 - d. June 21, 1944. They lived at 131 Jefferson Ave., York; she was a seamstress, he worked for the York Corp., and they were members of Heidelberg Reformed Church. She died about a week after an operation; he died from "a self-inflicted wound in the right temple." Buried: Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover. They had five children: George, Edgar, Burnell, Ethel, and Evelyn. At the time of his death he had been remarried for several years.

d. Horace P. - b. Mar. 9, 1888 - d. Aug. 4, 1951; married Annie E. Cratin of Union Mills, Md. on Christmas Day of 1909 in Westminster, Md. - by Rev. James B. Stonesifer, a cousin. They separated @ 1923 - she remarried to a man named Swope in Littlestown. He remarried some years later to Alice M.

Note: Annie Cratin remarried to Parker H. Swope. She died May 19, 1977 aged 88 & was buried at Silver Run. She had 2 sons - Ellis W. Bankert of Abingdon, Md. & Karl P. Bankert of Littlestown, Pa.

Busbey - b. Apr. 12, 1886 - d. Jan. 1, 1968. She was previously married to a Becker, then a Baker. He was one of the oldest employees of the Hanover Shoe Co., having started to work there at the age of 12, and continued for nearly 50 years - most of the time having been spent in the bottoming dept. . He had also been a member of Trinity Reformed Church, and had 2 sons by his 1st marriage - Karl P. (m. first to Helen Kroh who died, then m. to Hilda Bish) and Ellis. He is buried with his 2nd wife in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Hanover - having joined her church just before he died.

e. Elmer I. - b. Apr. 2, 1889 (T.S. = 1890) - d. Oct. 11, 1961; married Apr. 16, 1911 to Mabel Feesser - b. July 23, 1888. They farmed for some time in Bachman's Valley, then came to Hanover where they lived for years at 435 Baltimore St. Here he helped his cousin, Joseph F. Bankert, operate the Amoco Gas Station at the corner of Baltimore & Mt. Royal Ave. Buried: on his parents plot in Mt. Olivet, Hanover. They had three children: Stewart B. (married Miriam Gobrecht, then Ruth Yingling Reed), Mildred A. (married Bernard A. Spangler), and Henrietta M. (married Richard B. Palmer).

f. Esther Mae "Estey" - b. May of 1893 - d. @ Sept. 17, 1943; married @ Aug. 21, 1916 to John E. "Jack" Hart - separated. She was a seamstress, and after her mother's death went to live in Philadelphia, Pa. where she died, aged @ 50 years. She had one child, a son Robert. Buried: on Sept. 20, 1943 on her parents plot in Mt. Olivet, Hanover.

D. Elizabeth - b. Mar. 3, 1855 - d. Oct. 18, 1875. Buried: Jerusalem Church Cemetery, Bachman's Valley.

E. Eliza Ann - b. Feb. 10, 1857 - d. Jan. 3, 1927; married Mar. 2, 1876 to William Henry Everhart - b. Aug. 11, 1854 - d. Jan. 24, 1929. They farmed in Bachman's Valley; buried: Miller Mem. Cem.

F. Alfred Jonas - b. Feb. 19, 1859 - d. Dec. 3, 1936; married Feb. 27, 1883 to Elizabeth "Betty" C. Beggs - b. Oct. 4, 1860 - d. Apr. 7, 1909. He lived in Hanover for many years at 321 Abbottstown St. (now Broadway), and was employed as a wood worker. In his last years he worked at the Hanover Hotel. He died while on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Thomas H. Bankert (Edna Grace) who lived in Westminster, Md. Buried: Begg's Family Cemetery located near Westminster. "Betty" Beggs real name was Margaret.

Children:

a. Edna Grace - b. Dec. 9, 1883 - d. Feb. 20, 1980; married to Thomas Herbert "Bert" Bankert - b. Dec. 2, 1878 - d. Apr. 19, 1954. They lived in Westminster where he was a well known refrigeration engineer and also locomotive engineer for the Western Maryland Railway Co. Buried: Krider's Cemetery.

b. Wilmer D.B. - b. Mar. 9, 1885 - d. Aug. 28, 1885.

c. Walter H. - b. 1889 - d. Mar. 23, 1956 (T.S. = 1957); married Idamae Stahl - b. 1894 - d. July 31, 1969. They lived in Hanover where he had a printing shop and specialized in wallpaper. In late years he was also the chef at the Hanover Home Association center. They are buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Hanover, Pa.

G. John F. - b. @ 1863; went to live and work in Detroit.

H. Susan R. - b. Aug. 6, 1866 - d. Mar. 7, 1950; married Nov. 7, 1895 to Horatio T. Rhodes - b. July 26, 1870 - d. Dec. 19, 1952. They lived in Bachman's Valley where they farmed. In earlier years she was called Susanna. He died at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Seipp of 101 Penna. Ave. in Westminster, Md. from the results of a fall he had suffered while returning home from the election polls on Nov. 4, 1952. Buried: Krider's Cemetery.

6. Elias "Eli" - b. May 20, 1811 - d. Apr. 17, 1897; married to Madilda Yingling - b. Jan. 6, 1816 - d. Apr. 20, 1885. They farmed for a time in the Pleasant Valley area; later they lived at Mount Pleasant just south of Union Mills where he was a shoemaker. His brief obituary in the Democratic Advocate newspaper of Westminster at the time of his death stated that he was the last one surviving of his immediate family. He and Madilda are buried at Silver Run.

Children:

A. Frederick Lafayette - b. Oct. 17, 1837 - d. Apr. 19, 1909; married Julia Ann Koontz - b. Dec. 4, 1832 - d. Jan. 21, 1922. They farmed near Union Mills. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

a. George Nelson - b. June 5, 1870 - d. Apr. 17, 1954; married to Martha V. Dutterer - b. July 27, 1870 - d. Aug. 11, 1944. They lived at Silver Run and were life-long members of St. Mary's Reformed Church there, and where he served for many years as an elder on the church consistory. They were survived by six children. Buried: Silver Run.

b. Harvey Alvin - b. Aug. 1, 1872 - d. Sept. 22, 1955; married to Annie V. Dutterer - b. Sept. 3, 1879 - d. June 29, 1968. They lived in Silver Run and were survived by two children. Both he and his brother were aged @ 83 years at the time they died. Buried: Silver Run.

B. John Calvin - b. Apr. 14, 1839 - d. Apr. 4, 1886; married to Susan Burgoon - b. July 26, 1840 - d. Aug. 31, 1932. They lived near Westminster where he was employed as a carpenter. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- a. Calvin Elias - b. Oct. 12, 1872 - d. Mar. 5, 1963; married Dec. 29, 1898 to Mary M. Yingling - b. Apr. 9, 1874 - d. Nov. 13, 1952.

Born at Mt. Pleasant, Md., he lived most of his life in Union Mills where he was cashier of the Union Mills Savings Bank. When that bank became a branch of the Westminster Bank and Trust Co. he became a vice president. A life long member of St. Mary's Reformed Church in Silver Run, he served as the church treasurer for nearly fifty years, was a member of the Door-to-Virtue Lodge - 46, Free & Accepted Masons; and he and his wife had a family of 3 sons and 5 daughters. He died in his sleep at his home in Union Mills at the age of 90. Buried: Silver Run.

- b. Harvey Wilbur - b. Mar. 15, 1882 - d. June 2, 1932; married Feb. 1, 1900 to Bertha E. Blair (recorded in York, Pa. Court House); then married a Miss Floy Jacob some years later. About 1912 he went to Waynesburg, Ohio where he met his second wife. He was then employed by his father-in-law in the family hardware store there, & of which he soon was made the manager - at the age of 27. His wife and eight children survived him. Buried: Waynesburg Cemetery.

- c. William Henry - b. Mar. 17, 1841 - d. Apr. 15, 1918; married to Priscilla A. Sell - b. 1843 - d. May 16, 1911. They farmed near Silver Run. Buried: St. Mary's Cemetery in Silver Run.

Children:

- a. Anna C. - b. 1876 - d. 1930; married Dec. 13, 1894 to Richard H. Stewart - b. 1865 - d. 1941. Buried: Silver Run.
- b. W. Renia - b. July 7, 1880 - d. Apr. 17, 1963; married May 18, 1905 to Oliver Cornelius Sholl - b. Nov. 4, 1881 - d. June 21, 1969. He had been employed for some 25 years at Rosewood State Hospital, then became a self-employed gardener. They lived near Union Mills as did her sister and husband. Buried: Silver Run.

- d. Barbara Ann - b. Jan. 19, 1843

- e. Elizabeth Catharine - b. Nov. 3, 1844

- f. Urias Theodore - b. June 18, 1846 (T.S. = 1848) - d. Jan. 10, 1919; married June 13, 1871 to Annie M. Myers - b. Apr. 18, 1852 - d. July 17, 1871; then married Nov. 27, 1879 to Emma Catharine E. Bish - b. Aug. 29, 1858 - d. Dec. 4, 1928. Buried: his first wife is at Silver Run; he and his second wife are at Krider's Church.

Children:

- a. Latimer - b. Oct. 24, 1882 - d. July 29, 1967; married to Grace Lee Schaffer - b. Feb. 9, 1881 - d. Apr. 23, 1961; had two sons, lived near Westminster, and were members of Krider's Lutheran Church. Buried: Krider's Church.

- b. Ulman Ollie - b. Aug. 20, 1889 - d. June 14, 1972; married to Annie V. Brown - b. Nov. 12, 1885 - d. Feb. 16, 1951. They farmed in the Mount Pleasant area near Union Mills; were members of Krider's Lutheran Church; were survived by one son; and are buried at Krider's Cemetery on a large plot with his brother's family and their parents. He was 82 when he died, his brother was 85.

- G. Sarah Ann - b. Jan. 25, 1850 -
married Mar. 19, 1872 to Edgar A. Low

- 7822 H. Elias Frelinghuysen - b. Aug. 30, 1851 - d. June 22, 1910; married Jan. 10, 1876 to Frances A. Burgoon - b. Dec. 23, 1855 - d. Apr. 30, 1888; then married Oct. 3, 1895 to Mary Jane Sullivan - b. Dec. 21, 1868 - d. Feb. 5, 1946. He was a carpenter and lived near Union Mills. The Burgoon family, of which his 1st wife was a member, was a very old family of Union Mills, and numerous daughters down through the years married Bankert sons. His 2nd wife's mother had been born a Bankert. He had four known children - three with his first wife and one with his second wife. In his last years he lived in Hanover with his second wife and the daughter of that marriage, and in which place he died from the effects of tuberculosis. Elias and his first wife are buried at Silver Run. His second wife and their daughter are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover.

Children:

- a. J. Murray - b. Jan. 14, 1880 - d. Dec. 9, 1907.
- b. E. Oswald - b. Dec. 5, 1882 - d. Apr. 26, 1887.
- c. Mrs. Edward Englar - lived in Washington, D.C.
- d. Estella E. - b. Oct. 28, 1898 - d. Sept. 7, 1978. She was born in Baltimore, never married, was a graduate of the Joseph Price Memorial Nursing School in Phila., served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in World War II and attained the rank of Captain. After the war she was a nursing supervisor in the Hanover General Hospital; lived in retirement in Hanover until her death.
- I. Mary Ellen - b. Apr. 9, 1853 - d. June 30, 1928; married Nov. 6, 1876 to John E. Bachman; then married Sept. 29, 1889 to George D. Humbert. She lived in the Union Mills area, had two children by her first husband, and is buried with the children in Silver Run. Her two husbands burial sites are presently unknown. Poor writing in courthouse records and badly worn tombstone inscriptions may account for possible errors in date of marriage or the birth dates of the children. Her death was caused from stomach cancer.

Children:

- a. Gertie M. - b. July 20, 1881 - d. Apr. 5, 1910.

b. Franklin Tobias - b. May 25, 1876 (T.S. = 1875) - d. Apr. 29, 1939; married Ellen C. Jones - b. Dec. 29, 1876 - d. Dec. 27, 1906; then married Nov. 22, 1910 to Sarah C. Richell - b. 1873. For many years he was a police officer in Westminster, Md. He then moved to Frederick where he was employed as a patrolman and sub-station operator for the Potomac-Edison Co. for 17 years. He had three daughters from his first marriage, and a son and daughter from his second marriage. In his obituary the name of his second wife is given as Sarah Lamberd. This may have been her maiden name as the marriage records in Westminster indicate that she was a widow. He is buried at Silver Run with his first wife. The burial place of his second wife is not known.

J. Nelson Dennis - b. Aug. 13, 1857 (T.S. = 1858) - d. Sept. 16, 1931; married Laura J. Bowman - b. June 8, 1861 - d. Dec. 1, 1929. Born in Mount Pleasant in Carroll Co., Md., he lived in Hanover for over forty years at 256 Locust Street, and was employed by the J.H. Rohrbaugh Construction Co. as a carpenter. He was well thought of and widely known, having been a charter member of the Eagle Fire Company and having served for a time as its president. He also served for several terms as Judge of Elections for the First Ward of Hanover (a position he held at the time of his death); and he and his family were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church on York Street. His death occurred around 2 a.m. of the morning of Sept. 16 at the Y.M.C.A. on York St. while assisting in counting the votes from a just held state Primary election. Death was attributed to cerebral apoplexy. As he was a member of the State Firemens Association his demise received considerable attention. He and his wife are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Hanover.

Children:

- a. Milo G. - b. 1887 - d. Feb. 17, 1962; married Sept. 11, 1910 to Amelia G. Treiber - b. 1887 - d. June 6, 1957. They lived at 122 York Street in Hanover where he conducted an antiques business and operated a barbershop for 48 years. They had one child - a daughter Kathalene, and she continued the antiques business for some years; has never married. Milo and his wife were members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Buried: on plot with his parents in Mt. Olivet.
- b. Eva Grace - b. Aug. 25, 1890 - d. Jan. 27, 1969; was in ill health much of her life and never married. Buried: family plot in Mt. Olivet.
- c. Elizabeth L. - b. Aug. of 1893; married Oct. 17, 1914 to Allen Newman - b. 1890; they lived in Hagerstown, Md.
- d. Maude E. - b. Feb. 22, 1902 - d. Dec. 14, 1931; married Oct. 22, 1930 to John Robert Fleming - b. 1896. She was a secretary-stenographer and he a civil engineer; they were married in Valley Forge Chapel; when she died at the age of 29 they had an infant daughter - Joan Elizabeth. Maude is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

7. Owen - b. July 11, 1813 - d. May 29, 1883; married to Mary Ann Byers - b. @ 1814 - she survived him. They lived near Westminster and he worked as a carpenter. Buried: Krider's Cemetery - he has a marker but none can be found for her.

Children:

- A. Mosheim - b. Apr. 4, 1832 - d. Sept. 18, 1915; married June 1, 1850 to Catharine Duttera (also spelled Dutterer) - b. May 14, 1833 - d. Aug. 6, 1918. They lived in Hanover for many years at 410 Franklin St.; he was employed as a pattern maker by the Fitz Water Wheel Works; had 10 children; and were members of Emmanuel Reformed Church. He was suddenly taken ill while he and his wife were paying a visit to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Devilbiss of Ocean View, Virginia, and died in the Protestant Hospital in Norfolk, Va. He and his wife are buried in Mt. Olivet, Hanover.

Children:

- a. Granville Owen - b. Mar. 11, 1855; married Mary S. Miller and they lived in Carlisle, Pa.
- b. David H. - b. June 14, 1856 -
was married and lived in Waynesboro, Pa.
- c. Olydia Annet - b. Jan. 16, 1858 - d. July 3, 1863.
- d. Mosheim Stiner (Sterner is meant) - b. Apr. 24, 1860 -
d. Aug. 6, 1863. He and his sister Olydia are buried at Krider's Church.
- e. Malinda - b. @ 1862; married James E. Devilbiss and lived in Ocean View, Va.
- f. John Hoffmier - b. @ 1866 - d. Jan. 2, 1946; married to Mary S. Stephen. He lived in Hanover most of his life where he was a painter and finisher for the Long Furniture Co. About a year before he died a stroke rendered him blind and speechless. He was the only one of his family to stay in the Hanover area as all of his brothers and sisters were widely scattered. Buried: Mt. Olivet Cemetery.
- g. Mary C. - b. @ 1867
- h. Clarissa - b. Nov. of 1869; married _____ Berry and lived in Baltimore. She was the last surviving member of the family according to the obituary of her brother John.
- i. George E. - b. @ 1871 - lived in Washington, D.C.
- j. Truman C. - b. @ 1873 - lived in Rochester, N.Y.

- B. Mary Jane - b. Nov. 26, 1833 - d. Apr. 10, 1923; married Nov. 30, 1851 to Emanuel G. Fuhrman - b. Aug. 7, 1828 - d. Oct. 14, 1894. He farmed near Silver Run and then later near Hanover, and had a huckster route throughout the area selling farm produce. They are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover. On his tombstone under his name is carved a phrase containing his last words: "Remember me, my wife and children and grandchildren."

Children:

- a. Eleanor - b. June 17, 1852 - d. Jan. 1, 1934; married to John H. Shue - b. 1857 - d. Feb. 26, 1933. They had no children; are buried with her parents in Mt. Olivet.
- b. John Theodore - b. May 26, 1857 - d. Apr. 3, 1923; married Ellen E. Wildasin - b. May 15, 1861 - d. Feb. 26, 1881; then married her sister - Amanda J. Wildasin - b. Apr. 20, 1863 - d. Mar. 11, 1909. He was a farmer near Hanover and had four sons. He and both his wives are buried at Christ Reformed Church near Littlestown, Pa.
- C. Samuel Valentine - b. 1839 - d. @ Aug. 8, 1893; married June 5, 1871 to Emma Henry - b. 1850 - still living in 1903. They had one child - name unknown. Buried: probably at Krider's Church.
- D. Charlotte Ann - b. Feb. 15, 1842 - d. Jan. 1, 1920; married Aug. 19, 1862 to Josephus Bankert - b. Dec. 12, 1841 (T.S. = Dec. 16) - d. Oct. 10, 1906. They farmed near Westminster and are buried at Krider's Church.

Children:

- a. Clara Ann "Leanna" - b. July 12, 1863; married Levi H. Myers.
- b. Mary Jane - b. Dec. 24, 1864; apparently never married, and seems to have been known as "Kitty."
- c. Ann Elizabeth - b. @ 1867; married Amos A. Smelser.
- d. Sarah Ellen - b. @ 1869; married John T. Louey.
- E. John - b. Oct. 15, 1845 - d. Jan. 27, 1846.

- 5096 F. David Owen - b. Mar. 17, 1848 - d. Nov. 4, 1926; married May 2, 1867 to Hannah Elizabeth Routson - b. Aug. 3, 1847 - d. Aug. 5, 1916. They lived at New Windsor, Md. where he was a painter and cabinet maker. They had five children. Buried: Winter's Church (St. Luke's Lutheran) about two miles west of New Windsor.

Children:

- a. Harvey O. - b. 1867 - d. June 17, 1936; married Jan. 24, 1894 to Mamie V. Sheets - b. 1874 - d. 1951. He lived in Westminster where for 36 years he was one of the best known and most popular morticians in Carroll County. His death

occurred near Littlestown when he and his son, James, were returning home late at night from an undertakers convention in Harrisburg, Pa. and the car ran off the road and struck a tree. The couple had six children, one being David who was also a mortician for many years. Buried: Krider's Church.

b. Harry - b. 1869 - d. Feb. 9, 1871.

c. Charles Baile - b. Dec. 20, 1877 - d. Apr. 12, 1946; married Apr. 30, 1902 to Georgia L. Zepp - b. Mar. 19, 1879 - d. Jan. 3, 1947. They lived at New Windsor where he was a painter by trade; had also worked for many years for the B.F. Shriver Canning Co. Buried: New Windsor Presbyterian Church cemetery. They had only one child as far as can be presently determined - a daughter.

d. Lona M. - b. @ 1886
was first married to a Hitselberger but separated, then married Oct. 21, 1919 to Bernard Hayden Michael; lived in Westminster.

e. Sterling Monroe - dates unknown - lived in Baltimore.

G. Franklin N. - b. 1855 (T.S. = 1857) - d. May 15, 1930; married to Elizabeth Eliza "Ella" Stewart - b. May 11, 1855 (T.S. = 1857) - d. Apr. 10, 1941. They were both born in Union Mills and he farmed in that area for many years. They then moved to Hanover where he was employed as a brick and stone mason for many years by the J.H. Rohrbaugh Construction Co. - the same firm for which his cousin Nelson D. Bankert worked. Frank, as he was known, and his wife lived at 524 Baltimore St. in Hanover - the residence where she continued to live till her death for a total span of 51 years. They had one child, and were members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hanover. Buried: St. John's Catholic Church cemetery in Westminster, Md.

Children:

a. Joseph B. - b. 1883 - d. Mar. 28, 1958; married on Feb. 10, 1909 to Effie C. Busbey - b. 1890 -
He continued to reside in the home of his parents at 524 Baltimore Street till his death - the house thus having been occupied by one family for 58 years. He was the manager and operator of an American Oil Co. Service Station located at the corner of Baltimore St. and Mt. Royal Ave. for some 29 years. Helping in the operation of it was a cousin also of Hanover - Elmer I. Bankert. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church like his parents, and his home was furnished with a number of beautiful antique furniture pieces. Buried: St. John's Catholic Church cemetery with his parents in Westminster. His wife's burial place is unknown. They had two sons - Joseph, Jr. & Francis.

8. Maria - b. 1814

9. Henry - b. 1816 -

married to Mary J. _____ b. 1825 -

He was a shoemaker and farmer near Silver Run. The last name of his wife is unknown, nor can any cemetery markers be found for them. They had eight known children, but positive identification in marriage records cannot be made, raising the possibility they moved from the area.

Children:

A. Alverta - b. 1847

B. Olivia - b. 1848

C. Agnes - b. 1851

D. Virginia - b. 1854

E. Georgia - b. 1856

F. Lucretia - b. 1858

G. Hannah - b. 1860

H. Clara - b. 1868

DANIEL STONESIFER

XII. JOHN DANIEL, JR. - b. July 8, 1780 - d. Mar. 8, 1849; married to Elizabeth Bauer - b. Oct. 27, 1772 - d. Dec. 15, 1846.

He almost never used his first name, but was always known as Daniel - as was his father before him. His wife, Elizabeth, who was about eight years his senior, was a descendant of Christian Bauer, the surveyor who laid off the tracts of land that Jacob Bankert had bequeathed to his children in 1789.

They lived near the old Stonesifer homestead in the general area of Mayberry and Uniontown in Carroll Co., Md. He apparently rented the land he lived on, farmed on a small scale but was a shoemaker by trade, was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Reformed congregation at Silver Run, and according to tradition, he is said to have enjoyed his daily potion of "schnapps." He apparently lived not too far from his brother, Peter.

The couple raised a family of eight children - four sons and four daughters. Their descendants are the most numerous family group of all the children of our immigrant ancestor - John Daniel Stonesifer.

When the 10 year legal battle over their father's estate erupted in the 1840's, two suits were filed regarding grievances by the Stonesifers, one being known as Case in Equity No. 61 by Daniel on Aug. 3, 1843. (See pages 191-193 for further information.) At one time in the testimony it was said that it was believed that Daniel always signed his name in the old German way. However, a copy of his signature on a legal paper dated 1847 in this writer's possession does not seem to bear this out.

He died Mar. 8, 1849, and the newspaper notice of his death in the Hanover Spectator of Mar. 16, 1849 gave his first name as David - a mistake having been made in taking the ni in Daniel for the letters vi.

His estate could not be settled by his son, Joseph, till Feb. 14, 1854 because of the family law suits. In looking over the old papers (which are on file in the Westminster Court House), it appears that he disposed of much of his personal property prior to his death. However, several items of some interest to us today can be mentioned: that the estate received a total of \$158.70 as a result of the Cases in Equity No. 59 & 61; that a cousin - George Lewis Little - had been paid \$7.00 for making the coffin for Daniel's wife and \$6.00 for making one for Daniel himself; and that after Daniel's funeral the mourners were served the traditional meal at which (in this case) veal was the main course.

The same year that Daniel died a first cousin of his died also. This was John Jacob Wildasin who died Nov. 12, 1849 near Hanover. Daniel Stonesifer's mother was Maria Elizabeth Yingling who married John Daniel Stonesifer, Sr. Jacob Wildasin's mother was Susanna Yingling who married Samuel Wildasin. Susanna was the older sister of Maria Elizabeth. The writer of this family history is a direct descendant of John Daniel Stonesifer, Jr. and John Jacob Wildasin - both of them being great, great, great, grandfathers to him. The writer is also a direct descendant of John Daniel Stonesifer, Jr.'s sister - Barbara, as her granddaughter became the wife of Joseph, one of the four

sons of John Daniel Stonesifer. This information not only shows us the complexity of our family relationships and genealogy, but it is also important in detailing family history.

Daniel and Elizabeth Stonesifer are buried in the old cemetery of St. Mary's Church at Silver Run. Their tombstones still exist, and are fairly legible.

Children:

- 173 1. Abraham Daniel - b. Aug. 20, 1800 - d. Oct. 10, 1846; married Rachel Hoppe - b. Dec. 29, 1805 - d. Oct. 7, 1846. A shoemaker like his father, they lived a few miles north of Westminster and had 9 children - some of whom were baptized at Krider's Reformed Church & some at St. Mary's Reformed Church at Silver Run. Rachel was a sister of John Henry Hoppe (known as Squire Hoppe) who was a well-known Justice of the Peace for nearly 50 years in the Westminster area. Their father was Ferdinand Frederick Hoppe from Stuttgart, Germany who, after immigrating to America @ 1800, came to what is now Carroll Co., married Catharine Snouffer, & settled in the area of Jerusalem Church in Bachman's Valley. In earlier years this church was often referred to as Bower's Church & Bachman's Church. Abraham and a daughter, Sarah, died the same day, and his wife died 3 days earlier from either small pox or scarlet fever. They are buried in the old cemetery at Silver Run; their tombstones still readable.

Children:

- 177 A. Maria Eliza Ann - b. Dec. 19, 1824 - d. Aug. 19, 1903; married May 26, 1842 to Jacob Kump b. May 2, 1816 - d. Oct. 15, 1903. They lived near Silver Run where he was a well-known farmer & carpenter. Buried: the new cemetery at Silver Run, & where they had been members of St. Mary's Reformed Church. They had had 9 children:

Children:

- a. Mary Elizabeth - b. July 11, 1843 - d. May 17, 1932; married Jan. 5, 1862 to Uriah Morelock b. Apr. 6, 1841 - d. June 10, 1909. Farmed near Silver Run and then later near to Littlestown, Pa. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- (1) Ida V. - b. Nov. 10, 1862 - d. 1943; married to John Sohl - b. 1861 - d. Feb. 14, 1936. Buried: Christ Church. Children: Charles E. and William A.
 (2) Eliza Ann - b. Nov. 10, 1862 - died young; twin of Ida V.
 (3) Mary Jane - b. 1864 - died young.
 (4) Clara E. - b. Nov. 12, 1866 - d. June 14, 1883.
 (5) Edwin J. - b. Aug. 22, 1879 - d. Feb. 24, 1947; married Feb. of 1903 to Sadie Virginia Yost b. Jan. 30, 1887 - d. Sept. 21, 1946. Buried: Christ Church near Littlestown.

Children:

- (5a) Grace - married Harry N. Bange
 (5b) Marguerite - married Lester Hilbert
 (5c) David E. - married Carrie Luckenbaugh
 (5d) Dennis L. - married Joan Chatt

- (6) Ira Milton - b. Nov. 17, 1873 - d. Nov. 24, 1873.
 (7) Child - name and dates unknown.

b. Pachael - b. June 21, 1845 - d. Mar. 22, 1865; married Isaac V. Earhart b. Jan. 14, 1841 - d. Apr. 6, 1862. They lived near Union Mills, and she was 16 when married and not quite 20 when she died. Their only child, Laura, was about 5 months old when her father died just past 21 years of age. Buried: Silver Run. He died from a horse kick while getting ready to go to church at Silver Run; she died of pneumonia.

Children:

- (1) Laura Cybilla Amanda - b. Dec. 9, 1861 - d. Aug. 5, 1936; married Mar. 30, 1883 to William A. Bankert b. Apr. 30, 1858 - d. Feb. 8, 1921. Both were born near Union Mills, and after living there for about 10 years they moved to Germany twp. in Adams Co., Pa. 1894. There they farmed, raised 4 children, and were members of Redeemer's Reformed Church (now U.C.C.) in Littlestown. His death likely was a result from an operation for gall stones about two weeks previously - on Jan. 24, 1921. They are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown, Pa.

Children:

- (1a) Herbert C. - b. 1882 - d. Apr. 20, 1957; married Mar. 24, 1903 to Laura Jane Harner - b. 1884 - d. May 4, 1943. He farmed near Littlestown, and later worked for I.D. Crouse, Builders. Buried: Mt. Carmel.

- (1b) Theodore Franklin - b. Oct. 11, 1884 - d. Aug. 21, 1933; married Dec. 21, 1905 to Edna May Crouse - separated; then married Bertha Senft. He and his second wife operated a restaurant and hotel in Hopewell, N.J. near where the Lindberg baby was kidnapped. Buried: Mt. Carmel.

- (1c) William R. - b. 1886 - d. Nov. 26, 1942; married Mar. 24, 1910 to Edna L. Palmer - b. 1891 - d. Sept. 17, 1968. He also farmed near Littlestown, and then later worked for the Sneeringer Cement Block works in town. Buried: Mt. Carmel.

- (1d) Cora Catharine - b. Sept. 15, 1888 - d. May 3, 1982; married Jan. 2, 1908 to Thomas Edwin Myers - b. Oct. 16, 1886 - d. Jan. 22, 1942. He worked for the B.F. Shriver Canning Co. in Littlestown and also did small truck farming. He died from a heart attack one morning while out feeding his chickens. She survived him many years and died at the age of 93. Buried: Mt. Carmel.

Laura Earhart, interestingly, was married to a distant cousin. Her husband, William A. Bankert, was a son of John Bankert, and John's father was Peter Bankert, one of the 6 sons of Jacob Bankert, Sr. - the only son of Christophel & Anna Eva Shriver Banckert who came to America from the German Palatinate on Aug. 23, 1728, & settled near what is now Littlestown (see pp. 9-15). Peter's brother, Jacob Bankert, Jr., had 2 sons who married 2 of the daughters of our immigrant John Daniel Stonesifer - Christina & Elizabeth. These 2 sisters were also sisters to Laura's own great, great grandfather - John Daniel Stonesifer, Jr.

- c. Jacob Frederick - b. Jan. 13, 1849
- d. William Augustus - b. Aug. 23, 1850 (T.S. = Aug. 26) - d. July 8, 1937. Never married, he lived in Baltimore for some 52 years where he had been employed as a gardener. Buried: Silver Run.
- e. Amanda Catharine - b. Jan. 14, 1852 - d. May 21, 1895; married William Weisensale - b. Jan. 24, 1846 - d. Dec. 22, 1923. They farmed near Littlestown, were members of Christ Church, and had 10 children. Buried: Christ Church.

Children: (order not known)

- (1) Harvey H. - married Nov. 21, 1895 to Laura J. Staley.
- (2) Charles E. - married Dec. 26, 1897 to Cora M. Easley.
- (3) William A. - married Dec. 1, 1901 to Clara B. Zuck.
- (4) John C. - married Emma May Trone.
- (5) Annie - married Richard Legore.
- (6) Emma Irene - b. Aug. 4, 1876 - d. Mar. 13, 1963; married Jan. 6, 1901 to Albert Wertz; after his death out west she married John W. Myers; he also died and she then married Oliver Spangler. She is buried with her 2nd husband at Christ Church near Littlestown, Pa.

Children:

- (6a) Ada Jeune - married Harry C. Wildasin
- (6b) Grace M. - never married
- (6c) Helen E. - married Raymond Warner
- (7) Mary Eliza Jane "Mollie" - b. Dec. 4, 1880 - d. Oct. 27, 1955; married Aaron S. Easley - b. Sept. 5, 1878 - died June 24, 1947. Buried: Christ Church.

Children:

- (7a) Edna - married Malcolm Hess
- (7b) Ralph - died at four years of age
- (7c) Mabel - married Clark Strevig
- (7d) Ruth - married Grove Hess
- (7e) Nadine - never married
- (8) Delia - married Albert Heiser
- (9) Laura A. - b. Mar. 8, 1892 - d. Apr. 1, 1982; married Calvin S. Myers - b. Sept. 30, 1886 - d. Mar. 1, 1957. Buried: Christ Church.
- (10) Ellen Alverta - b. Mar. 16, 1888 - d. Oct. 20, 1928.

f. Angeline - b. Mar. 25, 1854

g. Ellen - b. Jan. 31, 1856 - d. May 25, 1910; married to Edward John Panebaker - b. May 3, 1850 - d. Dec. 31, 1922. They farmed in the Bart's Church area near Littlestown; she suffered from kidney trouble for years. Buried: Christ Church.

Children:

(1) Charles Ellsworth - b. Aug. 17, 1872 - d. Nov. 13, 1942; married Emma Elizabeth Wildasin - b. Dec. 17, 1874 - d. June 17, 1937. They farmed near Scheivert's School House a few miles southeast of Sell's Station, had one son, and eventually retired to live in Hanover at 108 Fair Ave. They were members of Christ Church, and are buried there. Emma was a direct descendant of John Jacob Wildasin. (see bottom of page 123 for her background)

Children:

(1a) John Monroe - married Amanda Julietta Palmer.

(2) Mary Ann - b. Aug. 15, 1877 - d. Dec. 15, 1957; married David Ault Spangler - b. Oct. 25, 1877 - d. Mar. 18, 1963. Lived in Pennville. Buried: Mt. Olivet, Hanover.

Children:

(2a) Dartha E. - married Clair O. Bond

(2b) Clair E. - married Mary E. Lawson

(3) Noah P. - b. 1879 - d. Oct. 20, 1940; married to Annie J. Strickler - b. 1880 - d. 1943. He farmed near Bart's Church; was a member of the Christ Church consistory for 22 years. Buried: Christ Church.

Children:

(3a) Mary E. - married Russell V. Brown

(3b) Ada M. - married John N. Sell

(3c) Mildred N. - married Laverne J. Whisler

(3d) Florance P.E. - b. 1911 - d. 1915

(3e) Earl E. - b. 1915 - d. 1915

(4) Edward George - b. 1888 - d. June 24, 1950; married to Edna Mary Flickinger - b. 1890 - d. Mar. 12, 1980. Born near Littlestown, he was a carpenter, and for many years lived at Hellam - some miles east of York. Buried: Mt. Olivet, Hanover.

Children:

(4a) Earl Edward - married Louise Young

(4b) William Gene - married Betty Jane Crumling

(4c) Kern Grant - married Vivian Pauline Frey

(4d) Gladys - married Robert L. Everhart

- h. Jeremiah Abraham - b. Mar. 28, 1858 (T.S. - Mar. 29, 1859) - d. Dec. 15, 1922; married Louisa Schue - b. Nov. 3, 1857 - d. Dec. 15, 1943. He was a well known merchant and postmaster at Kump's Station - a place with a railroad stop which he had established and operated for many years, and located in Carroll Co. about a mile off the main road between Littlestown and Taneytown. They had no children. Buried: Taneytown Reformed Church Cemetery.
- i. George - "ran off" from the home area, as stated in his father's will, and was never heard from again.

B. Amanda - b. Aug. 27, 1827 - d. Aug. 17, 1927; married Mar. 19, 1845 to David Kump - b. May 18, 1820 - d. Sept. 13, 1901. He was a well known farmer of the Silver Run area, and was a brother of Jacob Kump mentioned on page 124. They lived in Littlestown after their retirement from farming. He died from peritonitis. She was the oldest known female descendant of our immigrant John Daniel Stonesifer - passing away just 10 days before her 100th birthday. They are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown. They had 10 children.

Children:

- a. Ellen - b. Jan. 3, 1846 - d. Mar. 20, 1851.
- b. Cyrus - b. Jan. 25, 1849 - d. July 11, 1925; married to Sarah A. Feeser - b. Mar. 23, 1847 - d. Apr. 23, 1909; then married Annie M. Mehring - b. Aug. 30, 1870 - d. Oct. 30, 1950. He died from a common Stonesifer ailment - Bright's Disease. All three are buried in Mt. Carmel, Littlestown, Pa.
- c. Mary Jane - b. Mar. 1, 1851 - d. Oct. 4, 1861. She and some others of her family are buried at Silver Run where her parents had been members of St. Mary's Reformed Church.
- d. George S. - b. Sept. 7, 1853 - d. Jan. 30, 1935; married to Mary C. Colehouse - b. Feb. 28, 1858 - d. Feb. 6, 1942. At an early age he clerked in the general store of George Stonesifer, a cousin, in Littlestown (see page 31). Then he helped to operate the general dry goods store founded by his wife's father, James H. Colehouse. In the spring of 1885 he purchased the family business, and then operated it for some 50 years until his death at 81.

He belonged to many civic organizations in Littlestown. As were his parents, David and Amanda Stonesifer Kump, he was a member of St. Mary's Reformed congregation at Silver Run. After settling down in Littlestown, however, he became a member of Redeemer's Reformed Church, and as time went on, was one of the leaders of that congregation. Redeemer's Church was founded in 1860 by residents of town who had belonged to Christ Church a few miles to the east, but who wished to have their own local place of worship near at hand. Mr. Kump was also one of the main organizers of the Littlestown National Bank in 1908 - serving as its first president until 1924, and thereafter chairman of the board till his death in 1935. He was a director of the bank from 1908 till his death.

Mr. Kump also owned the large farm which was located at the intersection of Christ Church road and the Littlestown - Hanover highway. This historic, prosperous, and well-known farm had been established in 1805 when Joseph LeFevre came from Lancaster Co. to Adams Co. and purchased upwards of 300 acres of land in what is now Union township. Mr. LeFevre was a third generation member of a French Huguenot family that came to Penna. in the 1700's to escape religious persecution in their homeland. He developed his property into an outstanding farm, and built a large, brick homestead at the intersection just described, the front part of which also served in early years as a stage coach stop and hotel. In the late 1800's a railroad line was built between Littlestown and Hanover, the line running between his homestead and Christ Church which stood a little distance off just to the north. The train stop located here was known as LeFevre's Station. For many years this farm was operated by members of this writer's family and who were close cousins of Mr. Kump on his Stonesifer side. The writer's great, grandfather, Jacob Wildasin, directed the erection of the large, still-existing barn @ 1873 and did much of the masonry work himself. He was a cousin of Mr. Kump stemming from early days of the family. His son, the writer's grandfather, was Reuben Wildasin who was married to Alice Stonesifer, a very close cousin of Mr. Kump's, and this couple operated the property for a number of years. Then for many years one of their sons, Harvey Wildasin and his wife Mary, operated it. Ownership of the farm was continued in the Kump family till its sale in 1970. The property is now in a state of dereliction.

George Kump died at the age of 81; his wife Mary died at the age of 84. Both are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Littlestown, Pa.

Children:

- (1) James Burton - b. July 28, 1886 - d. July 24, 1887.
- (2) George Reginald - b. July 6, 1889 - d. Feb. 12, 1890.
- (3) Mrs. May Hartman - lived in N.Y. state and had two children: Dr. Richard Hartman of Liberty, N.Y. and Dr. Fred Hartman of Boston, Mass.
- (4) Lesba K. - b. 1892 - d. Dec. 26, 1977; married Paul G. Crouse. She is buried in Mt. Carmel, Littlestown.

Children:

- (4a) Paul G., Jr. - b. 1912 - d. Feb. 20, 1943; married Virginia Murray. He was accidentally drowned while ice skating with a group of friends near Laurel, Delaware where he was a music teacher. He graduated from Littlestown High School, and then from Catawba College in North Carolina in 1935 where he had majored in history. He then served for six years as instructor of instrumental music in the Carroll Co. Schools and became well known in area music circles.

He was also a member of the Hanover Lyric Band, and while living in this area was its associate director. Buried: Mt. Carmel in Littlestown, Pa.

- e. Sarah Elizabeth²¹⁹ - b. Jan. 20, 1856 - d. Aug. 20, 1857.
- f. David Henry²¹⁰ - b. Dec. 13, 1857 - d. Jan. 9, 1859.
- g. Rachel Alice²¹¹ - b. Dec. 26, 1859 - d. Oct. 18, 1861.
- h. Emma²¹² - b. June 7, 1862 - d. Jan. 23, 1934; mar. David Menchy; then mar. John Lawyer. Buried: Mt. Carmel in Littlestown, Pa.

Children:

- (1) Ada R. - married Frank L. Eby
- (2) Minnie Mae - married Howard G. Blocher
- (3) Rena - married F. Charles Eimerbrink
- (4) Kathryn - married Norman Slagen (Slagenhaupt)
- i. Charles E.²¹³ - b. Dec. 21, 1864 - d. Sept. 11, 1892; went to Lynchburg, Ky. Bur: Mt. Carmel.
- j. Laura Amanda²¹⁴ - b. 1869 - d. 1944; married Nov. 29, 1887 to Jacob F. Hilbert - b. 1865 - d. 1945. They were members of Christ Church, farmed for many years in Union twp., then moved to Hanover where he worked for Jacko Lite, then later for the Rohrbaugh Co. Buried: Christ Church near Littlestown.

Children: (order not known)

- (1) Mary E. - married Albert C. Buchen
- (2) Ada R. - married Paul M. Lehigh
- (3) Emma V. - married George M. Imhoff
- (4) Florence - married George Baker
- (5) Naomi - married Alvia Hyser
- (6) Minnie A. - married Ralph E. Raubenstine
- (7) Evelyn M. - married J. Donald Topper
- (8) William F. - married Jennie Alverta Strausbaugh
- (9) Charles E. - married Alverta E. Lehigh, then Edith M. Koch
- (10) David Kump - married Carrie C. Nace
- (11) Edward Jacob - married Evelyn H. Coulson, then Audrey
- (12) Leo Calvin - married Edna L. Laughman
- (13) Leon A. - married Mildred C. Myers; Leo & Leon were twins
- (14) Samuel A. - b. July 13, 1902 - d. July 11, 1903
- (15) Paul T. - b. Aug. 21, 1910 - d. Apr. 9, 1911

- C. Augustus H. - b. Aug. 28, 1830 - d. Nov. 18, 1920; married to Susanna Sevilla Snyder²¹⁵ b. Nov. 1, 1830 - d. Dec. 19, 1900. They lived near Westminster where he was a blacksmith. He died at the age of 90. Buried: Krider's Church cemetery.

Children:

- a. Mary Catherine²¹⁶ "Mollie" - b. Jan. 30, 1855 - d. Feb. 28, 1938; married Theodore Frock, then Erwin N. Warehime. She had one child, a son, Charles M., from her first marriage. She is buried at Krider's Church cemetery near Westminster, Md.

Children:

- (1) Charles M. - b. June 24, 1879 - d. Apr. 21, 1963; married Anastasia H. Mathias - b. May 12, 1881 - d. May 18, 1966. For many years he was a rural mail carrier near areas of Littlestown where he lived, was a member of the town council for some years, and was a member and past president of the local Alpha Fire Co. there. He played in several local bands, and when young had served with the U.S. Army in the Mexican Border Patrol. He and his wife are buried in St. Aloysius Catholic Church cemetery just south of Littlestown.

Children:

- (1a) Evelyn - married Frederick Casey
 (1b) Charles F. - a graduate of West Point, attained the rank of Captain, and in 1966 was listed as having attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

- b. William Augustus - b. Jan. 23, 1858 - d. 1938; married to Susan R. Frock - b. 1865 - d. Dec. 15, 1925. They lived in Baltimore. Buried: Krider's Church.

Children:

- (1) Dr. Claude A. - b. 1880 - d. May 30, 1914. A native of Carroll Co., he had been well known there in his youth as an athlete. He lived at 1655 North Fulton Ave. in Baltimore where he was arrested in July of 1912 on the charge of misconducting himself with young girls who visited his office. An investigation at the time purported to indicate that there were as many as 60 cases which could be brought against him. Although his lawyer and many other people, some being quite prominent, said that he was completely innocent, a jury convicted him on the charge of assaulting Matilda Scott - colored. He was sentenced in May of 1913 to serve a two year term in Baltimore's House of Correction where he died on a Saturday from Bright's Disease. Buried: Krider's Church.

- (2) Daisy R.

- (3) Ida - married F. Albert Roloson

- c. George Colombus - b. Mar. 23, 1862 - d. Aug. 13, 1862.

- d. Charles M. - b. Nov. 11, 1864 - d. Jan. 23, 1865.

- e. John Winfield - b. Jan. 18, 1866 - d. May 10, 1959; married Nov. 20, 1892 to Jennie A. Boose - b. Nov. 24, 1872 - d. June 28, 1937. A farmer all his life, he retired and lived in Westminster where he died at the age of 93. Buried: Krider's Church cemetery.

Children: (order not known)

- (1) John W. , Jr. - b. Nov. 14, 1898 - d. later in Nov. 1898.
- (2) Dr. Charles H. - b. Sept. 23, 1900 - d. July 4, 1978;
he was a graduate of the University of Md. Medical School in 1927, and had a lifelong medical practice at Greensboro, Md. Buried: Krider's Church.
- (3) Howard J. - b. July 16, 1902 - d. July 20, 1979; mar. June 25, 1925 to Hilda Pauline Leaf - b. 1905 - d. Dec. 15, 1980.
- (4) Helen Lavina - married June 20, 1920 to Frank Columbus Poole.
- (5) David Augustus - married Apr. 1, 1923 to Neva Stonesifer.
- (6) Doris S. - married Nov. 1, 1934 to L. Awalt Weller.

D. Elizabeth Catharine - b. Nov. 4, 1832 - d. Mar. 7, 1914; married to Herman Classon who predeceased her. She lived in Baltimore most of her life, and was married to a wealthy sea captain who was much older, and who left his fortune to her. Family remembrances of her indicate the following: that she once went to Berlin to see if there was anything to the old family legend that perhaps the Stonesifers were nobility and were entitled to a large inheritance left behind in Germany by John Daniel Stonesifer (our immigrant grandfather) when he came to America; however, if there had ever been an inheritance it existed no longer; that she had owned or was part owner of Maryland's Pimlico Race Track and other properties; that she feuded with some of her relatives; and that she lived in a high manner which was the eventual cause of her losing most of her money. She died in poverty in a run-down Negro part of town, and was buried at Silver Run beside her only child, a son, Harvey Elword - b. Jan. 2, 1861 - d. May 16, 1899.

E. Abraham - b. Jan. 26, 1835 - d. June 20, 1926; married Dec. 29, 1871 to Sevilla Hesson - b. Mar. 20, 1842 - d. Sept. 10, 1922. He was born in Carroll Co., Md. - two miles north of Westminster, learned the blacksmith's trade at Mayberry, then went to the Westminster area and worked in the sawing and grinding mill that his brother, Augustus H., was operating there at the time. During the Civil War he went to Lancaster Co. to work, and in doing so, had missed out in being called into military service. Later he returned to Mayberry and worked in a mill there which was being operated by an uncle - William L. Stonesifer.

At the age of 35 he married and moved to Littlestown where he worked as a cooper and was a member of Redeemer's Reformed Church. (The trade of cooper he had learned under the sponsorship when he was young of John Henry Hoppe, the brother of his mother. Squire Hoppe, as he was known, lived near Westminster, and was a well known justice of the peace). The last several years of Abraham's life he was blind. On the day he died he was suddenly stricken with a heart attack, but was able to seat himself in a chair where he expired before help could reach him - aged about 91 years and 5 months. He and his wife are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Littlestown, Pa.

The parents of Abraham's wife, Sevilla, were Isaac Hesson who was married to Catharine Lippy, and they had lived near Silver Run where they were members of St. Mary's Reformed Church.

Sevilla Hesson, Abraham's wife, was a direct descendant of Balser Hesson, one of the earliest settlers in the Silver Run area. He came to America from the German Palatinate at the age of 26 on the Ship Friendship, landing in Philadelphia on Sept. 3, 1739.

Apparently he had settled in the area in the early 1740's as his oldest child, Balser, Jr., was born @ 1744, and he had a daughter, Magdalena, baptized at Christ Church on Nov. 10, 1750. He must have become a person of some regard in the community because when the Articles of Union establishing St. Mary's Lutheran and Reformed Church at Silver Run were signed on Sunday, May 31, 1762 by 22 persons, his name was second on this list which was composed of the leaders of both congregations. He signed his name "Balthasar Hiessung."

Balser, as he was generally referred to, made his will on Apr. 5, 1773, and it was probated in Frederick on July 24, 1774. This would indicate he died earlier in 1774 aged 61 years. The will of "Balser Heson" informs us that his wife's name was Margaret, that he had 9 children (they were named), and that he left his "dwelling plantation" of 132½ acres called "Turkey Hill" to his son, Balser. As he was not able to sign his name when the will was made, he made his mark - the letters BH. He and his wife would have been buried at Silver Run, but no markers from that time exist any longer.

Not only are all persons of the Hesson name in this area descended from him (regardless of how they spell the name), but also many persons of our relationship, particularly those having the name of Sell, Unger, and Bair, can trace direct descent back to Balser Hesson - this writer included.

Children: (of ABRAHAM and SEVILLA HESSON STONESIFER)

- a. Harvey Augustus - b. Dec. 12, 1872 - d. Feb. 12, 1954; married on Jan. 20, 1898 to Emma Hilbert - b. Feb. 4, 1873 - d. May 12, 1947; - formerly worked in a drug store, at Schultz Pretzel Factory in Hanover, and had helped to conduct a family bakery business in Littlestown from 1900 - 1918; was @ 82 when he died. They had no children. Buried: Mt. Carmel in Littlestown.
- b. Charles Herman - b. Jan. 8, 1874 - d. Apr. 26, 1952; married on Dec. 30, 1897 to Margaret A. Crouse - b. July 28, 1874 - died Aug. 25, 1902; then married Minnie Cook - b. 1882 - d. 1924. During his 1st marriage he lived in Taneytown where he was a coach trimmer, and also worked at repairing buggies, wagons, and sleighs. In 1908 he moved to Waynesboro, Pa. where he remarried, operated his own carriage works, and then was in the insurance business. He had 3 children - a daughter from his 1st wife and 2 children from his 2nd wife. He **developed** uremic poisoning after trying to save his daughter, Ruth, from a fire, and died in a Baltimore hospital from it. Buried: with his 2nd family in Green Hill Cemetery, Waynesboro. His 1st wife and daughter are buried in Mt. Carmel, Littlestown.

Children:

- (1) Pauline Virginia - b. 1900 - d. 1943. She was a graduate of Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, and was noted for her musical ability.

- (2) Infant - d. @ a year old (no dates) - child of 2nd marriage.
- (3) Ruth Irene - b. 1919 - d. Jan. 11, 1952. Her clothing accidentally caught fire while trying to light a kitchen stove, & she died @ a week later from very severe burns.

- c. Elmer Franklin - b. May 29, 1875 - d. Apr. 29, 1970. In early years he had worked for the Pierce-Arrow, Hudson Car Body shop in Philadelphia; a painter by trade, he then worked for the Keystone Cabinet Co. in Littlestown from the time it opened until his retirement upon his 80th birthday. Never married, he died at the age of nearly 95 years. Buried: Mt. Carmel.
- d. Howard Abraham - b. Nov. 28, 1879 - d. Feb. 26, 1969; married on Oct. 12, 1904 to Etta Sarah Frances Crouse - b. July 25, 1879 - d. Oct. 23, 1954. After completing the public school courses in Adams Co., he attended several private schools, and in 1904 he graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. After receiving practical training in Littlestown, Gettysburg, Chester, and Philadelphia drug stores, he purchased the Dr. R.S. Seiss Drug Store in Littlestown and operated it for the rest of his life.

He was an active member of numerous civic and fraternal organizations of the area, being a charter member of the Littlestown Rotary Club, was affiliated with the Ancient Order of Knights of the Mystic Chain, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Masonic organizations in addition to Patmos Lodge 348.

He had been president of the Tri-County Druggists association of Adams, York, and Franklin counties; was closely associated with the Littlestown National Bank for many years, having become a director in 1933, president in 1942, and chairman of the board in 1952; had been president of the Keystone Cabinet Co. of Littlestown; was associated with the Littlestown Chamber of Commerce; and had served as a school director and borough councilman. Following Reformed Church family tradition, he was a leading member of Redeemer's Reformed Church in town, & was a member of its church council for many years. In 1965 he was honored as the recipient of the local Chamber of Commerce award of Outstanding Citizen. In 1967 he donated \$150,000 to the community to be used for the town's swimming pool. He died in his 90th year, and was buried beside his wife in Mt. Carmel.

Children:

- (1) Myrtle Louise - b. May 1, 1905; married Charles Criswell King - b. Aug. 18, 1907 - d. Oct. 4, 1982. She attended the local public schools; went to Wilson College but transferred to Hood where she graduated; secured an M.A. degree in drama from the University of Pa.; went to a dramatics school in N.Y.C. & then worked off Broadway in theatre under the name of Louise Howard; married & went to Hollywood, Cal. where she and her husband were in theatre - she as Halo Meadows. Both later entered the field of journalism. She now lives in her family's pre-Civil War home in Littlestown, Pa.

- e. Irvin Edgar - b. Dec. 29, 1885 - d. Aug. 27, 1952; married on Feb. 20, 1909 to Bessie Romaine Krenzer - b. Feb. 18, 1889 - d. July 3, 1937. He worked in the family bakery business, and later was employed at the Littlestown Hardware and Foundry Co. Buried: Mt. Carmel.

Children:

- (1) Frank Ellis - b. Sept. 14, 1909
married Apr. 30, 1934 to Mamie Mae Rippeon
He had a bakery route for the family business, worked in a cigar store, and then was employed in the stock room of Windsor Shoe Co. in Littlestown. Now retired, he has charge of Mt. Carmel Cemetery in town.

Children:

- (1a) Shirley Ann - b. 1935; married Jan. 19, 1958 to William Richard Marshman. They operate the old Stonesifer drug store; and have two children -

Children:

- (1aa) Theresa Ann
(1ab) William Howard

- (1b) Thomas Franklin - b. 1937; married May 7, 1960 to Mary Lou Ann Ten Haken. He operates a drug store in Chambersburg, Pa. near Wilson College; her background is from Holland. They have 4 children -

Children:

- (1ba) Benjamin Allen
(1bb) Todd Franklin
(1bc) Timothy Bryant
(1bd) Louann Rae

- (1c) Andrea Mae - b. 1956; married June 20, 1981 to Michael G. Crouse

- (2) Richard Irvin - b. June 12, 1911 - d. July 2, 1913.

- (3) George Abraham - b. June 12, 1915 - d. Dec. 22, 1982;
married May 7, 1935 to Helen Virginia Shoemaker
He had been a hay dealer near Littlestown for years.

Children:

- (3a) Mary Lou - b. Sept. 23, 1935; married John Kemp, Jr.
(3b) Pamela Jean - b. 1944; married Ronald Eugene Welty
(3c) Foster Adrian - b. 1947; married Margaret Ann Weaver
(3d) Sylvia Kaye - b. 1950

(3e) Brian Douglas - b. 1951

(3f) Jeffrey Grant - b. 1957

(4) Grace Catherine - b. Feb. 5, 1917
 married June 4, 1941 to Allen L. Frounfelter

Children:

(4a) Linda - married Carl Barton

(4b) Brenda - married Dennis Fetterolf

F. Rachel - b. Apr. 22, 1837 - d. Sept. 4, 1919; married Oct. 18, 1855
William Gobrecht - b. Sept. 15, 1830 - d. Nov. 19, 1894. He had
 farmed his father's farm in Union township, Adams Co. for many
 years, later they lived in Littlestown, and he took farm
 commodities to Baltimore and would bring back general merchandise
 to sell. He had served in the Civil War in Co. C, 98th Regt.,
 Pa. Vol. They are buried in New Oxford Cemetery.

Children:

a. Martha Jane - b. Sept. 15, 1856 - d. Jan. 31, 1930; married
 Nov. 1, 1874 to Charles Webster Coleman - b. Dec. 10, 1851 -
 d. Nov. 15, 1902. Buried: New Oxford Cemetery.

G. Mary Ann - b. Sept. 28, 1839 (T.S. = Oct. 28, 1841) - d. Sept. 29,
 1927; married Jan. 22, 1860 to John Good - b. Mar. 16, 1838 -
 d. Dec. 16, 1897. He was a farmer near Silver Run, and served
 in the Civil War as a Pvt., Co. H, 203rd Regt., Pa. Vol. Inf.
 Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

a. John Absalom - b. Nov. 2, 1860 - d. Nov. 9, 1941; married to
Ida Rachel Beitman - b. Apr. 15, 1862 - d. Apr. 28, 1916.
 A woodworker by trade, he operated a chair factory in
 Gettysburg, Pa. for many years, then he was engaged in the
 manufacture of wooden souvenirs for some time. Buried:
 Evergreen Cemetery in Gettysburg.

Children: (order not known)

- (1) Charles A. -
 lived in York; had a daughter - Ruth O'Connell
- (2) Harry - went to California
- (3) Annie Elizabeth - b. ● 1896; married Nov. 30, 1917 to
Frank William O'Connell - b. ● 1894; he was an army
 sergeant in W.W. I from Massachusetts.
- (4) Earnie - b. July 17, 1895 - d. Nov. 28, 1896
- (5) Larance - b. July 4, 1896 - d. Feb. 5, 1897

Note: it seems likely that Ruth O'Connell mentioned above
 was in actuality the daughter of Charles's sister -
 Annie, and that Charles raised Ruth.

- b. Calvin Wesley "Cally" - b. Nov. 28, 1861 - d. June 26, 1931; married Sarah Reigle - b. 1860 - d. 1945. He operated a garage in Hanover for many years that his sons took over and expanded. Buried: Christ Church.

Children:

- (1) Curvin Daniel - married Carrie M. Rahn; worked in the family garage business in Hanover.
- (2) Austin R. - never married
- (3) Melvin J. - married Frances M. Shorb; operated the family garage business in the 300 block of Frederick St. in Hanover known as the Good Motor Co.
- (4) Earl Cletus - married Nellie Grace Lippy; helped his brother operate the family business.
- (5) Mary E. - married John C. Henry
- (6) Robert W. - married Hilda Bittinger
- (7) Anna M. - married Blanton G. Scheivert
- (8) Grace N. - married Howard Stambaugh
- (9) Clair R. - married Clara B. Lawrence

- c. Charles W. - b. June 16, 1872 - d. Feb. 19, 1946; married Sarah E. Marsh - b. Jan. 1, 1883 - d. Dec. 21, 1966. They had a truck farm on the Pine Grove road near to the Md. - Pa. line a few miles southeast of Bart's Church. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- (1) Mildred Irene - married Ralph Woodrow Hafner
- (2) Robert C. - married Mary L. Wine
- (3) George Arthur - married Elsie Nadine Becker
- (4) Ralph Emanuel - married Mary Alice Straley
- (5) Mary L. - married Harry E. Bridendolph
- (6) Anna Elizabeth - married Lewis Joseph Wolfe, then James Long
- (7) Delta G. - married Walter E. Hilker
- (8) Margaret L. - married Calvin W. Wentz
- (9) Ruthetta V. - never married
- (10) John W. - married Viola Hurr
- (11) Paul Edward - died in infancy

- d. Harvey O.C. - b. June 18, 1873 - d. Jan. 4, 1888

- e. Manday E.I. - b. Apr. 17, 1875 - d. Apr. 17, 1895

- f. Mary Alta - b. Oct. 20, 1879 - d. July 9, 1887

- H. Sarah Jane - b. Nov. 20, 1841 - d. Oct. 10, 1846. She died the same day as her father - Abraham Stonesifer. Buried: Silver Run.

- I. Martha Ann - b. June of 1845 - d. Aug. 16, 1931; married Dec. 31, 1873 to Isaac B. Lohr - b. 1848 - d. Feb. 27, 1923. They farmed near the village of Mt. Pleasant in Adams Co. between Hanover and Littlestown, were members of Christ Church, and had five children. They are buried at Christ Church.

Isaac's ancestral background ties him to our family closely beyond the fact of his having married Martha Ann Stonesifer. The middle initial of his name was B., and this stood for Bankert. He was a son of Frederick L. and Sarah Bankert Lohr. 753

Sarah Bankert Lohr, Isaac's mother, was a direct descendant of Christophel and Anna Eva Banckert - our immigrant great grandparents. Christophel and Anna Eva's only son, Jacob, had a son named Peter, and that Peter Bankert had a son named John who was Sarah's father. Sarah's father had married Louisa Yingling who was the oldest child of John Yingling, Jr. - and John Yingling, Jr. had as his parents John Yingling who was married to Margaret Lenore Bankert. And Margaret Lenore and Jacob Bankert were sister and brother - children of Christophel and Anna Eva Banckert.

Frederick L. Lohr, Isaac's father, was a son of Philip Lohr who was married to Elizabeth Wentz. And Philip's father apparently was Andrew Lohr married to Maria Margaret Bankert. And Maria Margaret was a sister of Peter Bankert - Sarah Bankert Lohr's grandfather. Philip Lohr's wife, Elizabeth Wentz, was a daughter of John Philip Wentz who was a brother of Frederick Wentz, Jr. - both being sons of Frederick Wentz, Sr. the immigrant. Further background information is found on pages 6,7,9, 14, and 151.

Children: (of Martha and Isaac B. Lohr)

- a. Amanda C. - b. 1874 - d. 1954; married Mar. 11, 1894 to Clinton D. McKonly - b. 1871 - d. 1970. They farmed near Gulden's Station in Mt. Pleasant twp. of Adams Co., had 8 children, and are buried at St. Paul's "The Pines" Lutheran Church at New Chester.

Children:

- (1) Beulah A. - married Ollie Shultz
- (2) Charles A. - married Flossie Fink
- (3) Clarence F. "Whitey" - married Verna Sherer - separated
- (4) Clifton - married Margaret Breighner
- (5) Pauline - married Myrl D. Wilson - now of Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- (6) Bernice E. - married Samuel Mattingly, deceased, then Oscar Cullison
- (7) Kathleen - married John E. Smith
- (8) Glenn H. - married Ruth Krichten

- b. George Augustus - b. Mar. 23, 1876 - d. June 14, 1953; married Eva Irene Geisler - b. July 26, 1890 - d. Jan. 12, 1963. They farmed near New Oxford, had no children, and are buried in New Oxford Cemetery.

- c. Frederick A. - b. Dec. 31, 1877 - d. Apr. 18, 1955; married Ella Bish - separated. He farmed near Gettysburg, retired in 1920, was an invalid the last 36 years of his life, and is buried next to his parents at Christ Church.

Children:

- (1) Robert Linnaus - married Margaret Schwartz Benner
 (2) Charles Frederick - married Ethel Green Myers

- d. Charles M. - b. Aug. of 1882 - d. sometime after June 21, 1960; mar. Nov. 28, 1908 to Ada V. Coulson. He lived in Buffalo, N.Y. for many years, returned to live in Hanover for some years, & then went to live with a child in Virginia where he died. He was still living at the time of death of his sister - Mary Krenzer. He had several children, died in Va. and his ashes were scattered over the Atlantic Ocean. His wife was buried in N.Y. state - probably Buffalo.

- e. Mary Alice - b. Jan. 15, 1886 - d. June 21, 1960; married to Harry I. Krenzer - b. May 12, 1881 - d. July 9, 1920. He was killed at LeFevre's Station railroad crossing near Christ Church (just east of Littlestown) when the Atlantic Refining gas and oil truck he was driving was struck head-on by a Penna. Railroad passenger train. It was said that he was hard of hearing, and thus probably did not know that the train was approaching. Buried: Mt. Olivet, Hanover.

Children:

- (1) George Elmer - b. 1907 - d. Dec. 26, 1982; married to Josephine Arigo. He had been a security guard at the Doubleday Book Co. Children: Harry J. of Orange, Va. and Philip C. of Hanover. Buried: Rest Haven, Hanover.
 (2) Hazel - married Iris Tyler
 (3) Carroll Harry - b. 1912 - d. Feb. 13, 1975; married to Marian Sandifer. He lived in South Hills, Va. & was a textile mechanic at Velvet Textile Corp. of Blackstone, Va. Children: Mrs. Betty Martineau of Norfolk & Wayne of Forkville, Va. Buried: Lakeview Cem., Victoria, Va.

2. Esther - b. 1802 - ; married Michael Karner (also Carner) - b. 1802. He was born in Germany; for a few years they lived near Littlestown; had a daughter - Anna Elizabeth - b. May 8, 1845. No further information.
 3. Daniel - b. 1803 - d. Nov. 2, 1872; married Susanna Lippy - b. Apr. 2, 1809 - d. Jan. 27, 1878. They lived and farmed in the Bachman Valley and he served several terms as a justice of the peace. Their family had eight children. Buried: Jerusalem Church cemetery where his tombstone gives his age as 76 when it should be 69.

Children:

- A. Lydia Louise - b. May 26, 1835; married May 15, 1853 to Jacob Fisher - are supposed to have been living in the Shrewsbury area of York Co.

- B. Ellen Maria - b. 1836; married Nov. 22, 1861 to William G. Stansbury - separated. She returned home to live with her parents.

Children:

- a. William E. - b. 1863
b. Mary A. - b. 1864

- C. Noah G. - b. Mar. 5, 1837 (T.S. = May 4, 1838) - d. Apr. 7, 1909; married Julia Ann Dickensheets b. Apr. 14, 1851 - d. May 1, 1927. They farmed near Westminster, had no children, and are buried at Krider's Church.

- D. Elizabeth Catharine - b. July 9, 1839 - d. Aug. 22, 1849.

- E. Sarah Jane - b. Dec. 27, 1841 (T.S. = Dec. 29, 1842) - d. June 4, 1916; married Aug. 28, 1862 to Jeremiah Starner - b. Nov. 30, 1839 - d. Jan. 29, 1929. They farmed near Westminster, had 9 children, and are buried at Krider's Church. Sarah's father, Daniel Stonesifer, Jr. and Jeremiah's mother, Catharine Stonesifer married to Jacob Starner, were brother and sister, and brother and sister were children of John Daniel Stonesifer, Jr. who was the 12th child of John Daniel Stonesifer, the immigrant. Sarah and Jeremiah's family is more fully explained on pages 145 to 147.

- F. Mary - b. 1844; married Mar. 19, 1868 to Joseph Fridinger.

- G. George Thomas - b. Mar. 1, 1845 - d. Mar. 15, 1918; married to Matilda Stonesifer - b. May 29, 1839 - d. Feb. 24, 1920. His date of birth and baptism is recorded in the register of Jerusalem Lutheran Church of Bachman's Valley. He was a farmer and stone quarrier in the Bachman Valley-Deep Run area where his family were members of Jerusalem Lutheran and Reformed Church. Matilda was a daughter of Andrew Stonesifer - a son of Peter Stonesifer who was one of the sons of our immigrant John Daniel Stonesifer (see page 82). George and Matilda are buried in the John Luther Miller Memorial Cemetery just west of Jerusalem Church.

Children:

- a. Raymond Theodore - b. June 6, 1867 - d. Mar. 9, 1929; married on Jan. 19, 1888 to Rebecca Amspacher - b. Jan. 18, 1867 - d. May 18, 1921. They farmed, had 13 children, and are buried in Miller Memorial Cemetery.

Children:

- (1) Bessie Irene - b. Feb. 13, 1888 - d. Sept. 17, 1961; married Aug. 26, 1906 to William H. Myers - b. July 15, 1884 - d. Apr. 7, 1960. Buried: Baust's Church cemetery.

Children:

- (1a) William E.
(1b) James E.

- (2) Maurice Rudolph - b. Apr. 17, 1889 - d. Feb. 5, 1926;
married Feb. 21, 1911 to Clara V. Myers - b. Nov. 25,
1889 - d. July 20, 1973. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- (2a) Infant son - b. Sept. 23, 1911 - d. Nov. 6, 1911
(2b) Elva May - b. June 8, 1913 -
married Sept. 26, 1931 to Evan Daniel Kline -
b. Mar. 17, 1907 -

- (3) William Goddard - b. May 5, 1890 - d. Feb. 23, 1952;
married Nov. 7, 1915 to Ida M. Stonesifer - b. July 14,
1898 - d. Sept. 2, 1982. Buried: Miller Mem. Cemetery.

Children:

- (3a) Pauline - married Carl Wagner
(3b) Calvin Charles - married Aug. 1, 1942 to
Violet Juanita Blevins; then married June 29,
1946 to Eva May Kessler
(3c) Guy William - married Nov. 28, 1942 to Mary Lou
Wike - b. Dec. 9, 1914 - d. Apr. 9, 1961 (she is
buried at Leister's Church a few miles northeast
of Westminster)
(3d) Kenneth Laverne - married Aug. 20, 1949 to
Pauline Ida Boone
(3e) Raymond Edward - married July 15, 1950 to
Elizabeth Mae Blank
(3f) Earl Eugene - married Mar. 5, 1951 to Helen C.
Stonesifer (a young widow) who 1st mar. Klair (3h)
(3g) Elton Lee - married Nova Ann Amspacher
(3h) Klair Lewis - b. Jan. 12, 1924 - d. July 4, 1950;
married Feb. 22, 1944 to Helen Cora Zepp. He was
killed in a motorcycle accident in Deep Run.
(3i) Glenn Junior - married July 16, 1955 to
Barbara B. Oberholtzer
(3j) Harold G. - b. May 19, 1937 - d. July 29, 1940
(4) Mamie Sarah Matilda - b. Nov. 27, 1891 - d. May 11, 1963;
married Feb. 7, 1914 to Clarence L. Feeser. She is
buried in Miller Memorial Cemetery in Bachman's Valley.

Children:

- (4a) Nadine R. - b. Aug. 29, 1918 - d. Nov. 5, 1970;
married Guy Edward Wine. She died in a violent
collision when her speeding car struck a dump
truck on Fridinger Mill Road. Buried: Miller Cem.
(5) Infant daughter - d. at birth @ 1893.
(6) Harry Raymond - b. Jan. 9, 1894 - d. Dec. 23, 1927;
married July 8, 1917 to Gertrude Amelia Stonesifer -
b. Oct. 7, 1896 - d. Apr. 12, 1966. Buried: Miller
Memorial Cemetery (this cemetery is often simply
referred to as Bachman Valley Cemetery).

Children:

- (6a) Beatrice R. - b. Feb. 28, 1918 - d. Mar. 1, 1982;
married July 24, 1937 to Nelson C. Zepp -
b. Oct. 21, 1900 - d. May 21, 1980. Buried:
Bachman Valley's Miller Memorial Cemetery.
- (6b) Cletus H. - b. Jan. 30, 1919 - d. Dec. 30, 1961.
- (6c) Roscoe S. - married Feb. 7, 1946 to Betty L. Strevig.
- (6d) Robert Johnson - married Nov. 23, 1944 to Helen
Louise Diehl.
- (6e) Roy C. - married June 30, 1950 to Julia Ann C. Wantz.
- (6f) Mazie R. - married Sept. 30, 1949 to Lavers N. Zepp.
- (7) George O. - b. Mar. 11, 1895 - d. Sept. 20, 1895.
- (8) Dellie M. - b. July 20, 1896 - d. Aug. 24, 1896.
- (9) Charles Clinton - b. May 3, 1897 - d. Oct. 29, 1975;
married Mar. 14, 1925 to Bessie R. Bankert; then
married Ruth E. Hubbard - b. Apr. 14, 1898 - d. Nov. 27,
1969. Buried: Bachman Valley Cemetery (Miller's).

Children:

- (9a) Charles, Jr. - b. 1925 - d. 1926.
- (9b) Harold - lives in St. Louis, Mo.
- (9c) Larue - married May 1, 1954 to Roland H. Hoffman.
- (9d) James Henry - married Nov. 1, 1957 to McRea
Elizabeth Blessing.
- (9e) Charlotte Ruthetta - married July 2, 1957 to
Noah Dubs Amspacher.
- (9f) Nancy L. - married Earl D. Storm - separated;
then married Francis C. Wildasin.
- (9g) Maurice C. - married Dec. 19, 1960 to
Patricia A. Parish.
- (10) Lester Eugene - b. Sept. 28, 1898 - d. Oct. 14, 1958;
married Dec. 20, 1919 to Cora Jeanette Stonesifer -
b. July 21, 1900 -
Buried: Miller Memorial Cemetery in Bachman Valley.

Children: (order not known)

- (10a) Walter E. - married Dec. 30, 1941 to Bessie M.
Wright; then Apr. 30, 1949 to Rosella E. Hare.
- (10b) Lorraine John - married Sept. 17, 1948 to
Adele M. Forney.
- (10c) Janet E. - married July 1, 1957 to
Earl Clayton Selby.
- (10d) David E. - married May 3, 1947 to
Viola May Rippeon
- (11) Effie G. - b. Oct. 8, 1901 - d. Oct. 24, 1901.
- (12) Ottis Paul - b. Nov. 9, 1902 - d. June 3, 1958;
married Sept. 22, 1924 to Hilda Viola Stonesifer -
separated. He is buried at Silver Run.

(12a) Betty Jane - married June 11, 1949 to Arlo W. Stull.

(12b) Mina L. - married Nov. 24, 1951 to Levine Lockard.

(12c) Nettie Rebecca - married July 6, 1957 to Paul Chester Boone.

(12d) Clinton Elwood - married Oct. 22, 1957 to Joyce Eva Eaton.

(13) James Ammon - b. 1905 - d. 1961; married Dec. 7, 1929 to Blanche Berwager

Children:

(13a) Dorothy R. - married Feb. 6, 1953 to Herbert A. O'Brien.

(13b) Shirley C. - married June 7, 1958 to John Joseph Hauler.

b. Granville H. - b. Aug. 1, 1868 - d. Feb. 27, 1884. The 2nd child of George T. and Matilda Stonesifer, he died at the age of 15, and is buried with his parents.

c. Amelia S. - b. Aug. 5, 1876 - d. Sept. 28, 1891. The 3rd and last known child of George T. and Matilda Stonesifer, she also died at 15, and is buried with her parents in the family plot at Miller's Cemetery in Bachman Valley.

H. Edward Henry - b. Mar. 31, 1847 - d. May 26, 1900; married Feb. 27, 1868 to Mary Elizabeth Stonesifer - b. Apr. 25, 1842 - d. May 19, 1929. He was the eighth and last child of Daniel Stonesifer (see bottom of page 139). She was a sister of Matilda Stonesifer who married George T. Stonesifer (see pages 82, 83, and 140). Edward and Mary had no children. Buried: Silver Run.

4. Catharine - b. Feb. 1, 1805 - d. Mar. 22, 1880; married to Jacob Starner - b. Aug. 1, 1809 - d. Jan. 25, 1874. They farmed near Krider's Church and had 10 children. Their farm was located on the north side of Meadow Branch road, and a mile or so west of the Westminster - Littlestown highway. Buried: Krider's Church.

Children:

A. Rufus H. - b. Mar. 31, 1831 - d. Jan. 8, 1901; married Sept. 24, 1853 to Lydian (Lydia Ann) Bankert - b. June 2, 1828 (T.S. = June 4) - d. Dec. 4, 1897. He then married Jan. 18, 1899 a Mary E. McKinney. He farmed north west of Westminster in the Pleasant Valley area, and for some years after his sister Rebecca's 2nd marriage Rufus and his 1st wife Lydian had Susan Fitz, their young niece, living with them. Susan was the 4th child of Rebecca's first marriage, and Rufus & Lydian raised her as they had no children of their own. Rufus died of dropsy. His first wife, Lydian, was the daughter of Isaac Bankert, oldest child of Christina Stonesifer who married John Peter Bankert. (See pages 106-107.) Rufus and Lydian are buried in Meadow Branch Cemetery near Westminster.

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 B. Rebecca - b. Jan. of 1832 - d. Nov. 18, 1916; married June 19, 1854 to Joseph Fitz - b. @ 1830 - d. @ 1864; then married @ Nov. 2, 1866 to Ephraim L. Bankert - b. Nov. of 1817 - d. @ 1908? She had five children by her first husband, of whom nothing is presently known nor where he is buried. Her second husband was the ninth child of Elizabeth Stonesifer married to Peter Bankert - Elizabeth being a daughter of our immigrant John Daniel Stonesifer. Rebecca's mother, Catharine, was a daughter of John Daniel Stonesifer, Jr. (see p. 123). Thus Rebecca's grandfather and the mother of Ephraim (her second husband) were brother and sister. Rebecca and Ephraim lived in Pleasant Valley near Westminster where they farmed and had four children from this 2nd marriage for both. They are buried in Pleasant Valley cemetery.

Children: (of Rebecca and Joseph Fitz)

- a. Jacob M. - b. Feb. 24, 1855 - d. May 16, 1923; married Susan B. Louey - b. Mar. 25, 1855 - d. May 20, 1936. Buried: Meadow Branch. They had several children.
- b. Amos - b. Sept. 23, 1856 - d. Dec. 14, 1918; married Eliza G. Wintrobe - b. Oct. 17, 1854? - d. Jan. 10, 1917? They had several children also. Buried: Krider's Church.
- c. Jane - b. @ 1858; married Samuel Kenney and they lived at Stevens City, Virginia.
- d. Susan - b. @ 1860; married John Stone and said to have lived in the Uniontown area.
- e. Ellen M. b. Apr. 30, 1863 - d. Aug. 26, 1943; married John Mahaley and lived in Hanover.

Children: (of Rebecca and Ephraim L. Bankert)

- f. Margaret "Mazzie or Mazie" Louisa - b. Mar. 24, 1867 - d. Nov. 28, 1922; married Franklin T. Welk - b. Aug. 15, 1865 - d. Dec. 9, 1913. Buried: Mt. Carmel, Littlestown.
- g. Howard L. - b. 1869 - d. 1930-40.
- h. Arkansas H. - b. July 20, 1872 (T.S. = 1873) - d. Jan. 9, 1929; married Cora J. Leister - b. 1865 - d. 1928.
- i. Harry - b. @ 1874 - still living in 1941.

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 C. Elizabeth - b. 1835 - d. Jan. 6, 1909; never married and was blind or nearly so most of her life. Buried: Krider's Church.

- D. Sevilla - b. 1837 - d. Jan. 8, 1915; married Amos Koontz - b. 1837 - d. Sept. 26, 1925. They lived in the Westminster area where he was a carpenter, but lived their last years in Hagerstown, Md. Buried: Krider's Church.

Children:

- a. Jeremiah T. - married Flora I. Wantz; lived near Pleasant Valley.
- b. Josephus B. - married Susan C.; lived in Hanover area.
- c. Elizabeth C. - married Jacob Daniel Bloom; lived in Baltimore.
- d. John H. - lived in Hagerstown, Md., then Jacksonville, Fla.
- e. Lydia J. - married David Reeder; lived in Kansas, then Ill.
- f. Clara V. - married Jersey G. Reeder; lived in Hagerstown, Md.

- E. Mary Ann - b. Feb. of 1838 - d. Mar. 7, 1921; married to William C. Wantz (Wentz) - b. Aug. 12, 1836 - d. July 14, 1893. They farmed in Pleasant Valley. Buried: Pleasant Valley Cemetery where they have a large, tall marble monument.

Children:

- a. Robert M. - b. Feb. 9, 1860 - d. Oct. 28, 1928; married Aug. 26, 1882 to Clara V. Frock - b. Feb. 9, 1860 - d. Oct. 28, 1928. Buried: Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

- F. Jeremiah - b. Nov. 30, 1839 - d. Jan. 29, 1929; married Aug. 28, 1862 to Sarah Jane Stonesifer - b. Dec. 27, 1841 (T.S. = Dec. 29, 1842) - d. June 4, 1916. They farmed near Westminster, had 9 children, and are buried at Krider's Church. She was a daughter of Daniel Stonesifer who married Susanna Lippy (see pp. 139-140). Her father was a brother of Jeremiah's mother, thus making Jeremiah and Sarah Jane first cousins.

Children: (order not known)

- a. George W. (committed suicide by hanging) - mar. Anna Mary C. Zepp
- b. Catherine J. - married Albin Myers
- c. Rufus H. - married Mary J. Kump - lived in York, Pa.
- d. Jacob D. - married Celvan (Celia Amelia) Bish
- e. Susan R. - never married - went to live in Arizona
- f. Jeremiah - married Emma P. Humbert
- g. Noah C. (or D.?) - married Henrietta Blocher? - went to Baltimore
- h. Ida M. - married Clarence Peterman - lived in Mechanicsburg, Pa.
- i. Maurice (Morris) - lived in York, Pa. - mar. Dora

- G. Susan (also Susanna) - b. Aug. 4, 1841 - d. Aug. 18, 1913; married in 1860 to Adam Jacob Stone - b. Nov. 10, 1831 - d. Mar. 18, 1913. They farmed near Westminster till 1882 when they moved to Ohio, and there they continued to farm, aided by a family of 9 children.

Children:

- a. Milton Luther - b. Oct. 18, 1861
- b. Charles Daniel - b. June 21, 1864

- c. Joanna Elizabeth - b. Aug. 7, 1865
- d. John Calvin - b. Mar. 9, 1867 - died in infancy
- e. Mary Catherine - b. May 3, 1868
- f. Lydia Rebecca - b. Apr. 17, 1870
- g. Adam E. - b. Mar. 11, 1874
- h. Edward G. - b. June 24, 1880
- i. Virginia Reese - b. June 24, 1880 - a twin of Edward G.

H. Margaret - b. Nov. 6, 1843 - d. Oct. 30, 1917; married to George E. Baust - b. Aug. 21, 1847 - d. Oct. 5, 1915. They lived in Pleasant Valley. Buried: Krider's Church.

Children:

- a. Clara - married Theodore Myers
- b. Emory
- c. Beulah Irene - married Edward F. Dickensheets
- d. Lewis Wantz

I. Calvin - b. Oct. 13, 1845 - d. Mar. 5, 1925; married Annie Circle - b. Apr. 14, 1846 - d. Apr. 28, 1905. They farmed his parents home place near Westminster, had a family of 12 children, and are now buried at Krider's Church - just a mile or so south of their farm.

Children:

- a. Charles - b. May 30, 1865 - married Mary C. Geiman.
- b. Jacob David - b. Dec. 4, 1867 - married Jessie Isabella Dayhoff.
- c. Infant son - b. June 25, 1869 - d. July 15, 1869.
- d. Mary Catherine "Mollie" - b. Sept. 27, 1870 - married to Lewis Holliday Dell.
- e. William E. - b. Sept. 8, 1872 - married Sarah A. Essich.
- f. Calvin Reese - b. Nov. 18, 1874 - married Iowa C. Petry; (he is the grandfather of Reese L. Starner, the Register of Wills of Carroll Co.)
- g. Richard Centennial - b. June 22, 1876 - d. 1936; lived in Holtsville, California. His body was shipped back here and buried at Mt. Union Church near Uniontown, Md. where he has a tombstone that was imported from Switzerland. He was given the middle name of Centennial because of being born in 1876 - the Centennial year of the United States. Married Mary Williams.
- h. Lydia Bell - b. Apr. 6, 1878 - m. John Senft. She died aged 98.
- i. Cornelia Virginia - b. Aug. 25, 1881 - d. Jan. 14, 1882.
- j. John Schaffer - b. Oct. 20, 1882 - lived in Washington, D.C.
- k. Edward Oliver - b. Aug. 31, 1884 - married Katie E. Humbert.
- l. Harry Kuhns - b. Jan. 31, 1886 - lived in San Diego, California; married Ardine Robertson who died; later remarried in Cal.

J. Catharine Virginia - b. Jan. 10, 1848 - d. Feb. 23, 1927; married Joseph G. Petry - b. Oct. 10, 1850 - d. June 10, 1941. They had farmed near Westminster. Buried: Krider's Church.

Children:

- a. Jacob D. - b. 1874 - d. 1957; married Missouri E. Arter - b. 1865 - d. 1952. Farmed near Krider's Church; buried there.
- b. Renie I. - b. 1876 - d. May 23, 1941; married to Samuel Cratin - b. 1875 - d. Apr. 10, 1940. Buried: Silver Run.

- c. Denton A.W. - b. 1879 - d. Apr. 3, 1969; married to Anna M. Bechtel - b. 1880 - d. Nov. 18, 1968. They lived in Hanover where he worked in the Tanger Hardware Store for some 50 years. Buried: Rest Haven Cemetery, Hanover.
- d. Hattie B. - b. Feb. 8, 1888 - d. July 20, 1947; never married. Buried: Krider's Church.

5. Elizabeth - b. Mar. 3, 1807 - d. Mar. 3, 1864; married Feb. 7, 1828 to Isaac Stonesifer - b. Nov. 11, 1798 - d. Aug. 14, 1847. Her father, John Daniel Stonesifer, Jr., was a brother of Isaac's father who was Jacob Stonesifer - both fathers being sons of John Daniel Stonesifer, Sr. - our immigrant grandfather. Isaac and Elizabeth farmed some 127 acres of land near Littlestown, had 12 children, and were members of Christ Church. A full write-up of their family is found under Isaac's name on pages 43 to 46.

6. Matilda - b. Dec. 15, 1808 - d. Mar. 4, 1891; married June 1, 1834 to Thomas Cullings¹⁰ (also Cullens, then Collins) - b. 1796 - d. 1875. They came from Carroll Co. to Adams Co. around 1850, and lived in the area of Sell's Station. He was a laborer, generally working in the iron ore mines in the area of that day. Burial place: unknown, but likely in Littlestown in the now destroyed Methodist Church cemetery as was her sister mentioned in the paragraph above.

Children:

- A. Rebecca Catharine¹² - b. July 5, 1836 - d. July 23, 1884; married Uriah James Bankert - b. Jan. 21, 1832 - d. Feb. 3, 1912. They lived in Germany twp., Adams Co., probably near her parents, where he was a shoemaker, had four children, and in the 1880's lived in Hanover. Buried: Mt. Olivet in Hanover. Their family write-up is found on pages 109-110 under Uriah's name.
- B. Hetty Ann¹³ - b. 1838 - d. Dec. 6, 1879; married Oct. 14, 1858 to Jacob Miller - b. 1833 - d. @ 1900. They farmed for some years near Littlestown in Germany twp., then in the early 1870's they moved to near Fairfield - some miles west of Gettysburg, and resumed farming. He was a Civil War veteran, serving in Co. C, 74th Pa. Infantry. Buried: Fairfield Union Cemetery.

Children:

a. <u>John T.</u> - b. 1859	e. <u>Daniel</u> - b. 1872
b. <u>William H.</u> - b. 1862	f. <u>Samuel</u> - b. 1874
c. <u>Amanda M.</u> - b. 1864	g. <u>Sarah</u> - b. 1876
d. <u>Jacob Edward</u> - b. 1867	

C. Ellen Matilda¹⁴ - b. Nov. 30, 1838 - d. Mar. 7, 1877; m. Aug. 11, 1861 to Lewis E. Drescher - b. May 6, 1836 - d. Oct. 10, 1911 (T.S. = Oct. 19). He was born in Saxony; they lived near Sell's Station. After she died he remarried & lived near Silver Run. His death resulted from blood poisoning from a scratch he received while getting out of his buggy several weeks previously. Buried: she at Bart's Church near Sell's Station, he at Silver Run.

Children:

- a. William D. - b. 1862 - married May 22, 1877 to Mary E. Clouser

- b. Lewis H. - b. Oct. 13, 1863 - d. Nov. 3, 1865
- c. Augustus "Gussie" T. - b. 1868 - m. Nov. 27, 1892 to Rosa E. Orner
- d. Frederick - b. 1871
- e. Ella M. - b. 1871 - m. Dec. 11, 1894 to Nathaniel R. Steyer
- f. Jessie May - b. 1877

D. Elizabeth ¹⁸⁴³ - b. 1843 (T.S. = 1844) - d. June 4, 1934; m. Apr. 5, 1863 to Jacob A. Lewis Yingling - b. Feb. 2, 1842 - d. Sept. 4, 1902. They lived near Barlow and then Kingsdale in Adams Co., Pa., had 11 children, and he worked in the ore mines in the area in that day. He served in the Civil War in Co. G, 74th Regt., Pa. Vol. Buried: Bart's United Brethren (now Methodist) Church near Sell's Station. In its early years this church was known as Mt. Olive Church of the Brethren.

Children:

- a. Matilda Ellen - b. 1863 - d. @ 1902; m. July 14, 1878 to Charles F. Damon, then m. Jan. 6, 1893 to Jacob Alfred Wolf.
- b. John H. - b. May 8, 1866 - d. Feb. 25, 1938; m. Feb. 3, 1891 to Mary Pylomena Hockensmith - b. Jan. 1, 1871 - d. Nov. 8, 1913. They had 6 children. Buried: Conewago Chapel near McSherrystown.
- c. Thomas J. - b. @ Mar. 29, 1868 - d. Apr. 29, 1868.
- d. Jacob David - b. Sept. 22, 1869 - d. Nov. 12, 1940; m. Nov. 1, 1896 to Lillie Martha Bair - b. Dec. 25, 1876 - d. Jan. 7, 1937. They had 9 children. Buried: Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown, Pa.
- e. William H. - b. 1870 - d. July 3, 1937; married Mary J. Klunk - b. Apr. 4, 1865 - d. Sept. 8, 1946. They had no children. Buried: he is at Bart's Church with no marker; she is at Annunciation Catholic Cemetery in McSherrystown just west of Hanover, Pa.
- f. Martha Rebecca - b. 1873 - d. Mar. 31, 1926; married Charles Edward Hartlaub - b. 1863 - d. 1947; had 10 children who had survived. Buried: St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Hanover.
- g. James J. (or I.) - b. 1874 - d. 1933; married Mar. 13, 1899 to Mary Margaret Kiser - b. Mar. 20, 1872 - d. Apr. 22, 1937. Buried: his location not known; she is in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pa.; had 9 children.
- h. Mary Ellen - b. Sept. 24, 1875 - d. Mar. 4, 1901; married Charles Kiser - b. 1863 - d. 1937. No children. Buried: Conewago Chapel.
- i. George E. - b. Apr. 27, 1882 - d. Oct. 7, 1883.
- j. Charles H. - b. Nov. 22, 1884 - d. Mar. 25, 1885.
- k. Frances G. - b. 1889 - d. 1949; married James J. Kerrigan - b. 1879 - d. Feb. 11, 1954. They had a number of children. Buried: St. Francis Cemetery in Gettysburg. He has no marker.

E. Tempey ¹⁸⁴⁷ - b. Jan. 2, 1847 - d. Apr. 27, 1913; married Mar. 27, 1879 to Nelson Yingling - b. 1855 - d. Feb. 23, 1929. Apparently they lived in Hanover where he had a contracting and draying business. They had one child - William - b. Sept. 5, 1881 - d. in infancy. All three are buried at Bart's Church between Hanover and Littlestown and a few miles south of Sell's Station. Nelson and Jacob A. Yingling were brothers, and the sons of Christian Yingling. He was the son of Jacob Yingling who was the son of John Yingling, Jr. (1750-1836). John Yingling, Jr. was the brother of Maria Elizabeth Yingling who married John Daniel Stonesifer, Sr. - our immigrant grandfather.

7. John Joseph - b. Apr. 3, 1811 - d. Mar. 1, 1891; married to Lydia Routson¹⁰ - b. Mar. 10, 1809 - d. Nov. 16, 1881.

Born near Uniontown, Carroll Co., Md., he continued to live there for some years after marriage. In the early 1840's he moved to Bachman's Valley near to his brother - Daniel Stonesifer (see page 139). Then in 1876 he moved to the Bart's Church area in Adams Co., Pa. where he had an acre of land, kept a cow, raised hogs, and in 1882 paid a county tax of 95 cents.

He was a farmer, shoemaker, teacher, and a member of the Lutheran Church. While living in the Bachman Valley area he was a member of the Jerusalem Lutheran and Reformed Church there, and also served a term or so as a justice of the peace.

His wife, Lydia, was a nearly helpless invalid the last few years of her life. She was the daughter of John Henry and Barbara Routson - Barbara being the daughter of Barbara Stonesifer who was a daughter of our immigrant John Daniel Stonesifer (see pages 26 to 28).

Joseph and Lydia had 15 children, and their descendants are probably the most numerous family branch from all of John Daniel Stonesifer's 14 children. They are buried in the new cemetery of St. Mary's Church at Silver Run - their tombstones being the first 2 markers to the left just inside the main entrance. Although badly worn by time, the following epitaphs for them can still be deciphered:

For Joseph:

Be thou faithful unto death
and I will give thee a crown
of life. Rev. 2:10

Asleep in Jesus

For Lydia:

Jesus said unto her: I am the resurrection
and the life, he that believeth in me
though he were dead yet shall he live. John 11:25

Farewell mother till we meet again.

Children:

- A. Jacob Henry - b. Jan. 4, 1833 - d. July 2, 1919; married to Elizabeth Wentz - b. Jan. 3, 1835 - d. Apr. 21, 1919.

Born near Uniontown, like his parents, he received his early education in Carroll Co., and then came to Littlestown for more advanced studies at Le Fevre's Academy there. Throughout his life he had a thirst for knowledge, and constantly sought to teach himself to become more proficient in various subjects - among these being etymology, philology, science of the day, history, and languages. It is said he even tried to master enough Greek so that he could read parts of the New Testament in that language.

In his early years he had worked as a tanner and shoemaker. However, most of his life was spent farming - and teaching for some 31 years in the public schools of both Maryland and Penna. Although much of his life was spent on a small farm about three miles north of the Md. - Pa. state line below Hanover, he usually walked back and forth to his schools each day from his home when they were in session. The schools he taught at were mainly in nearby Maryland - two of them being Mud College and Bish's. In Scharf's History of Western Maryland it states that in 1881-82 he was teaching in Myers District of Carroll Co. at Bish's School where he had 40 pupils. If weather was bad he would either stay at the school or at a home nearby. Each Christmas he would take a wagon to his school in which he carried candy to give to the pupils. Many a time he would walk to Westminster from the school or his home for his pay.

After marriage he and his wife first lived in rented homes. In 1860 he purchased a property consisting of two lots with a house and other buildings along the Hanover - Littlestown highway in Pennville from a cousin, Zephaniah Bankert. After living there for some years, he purchased the farm referred to previously, and which was composed of 19 acres of cleared land and 4 acres of woodland. It was located in West Manheim twp. about three miles north of the state line and about two or so miles west of Pleasant Hill. Here he lived the rest of his life. In his last years the property was acquired by his son-in-law and daughter - Edwin C. and Amelia "Kate" Bortner, and Jacob and Elizabeth lived with them.

He was a very pious and religious man, and was a member of St. Bartholomew's Lutheran and Reformed Church several miles southwest of Hanover and just a few miles west from where he lived. Although founded in 1844, the formal papers of incorporation for this church were made much later - on Aug. 10, 1901. Two of the six men who witnessed the signing of these papers were Jacob H. and his son-in-law - Edwin C. Bortner. Jacob H. was one of the first four men named as trustees for the 1st year of the church's incorporation. Frequently he also attended services at his wife's church, Mt. Zion United Brethren Church, which was located about a mile east of St. Bartholomew's Church.

He liked cats, was a "hard" Republican, was musically inclined and owned a melodian which he loved to play, and served as a Justice of the Peace in West Manheim twp. for many years. Jacob H. had also served for a time in the Union Army during the Civil War, but the unit is not known. He was released from the service so that he could return to continue teaching school. As he grew older he acquired a

beard , and this beard plus his facial features often brought comments about his having a good resemblance to Abraham Lincoln. He thought highly of Lincoln, probably enjoyed being said to favor him in facial features, and like Lincoln, although being humble and religious, he was not afraid to stand up to anyone on matters of right or wrong.

He apparently was quite outspoken on the various issues of the day. In the Hanover Herald for Saturday, May 2, 1896 it was mentioned that "Jacob H. Stonesifer, 'Squire and ex-school teacher of West Manheim, was overheard on Tuesday night at one of our school-houses, giving a lecture on the compulsory education law." This was likely a gathering of some persons working together on some project, and during the course of the evening a heated and lively discussion of the new law ensued.

Elizabeth Wentz, the wife of Jacob H. Stonesifer, was a direct descendant of Frederick Wentz, Sr. who came to America from Partenheim, Germany on the Ship Speedwell, landing in Philadelphia on Sept. 25, 1749. Several years earlier two of his brothers, Valentine and Philip Wentz, had come to America, landing also in Philadelphia, on Sept. 2, 1743. Frederick married a Margaret Miller, had 6 children (four boys and two girls), farmed near Philadelphia, and died @ March of 1768. These three brothers came to America as a result of their uncle, Peter Wentz, who had settled near to Philadelphia in 1704 and eventually acquired upwards of 3,000 acres of prime farm land near Skippack, in now Montgomery County, but then yet a part of Philadelphia Co. of Pa.

At least four of Frederick Wentz's immediate descendants came to the Hanover area @ the 1780's. Their uncle, Valentine Wentz, had married and settled here @ 1749. Probably his favorable reports of conditions in the "new land" encouraged his nieces and nephew(s) to settle here, too. The descendants of Frederick Wentz who relocated here and became a part of our relationship were: his daughter, Margaret, who married Abraham Lohr; his daughter, Barbara, who married John Dorr (also Derr); a granddaughter, Elizabeth, (dau. of Frederick's son John Philip) who married Philip Lohr (see pages 138-139); and his son, Frederick, Jr.

Frederick Wentz, Jr. married an Anna Maria Magdalena and is believed to have had 9 children. One of his daughters, Susanna (later Susan) Wentz, married Jacob Stonesifer and they had 9 children. This Jacob was a son of Jacob Stonesifer - one of the sons of our immigrant John Daniel Stonesifer (see pages 29 to 35). One of Frederick Wentz, Jr.'s sons, Jacob Wentz, married a Maria Sharretts, and they had several children - one being John Wentz who married Susanna Kreidler, and they became the parents of the Elizabeth Wentz who married Jacob H. Stonesifer.

Elizabeth's father, John Wentz, and two of his brothers, erected Mt. Zion United Brethren Church in 1861 (the same church mentioned previously). This little congregation was founded in 1847 by some dissatisfied families of St. Bartholomew's Church. For a number of years they held their worship services in John Wentz's summer house

until they were able to build their small, brick church which was to become widely known simply as Wentz's Meeting House. This church functioned for some 75 years and then ceased. Today the church building and cemetery are maintained as a kind of memorial shrine and yearly meeting place by the Stonesifer - Wentz descendants of the original members.

Not only is our genealogy and family history enriched by our Frederick Wentz connection, but also by Valentine Wentz, his brother, who was mentioned previously. Valentine married Barbara Jennewein and they settled here @ 1749 on a large farm several miles southeast of Hanover at a place now called Lineboro, Md. One of their descendants, David C. Wentz, married Mary Ellen Bankert who was a granddaughter of Elizabeth Stonesifer married to Peter Bankert. Elizabeth Stonesifer Bankert was a daughter of our immigrant John Daniel Stonesifer. Thus she was a sister of John Daniel Stonesifer, Jr. - the grandfather of our present subject - Jacob H. Stonesifer married to Elizabeth Wentz. (See also pages 138 & 197)

This Wentz family background has been given because there are many members of our relationship directly connected and descended from it. Also, this complex history is an excellent example of how close and entwined is our Stonesifer-Yingling-Bankert family.

Jacob H. and Elizabeth Wentz Stonesifer raised a family of eight children - six daughters and two sons. After a long and interesting life, Elizabeth died at the age of 84. Jacob is said to have grieved deeply over her passing away and never recovered from it. In less than three months he died also - aged 86. They are buried at the Wentz's Meeting House near her parents.

Children:

- a. Mary Jane - b. Oct. 4, 1856 - d. Sept. 2, 1888; married on Dec. 13, 1877 to Reuben Walter Wildasin - b. Aug. 19, 1856 - d. Dec. 13, 1917. He was a well-known and prosperous farmer near Littlestown, and for many years operated the Lefevre Farm owned by his cousin, George Kump, and which was located near Christ Church. Buried: Christ Church.

Children: (of Reuben and Mary Jane Stonesifer Wildasin)

- (1) Clara Belle - b. Mar. 15, 1878 - d. Nov. 10, 1898; died from diptheria; buried at Christ Church.
- (2) Charles Curtis - b. July 19, 1880 - d. Nov. 17, 1898; died in his 1st year of teaching - from diptheria. Buried: Christ Church.
- (3) Estella "Stella" - b. Aug. 27, 1882 - d. Jan. 6, 1974; married John Milton Wisler - b. Sept. 5, 1881 - died Mar. 7, 1958. They lived in Littlestown at 376 East King Street in a beautiful Victorian frame home. He was a public school teacher in Adams Co. all his life. They had one child - Ivan L. who died at birth in 1914. Stella, as she was always known, died aged 92. Buried: Christ Church.

- (4) Grace Orien - b. Nov. 6, 1884 - d. July 9, 1966; married to Joseph William Sell - b. June 22, 1885 - d. July 17, 1977. He had operated a Sheppard and Myers farm near Mt. Pleasant for three years. They then moved to Pennville near Hanover where he worked for many years as a carpenter for the Revonah Spinning Mills. Buried: Christ Church.

Children:

- (4a) Clyde R. - b. Sept. 22, 1906 - d. Oct. 2, 1906
 (4b) Velare - b. 1909; married John L. Bair
 (4c) Edna - b. 1913; married Clarence R. Reck

- (5) Mary Mabel - b. Sept. 11, 1886 - d. Nov. 10, 1898; died from diptheria. Buried: Christ Church.
 (6) Reuben Jacob - b. Feb. 18, 1888 - d. Nov. 10, 1898; died from diptheria. Buried: Christ Church.

- b. Savannah Elizabeth - b. Dec. 18, 1857 - d. Apr. 2, 1917; married Mar. 16, 1876 to Daniel Wellington Yeiser - b. Dec. 15, 1853 - d. May 13, 1910. He farmed near St. Bartholomew's Church where he was a well-liked personality and churchman; he took his own life by hanging (in his barn) from despondency over domestic problems. Buried: St. Bartholomew's Church.

Children:

- (1) Cora May - b. Oct. 9, 1876 - d. Apr. 10, 1963; married to Moses J.M. Troxell - b. Feb. 4, 1876 - d. Jan. 24, 1940. Buried: Silver Run.

Children: (order not known)

- (1a) Mary - married Roger J. Long
 (1b) Hilda N. - b. @ 1897 - d. Oct. 30, 1977; married David F. Humbert - b. @ 1894 - d. Mar. 8, 1976
 (1c) Moses Burnell - b. 1913 - d. 1951
 (1d) George H. - married Rhoda C. Yeiser
 (1e) Benjamin F. - married Olive Mamie Wilson
 (1f) Moses E. - b. Nov. 19, 1899 - d. Aug. 1, 1900

- (2) Emma M. - b. June 20, 1880 - d. Mar. 23, 1925; married to Henry E. Kopp - separated; was living with her sister and one afternoon she went upstairs after saying good-bye to some guests who were visiting, and then hanged herself in the clothes closet of her bedroom from deep despondency over ill health and, probably also, her separation. Buried: Silver Run on her sister's plot.
 (3) Wellington - b. Apr. 5, 1883 - d. Jan. 5, 1949; married Carrie Elsie Myers - b. Dec. 25, 1885 - d. Apr. 17, 1941; then married Mamie Myers - Buried: St. Bartholomew's Church. He was a carpenter & later foreman for the O.H. Hostetter Construction Co. of Hanover, and helped in the construction of many buildings

in the Hanover area. He died by drowning in a water-filled ditch while searching for a lost pair of glasses. However, a suspicion of possible suicide was linked to the case.

Children:

- (3a) Mildred - married Ira D. Sterner (she d. 2-23-83, ae 72)
 - (3b) Dean Wellington - b. July 7, 1911 - d. July 22, 1941; married Grace Garrett. He was a painter by trade.
- c. Alice Eliza - b. Jan. 5, 1859 - d. Jan. 18, 1945; married Feb. 5, 1889 to Reuben Walter Wildasin - b. Aug. 19, 1856 - d. Dec. 13, 1917.

He married the sister of his first wife - Mary Jane Stonesifer (see page 152). From both his marriages he had 14 children. However, in a 16 day period between Nov. 10 and Nov. 26 of 1898 six of the twelve children living at home died from diphtheria, and had to be buried without benefit of funeral services. During the second week of the family's troubles, the other farmers of the area came together to do the fall plowing for Reuben. At one point in time there were 14 plows operating that were harnessed to 54 horses. It was said that nothing like it had ever been seen before in the area.

This tragedy affected the whole area deeply, and when a memorial service was held in the spring for the deceased children on the afternoon of Sunday, Apr. 9, 1899, the papers reported again that such an outpouring of persons to show sympathy and respect for the Wildasin family had never been seen before in the area.

It was reported that Christ Church was filled to overflowing inside with people and that the grounds outside were filled likewise. The altar and pulpit of the church were tastefully decorated with ribbons, cut flowers, and potted plants. Six chairs were placed in the front of the church, on which a flower stalk was placed on each one for each of the deceased children. Rev. Dr. Henry Y. Spangler, President of Ursinus College, preached "a most eloquent sermon", and the pastor of the congregation, Rev. F.S. Lindaman, delivered an address.

In his day, Reuben Wildasin had gained a reputation as one of the most outstanding and well-known farmers of the entire area, and his family was a leading one at Christ Church near Littlestown for many years. He was married twice - both times to daughters of Jacob H. and Elizabeth Wentz Stonesifer - a factor also in his family being so widely known. Reuben himself was a relative of theirs in his own right, being a direct descendant of a sister of Maria Elizabeth Yingling - John Daniel Stonesifer's wife. (See also page 123). Reuben Wildasin and his two wives - Mary Jane and Alice Eliza - and a number of their children are buried at Christ Church.

(The writer, a grandson of Reuben and Alice Stonesifer Wildasin, is indebted to a number of quite elderly family members who knew of the preceding events personally. One of these persons was Joseph Harvey Stonesifer, one of the brothers of Mary Jane and Alice Eliza Stonesifer Wildasin. He died Jan. 15, 1974 at the age of 96 years and being the oldest male Stonesifer descendant presently known.)

Children: (of Reuben and Alice Stonesifer Wildasin)

- (1) Austin Daniel - b. Apr. 6, 1886 - d. Oct. 24, 1967; married Margaret D. Tawney - b. June 23, 1894 - d. Oct. 7, 1975. He was raised by his grandparents and took the name of Stonesifer; drove a truck for the Atlantic Refining Co. for many years. She was a descendant of former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice - Roger B. Taney of Maryland who swore in Abraham Lincoln as President. Buried: Mt. Olivet in Hanover.

Children:

- (1a) Naomi - married Billie Stevens
(1b) Mildred - married Samuel Bramble

- (2) Emma Caroline - b. May 31, 1889 - d. Mar. 28, 1890

- (3) Annie Elizabeth - b. May 31, 1889 - d. June 12, 1964; married Martin Lay Whisler - b. Dec. 23, 1884 - d. Mar. 13, 1942. Annie was a twin of Emma Caroline. Martin operated a grocery store in Littlestown for some years, then moved to the edge of Hanover where it joins Midway and owned and operated a grocery store there for years. They had a family of twelve children. Buried: Mt. Olivet in Hanover.

Children:

- (3a) Infant - b. May 13, 1911 - d. May 19, 1911
(3b) Kenneth Samuel - married Edna May Little
(3c) Laverne John - married Mildred Nadine Panebaker
(3d) Merle Henry - married Marie Elizabeth Shaffer
(3e) Martin Reuben - b. 1913 - d. 1958
(3f) Clair Edward - d. Dec. 21, 1967; married to Naomi Alice Shearer
(3g) Clyde LeRoy - b. 1924 - d. 1934; died from drowning while skating in a quarry near Hanover.
(3h) Mildred Elizabeth - married Raymond Conrad
(3i) Effie Pauline - married Kenneth Eisenberger
(3j) Thelma Alice - married Thomas T. Markle
(3k) Mary Anna - never married
(3l) Doris Marie - never married
- (4) Roy Albert - b. Mar. 23, 1891 - d. Nov. 17, 1898; died from diphtheria. Buried: Christ Church.

- (5) Harvey Clinton - b. May 29, 1892; married Mar. 23, 1913 to Mary M. Berwager - b. July 13, 1891. About 1917 he took over the operation of the old Lefevre farm near Christ Church when his parents retired. Then @ 1947 he also retired from farming, and became a self-employed painter for some years. Both he and his wife are now past 90 years of age. (He died Mar. 27, 1983) (She died Oct. 11, 1983) - were married 70 years.
- Children: Buried: Christ Church.

- (5a) Ralph H. - b. June 4, 1919 - d. Aug. 13, 1919
 (5b) Infant daughter - d. at birth - Oct. 5, 1923
 (5c) Emma Pauline - married Harry L. Hahn
 (5d) Cletus Laverne - married Pauline Catherine Halter
 (5e) Ruth Cecelia - married John Leroy Warner
 (5f) Robert Louis - married Ruth Gene Grove - separated

- (6) Maurice Elmer - b. Apr. 30, 1894 - d. Nov. 26, 1898; died from diptheria. Buried: Christ Church.

- (7) John Edwin - b. Feb. 7, 1896 - d. Jan. 28, 1980; married Oct. 21, 1924 to Ruth Catharine Bair - b. Sept. 6, 1896. Born near Littlestown, as were all his brothers and sisters, he was a minister for nearly 50 years of the German Reformed Church in the United States which later became the United Church of Christ of today; graduated from Ursinus College in 1920, Central Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church (in Dayton, Ohio) in 1923, and Princeton Theological Seminary in 1924; was widely read and noted for being proficient in five languages - German, French, Latin, Greek, and Hebrew; served 18 months in W.W.I. - attaining the rank of a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry; served his entire ministry at St. Peter's Reformed Church charge (later U.C.C.) near Doylestown, Bucks Co., Pa.; received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1950 from Ursinus College; retired in 1968 to live in Hanover, Pa. and is buried at his home church - Christ Church near Littlestown, Pa.

Children:

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 (7a) Doyle F. - b. Oct. 27, 1925 -
 (7b) John Edwin - d. at birth - May 15, 1930
 (7c) Harold Elwin - b. June 3, 1934

- (8) Harry Clayton - b. Mar. 21, 1898 - d. Dec. 24, 1980; married Ada Jeune Wertz - b. Nov. 2, 1901 - d. Dec. 11, 1965. He graduated from Ursinus College in 1922, taught for a year or so in a small seminary for youth in N.Y. state, and then taught in the public schools of Adams and York counties. Buried: Christ Church.

Children:

- (8a) Harry, Junior - married Irene Mae Koontz
 (8b) Arlene Helen - married David Edward Greason

- d. Amelia Catharine "Kate" - b. Apr. 1, 1860 - d. Oct. 29, 1942; married Feb. 9, 1879 to Edwin C. Bortner - b. Aug. 22, 1855 - d. Apr. 15, 1929. They took over the farm of her parents who continued to live there with them. Buried: St. Bartholomew's.

Children:

- (1) Delphi Edwin - b. Aug. 16, 1881 - d. Oct. 17, 1957; married Minnie M. Wentz - b. Jan. 27, 1883 - died Sept. 18, 1964. He was employed by Mrs. Zinn's Pastry Shop of Hanover. Buried: St. Bartholomew's.
- (2) Anna Mary Martha - b. 1886 - d. Aug. 21, 1965; married Amos W. Unger - b. 1883 - d. Oct. 31, 1970. He was a self-employed house painter. Buried: Rest Haven.

Children: (order not known)

- (2a) Cletus W. - married Agnes Naus
 (2b) Earl C. - married Dorothy Hoopes
 (2c) George E. - married Mildred Haines
 (2d) Robert K. - married Eileen May Kline
 (2e) Harold D. - married Margaret M. Barnes
 (2f) Theron Burnell - married Josephine Wright
 (2g) Dean M. - not married
 (2h) Wilmer D. - married Delores Elaine Wintrobe,
 then married Rosie Bankert
 (2i) Jean - married Rev. Robert Arentz, then married
 Norman Nagel
 (2j) Mary Catherine "Cassie" - married Mervin K. Myers
 (2k) Millard Geron - b. Oct. 5, 1921 - d. July 17, 1943;
 Corporal in the U.S. Air Corps in W.W. 2.
- e. Emma Susan - b. Oct. 21, 1865 - d. Jan. 6, 1910; married Sept. 10, 1885 to John Andrew Gobrecht - b. Mar. 14, 1862 - d. Aug. 10, 1942. They farmed at Pine Grove, a few miles southeast of Littlestown, and were the parents of 12 children - six sons and six daughters. She was one of the outstanding spellers of her community in the old fashioned "spelling bee" of that day, could give excellent imitations of bird and animal calls, and could impersonate various human voices. Emma also had a very fine singing voice, and she was quite skilled on the melodion or parlor organ - even being able to reproduce a band selection after having heard it played at a public event.

Their six sons were also quite talented musically. They played a variety of instruments, and for many years were known for their Gobrecht Band and Orchestra. Their sister, Emma, often was a vocalist for them. They were also leading participants in the Carroll County Reed Band, the Knights of Pithias Band, and numerous other area musical groups.

Besides farming, John helped to build a reservoir near Sell's Station for the Hanover Water Co., helped to build and then maintain the Long Arm Telephone Line - the first such facility in the immediate area, was a supervisor and caretaker of the roads of Union twp. for 30 years, and was superintendent of the Pine Grove Sunday School for many years where he also taught a class of young boys. However, the family apparently were members of Christ Church, at least in earlier years, as the Gobrecht children were baptized there by the pastor - Rev. F.S. Lindaman. After Emma's death from typhoid fever he remarried. They are buried at Christ Church.

Children:

- (1) Della Elizabeth - b. Jan. 29, 1887 -
 married Clarence Reiggle - b. Apr. 15, 1892 - died Mar. 19, 1953. He worked for the Hanover Shoe Co. for most of his life, and also did work in several local shoe repair shops.

Children:

- (1a) Edna Mae - b. May 27, 1911 - d. Feb. 3, 1935;
 married James Adam Carr.
 (1b) Clarence George - b. Sept. 18, 1912; married
Pauline Hershey Smith
 (1c) John Albert - b. Feb. 27, 1917; married
Ruth Margaret Beisecker
 (1d) Marian Alveta - b. July 7, 1927; married
George L.T. Garrett

- (2) Levi Jacob - b. Aug. 11, 1888 - d. Jan. 23, 1974;
 married Mary Edith Crumrine - b. 1886 - d. 1936,
 then married Bertha Bucher - b. 1899 -
 He served for a time in France in W.W. I, owned and operated a grist and flour mill on Beck Mill Road area, and after ceasing milling he worked for some years at Masemer's Bakery in Hanover. In his early years he had helped his father in building the reservoir at Sell's Station, and then helped to build the Sheppard & Myers Impounding Dam near to Pleasant Hill.

Children:

- (2a) Mary Kathleen - b. Feb. 7, 1911; married
Ellis Arthur Roller - b. Oct. 21, 1915.
 (2b) John Edward - b. Sept. 10, 1924; married
Jennie Mae Wildasin - b. June 21, 1925.
 (2c) William Henry - b. Sept. 10, 1924; married
Gladys Merie Horner - b. Jan. 21, 1923.
 He was a twin of John Edward.

- (3) Mary Belle - b. Sept. 18, 1890 - d. Dec. 7, 1967; married Raymond George Oliver Markle - b. June 7, 1887 - d. Oct. 20, 1975. They lived at Union Mills in Md. where he taught school for 13 years, operated a barber shop for some 40 years, and was also a house painter.

Children:

- (3a) Melvin Leroy - b. Aug. 15, 1909 - d. Oct. 15, 1909
 (3b) Hilda Evelyn - b. Oct. 4, 1911; married William Kump Leppo - b. June 19, 1909
 (3c) Ruth Lorraine - b. June 18, 1915; married Donald Lionel Bedford - b. Jan. 2, 1917
 (3d) Roland Urias - b. Dec. 17, 1920; married Mary Inskip - b. June 30, 1928
 (3e) Mary Laru - b. Jan. 5, 1924; married Harold Messinger - b. Mar. 13, 1920

- (4) Ruth Melvina - b. Aug. 11, 1893 - d. Mar. 4, 1974; married Cletus Elias Ferdinand Houck - b. Oct. 29, 1893. Employed by the Bechtel Plumbing business in Hanover, later started his own business in that field.

Children:

- (4a) Catherine Ruth - b. Apr. 6, 1919 - d. Apr. 19, 1919
 (4b) John Murray - d. at birth - Mar. 25, 1922
 (4c) David Cletus - b. Mar. 25, 1922; married Marie Ruth Taylor - b. Dec. 4, 1924.
 He was a twin of John Murray.

- (5) William David - b. Oct. 21, 1894 - d. Jan. 4, 1981; married Edna Mandilla Utz - b. Jan. 6, 1897 - died Nov. 30, 1924; then married Espenietta Victoria Wentz - b. Jan. 15, 1897 - d. Sept. 23, 1980. He had helped his father and other brothers in building the Hanover Water Co.'s reservoir near Sell's Station, and also helped to build the Sheppard & Myers Impounding Dam. For some 30 years he operated a farm in West Manheim twp. several miles southwest of Hanover. He had also been employed for a time by the Frank Kuhn general contracting business. He and his 1st wife are buried in Mt. Olivet in Hanover. His 2nd wife is buried with her first husband, Lawrence Wentz, at St. Bartholomew's.

Children:

- (5a) Lester Lavere - b. July 1, 1918; married Mildred Mary Sterner - b. Jan. 16, 1920
 (5b) Carolyn Edna - b. Oct. 26, 1921; married Russell I. Wilson - b. Oct. 3, 1918

- (5c) Harold George - b. Nov. 24, 1924; married Kathleen Bessie Jones - b. Oct. 5, 1926
- (5d) Russell William - b. July 28, 1926 - died Mar. 22, 1927.
- (5e) Evelyn Louise - b. Feb. 19, 1931; married George Burnell Raubenstine - b. Mar. 26, 1930

- (6) Emory Aaron - b. Apr. 16, 1896; married Ada May Schriver - b. Apr. 14, 1897 - d. Oct. 31, 1961. He had helped his father and brothers in the building of the Sell's Station reservoir and then the Sheppard & Myers Dam. Most of his life, however, he spent working for the Hanover Shoe Co. He has also acquired some local distinction as a music composer and a writer of poetry.

Children:

- (6a) Dorothy Ellen - b. Dec. 10, 1920 - d. May 17, 1934.

- (7) Clayton Noah - b. Dec. 10, 1897 - d. July 4, 1979; married Frances Romaine Sterner - b. June 26, 1902. Worked for Hanover Shoe Co. for some years. Then he left there and worked for McCrory's 5 & 10 ¢ store, the Fuller Brush Co., Cremer's Florist Shop, and the Western Maryland Railroad. He then returned to work for the Hanover Shoe Co. again.

Children:

- (7a) Margaret Elizabeth - b. Nov. 3, 1920; married Donald Heilman Fisher - b. Oct. 31, 1915
- (7b) Crosby Clayton - b. Aug. 19, 1926; married Anna Jane Shearer - b. Apr. 8, 1927
- (7c) Phyllis Marie - b. Apr. 24, 1930; married Carl Wilson Elicker; then married William L. Warner
- (7d) Rodney Stonesifer - b. Apr. 6, 1936; married Donna Jean Karper

- (8) Carrie Naomi - b. Aug. 30, 1899 - d. Oct. 18, 1959; married Guy Smith Wentz - b. Oct. 8, 1899. They farmed in Grand Valley, Md. where he also worked part time for the George V. Miller lumber business. He had also worked for a time at the Leroy Garvick meat market.

Children:

- (8a) Quentin Gobrecht - b. June 19, 1919; married Arlene Annie Dayhoff - b. Apr. 20, 1920

- (8b) Doris Louise - b. June 19, 1919; married
Charles Sylvester Frock - b. Oct. 5, 1917
- (8c) Roy - b. June 25, 1930 - d. June 26, 1930.
- (8d) Dean Guy - b. June 12, 1939; married
Faye Arlene Worley - b. Mar. 28, 1948

- (9) Edward John - b. Mar. 11, 1901; married
Cora Mae Reichart - b. Aug. 4, 1904. He worked
for some 45 years for the Hanover Shoe Co.

Children:

- (9a) Edward John, Jr. - b. Mar. 19, 1924; married
Coleen Lamb - b. June 4, 1925
- (9b) Jeune Alice - b. Sept. 28, 1925; married
William Wertz Seibert - b. Feb. 12, 1925
- (9c) Shirley Mae - b. June 24, 1928; married
Elwood Harold Leister - b. Dec. 7, 1928
- (9d) Wilber Jacob - b. Nov. 4, 1930; married
Jo Anne Marie DeHoff - b. Dec. 13, 1935
- (9e) Lewis Daniel - b. May 19, 1933; married
Sandra Lee Snyder - b. Oct. 17, 1940

- (10) Joseph Calvin - b. Feb. 2, 1903; married
Ruth Virginia Stoner - b. Dec. 9, 1906.
He worked for the Hanover Shoe Co. for 50 years.

Children:

- (10a) Geraldine Fay - b. Oct. 29, 1932; married
Charles Joseph Bell - b. Apr. 21, 1931
- (10b) Dorothy Roberta - b. June 27, 1935; married
Philip L. Lighty
- (10c) Virginia Grace - b. June 18, 1938; married
Gordon Robert Heath, Jr. - b. Mar. 18, 1934

- (11) Emma Stonesifer - b. Dec. 2, 1904; married
Edgar Herman Weisensale - b. Aug. 30, 1902 -
d. Apr. 19, 1925. She worked for the Hanover
Shoe for some years; was a vocalist for the
Gobrecht Band and Orchestra. He had served a 3
year enlistment in the U.S. Army from 1919 -
1922 during which time he had played clarinet
with the John J. Pershing Band of Washington,
D.C. After his discharge he worked for the
Hoover Cabinet Works of Hanover till his death.

Children:

- (11a) Edgar Herman, Jr. - b. Sept. 11, 1925 -
died May 31, 1971; married Vivian
Raubenstine - b. Oct. 16, 1927

- (12) Edna Alice - b. July 30, 1907; married
Walter Leroy Sterner - b. Feb. 8, 1909.
 They developed the widely known W.L. Sterner
 Farm Machinery and Hardware business of Hanover.

Children:

- (12a) Donald Leroy - b. Jan. 6, 1933; married
Edna Louise Miller - b. Dec. 3, 1934
 (12b) Marlene Marie - b. June 21, 1937; married
Frederick Leonard Shilling
 (12c) Linda Jane - b. Nov. 25, 1940; married
John Mason Pawelek
 (12d) Alan Walter - b. Dec. 26, 1944; married
Sally A. Wherley - b. July 14, 1951

- f. Lydia Maria - b. Jan. 2, 1867 - d. Feb. 22, 1943; married
 Sept. 13, 1885 to Alvin James Massamore - b. 1867 - died
 Jan. 30, 1943. They lived in Harrisburg for many years.
 Buried: East Harrisburg Cemetery.

Children:

- (1) Alvin D. - b. July 10, 1886 - d. Aug. 26, 1886
 (2) Carrie - married Charles V. Foreman; they had a
 daughter - Louella
 (3) Roy James - b. July 1, 1889 - d. Aug. 28, 1967;
 married Hazel _____; then married to
Catherine _____ - b. Feb. 14, 1901 -
 He worked as a machinist for the Harrisburg Steel
 Co. and had one child - Roy James, Jr.

- g. John Wentz - b. Mar. 19, 1869 - d. Aug. 8, 1946; married
 Jan. 15, 1889 to Sarah S.E. Willet - b. Apr. 30, 1870 -
 d. Oct. 3, 1894; then married Apr. 13, 1896 to Anna C.
Utz Wagner - b. July 18, 1860 - d. Jan. 28, 1950. He was
 a blacksmith near Hanover, played the organ and gave
 music lessons, and was a justice of the peace for several
 years. His first wife died after a two weeks illness with
 diptheria. He is buried with her at St. Bartholomew's.
 His second wife is buried with her first husband at
 St. Paul's (Dubs) Church southeast of Hanover.

Children:

- (1) Oscar - b. Aug. 3, 1889 - d. Oct. 30, 1970; married
 Oct. 5, 1912 to Annie Martin - b. Oct. 26, 1885 -
 d. July 25, 1960. He was employed as a carpenter by
 the O.H. Hostetter Construction Co. of Hanover -
 later becoming a foreman with them. Buried: Mt.
 Olivet in Hanover.

Children:

- (1a) Raymond Martin - b. Jan. 28, 1913 - d. July 16, 1967; married Ann Brown. He was a manager in the F.W. Woolworth stores chain system - last in Pittsburgh, Pa. Buried: Mt. Olivet, Hanover.

Children:

- (1aa) Betty Rae - married James Grooket and lives in Phila., Pa.
- (1b) Mary G. - b. Oct. 4, 1917; married Oct. 15, 1938 to Paul Grove; then married Marlin W. Chronister.

Children:

- (1ba) Paul Richard Grove - married to Mary Kessler. He is a Lutheran pastor and presently at Trinity Lutheran Church in Phila., Pa.
- (1bb) Linda - married Sewell David Weaver - he is employed by the DuPont Corp.
- (2) Monroe Daniel - b. July 5, 1891 - d. Feb. 16, 1961; married Mar. 28, 1916 to Anna Catherine Salome Rusher - b. Oct. 24, 1895 - d. May 21, 1967. He was a foreman at the Hanover Cabinet Co. for a number of years. Then he had a blacksmith shop near Hanover. Buried: Mt. Olivet.

Children:

- (2a) Mildred Mary - married Mar. 28, 1937 to Millard Luther Millheim
- (2b) Anna Louise - married Sept. 24, 1938 to John Raymond Felch. She is deceased.
- (2c) Earl M. - b. Sept. 27, 1918 - d. May 23, 1972; married Aug. 10, 1940 to Jean E. Willet.
- (2d) Jean Elenore - married Oct. 4, 1952 to Donald Elwood Wentz
- (3) Ada L.E. "Addie" - b. Feb. 16, 1894 - d. Jan. 9, 1976; married Mar. 20, 1915 to Brayton C. Warner - b. Jan. 9 - 1896 - d. July 3, 1944. He was a prominent truck farmer near Hanover, and they were noted for the produce stall they operated at the Hanover Municipal Market for many years. They belonged to St. Bartholomew's Church where he was a Sunday School officer and also taught a class of young ladies. He died from a fractured skull and shock when his parked truck was struck from behind by a car when they were returning home from market one day. Addie later became a self-employed seamstress. They are buried at St. Bartholomew's Church.

Children:

- (3a) Harley B. - married Beulah Sterner
 - (3b) Edward F. - married Alta Dull
 - (3c) Robert S. - married Charlotte Masemer
 - (3d) Marian A. - married Blanton B. Shorb
 - (3e) David C. - b. 1925 - d. 1941; b. Mar. 16 of the year indicated, his middle name was Coolidge; died June 7 aged 16 from valvular heart condition.
- (4) Infant daughter - d. at birth - Oct. 25, 1900; child of John's marriage to Annie Utz Wagner, and buried at St. Bartholomew's Church.

h. Joseph Harvey - b. Nov. 7, 1877 - d. Jan. 15, 1974; married Apr. 10, 1900 to Annie K. Smith - b. Dec. 9, 1878 - died Mar. 14, 1961. He was a blacksmith practically all his life, having learned the trade from a James Baldwin. His brother, John, had learned the same trade from Emanuel Yeiser - the father of Daniel Yeiser who married their sister, Savannah Stonesifer. Harvey was sexton at St. Bartholomew's Church near Hanover for 16 years and 3 months at one point in his life. And like his brother, he was sometimes called on to be organist for services. In his earlier years he had taught music in private sessions - something his father, Jacob H. Stonesifer, had done also. He had also served as a watchman for the former Winebrenner Canning Co. for some time. He lived a little over two months past his 96th birthday, thus making him the oldest man of our Md.-Pa. Stonesifer family presently known. Harvey and Annie Stonesifer are buried at Rest Haven Cemetery, Hanover.

This writer visited several times with Harvey who lived his last years with Ira and Blanche Reichart - his son-in-law and daughter. He stood about 5 feet 4 inches, weighed about 100 pounds, and had a short, gray beard - all of which caused him to resemble his father very much. He was very agile and quick in his movements, and was able to get up out of a chair with almost no difficulty - however, he did admit that doing so too fast sometimes made him a little dizzy. He had a direct, friendly gaze for the person he would be talking to, and his memory was remarkable for things of the past and present - some interesting examples of which are mentioned in the following material.

He vividly remembered the time in Nov. of 1898 when six children in the family of his brother-in-law and sister - Reuben and Alice Stonesifer Wildasin, died in a two week period from diptheria. The farmers of the area came to the Wildasin farm and did the fall plowing and helped out in some of the other farm work. And because the family was quarantined for some days, food and other necessities were carried to a spot near the house and set down, then the carriers would withdraw a reasonable distance, and a member of the family would come out and get the items. Any necessary

exchange of messages were then shouted back and forth. Later, as the children that survived were recovering, two or so of them became critically ill again for a short time with dropsy, an aftermath of the diphtheria. Further information that he related about this family tragedy is reported on page 154 and will not be repeated here.

Joseph Stonesifer, Harvey's grandfather, lived his last years near Bart's Church where he had an acre or so of land. About an acre of the property was an apple orchard which was surrounded by a two foot high fence of wire. In this area his grandfather raised pigs, and there were always two hugh swine there specially kept for butchering each year. When Harvey visited there he was always asked to help feed them. At first he was terrified, especially of the two hugh swine. However, he gradually learned that they were all quite gentle, and that they all kept their distance till the feed had been deposited for them.

Harvey was a life-long member of the Lutheran congregation of St. Bartholomew's Church. As previously mentioned, he had been sexton there for a period of some 16 years. During that time he had lived next to the church where he also operated his blacksmith shop. He said that he was never once criticized while sexton, and he sometimes found it interesting to hear the church consistory argue in meetings and then take a vote on a matter just discussed.

One time there was a funeral which he said he vividly remembered and would always do so, even if he lived to be a hundred or more. He had dug the grave, and on the day of the funeral he tolled the bell of the church for the approaching procession. On coming down from the bell ringing he was told by the minister that the family wanted three hymns sung, but someone had forgotten to tell the organist and choir to be there. So Harvey played the organ, and he and another man sang the songs before an overflowing church filled with the mourners.

Once he had requests to dig up two bodies for reburial. One occasion was when a family desired that a woman who was buried for 18 years be reburied in Mt. Olivet, Hanover. The other time was a family request to dig up a young man who was buried for 16 years so that he could be reburied in a family cemetery on a farm. On this occasion it was found that the outer box was practically gone, but the inner one - the coffin - seemed to be all right. However, when it was raised and ready to be placed on a cart it fell completely apart - and it turned out that it had only been glued together. Harvey told a young man who was related to the body to hurry home and get another box so that the body would not suffer any harm from the happening. While this was being done one or two of Harvey's helpers were "very much affected." Harvey said it didnot affect him at all.

Then while he was transferring the body to its new casket, Harvey asked if the man had ever had a gold tooth. A close relative said "Yes." Harvey then told the writer he would always remember his reply, which was "Well, he's still got it, then." He said that the occasion didnot sicken him in any way, but which was more than could be said of the others who were present.

Another time, while sexton, he was asked to dig a grave between two persons already buried. The space was small, and he had to shore up the sides with boards. After the casket was down the whole thing caved in. He thought he would have to dig out the boards later, but the pall bearers told him that was not necessary, and that everything was all right. For this kindness he was very grateful.

He said that in his youth the shoemakers still would often use wooden pegs to assemble special types of shoes and boots. His own grandfather, Joseph Stonesifer, had been a shoemaker also. Harvey's own first name was Joseph in honor of his grandfather.

Harvey was quite proud that his mother's name was Wentz. His sister, Savannah, had married Daniel Yeiser, whose father, Emanuel "Manny" Yeiser, had had a very large family, and that "Manny" had taught his brother, John Stonesifer, the blacksmith trade.

He mentioned that his wife, Annie, was a daughter of a Henry Smith and wife who died when she was about 9 years old. The couple that then took her and raised her treated Annie like their own daughter. When she married they didnot charge her for any expenses, but gave her all her clothing plus a cow.

Children: (of Joseph Harvey and Annie K. Stonesifer)

- (1) Carrie Blanche Elizabeth - b. May 10, 1905; married Apr. 3, 1926 to Ira William Reichart - b. Oct. 20, 1907. Blanche was an only child, and was a skilled organist and pianist and for many years often played at St. Bartholomew's Church and Wentz's Meeting House. She well remembers the time in her youth when a barn near St. Bartholomew's caught fire at the time her father was sexton at the church, and she ran to the church and vigorously rang the bell to summon aid. Ira was employed for many years at the Winebrenner Canning Co. near Hanover.

Children:

- (1a) Dorothy Blanche - b. Jan. 2, 1926; married
Albert S. Mummert

Children:

- (1aa) James A.
(1ab) Richard W.
(1ac) Ronald E.

- (1b) Dolores Anna - b. Oct. 10, 1937 - d. July 17,
1979; married Richard E. Shriver

Children:

- (1ba) Jeffrey
(1bb) Randy

- (1c) Donald Ira - b. Mar. 9, 1940 - d. Nov. 27,
1972; married Linda E. Plunkert

Children:

- (1ca) Lori
(1cb) Kimberly
(1cc) Cheryl

B. Abraham Thomas - b. Feb. 1, 1834 - d. Apr. 17, 1863; married
Margaret Rebecca Bankert - b. Dec. 12, 1835 - d. Sept. 15, 1912.
They moved to Columbiana Co., Ohio just prior to the Civil War
where he worked as a shoemaker. He enlisted in the Union Army at
the beginning of the Civil War and attained the rank of Lieutenant.
His death apparently was service related - and he is buried in Ohio.
They had three known children, and after his death Rebecca returned
to the Silver Run area with them, living the rest of her days at
Union Mills. Her father was James Bankert - a son of Christina
Stonesifer married to John Peter Bankert. Thus Thomas and Rebecca,
as they were known, were cousins. (See pages 106, 109, & 111).
Rebecca is buried at Silver Run.

Children:

- a. William Henry - b. May 10, 1855 - d. Apr. 18, 1910; married
Jan. 1, 1880 to Barbara Ellen Sickles - b. Feb. 5, 1863 -
d. Oct. 22, 1914. Her parents lived near Sell's Station,
and were members of Christ Church where they are buried.
William and Barbara lived at Union Mills. They are buried
there in the little Methodist cemetery known as Moorhead,
but they have no markers.

Children:

- (1) Ellen Jane - b. Dec. 2, 1880 - d. Nov. 25, 1960; married Oct. 5, 1895 to John Theodore Stonesifer - b. Jan. 27, 1872 - d. June 26, 1951. He was born and raised near Westminster by a Samuel and Maria Shafer, who farmed, had a daughter Amanda, and listed him as their nephew in the 1880 Maryland Census. His obituary stated that his parents were Isaiah and Mary Forney Stonesifer. They farmed in the Bachman Valley - Deep Run area, had 8 children, and when she died at the age of 80 years her obituary stated that she left 110 descendants. They are buried at Bixler's Church in Bachman Valley.

Children:

- (1a) Gertrude Amelia - b. Oct. 7, 1896 - d. Apr. 12, 1966; married July 8, 1917 to Harry Raymond Stonesifer - b. Jan. 9, 1894 - d. Dec. 23, 1927. She was one of four Stonesifer sisters who were married to four Stonesifer brothers - sons of George and Matilda Stonesifer (Matilda herself having been born a Stonesifer). For the parents of the four sons - see page 140. For the family of Gertrude and Harry Stonesifer - see pp. 141-42.
- (1b) Ida M. - b. July 14, 1898 - d. Sept. 2, 1982; married Nov. 7, 1915 to William G. Stonesifer - b. May 5, 1890 - d. Feb. 23, 1952. For their family data see page 141.
- (1c) Cora Jeanette - b. July 21, 1900; married Dec. 20, 1919 to Lester Eugene Stonesifer - b. Sept. 28, 1898 - d. Oct. 14, 1958. For their family data see page 142.
- (1d) Jacob H. - b. Aug. 19, 1902 - d. Aug. 28, 1941; married Mar. 27, 1928 to Myrtle Fisher. Buried: Bixler's Church.
- (1e) Hilda Viola - b. @ 1904; married Sept. 22, 1924 to Ottis Paul Stonesifer - b. Nov. 9, 1902 - died June 3, 1958. They had separated and she had then married Mar. 19, 1955 to Clarence L. Myers. For their family data see pages 142-43.
- (1f) Mary Ellen - b. Aug. 22, 1906; married Mar. 14, 1925 to Milton Wesley Miller - b. Mar. 24, 1905 - d. Oct. 16, 1969. They farmed, had 10 children, and he is buried at Bixler's Church.

Children:

- (1fa) Sterling L.
 (1fb) Kenneth M.

- (1fc) James A.
- (1fd) Junior W.
- (1fe) Truman S.
- (1ff) Stanley E.
- (1fg) Earl N.
- (1fh) Mrs. Kenneth Lippy
- (1fi) Mrs. John Cotingame
- (1fj) Mrs. Richard Shorb

(1g) Bessie A. - b. Sept. 4, 1910 - d. Oct. 23, 1969; married Apr. 19, 1930 to Sterling C. Fleishman - b. July 23, 1908 - d. Nov. 29, 1971. They are buried at Bixler's Church.

(1h) John S. - b. Apr. 5, 1915

(2) Edward Jacob - b. 1885 - d. May 17, 1948; married on May 8, 1931 to Emma Zinn - b. 1881 - d. May 30, 1962. He worked at Dutterer's Florist Shop on Pennsylvania Ave. in Hanover. She had previously been married to a Beck with whom she had six children. They are buried on a Storm plot in Mt. Olivet without any markers.

(3) John Calvin - b. June 17, 1886 - d. Aug. 16, 1951; married Sept. 28, 1910 to Lucy M. Cook; then to Nettie F. Fleagle - b. Dec. 27, 1886 - d. June 2, 1976. Buried: Moorhead Cemetery in Union Mills.

Children: (of 1st marriage)

(3a) Roy C. - married Betty Jane Morelock

(4) George W. - b. 1887 - d. June 9, 1942; married on Dec. 12, 1909 to Eta V. Marsh. He is buried at Moorhead Cemetery without any marker.

(5) Oliver Joseph - b. June Of 1890

(6) Ralph Stewart - b. Apr. of 1893 - d. Sept. 18, 1974; married Dec. 31, 1919 to Edna May Harchenhorn - b. May 10, 1890 - d. July 12, 1950; then June 7, 1958 he married Erma Barnes Morelock. He farmed at Wakefield near New Windsor, had no children, and the maiden name of his 1st wife was Hesson. He is buried at Providence Cemetery in Gamber, and Edna May is buried in Miller Cemetery in Bachman Valley with her first husband.

(7) Maurice Otto - b. Jan. 9, 1896 - d. Nov. 8, 1957; married Dec. 16, 1921 to Maud May Shealer. He is buried in the "potter's field" of Mt. Olivet in Hanover without a marker.

Children:

- (7a) George David - b. May 24, 1922 - d. June 11, 1922
- (7b) Mrs. Clyde Eckert

b. Isaiah David - b. Dec. 31, 1860 - d. @ 1930's?; married July 25, 1890 to Sarah Ann Lohr - b. Mar. 25, 1858 - d. Feb. 20, 1941 - separated; then married Sarah Baumgardner - b. 1858 - He lived in Baltimore, was twice married, apparently had children by his 1st wife only, and probably is buried in Baltimore with his 2nd wife. His 1st wife is buried in Mt. Olivet, Hanover. She was a sister of Isaac B. Lohr who was married to Martha Ann Stonesifer (see page 138).

Children:

- (1) Amanda E. - b. Dec. 31, 1890 - d. Jan. 17, 1974; married first to a _____ Smith, then a George W. Kester - b. Nov. 1, 1907 - d. June 5, 1965. She had a son - Ray L. - by her first husband. Buried: Mt. Olivet in Hanover.
- (2) Ray T. - b. Oct. 1, 1894 - d. @ Dec. 2, 1958. Apparently lived in Baltimore all his life.
- (3) Hilda Mae - b. May of 1899 - was married to _____ Fear.

c. Kate - b. @ 1862 in Columbiana Co., in Ohio ; returned here as a child with her mother after her father's death, married a _____ Shank and lived at Union Mills.

C. Joseph Oliver - b. June 18, 1835 - d. Apr. 22, 1911; married Apr. 1, 1866 to Catherine S. Miller - b. Dec. 22, 1837 - d. May 10, 1908. He seems to have lived in the area between Union Mills and Pleasant Valley, and was a boot and shoemaker. For several years prior to his death he suffered severely from indigestion and heart trouble. They are buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery; their tombstone never had his date of death put on it.

Children:

- a. Oliver Joseph - b. July 18, 1868 - d. Oct. 6, 1950; married Oct. 20, 1889 to Sadie E. Brown - b. Oct. 1, 1867 - d. Oct. 20, 1958. In early years he was a grist mill operator, then he became editor and manager of The Pilot Publishing Co. of Union Bridge, Md., was a director of the New Windsor State Bank, and was a 32nd degree mason of the Chesapeake Consistory. Buried: Taneytown Lutheran Cemetery.

Children:

- (1) Dorothy R. - b. Nov. of 1890; married Dec. 19, 1914 to Charles W. Bowers.
- (2) Marlin O. - b. Dec. of 1896 - d. Sept. 14, 1965; lived in Hagerstown, Md.

- (3) Roland Eugene - b. Aug. 4, 1901 - d. Jan. 25, 1974; married Dec. 24, 1938 to Marguerite A. Green - b. Apr. 4, 1911 - d. May 8, 1971. He had been employed for 40 years by the Lehigh Cement Co. of Union Bridge. Buried: Taneytown Lutheran Cemetery.

b. Mervin C. - d. at birth - Aug. 25, 1869; buried at Silver Run.

- c. Clarence Thomas - b. Oct. 12, 1875 - d. Apr. 20, 1946; married Jan. 9, 1901 to Ellen C. Humbert - b. Dec. 25, 1881 - d. Mar. 20, 1948. Buried: Pleasant Valley.

Children:

- (1) Joseph Laverne - b. Aug. 18, 1901; married Apr. 18, 1922 to Martha Viola Lippy - b. 1900 - d. July 18, 1974 - separated; then married May 8, 1962 to Lydia Niner. Martha is buried in the new cemetery at St. David's (Sherman's) Church south of Hanover.
- (2) Clarence Edward - b. July 8, 1903 - d. Dec. 15, 1971; married Dec. 29, 1921 to Louise Lippy - b. Dec. 13, 1903. He had worked for a dairy farm near Silver Run for many years. Later they moved to Hanover where he ran Stonesifer's Lawn Mower Repair Shop. His wife helped to repair machines also and was quite adept at it. He is buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Hanover. She was a sister of Martha in (1) above.

Children:

- (2a) Charles Clarence - married Dorothy Louise Mummert
 (2b) Catherine L. - married Earl G. Rohrbaugh
 (2c) Helen J. - married Ralph L. Collins
 (2d) Margaret V. - married Fred N. Baker
 (2e) Dennis Edward - married Shirley Maxine Kelbaugh
 (2f) Mark William - married Linda Ann Fahn

d. McClellan - b. 1876 - d. @ 1896; buried on his parents plot in Pleasant Valley Cemetery - has no marker.

e. Annie R. - b. Dec. of 1869

f. Nettie E. - b. Aug. of 1881 - d. Oct. 29, 1947; married May 15, 1900 to David O. Baumgardner; had one daughter - Rietta E. Elkins of Baltimore, Md.

D. William Lewis - b. Sept. 3, 1836 - d. Jan. 9, 1914; married Aug. 3, 1868 to Rachel Bankert - b. Mar. 27, 1833 - d. Jan. 8, 1885; then married in Uniontown, Md. Church of God on Aug. 28, 1887 to Mandilla "Della" Yingling - b. 1865 - d. Sept. 2, 1937.

William L. Stonesifer had operated a grist mill for many years near Mayberry in Carroll County. His first wife, Rachel, was the daughter of Isaac Bankert who was the oldest child of Christina Stonesifer married to John Peter Bankert (see pp. 106-107). William L.'s father, Joseph, was the son of John Daniel Stonesifer, Jr. who was Christina's brother. Both were children of our immigrant grandfather, John Daniel Stonesifer, Senior. Thus Joseph and Isaac, the fathers of William L. and Rachel were 1st cousins.

When William L. married Mandilla (also Mandella) Yingling as his second wife - he was 51 and she was 22. "Della" as she was known, was also a cousin of her husband. She was a direct descendant of Christian Yingling, Jr. - the youngest brother of John Yingling who had married Margaret Lenore Bankert and whose daughter, Maria Elizabeth Yingling, had married John Daniel Stonesifer, Sr., William L.'s great grandfather. Della's parents were Uriah Yingling married to Ann Elizabeth Singer who lived near Mayberry, and are buried at the little Brethren Church there. Uriah's parents were George Yingling married to Sarah Salome Hinkle. He lived all his life in the Manchester, Md. area, and had served in the War of 1812. George's parents were Christian Yingling the 3rd who married Mary Magdalene Fisher. They lived just west of Manchester on a farm near the main highway between Westminster and Manchester, had 7 children, and they and some of their descendants were associated with Zion (now Immanuel) Lutheran Church in Manchester and Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Bachman's Valley. Christian the 3rd (and his brother John who had married Margaret _____, had 9 children, and lived in Westminster) were the children of Christian Yingling, Jr. - youngest son of our immigrant great grandfather, Christian Yingling, who came to America @ 1710.

A grandson of William L. told the following story about his grandfather to this writer. William L. gradually became suspicious that someone was sneaking around trying to "make time" with his second wife (who was only 22 when he married her). So he rigged up a shot gun trap to find out if this suspicion was correct. No one was ever caught, but it is a fact that William L. did move later to Harrisburg, Pa. with Della and the children of the 2nd marriage.

William and his first wife, Rachel, are buried at Silver Run. Della and some of her descendants are buried at East Harrisburg Cemetery.

Children: (of William L. and Rachel Bankert Stonesifer)

- a. Mary Ann Elizabeth - b. Jan. 5, 1861 - still living in 1933; married Aug. 8, 1878 to Adam H. Jones. For a time they lived near Hanover. Then they went to live somewhere in the west, and where he apparently died. She was last heard of living in Washington, D.C. They had one child - a son named Tolbert H. or "Tolly" - b. Apr. 1, 1882 - d. Aug. 18, 1895. He is buried at Wentz's Meeting House.
- b. George Washington - b. Feb. 22, 1864 - d. Nov. 8, 1945; married Nov. 28, 1886 to Fannie S. Heltibridge - b. May 28, 1870 - d. Feb. 1, 1939. They lived near Mayberry where he was a carpenter. Buried: Baust's Church.

Children: (order not known)

- (1) Reba Rachel - married Dec. 2, 1913 to Luther O. Eckard.

Children:

- (1a) Caroline
(1b) Loretta

- (2) Ella H. - married May 9, 1908 to Hershel G. Shipley; then married William Bohlman.

Children:

- (2a) William
(2b) Ruth

- (3) Fannie C. - b. Nov. 27, 1893 - d. Feb. 20, 1955; married to Joseph Cooper. Buried: Baust's Church.

Children:

- (3a) Marie - married James Wilson Armacost
(3b) Lester

- (4) George F. - b. Mar. 27, 1896 - d. Sept. 24, 1965; married Nov. 30, 1916 to Grace M. Formwalt - b. Mar. 31, 1894. Buried: Baust's Church. He was a carpenter by trade.

Children:

- (4a) George Elwood - married Ethel M. Barber
(4b) Marlin G. - married Mildred Walkling

- (5) William Stanley - b. Dec. 8, 1897 - d. Dec. 9, 1979; married Apr. 3, 1920 to Helen Frances Haines - b. 1902 - He was a paper hanger in the Westminster area. Buried at Baust's Church.

Children:

- (5a) Frances Serepta - married Stanley Martin Dutterer
(5b) Stanley Miles - married Doris Marie Pheabus

- (6) T. La Rue - b. Apr. 14, 1900 - d. Dec. 7, 1964; married June 22, 1918 to Jonas S. Zepp - b. Jan. 27, 1892 - d. Oct. 20, 1953. They farmed near Pleasant Valley, and he had also worked at the Westminster Nursery. Buried: Pleasant Valley.

Children:

- (6a) Melvin S. - married Louise I. Stem
(6b) Carroll P. - married Lois Linton
(6c) Paul W.
(6d) Sarah Jane - married Robert Eckert

- (7) Paul H. - b. June 26, 1905; married Jan. 6, 1923 to Valeria Annie Long. A carpenter by trade, he was employed for many years by the I.H. Crouse and Sons, Inc. building firm of Littlestown, and eventually became a foreman with them.

Children:

- (7a) Donald H. - b. Dec. 25, 1925 - d. Feb. 2, 1926
 (7b) Dorothy - married Richard Hartlaub
 (7c) Margaret - never married

- (8) Hilda Pauline - b. Apr. 8, 1907; married Dec. 26, 1925 to Thurman William Myers

Children:

- (8a) Melvin W. - married Ethel Rill
 (8b) Louise - married William Ruby

- (9) Iola Violet - died in infancy

- (10) Ross Laverne - b. Feb. 2, 1914 - d. Apr. 6, 1962; married Aug. 7, 1937 to Isabel Babylon. Lived near Union Bridge; died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the forehead from a foreign service revolver he owned. He was a veteran of W.W. 2, having served as a Tec 5, Co. B, 1255 Engr. Battalion. Buried: Baust's Church.

Children:

- (10a) Rose Pearl - d. Mar. 9, 1943 in infancy
 (10b) Ada Lenor - married James Bradley Howell

- c. Sarah - b. 1866; married William Metzler. After living at Mayberry for some years the family moved to Harrisburg, Pa. They had several children but their names are not presently known.

- d. Lydia - b. Feb. 17, 1868 - d. Sept. 19, 1868

- e. William Calvin - b. Nov. 30, 1870 - d. Mar. 25, 1933; married Sept. 9, 1894 to Mettie M. Shriner - b. 1876 - d. 1954. He was a farmer near Mayberry. Buried: Baust's Church.

Children:

- (1) Mary Belle - b. 1910; married June 11, 1930 to William Fringer Young, then married Lester S. Koons - b. 1903 - d. 1954.

- f. Jesse Franklin - b. Nov. 27, 1873 - d. July 10, 1946; married Feb. 28, 1895 to Florence May Yingling - b. Apr. 17, 1876 - d. Nov. 19, 1950.

Jesse was a farmer near Frizzellburg in Carroll County. He was fatally injured when he fell off of a load of hay and then between the wagon and the haymow. He and his wife are buried at Meadow Branch Cemetery near Westminster.

Florence M. Yingling, Jesse Stonesifer's wife, was a distant cousin to him - she being a direct descendant of Christian Yingling, Jr. Her father was James F. Yingling who had married Mary Elizabeth Waltman. The father of James F. was Uriah Yingling married to Ann Elizabeth Singer, and they were the parents of Mandella Yingling who became the 2nd wife of William F. Stonesifer - Jesse's father. Mandella Yingling, Jesse's step-mother, and James F. Yingling, Florence's father, thus were brother and sister - both being children of Uriah Yingling, descended from Christian Yingling, Jr. For further background on this Yingling-Stonesifer relationship see page 172.

Children:

- (1) Edgar Leroy "Roy" - b. 1895 - d. Aug. 31, 1982; married Dec. 4, 1916 to Sadie Warehime. He was a farmer near Mayberry for many years, then worked for a time in the warehouse of the Reindollar Co. of Taneytown. He is buried at Baust's Church.

Children:

- (1a) Roland L. - never married - lives in Littleton, Colo.
 (1b) Ardel W. - married Helen Halter
 (1c) Galen K.
 (1d) Leland S. - married Joan D. Ohter

- (2) Grace E. - b. 1896; married July 19, 1919 to Roy Franklin Carbaugh - b. 1897 - d. 1951. He had a produce business, and later worked in a restaurant.

Children:

- (2a) Mildred E. - married Charles Vernon Leach
 (2b) Catherine

- (3) William Franklin - b. June 29, 1900 - d. Aug. 2, 1976; married Jan. 26, 1924 to Mabel E. Myers - b. Jan. 27, 1904 - d. Oct. 3, 1969. He had been employed as a meatcutter by Hahn's of Westminster. Buried: Pleasant Valley.

Children:

- (3a) Nadine A. - never married
 (3b) Ruth - married Edward M. Mason
 (3c) Iona June - married Roland Ernest Mackley
 (3d) Shirley Ferne - married Clarence L. Stem

- (4) Helen P. - married Nov. 27, 1926 to Paul Shreeve Shriner; then married Charles Edward Gladfelter - b. @1909 - d. Oct. 3, 1982.

Children: (are of her first marriage)

- (4a) Ruth - married Allan Morris
- (4b) Lois - married James Knight
- (4c) James - married Adrian Levy
- (4d) Thomas - married Sylvia Forrester, then Beverly _____, and lastly _____. He had lived in Virginia; operated a 711 Store; deceased.

- (5) Charles Lloyd - married Mar. 29, 1929 to Tamsey May Wheatley. He had worked in a printing business in Taneytown which published the Carroll Record, then became the editor and manager, and finally took over the firm. He now lives retired in Taneytown, Md.

- (6) Walter Laverne - married Feb. 16, 1929 to Cleva Taylor Phillips. He had a bakery route for Baumgardner's Bakery, Inc. of Taneytown for many years. Later he worked at the Cambridge Rubber Co. there.

Children:

- (6a) William H. - married Audrey B. Fogle

- (7) Margaret - married Dec. 23, 1930 to Paul Eugene Taylor; then married Rev. John Hoch. She had one child by her first husband.

Children:

- (7a) Jean - married; lives in Tucson, Arizona

- (8) Kenneth Roop - married Mar. 30, 1946 to Charlotte L. Mason. He is employed at the post office in Taneytown.

Children:

- (8a) Darold - d. @ 1966 aged 19 when he was involved in an automobile accident in Baltimore. He was a gifted pianist.
 - (8b) Anita K. - married Randolph L. Bidinger
- (9) May Louise - b. Sept. 11, 1914 - d. July 22, 1981. She was sickly and mentally troubled most of her life, and was never married.

Children: (of William L. and Mandella "Della" Yingling Stonesifer)

- a. Winnie H. - married Jan. 9, 1907 to Edward M. Davis
- b. Florence - married E. Klinger; then married H. Albright
- c. Carrie Belle - married Apr. 15, 1909 to Andrew Albert Rothrock
- d. Raymond

E. Josephus Daniel - b. Mar. 7, 1838 - d. Mar. 21, 1847.

F. Rebecca Catharine - b. May 20, 1839 - d. Dec. 5, 1896; married Dec. 14, 1855 to Josiah Erb - b. Dec. 25, 1833 - d. Aug. 7, 1923. They farmed at Roop's Mill near Uniontown. His pioneer family had helped to organize St. Mary's Lutheran and Reformed Church at Silver Run. They and several of their children are buried in the Methodist Episcopal Church cemetery in Uniontown & which is located just to the south of St. Paul's Lutheran Church there.

Children:

- a. Martha J. - b. 1858 - d. 1916; married to Charles Smelser - b. 1854 - d. 1916.
- b. Alverta C. - b. Dec. 30, 1860 - d. 1946.
- c. Harvey Edwin - b. Mar. 30, 1862 - d. 1929; married to Martha G. Smelser - b. 1860 - d. 1943.
- d. Roberta "Beryl" Virginia - b. Oct. 27, 1865 (T.S. = 1864) - d. Jan. 14, 1954 - aged 90; she was a teacher in Carroll Co.
- e. Ellsworth Lee - b. 1867 - d. 1956; married Catherine P. Fowler - b. 1871 - d. 1923. He was Chief Judge of Orphan's Court in Carroll Co. for some years, and had also been a school teacher, banker, and insurance agent.
- f. Emma L. - b. 1870 - d. 1929; married Melvin W. Routson - b. 1871 - d. 1942.

G. John Calvin - b. Aug. 9, 1840 - d. June 18, 1841.

H. Sarah Elizabeth - b. Jan. 5, 1842 - d. Mar. 13, 1923; married Sept. 28, 1862 to Eli Rufus Harner - b. Jan. 6, 1834 - d. Mar. 15, 1912. He had operated a mill near Silver Run. Buried: Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Hanover.

Children: (ranked as per mother's obituary; exact dates not known; & the obviously conflicting dates are given as per tombstone)

- a. Martha E. - b. 1867 - d. 1935; married Edward I. Bolin - b. 1866 - d. Sept. 9, 1922. He was a cigarmaker in McSherrystown, Adams Co., Pa.; buried: Annunciation Cemetery there. Had 10 known children.
- b. Anna A. - b. 1869 - d. 1953; married Clayton Schrum - b. 1875 - d. July 1, 1940. He was a bricklayer. Buried: Lischey's Church near Spring Grove, Pa. They had one son.
- c. Sue May - b. Feb. 21, 1869 - d. July 21, 1965 - aged 96; married Gregory Charles Small - b. Apr. 16, 1867 - d. Mar. 10, 1933 - separated; he was a cigarmaker. She is buried in Mt. Olivet; he in St. Patrick's Cem., Spring Garden twp. York Co. & children.
- d. Mary A. - dates unknown; married Henry Grove; had 2 children; lived in Lancaster, Pa. He was a cabinet maker & cigarmaker.
- e. Alverta J. - b. Sept. 16, 1873 - d. Dec. 27, 1943; was a cigarmaker for some years. Buried: Mt. Olivet, Hanover.

- I. Calvin Luther - b. July 10, 1843 - d. Feb. 7, 1918 (T.S. = 1917); married Jan. 14, 1872 to Anna Maria Brown - b. June 10, 1848 - d. Apr. 6, 1926. He was born near Uniontown in Carroll Co., Md.; after marriage he lived in Littlestown for several years where he was a cigarmaker, then moved to Hanover where he lived the rest of his life, and where he continued in the trade of cigarmaker. He lived at 209 Centennial Avenue, had eight children, was generally known as "Cally", and was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church about 3 blocks away. His wife was a member of the nearby Methodist Church. The last three years of his life he was an invalid, suffering from paralysis. Buried: Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover.

Children:

- a. Ida May - b. Jan. 27, 1873 - d. Sept. 4, 1880
- b. Nettie Amelia - b. May 14, 1875 - d. Aug. 19, 1878
- c. Grace Martha - b. Nov. 2, 1876 - d. July 10, 1966; married Nov. 19, 1900 to Milton William Sheaffer - b. Jan. 25, 1877 - d. Feb. 27, 1964. A pioneer in the motion picture theatre industry in Hanover, he had purchased the Center Square Movie House in 1907 (later the site became Columbia Jewelers). He was the second operator of a theatre in Hanover, and for a time was in partnership with C.W. Plowman. At various times he was the manager of other theatres - the Star, the Strand (both located on Carlisle Street), the Hanover theatre on Baltimore Street, and the Park on West Chestnut Street. He was a member of the masonic Patmos Lodge 348, and the family were members of the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Buried: in the Mausoleum of Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover.

Children:

- (1) Geraldine M. - b. Sept. 15, 1900
married Jerry Penn Naylor - lives in Detroit
 - (2) Miriam B. - b. Feb. 21, 1902 - d. @ 1974
married George Sherman Wildasin - b. 1900 - d. July 15, 1967
 - (3) Robert M. - b. Dec. 13, 1905 - d. Jan. 6, 1979
married Agnes C. Buntz - b. 1909 - d. Dec. 15, 1979
 - (4) Helen G. - b. Apr. 5, 1908
married Herbert Porter - lives in Florida
 - (5) Anna M. - b. Apr. 15, 1911; lives in Long Island, N.Y.
married _____ Iverson, then _____ Scheer
 - (6) Mary L. - b. July 21, 1913
married Luther Arnold - lives in Detroit
 - (7) Betty J. - b. Oct. 29, 1923
married Harold Fritz - lives in Romeo, Michigan
- d. Milton J. - b. Oct. 9, 1878 - d. Apr. 7, 1937; married Daisy Martin and lived in Baltimore. One child - Goldie Fern, was born Oct. 11, 1902 and died Sept. 1, 1904 from being accidentally scalded to death & is buried in Mt. Olivet. He is buried in Baltimore.
- e. Samuel Joseph - b. Jan. 11, 1883 (T.S. = 1884) - d. June 9, 1884

- f. Harry A. - b. Apr. 10, 1884 - d. July 13, 1961; married Nov. 3, 1912 to Blanche A. Arnold - b. Feb. 16, 1887 - d. 1957. He was the operator of the New Central Hotel in Hanover for many years. Later he operated Stoney's Motel just south of Hanover at the intersection of the Baltimore Pike and Grandview Road. They are buried near his parents in Mt. Olivet.
- g. Myrtle - b. Aug. 1, 1886; married Aug. 4, 1909 to George A. Neary; then married Forrest Hartman.
- h. Robert Wirt - b. Aug. 30, 1888 - d. Dec. 16, 1970; married June 30, 1912 to Edna Grace Trostle - b. Oct. 5, 1893 - d. Apr. 5, 1982. He was employed for 52 years in the cutting dept. of the Hanover Shoe Co., and had been a member of the Hanover Fire Co. for 50 years. Buried: Mt. Olivet near his parents.

Children:

- (1) Ruth - b. Feb. 14, 1914 - d. Dec. 28, 1979; married Thomas Francis Byrne - b. Mar. 22, 1896 - d. May 4, 1970. He was a sergeant in World War I. Buried: Mt. Olivet.
- (2) Donald Reid - b. June 12, 1915; married Katherine Belle Axt. He is a Lutheran minister, was an Army chaplain in W.W. II, and for a time was held prisoner by the Germans.

Children:

- (2a) Craig
 (2b) Donald, Jr.
 (2c) Wayne
- (3) Dorothy Marie - b. Dec. 23, 1916 - d. Jan. 21, 1941; buried on parents plot in Mt. Olivet.
- (4) Robert Wirt, Jr. - b. Jan. 8, 1919; married Marcella Leer, then married Lena Fitzgerald.

Children:

- (4a) Diane
 (4b) Michael
 (4c) Robert
- (5) Richard Leon - b. Sept. 2, 1922; married Lucille May Zartman.

Children:

- (5a) Belinda
 (5b) Sue Ann
- (6) Harold Edgar - b. Aug. 29, 1925 - d. Sept. 30, 1933. He had been playing football on a Saturday evening with friends in front of his home at 30 Centennial Ave. when he was struck and run over by a car while chasing the ball across the street; he died in the Hanover Hospital on the operating table from internal injuries. Buried: Mt. Olivet.

- (7) George Harry - b. June 3, 1927; married Lorraine Elizabeth Spangler.

Children:

- (7a) Alan
(7b) Paula
(7c) Andrew

- (8) John Calvin - b. Apr. 15, 1929; married Marguerite Vigneron. He has been with NASA for some years, and involved with the space shuttle and recovery program.

Children:

- (8a) Kurt
(8b) Marlene
(8c) Greg
(8d) Jill

- (9) Philip Lee - b. @ 1931; married Betty Rabenstine.

Children:

- (9a) Wendy
(9b) Brian

J. Simon Cleophas - b. Sept. 25, 1844 - d. July 4, 1916; married on Jan. 22, 1870 to Emily G.A. Gilbert - b. Feb. 10, 1834 - d. Sep. 9, 1922. He was born in the Myers District of Carroll Co., Md. Although the family date for his birth is 1843, his birth is recorded as given in the birth and baptism register for Jerusalem Church in Bachman's Valley. As his preceding brother, Calvin L., was born near Uniontown, it appears that Simon's birth registry would indicate that his parents (Joseph and Lydia Routson Stonesifer - see p. 149) likely moved to the Bachman Valley area in the spring of 1844. In early manhood Simon C. was a teacher in Carroll Co. Later he became a minister in the Church of God denomination, and served numerous churches in Maryland and Pennsylvania - one of these churches being the Church of God in Mayberry, Carroll Co. which is located in the area our immigrant John Daniel Stonesifer had his homestead. Simon died in Duncannon, Pa. aged @ 72. He and his wife are buried at Chestnut Hill Cemetery just south of Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Children:

- a. Joseph Ross - b. July 27, 1875 - d. Dec. 31, 1961; married Blanche Scheibley - b. Mar. 20, 1874 - d. July 16, 1950. Born in Palmyra, Lebanon Co., Pa., he became a minister in the Church of God, like his father. He then went to Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey, and upon graduation from there he became a minister in the Presbyterian Church. He died in New York City. Buried: Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

Children:

- (1) Dorothy McNeal - b. Feb. 11, 1903 in Steelton, Dauphin Co., Pa., she is now retired after a career in teaching.
- (2) Gilbert Ross - b. July 5, 1905 - d. Oct. 3, 1970; married Margaret Myers - b. July 10, 1910. He was born in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.; was a professor at Mt. Union College; and died in Alliance, Ohio.

Children:

- (2a) Charles Ross - b. Mar. 25, 1945 in Albany, N.Y.; is employed by a brokerage firm in N.Y.C.
- (2b) John Randolph - b. Mar. 10, 1947 in Brooklyn, N.Y.; is a teacher of mathematics at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa.

K. Lydia Clarissa - b. Jan. 26, 1846 - d. June 6, 1928; married to Jacob S. Haifley - b. May 4, 1839 - d. Aug. 11, 1924. He was a blacksmith and farmer near Taneytown, Md., and had served in the Civil War in Co. G, 1st Md. Regt., P.H.B. Volunteers. Buried: Baust's Church.

Children:

- a. Maggie - b. 1870 - d. 1958; married Harry Senft - b. 1869 - d. 1949. They farmed near Taneytown. Buried: Taneytown Lutheran Cemetery.

Children:

- (1) Luther
- (2) Clarence
- (3) Walter - married Margaret C. Bankert
- (4) Eliza

b. Jennie K. - b. Dec. 20, 1872 - d. Aug. 21, 1955; married to William M. Copenhaver - b. Sept. 25, 1875 - d. May 10, 1966. They were active members of the Taneytown E.U.B. Church where he was a Sunday School teacher and held many church offices through the years. Buried: Mount Pleasant E.U.B. Cemetery south of Taneytown.

Children:

- (1) Harry W. - married Laura Angel

c. Catherine Lydia - b. Nov. 17, 1875 - d. Jan. 19, 1962; married John E. Shriner - b. Dec. 17, 1875 - d. Jan. 24, 1941. They farmed near Taneytown where he was a member of the Taneytown Band. They had no children. Buried: Baust's Church.

- d. Herbert Lee - b. 1884 - d. Jan. 7, 1977; married Beulah V. Study - b. 1893 - d. 1952. He was a well known farmer of the Taneytown area who died aged 92. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- (1) Jesse Roy - married Alice M. Simpson
- (2) Milton R. - married Patricia - separated
- (3) John W. - married Dorothy M. Swisher
- (4) H. Lee, Jr - married Erma R. Unger
- (5) Robert - married Mary Ellen Ricketts

- L. Isaac Nicodemus - b. May 11, 1847 - d. Nov. 2, 1926; married to Lydia Lippy - b. Sept. 14, 1847 - d. Feb. 18, 1939. They had farmed in Union twp., Adams Co., Pa. and then near Union Mills in Maryland. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- a. Mary Matilda - b. Aug. 25, 1871 - d. Mar. 7, 1957; married Oct. 2, 1907 to William Franklin Bemiller - b. Dec. 6, 1862 - d. Mar. 13, 1917. They lived at Silver Run and were members of St. Mary's Lutheran Church there. He became despondent over ill health and committed suicide by firing a double-barreled shotgun into his head. His reputation in the area was one of a very well liked person who had been always held in high esteem. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- (1) Walter F.
- (2) Howard
- (3) L. Grace
- (4) Charles

- b. Lydia Virginia "Jennie" - b. July 17, 1874 - d. June 8, 1910; married Feb. 27, 1896 to Theodore F. James - b. Jan. 17, 1874 - d. May 16, 1935. They farmed near Littlestown. Buried: Silver Run Cemetery.

Children: (order unknown)

- (1) William J. - b. Mar. 16, 1901 - d. Jan. 28, 1921
- (2) Edward
- (3) Walter
- (4) Carroll

- c. Rachel Clara - b. 1876; married Sept. 27, 1896 to Clayton D. Brown - b. 1873. They lived at Wiley Ford, West Virginia.

Children:

- (1) Robert
- (2) Joe

- d. Joseph Edward - b. 1877 - d. 1969; married Sept. 24, 1899 to Mary Cratin - b. 1875 - d. Oct. 7, 1973. They farmed a 200 acre farm just east of Silver Run for some 20 years, then moved to a smaller one nearby. Later he worked for the A.W. Feesser Canning Co. of Silver Run. He lived to be 92, she was 98. Buried: St. Mary's Cemetery, Silver Run.

Children:

- (1) Joseph Theodore - b. 1900; married May 24, 1924 to Helen L. Shean who died; then married Sept. 26, 1936 to Doris M. Cottrill - b. 1908 - d. 1965; then married July 1, 1967 to Bernice Keagy Bollinger - b. @ 1900 - d. Mar. 22, 1969; then married Dec. 20, 1969 to Ruth E. Warner. He worked as an auto parts salesman. Now he lives retired near Hanover.

Children:

- (1a) Charles E. - a veteran of W.W. II; was wounded in the shoulder and leg - the last which he lost by amputation. Married:

- (1b) Joseph T., Jr. - he had served in the U.S. Air Force for 30 years and reached the rank of a Master-Sergeant. He died in Honolulu on July 30, 1974, and was buried in the National Memorial Cemetery, Honolulu, Hawaii. He was survived by his wife, the former Gloria Bechtel, and a son and daughter.

- (2) Harry M. - b. Aug. 16, 1902 - d. Jan. 10, 1974; married Dec. 24, 1932 to Catherine R. Snyder - b. Jan. 9, 1911 - d. Mar. 5, 1960. He was a truck driver for the A.W. Feesser Canning Co. of Silver Run. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- (2a) Bernice - married Thomas W. Mancha
 (2b) Joyce C.
 (2c) Margaret C.

- (3) Margaret L. - b. Feb. 21, 1905; married May 12, 1923 to Jacob G. Shorb - b. Dec. 27, 1903 - d. Feb. 24, 1976. He had been employed by the Pa. Dept. of Transportation, then worked for the Hanover Water Co., and lastly worked for a time for Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover. He is buried at St. Bartholomew's Church near Hanover.

Children:

- (3a) Harold W. - married Charlotte Marker - separated; then married Catherine Eline.

- (4) John William - b. Aug. 6, 1907 - d. Sept. 8, 1951; married Apr. 15, 1933 to Edith Viola Bowers. He and his family lived near Silver Run where he operated a farm for the A.W. Feeser Co. and belonged to St. Mary's Reformed Church. His death occurred instantly on a Saturday evening @ 8:00 when a 22 caliber rifle he had been using to hunt rats on his property accidentally discharged in the kitchen of his home shortly after his return. Buried: Silver Run.

Children: (order not known)

- (4a) William Dennis - died in infancy
- (4b) Carl David - married Carole Linda Eckard
- (4c) Eleanor Elaine - married Harold E. Miller
- (4d) Janet Marie - married James D. Miller
- (4e) Richard L. - married Ruth A. Becker
- (4f) Glenn E. - b. Dec. 12, 1943 - d. Jan. 13, 1978; married Patience Stonesifer Blank. He was killed in an automobile - truck accident south of Littlestown, Pa.
- (4g) Charlotte June - married Floyd Forbes
- (4h) Carla Jean - married Robert Scott
- (4i) Larry W.

- (5) Emma Catherine - b. 1909; married Sept. 11, 1930 to Eugene A. Bechtel - deceased. Buried: St. Bartholomew's.

- e. Macy E. - b. Nov. 26, 1880 - d. Sept. 30, 1949; married Sept. 26, 1897 to Edward H. Welk - b. Sept. 28, 1874 - d. Aug. 5, 1944. They lived in Pleasant Valley; his work was that of a paper hanger. Buried: Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

- f. Katie E. - b. July 28, 1883 - d. Feb. 4, 1906; married Apr. 20, 1904 to Seldon V. Taylor - b. Apr. 9, 1882 - d. Mar. 2, 1950. He came from Washington Co., Md., and after her death he married again. He and both wives are buried at Silver Run. There was one child from his marriage to Katie.

Children:

- (1) Mary A. - married Bernard Dillman

- g. John Todd - b. Aug. 31, 1886 - d. May 12, 1970; married Oct. 15, 1911 to Fannie M. Myers - b. Apr. 23, 1889 - d. Oct. 13, 1959. They farmed near Silver Run. Buried: Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Children:

- (1) Esta F. - married Vernon D. Halter
- (2) L. Elizabeth - married Apr. 19, 1930 to Theodore R. Bankert
- (3) John Luther - married Apr. 9, 1936 to Edith Nutting
- (4) Walter Calvin - married May 8, 1937 to Lydia Arlene Erb
- (5) Fannie Laru - married Roy C. Gosnell
- (6) Arthur Milton - married Nov. 28, 1944 to Roberta M. Eckard

M. Mary Matilda - b. Dec. 11, 1848 - d. Feb. 6, 1850.

N. Austin Elder - b. Mar. 23, 1850 - d. Nov. 24, 1909; was married on Aug. 10, 1873 to Sarah Matilda "Tillie" Bankert - b. May 25, 1852 - d. Apr. 28, 1938.

He was the 14th of fifteen children of Joseph and Lydia Routson Stonesifer. Born in Myers District of Carroll Co., Md., he worked at first as a miller, then as a clerk at Union Mills. He married a distant cousin, Matilda Bankert, and they lived in Union Mills for some years, and there all their 11 children were born. About 1894 they moved to Littlestown, Pa. where he became the superintendent of the B.F. Shriver Canning Works. He died at the early age of 59; she lived to be 86. In her last years she was completely blind. They are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, in Littlestown, Pa.

An interesting news item was found in the local Littlestown newspaper, the Adams Co. Independent, for Dec. 19, 1903, which was as follows:

"Recently a very large barrel pumpkin was presented to the Hon. Samuel Harrison Rebert by Mr. Austin E. Stonesifer. It was a republican pumpkin of the present prosperity size. Samuel Harrison has been having pumpkin pies all winter, and now uses the shell as a sort of Jack-o'-lantern at nights. Mr. John Bish furnished the team to haul the pumpkin and the Hon. Josephus "Hurry-up" Forney acted as driver - and neither team or driver have yet been paid for the delivery. Both have declared a strike, and no more prosperity pumpkins will be hauled by these gentlemen until arrearages have been settled."

Sarah Matilda Bankert, the wife of Austin E. Stonesifer, was generally known as "Tillie" from her middle name of Matilda. She was the oldest of four children, the others being William A. - b. 1858 and who had married Laura Earhart whose grandmother was Maria Stonesifer Kump (see pages 124-125), Susan E. - b. 1859 and of whom nothing further is presently known, and Aaron - b. 1862 and who grew to maturity and went to Detroit. It might be noted that William, who had been farming near Union Mills, moved to the Littlestown area the same year that his sister's family (Tillie and Austin Stonesifer) did - @ 1894.

The parents of these four children were Christian Bankert (b. Mar. 22, 1820 - d. Feb. 11, 1907) who married @ Apr. 9, 1846 Catharine Lohr (b. Dec. 25, 1817 - d. Jan. 31, 1888). They had farmed near Union Mills, were members of St. Mary's Reformed Church at Silver Run, and are buried in the "new" cemetery there.

Christian's father was John Jacob Bankert (b. July 28, 1778 although the tombstone says Aug. 16, 1778 - d. July 20, 1866) and he had married Louisa "Lucy" Yingling (b. Feb. 7, 1778 - d. July 20, 1864). They also had farmed near Union Mills, had

10 children (5 sons and 5 daughters), and are buried in the old colonial cemetery at Silver Run. Their youngest daughter, Sarah, married Frederick L. Lohr and they had a son, Isaac B. Lohr, who married Martha Ann Stonesifer (see page 138). Louisa, the wife of John Bankert, was the oldest of 9 children of John Yingling, Jr. (b. @ 1750 - d. Apr. 11, 1836). He had married Catharine (last name unknown) who had died @ Jan.-Feb. of 1800 shortly after the birth of her youngest child. John Yingling, Jr. had had a 153 acre farm two miles from Union Mills and one mile off the Westminster-Littlestown pike - likely in the area of what is known today as Mt. Pleasant. He was the son of John Yingling who had married Margaret Lenora Bankert - the youngest daughter of our immigrant Bankert grandparents - Christophel and Anna Eva. And this John and Margaret Lenora Bankert Yingling had a daughter, Maria Elizabeth, who became the wife of John Daniel Stonesifer - our immigrant grandfather. (Pages 1 - 15 explains all this background in depth).

John Bankert's parents were Peter Bankert who had married Louisa Forney. Peter was one of 6 sons of Jacob Bankert - only son of Christophel and Anna Eva Banckert. Louisa was a granddaughter of Johann Adam and Elizabeth Lowisa (Louisa) Forney. Adam (as he was always known and whose dates are believed to be 1690 - 1752), and whose father was Christian Forney of French Huguenot descent, was from Wachenheim-in-the-Haardt, a small town about 10 miles west of Mannheim in the Palatinate, Germany. There in Jan. of 1713 he had married Elizabeth Louisa (last name unknown). They came to America on Oct. 16, 1721, and for a time lived near Philadelphia where he farmed and also was a tailor, and their family consisted of 6 children, four born in Germany and two in this country. About 1731 - 1734 the family moved to what is now Hanover. Here he continued his trades, and later had an inn. In 1748 he refused an intoxicated Indian additional drink, and the enraged redskin shot Adam in the chest with his rifle. He never completely recovered from the wound, and died early in 1752. His wife survived him as on July 20, 1753 she filed an appraisal of his estate which was valued at 1021 pounds, 13 shillings, and 9 pence. (See also pages 9-10 & 14).

His son, Nicolas (Nicholas) Forney, b. July 1, 1715, married a girl named Maria Magdalena (last name not known), and and it was their daughter, Louisa, who married Peter Bankert.

One of Adam Forney's daughters, Louisa Charlotte - b. Apr. 24, 1718, was married Mar. 11, 1742 to Abraham Sell (1715 - 1786). Through their sons, Jacob and Adam Sell, a number of other Stonesifer family members, including this writer, can also trace descent from Johann Adam and Elizabeth Forney.

(As previously mentioned, the writer often simply calls our immigrant ancestors "grandparents", and leaves it up to the reader to count back the exact number of generations of "great" that are personally involved.)

Children: (of Austin E. ^{LDJR} & Sarah Matilda Bankert Stonesifer)

- a. Lovina "Vinnie" Katherine - b. Dec. 8, 1874 - d. Dec. 19, 1919.
- b. Thomas Herbert - b. Jan. 22, 1876 - d. in infancy.
- c. Howard Ellsworth - b. Apr. 17, 1877 - d. July 4, 1908; married in Jan. of 1901 to Etta Sloanaker of Philadelphia. He was a trolley car conductor in Pottstown - a large town located about half way between Philadelphia and Reading, Pa. He died from consumption. Buried: Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown, Pa.

Children:

- (1) Erma Valeria - b. Oct. 5, 1901 - d. July 2, 1908; died from whooping cough. Buried: Mt. Carmel.
- (2) Paul Bernard - b. Apr. 5, 1903 - little is known of him other than that he grew to maturity, married, and at least for some years was said to be a high official in the Eagles fraternal organization of Pa.
- (3) Sarah Catherine - b. Sept. 21, 1905 - d. Sept. 29, 1906; died from congestion of the lungs. Buried: Mt. Carmel.

d. Mary Ellen ^{HELEN} - b. May 13, 1879; married ^{HAVEN - OCEANING & DYING} (Harlan) Miller; she was ^{BUSINESS. ALCOHOL} a school teacher. (1) HILDA d. 1930-5 (2) MARY KOLIN DEC 2, 1990 (2-2-90) P1

^{DAD} e. Oscar Stanley - b. Aug. 21, 1881 - d. July 5, 1965; married on June 10, 1909 to Mary Catherine Stover - b. Mar. 6, 1887 - d. Feb. 6, 1969. He was a Pennsylvania Railroad conductor ^{CELEBR} for many years; later he worked for the Pa. State Liquor Control Board. Her mother was Mary Lucinda Stonesifer of Littlestown who married William P. Stover. (See pages 31-32 for additional material on her background.) Oscar and his wife, Mary, are buried in Rolling Green Cemetery across the river from Harrisburg, Pa.

Children:

- ^{ME} (1) Frederic Austin - b. ¹⁹⁰⁷ ~~July 3~~, 1910; married ¹⁹³⁴ ~~May 7~~, 1934 to Elsie Leona Sandberg - b. Feb. 2, 1910. A naval veteran of World War II, he now lives in Wilmington, Delaware where he is a clinical psychologist and his wife a social worker. She is of Swedish descent.

Children:

- (1a) Linnea Sandberg - b. July 26, 1944; married July 31, 1968 to Richard Farr Dietrich - b. Jan. 16, 1936. He is a college professor and she an art historian. ^{DIVORCED 1976} Separated, she now lives with her son at Temple Terrace, Florida. ^{PROFESSOR UNIV. OF SOUTH FLORIDA 1989 MOVED TO MIAMI UNIV. OXFORD, OHIO}

Children:

- (1aa) Richard Frederick - b. Aug. 5, 1974

(1b) Frederic Sandberg - b. Sept. 25, 1947; married Mar. 27, 1970 to Ruth Ann Voshel - b. July 17, 1947. He is a navigator in the navy and she is a teacher. They are presently living in Orange Park, Florida.

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Children:

(1ba) Frederic Wesley - b. Sept. 9, 1970 ARMY M.P. 1989
(1bb) Kristofer "Tif" - b. Aug. 20, 1973

(2) Oscar Stanley, Jr. - b. July 23, 1919 - d. July 16, 1978; married in 1942 to Harriet Mendenhall - b. Mar. 28, 1919. An army veteran of World War II, he later became a high school principal; his wife became a teacher also. Their place of residence: West Orange, N.J.

Children:

(2a) Barbara - b. Mar. 8, 1948; married CHRISTOS TERZOPoulos
(2b) Mary Jane - b. Mar. 9, 1949; married Hugh Philbrick

(2ba) RYAN SEOTT 6-21-80
(2bb) KEBLECCA 2-25-81

(3) Mary - b. Sept. of 1921 - d. Mar. 8, 1922; she died in Harrisburg, Pa. from convulsions. (WITKOPPING COLLEGE)

f. Lillie - b. Dec. of 1882 - d. in infancy.

g. Roscoe - b. @ 1884 - d. in infancy.

h. L. Paulyne - b. 1885; married June 29, 1910 to Ellsworth Carver - b. 1877.

i. Emma C. - b. Feb. of 1888; married Feb. 5, 1911 to Ira C. Blocher. When 5 years old she fell into a tub of hot water and was badly scalded about the back and hips. She and her husband lived in Harrisburg. Her mother, Lillie Stonesifer, lived with them in her last years and died there.

j. Naomi S. - b. July of 1890 - d. 1940; married Aug. 10, 1912 to Gordon Nevin Rebert - b. 1889 - d. 1948. They had lived in Frederick, Md.

k. Bernard Austin - b. Feb. 21, 1893 - d. Dec. 18, 1979; married Nov. 4, 1914 to Paulina A. Millheim - b. 1897 - d. Oct. 27, 1920. He had worked for the B.F. Shriver Canning Co., then a silk mill, and finally at the Newark Shoe Co. - all of them of Littlestown where he lived all his life. For some years he was blind in one eye, and his last few years were spent at the Green Acres Retirement Center in Gettysburg. This writer visited him there a few weeks before he died, and found him still possessed of an interest in life, a good memory, and still able to get about fairly well. He was also quite interested in the Stonesifer family history. He and his wife are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown, Pa.

Children:

- (1) Bernard Austin, Jr. - b. ● 1915; married June 19, 1946 to Pauline Ellen Bowers. An army veteran of World War II, he was severely wounded in Italy in January of 1944 - with injuries to his right foot and below the right knee by shrapnel from a grenade. He now lives in Gettysburg.
- (2) Catherine Elizabeth - b. Jan. 13, 1918; married Aug. 22, 1941 to William Mumper. They live near Gettysburg.
- (3) James Richard - b. Oct. 27, 1920; married Jan. 24, 1945 to Alice Laverne Babylon. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II, seeing action in the South Pacific, and where in January of 1944 he was wounded in an arm and leg. For a time after the war he served as a Maryland State trooper, has been married once or twice again, has two or so children, and now lives in Cumberland, Md.

O. Eliza Jane - b. Jan. 26, 1852 - d. Nov. 18, 1917; was married to George W. Hymiller - b. Sept. 15, 1846 - d. Dec. 17, 1923. She was the youngest of the 15 children of Joseph and Lydia Routson Stonesifer. Buried: Baust's Church a few miles south of Taneytown, Md.

Children: (order not known)

- a. Maud Blanch - b. Sept. 27, 1879 - d. Nov. 28, 1889.
- b. Mable Pauline - b. July 27, 1891 - d. Sept. 19, 1892.
- c. Etta A. - married M. Luther Helwig - lived near Pleasant Valley.
- d. Fannie M. - married John H. Brown - lived in the area of New Windsor.
- e. Milton R. - married Edna P. Myers - lived near Baltimore.
- f. Howard W. - married Rene V. Heck - lived in or near Hanover.

8. Jared - b. Jan. 26, 1813 - d. July 31, 1877; was married to Mary Margaret A. Lohr - b. Aug. 10, 1809 - d. Oct. 6, 1894.

He was the last, and youngest, of the 8 children (4 boys & 4 girls) of John Daniel, Jr. and Elizabeth Bauer Stonesifer (see page 123). He (Jared) was a very prosperous farmer, and lived most of his life near Johnsville, Md. For a short time he lived near Littlestown where he had owned and operated a farm. After the death of the daughter, who had married a William N. Matthias and lived near St. Bartholomew's Church south of Hanover (her name was Joanna), the family returned to the Johnsville area. Buried: Mountain View Cemetery, Union Bridge, Maryland, and which is very near to the Carroll County - Frederick County line.

Children:

- A. Joanna (also Johanna) - b. Oct. 10, 1834 - d. Feb. 10, 1866; married Nov. 14, 1865 to William N. Matthias - b. Aug. 27, 1842 - d. Mar. 20, 1915. She died about 3 months after marriage. Her husband, who was a Union veteran of the Civil War, later remarried. She is buried with her husband and his second wife in the old cemetery back of St. Bartholomew's Church a few miles southwest of Hanover, Pa.
- B. Upton Basil - b. May 8, 1836 - d. Feb. 16, 1881.
- C. Sarah J. - b. Apr. 15, 1843 - d. Sept. 18, 1911.
- D. Resin A. - b. Aug. 1, 1844 - d. Apr. 22, 1892.
- E. Mary E. - b. Aug. 14, 1847 - d. Feb. 15, 1926.

Mary was the last of her family, and she died on her father's farm where she had been born. Services were held for her at the Beaver Dam Church of the Brethren, and burial was in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery, Union Bridge. All of her family are buried there with her except her sister - Joanna.

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XIII. ELIZABETH - b. Sept. 19, 1783 - d. Mar. 9, 1862; married Peter Bankert - b. Apr. 7, 1777 - d. June 26, 1840.

She was the second youngest child of John Daniel Stonesifer, and was married to a brother of John Bankert - the husband of her sister Christina. Peter Bankert was a son of Jacob Bankert, Jr. and the grandson of Jacob Bankert, Sr. who was the only son of Christophel and Anna Eva Banckert - our immigrant Bankert great grandparents. Peter and Elizabeth lived about a half mile west of St. Mary's Church in Silver Run, and also about a half mile from what was known in those days as Warner's Tavern. They farmed, raised 12 children, and were members of the Reformed congregation of the St. Mary's Church in Silver Run.

When his father-in-law died, Peter Bankert and Peter Erb, a close neighbor, were named in the will as executors. Peter Erb declined to serve in such a capacity, and thus Peter Bankert was granted the necessary papers to act as sole executor of the estate by the Orphans Court in Frederick, Md. on Nov. 24, 1813. By taking on this position he unwittingly entered on a long and trying period in his life that only ended with his death.

Because John Daniel's wife, Maria Elizabeth, lived on till 1821 and had a life right to the use of the homestead property, there was little Peter could do at first but file an estate inventory in Frederick on Feb. 9, 1814. Even after her death in 1821 his administrative work was greatly delayed because John Daniel had made at least 12 loans of money to numerous relatives and friends, and these notes with accruing interest generally ran from 1804 to 1827. During the intervening years, therefore, he rented out the homestead property for the years 1822 through 1826, and received a total rent income for that time of \$ 381.01.

During this period, also, his own father, Jacob Bankert, Jr., died in 1824, and he was named an executor for that estate.

On Feb. 16, 1827 Peter held a public sale of John Daniel Stonesifer's real estate the interesting results of which were as follows: 38 acres to Joshua Yingling for \$ 389.50; $42\frac{1}{2}$ acres to Samuel Stonesifer for \$ 297.50; $28\frac{1}{4}$ acres to Peter Stonesifer for \$ 278.99. These are registered in Deed Book JS-27 on page 665+ in Frederick. Later that year on Oct. 30, 1827 he sold 42 acres to Henry Routson - the husband of a granddaughter of John Daniel Stonesifer.

The sale of real estate, personal property, and the clearing off of many of the loans outstanding allowed him to make a 1st accounting in Frederick for estate matters on Oct. 31, 1827. After necessary payments for expenses, there remained the sum of \$ 7851.99 $\frac{1}{2}$ that was available for distribution to John Daniel Stonesifer's heirs with the average share being \$573.23.

On July 26, 1828 Peter Bankert sold the Stonesifer homestead property of 150 acres to David and Rachel Leister for \$ 1600 (Deed Book JS-30, page 378 in Frederick). He then was able to clear off remaining debts and loans due,

and on May 11, 1831 he made his 2nd and final accounting of John Daniel's estate. After necessary expenses were again paid, there remained a balance of \$ 2169.81½ for distribution to the heirs. This time the average share per individual amounted to \$ 166.90 and 11/13.

At about the same time he was also finishing up settling of his father's estate, and the final large item for that matter was disposal of his own homestead. On May 19, 1831 that property was sold to Isaac Bankert, his nephew and the oldest son of his own deceased brother, John Bankert, who had married his wife's sister Christina Stonesifer.

In a few years the heirs of John Daniel Stonesifer began to "implore" Peter Bankert to distribute what they claimed were additional monies he owed to them. The point of issue appears to have been the fact that Peter had bought back the original Stonesifer homestead property. It would seem that the Leisters couldnot complete their payments after a time, and that Peter likely agreed to to buy it back for the sum remaining, or about \$ 1345.

As the Stonesifer heirs felt they again had an equity in their homestead, they wanted what they believed were monies due them. It appears that at first Peter had some other reasoning on the matter, but they kept after him. Three years before his death Peter admitted to authorities that they were right, and the matter was taken to arbitration with the resulting sum being named as \$ 1345. An agreement was made on Aug. 9, 1837 whereby he promised to pay the heirs that amount in six equal yearly installments. However, ill health probably brought on by years of emotional stress from dealing with financial and legal problems led to his early death in 1840 at the age of 63.

The result was no clear title to the original Stonesifer property for anyone, and the Stonesifer heirs having an equity in it with money owed to them still unpaid. To recover what they felt was theirs, and because the estate of Peter Bankert had insufficient assets to pay his debts, Jacob Stonesifer, a son of John Daniel's son Peter, filed a suit on behalf of the other heirs in Orphans Court in Westminster which became known as Case in Equity No. 59. Soon additional claims and grievances arose on other past matters, and on Aug. 3, 1843 Daniel Stonesifer, a son of John Daniel, filed another suit which became known as Case in Equity No. 61. The filing of these suits caused a great deal of unhappiness among family members for many years, as can be well imagined. It also caused a hold to be put on the settling of the estates of all closely related Stonesifer and Bankert family members who died in the twelve year period that litigation went on.

In 1843 Elizabeth Bankert, widow of Peter Bankert, petitioned Orphans Court for financial aid. She referred the Court to a petition some of her children had made to them on Feb. 20, 1841 in which they asked permission to sell their father's property for estate distribution. The result of Elizabeth's petition is not known.

The litigation dragged on for what was to eventually be a twelve year period - 1841-1853. Claims and counter claims were brought up, hearings held, and copies of all papers pertaining to John Daniel Stonesifer's estate were secured from Frederick, as in 1836 Carroll County was set up as a separate legal entity. Matters became so complex that the Court ordered that the two separate suits be joined as one. Just prior to a special hearing on Sept. 5, 1849 it was even necessary for the lawyer for the Stonesifers to restate and summarize the main points for all concerned in a long four page letter to the Court.

Litigation was finally settled on July 12, 1853 for an agreed sum of \$ 2442.09. After various expenses were paid the amount came to \$ 2353.91. From this new amount 20 approved claims were paid which ranged from \$ 34 to \$ 202. Of these claims 12 were Stonesifer related, 6 pertained to the estate of Andrew Shriver (he and his brother David had purchased the original Bankert Mill property at Union Mills and are buried at Christ Church near Littlestown), and 2 claims were paid to David Leister. (He and his wife Rachel are buried at Silver Run).

When all those claims were paid, there remained a final sum of \$ 371.12, and this money was equally or proportionally divided as necessary among the surviving children of John Daniel Stonesifer or the heirs of those children who were deceased. There also remained a stack of legal papers about six inches thick that have been kept on file in the Westminster Court House since that time which serve as a mute reminder of this tragic, but interesting, chapter in our family history.

The last years of Elizabeth, our great aunt married to Peter Bankert, were spent in the home of her son, Abdiel Bankert, who farmed in Pleasant Valley. Peter and Elizabeth Bankert are buried in the old cemetery of St. Mary's Church in Silver Run where their tombstones are still able to be seen and are in good condition.

Children:

1. Rachel - b. Dec. 16, 1801 - d. Sept. 4, 1876; was married to John Jacob Yoost - b. May 2, 1806 - d. Nov. 16, 1880.

They lived near Silver Run for some years where he was a tailor. He had been born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. In the late 1850's the family moved to a place a few miles north of Littlestown called Frog Town where they established a dry goods and grocery store business. Their store was on the main road between Littlestown and Gettysburg, and a mile or two south of Two Taverns. They retired in the 1870's, and the business was then continued by their only child - a son William. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- A. William - b. Oct. 27, 1835 - d. Mar. 11, 1909; married @ 1872 to Martha Emeline Collins - b. June 29, 1843 - d. Sept. 17, 1881; then married Nov. 21, 1882 to Sarah "Sallie" C. Rohrbaugh - b. Mar. 27, 1848 - d. June 7, 1893; then married on May 22, 1898 to Annie G. Newman - b. Apr. 22, 1864 - d. Apr. 29, 1944.

- owned and operated the Yoost's Store business established by his parents till his retirement in the early 1900's, had served in the Union Army in the Civil War in Co. I, 98th Regt., Pa. Inf., was married three times, but only had children by his first wife - a son Charles who survived him, and a son Elmer who died a few days after birth. He died while on a visit to his son's home in Two Taverns. His first wife is buried with their infant, Elmer, at White Church a few miles south of Gettysburg - a German Reformed Church which served as a hospital at the time of the Battle of Gettysburg in the Civil War; his second wife is buried on her

parents plot at Christ Church near Littlestown; and he and his third wife are buried together in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown. All three burial plots have nearly identical, ornate tombstones of tall, square pillar construction about six feet tall set on massive square bases.

Children:

- a. Charles A. - b. Nov. 14, 1874 - d. Nov. 3, 1939; married to Grace M. Keller - b. 1874 - d. 1958.

- married a girl from Hanover, operated the Yoost family store for 38 years, and was a member of the Hanover Lodge - Loyal Order of the Moose and also the Hanover Fraternal Order of Eagles, and had two daughters who died young. Under a physician's care for some time before his death, he died suddenly on a Sunday morning at his home in Two Taverns. Buried: Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Littlestown near his father's plot.

Children:

- (1) Marguirite Kathleen - b. July 7, 1902 - d. Oct. 9, 1902.
(2) Beatrice M. - b. July 3, 1907 - d. Dec. 1, 1910.

- c. Elmer C. - b. Sept. 12, 1881 - d. Sept. 15, 1881. He is buried with his mother on her parents plot at White Church. His older brother Charles, mentioned above, was the last of the Yoost family. It is said that he drank heavily in his last years - perhaps because he realized the family line ended with him.

2. Daniel - b. Sept. 18, 1803 - d. Nov. 25, 1854; married to Matilda Catharine Hoppe - b. Sept. 19, 1803 - d. May 17, 1890.

- farmed near Silver Run for many years, was a member of St. Mary's Reformed congregation there, and was made administrator of his deceased father's estate which he was unable to settle till Oct. 7, 1853 because of the litigation involving it and Cases in Equity No. 59 & 61. His father's estate finally produced \$ 1982.79 for distribution to the heirs. Daniel moved from the Silver Run area to the vicinity of Bart's Church in Adams Co., Pa. near the Md.-Pa. line, and which is located about half way between Hanover and Littlestown. The move was undoubtedly made due to the distaste he had for his immediate home area because of litigation. Also, ill health brought on by the long battle over financial and legal matters caused his early death at the age of 53. He and his wife and several of their children are buried at Bart's Church. A sister of his father is buried there with them also.

Children:

- A. Zephaniah - b. 1826 -

married Alice - b. 1836 -

Known as "Zep", he was a cigar maker, they lived near Hanover for a time in the early 1860's where they had a home on Frederick Street in what is now called Pennville, and which they sold to a Jacob H. Stonesifer, a cousin and the son of Joseph Stonesifer who was a son of Daniel, son of John Daniel Stonesifer. They had at least one child, a son, Lewis - b. Mar. 17, 1853 - d. Aug. 17, 1853.

- B. Joanna - b. Sept. 16, 1828 - d. Sept. 13, 1896; married to John Butt - b. Dec. 25, 1825 - d. Feb. 29, 1896. They were both born near Silver Run, were married in 1847, and lived in Pennville near Hanover for some 47 years where he was a shoe and cigar maker, he was a Republican in politics, and they were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Hanover. They were widely known and well liked. In their last years they lived with their son in Hanover at 209 High Street. He died after a short illness in the State Hospital in Harrisburg. She was in ill health for the last 20 years of her life, the last seventeen months of which she was bedfast. They and their adult children are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover. The three children that died young are buried at Bart's Church between Hanover and Littlestown.

Children:

- a. Zephaniah B. - married Elizabeth Jane Darmer
- b. Matilda C. - married Augustus N. Little
- c. Austin D. - b. Dec. 28, 1857 - d. July 22, 1861
- d. Elaranda (known as Ella A. later) - married Clement C. Beard
- e. Milton H. - b. Aug. 12, 1868 - d. Jan. 16, 1869
- f. Infant - died at birth

- C. Jeremiah Henry - b. Mar. 26, 1832 - d. Oct. 13, 1854. Buried: Bart's

- D. Rufus R. - b. Dec. 8, 1833 - d. May 4, 1864; married Jan. 8, 1854 to Josephine Smith. They lived in Hanover, had seven children, and were members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. After his death she remarried. He is buried in Mt. Olivet in Hanover.

Children:

- a. Alberta (became Alverta) - b. Aug. 13, 1854; married Feb. 13, 1876 to J.W. Neipold
- b. Flora - b. Sept. 11, 1855; married Sept. 3, 1876 to John A. Snyder
- c. Fillmore - b. Nov. 24, 1856 - d. Nov. 12, 1938. He apparently never married but lived alone for many years in Pleasant Valley in Carroll Co. near his uncles - Abdiel and Ephraim Bankert. He was a coach maker by trade, and died at his home at the age of nearly 83. Buried: Pleasant Valley.
- d. Charles - b. Feb. of 1858; married Oct. 11, 1878 to Lucy Ann Shultz - b. Dec. 4, 1854 - d. Feb. 17, 1882. They lived near Arendtsville in upper Adams Co., Pa., had a child that died young, and apparently were members of St. Ignatius Catholic Church a few miles away in what is known as Buchanan Valley. Lucy and her daughter are buried at St. Ignatius Church. Nothing further is known of him.
- e. Sarah Elizabeth - b. Aug. 27, 1859
- f. John - b. Nov. 8, 1860 - d. Feb. 27, 1862
- g. Kate - b. Nov. 23, 1863

- E. Matilda Catharine - b. June 24, 1839 (T.S. = June 14) - d. Aug. 5, 1887; married Dec. 3, 1868 to Matthias Gebhart.

- F. Aaron William - b. Feb. 12, 1845 - d. Mar. 12, 1868

3. Lydia - b. Jan. 15, 1805 - d. Jan. 31, 1865; married July 16, 1855 to Peter Zepp - b. July 7, 1808 - d. Aug. 21, 1879. He was a farmer in the Baust's Church area, and had been married previously with several children from that marriage. Lydia had no children. She is buried at Silver Run; he is buried at Baust's Church with his first wife.
4. Hannah - b. Mar. 17, 1808 - d. Aug. 1, 1864; married to Peter Brown, Jr. - b. May 6, 1805 - d. Jan. 31, 1882. He was a blacksmith near Silver Run, & later he remarried. Buried: she at Silver Run, he at Krider's Cemetery.

Children: (as can presently be determined)

- A. Maranda - b. Nov. 25, 1833 - d. Mar. 20, 1911; never married - is buried at Krider's Cemetery just north of Westminster.
- B. Amelia Elizabeth - b. July 11, 1835 - d. Sept. 5, 1901; married in 1853 to Jesse Sullivan - b. May 28, 1827 - d. Jan. 22, 1908. They had 9 children. Buried: Krider's Cemetery.
- C. Emanuel Ephraim - b. Oct. 12, 1837 - mar. Feb. 9, 1862 to Elizabeth C. Morris
- D. Matilda Elizabeth - b. Apr. 25, 1839 (T.S. = Apr. 10, 1838) - d. Mar. 2, 1907; never married - buried at Krider's Cemetery.
- E. Malinda - b. @ 1842; mar. May 2, 1864 to Ezra D. Wantz.
- F. Peter, Jr. - b. Mar. 8, 1844 - d. Nov. 12, 1923; married Aug. 2, 1863 to Mary Ann Harman - b. Apr. 8, 1830 - d. Apr. 19, 1910. They are also buried at Krider's Cemetery.
- G. Catharine - b. @ 1846; married Nov. 1, 1864 to John A. Hunter.
5. Barbara - b. May 30, 1809 - d. Sept. 15, 1884; mar. to Philip Sholl - b. Nov. 3, 1805 - d. July 4, 1878; lived near Silver Run, were members of St. Mary's Church there, & are buried in the old cemetery there.

Children:

- A. Metilda - b. Nov. 5, 1831
- B. Cassia - b. Dec. 7, 1832 - married Mar. 22, 1854 to John Lightner.
- C. Mary Jane - b. Nov. 1, 1834 - mar. Jan. 1, 1856 to Michael Yingling.
- D. John - b. Jan. 25, 1836 - married July 27, 1860 to Rebecca Erb.
- E. Maria - b. Oct. 2, 1837
- F. Amandela - b. July 1, 1839
- G. Jacob Henry - b. June 7, 1841
- H. Philip - b. Mar. 14, 1844

I. Elizabeth Catharine - b. Jan. 30, 1846

J. William Daniel - b. Jan. 30, 1848

6. Catharine - b. July of 1810 - d. 1870's; married to Joseph Sentz - b. Nov. 24, 1805 - d. June 3, 1876. They lived near Silver Run for many years, then moved to the Mt. Joy area of Adams Co., Pa. He was a wagormaker by trade. Their burial place is not presently known, but probably at Mt. Joy Lutheran, St. Mark's (White Church), or St. John's Lutheran near Littlestown.

Children:

- A. Peter - b. @ 1836
- B. Matilda - b. Mar. 6, 1837
- C. Augustus Stephen - b. Mar. 29, 1839
- D. William - b. @ 1840
- E. Jeremiah - b. May 22, 1841
- F. John Thomas - b. Jan. 16, 1844
- G. Oliver P. - b. @ 1846
- H. Joseph - b. 1851

7. Peter - b. May 20, 1811 - d. Apr. 10, 1884; married Anna Maria "Polly" Frock - b. Nov. 6, 1815 - d. June 6, 1863; then married Nov. 30, 1864 to Elizabeth Frock - b. Mar. 5, 1832. He farmed near Union Mills, and is said to have lived on the old Bankert homestead of his father. He and his first wife are buried at Silver Run. His second wife's burial place is presently not known.

Children:

- A. Franklin - b. Nov. 7, 1836 - d. Aug. 13, 1864; married Sept. 13, 1855 to Savannah Catharine Koontz - b. Apr. 1, 1836. They lived near Union Mills and were members of St. Mary's Reformed Church in Silver Run where he is buried. Later she remarried.

Children:

- a. Ellen Jane "Hester" - b. Apr. 12, 1857
- b. John Peter - b. Feb. 16, 1860
- c. Emma Elizabeth - b. Oct. 8, 1861
- d. Charles David - b. Jan. 8, 1863; married Aug. 26, 1887 to Lydia J. Shoemaker - lived in York Co., Pa.
- e. Franklin Bailey (Baile) - b. Feb. 27, 1865 - some 6 months after his father had died; married May 26, 1887 to Emma Jane Keener - b. 1870 - they also lived in York Co., Pa.

- B. Mary Ellen - b. Aug. 28, 1838 - d. Oct. 11, 1913; married Sept. 18, 1853 to David C. Wentz - b. Dec. 9, 1831 (T.S. = Nov. 9) - d. Apr. 23, 1912. They lived for 15 years near Silver Run where he was a carpenter and farmer. In April of 1870 they moved to Mt. Pleasant twp. in Adams Co. near Bonneauville. Here they farmed 176 acres of land, were members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church at White Hall, and had 12 children. He was a Democrat, and served 2 terms as twp. supervisor. His great, grandfather was Valentine Wentz who came from Partenheim, Germany to Phila. on the Ship Loyal Judith on Sept. 2, 1743 and settled in what is now Lineboro, Md. @ 1749. Mary and David are buried at Salem United Brethren (now Methodist) Church at Guldens - between New Oxford and Gettysburg.

Children:

- a. Mary Jane - b. Feb. 23, 1854; married Mathias Bupp
- b. Catharine Lucinda - b. June 28, 1855 - d. 1856
- c. William Peter - b. Oct. 31, 1856; married Annie Settle
- d. Anna Masura - b. Aug. 1, 1858; married Amos Levi Wingert
- e. Edgar Franklin - b. Dec. 1, 1859; married Elizabeth Raffensperger
- f. Martin David - b. Mar. 16, 1861; married Sarah Alice Bucher
- g. Emma Elizabeth - b. Sept. 12, 1862; married Henry Clayton Slaybaugh
- h. Barbery Ellen - b. Sept. 2, 1864; married George Harman
- i. Laura Amanda - b. June 16, 1867 - d. Oct. 18, 1883
- j. Clara Lydia - b. Apr. 11, 1871; married Walter Little
- k. Cora Alice - b. Oct. 15, 1874; married George Anderson McDannell
- l. Alverta Agnes - b. Mar. 31, 1877; married Joseph Herman

C. Josephus - b. Dec. 12, 1841 (T.S. = Dec. 16) - d. Oct. 10, 1906; married Aug. 19, 1862 to Charlotte Ann Bankert - b. Feb. 15, 1842 - d. Jan. 1, 1920. They farmed near Westminster and are buried at Krider's Church. His grandmother was Elizabeth Stonesifer Bankert, a sister to Christina Stonesifer Bankert, his wife's grandmother.

Children:

- a. Clara Ann "Leanna" - b. July 12, 1863; married Levi H. Myers.
- b. Mary Jane - b. Dec. 24, 1864; apparently never married, and seems to have been known as "Kitty."
- c. Ann Elizabeth - b. @ 1867; married Amos A. Smelser.
- d. Sarah Ellen - b. @ 1869; married John T. Louey.

D. Adam - b. Feb. 22, 1845 (T.S. = 1846) - d. Nov. 23, 1905; married Dec. 25, 1871 to Mary Agnes Burgoon - b. Mar. 26, 1850 - d. Feb. 6, 1943. Born near Union Mills, they had moved to the Hanover area by 1900 when they were listed in the U.S. Census of that year as living here. After his death she lived with a son, Hilbert, for some years. Buried: St. John's Catholic Church cemetery in Westminster, Md.

Children:

- a. Cosmos C. - b. Oct. 1, 1872 (T.S. = 1871) - d. Nov. 15, 1914; married Feb. 9, 1899 to Anna Lookingbill - b. 1879. They were married in St. John's Catholic Church in Westminster and lived near Silver Run, but had no known children. He died after a two years illness from cancer, and was buried on the plot of his wife's parents at Silver Run.
- b. Catherine P. - b. Mar. 9, 1880 - d. May 18, 1969; lived and worked in Baltimore. Buried: St. John's Catholic Church in Westminster on her parents plot there.
- c. Hilbert F. - b. Aug. 12, 1882 - d. Dec. 5, 1942; married July 11, 1905 to Ella V. Dunson - b. June 5, 1883 - d. Feb. 18, 1969. They lived in Hanover for many years at 319 Springs Ave., and later at 133 McAllister St. She was employed as a weaver. He worked for many years for the Hanover Wire Cloth, and then for some years as fireman at the State Theatre on Frederick St. He was also a member of Hanover Fire Co. No.1. They had one son, Richard O. - b. Aug. 27, 1906 - d. July 14, 1980, and

he lived in Washington, D.C. for many years. All three of them are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover. Hilbert was generally known to his friends as "Hib." In the marriage records in Westminster the last name of his wife Ella is spelled as Durst.

d. Marie C. - b. July 19, 1886 - d. Aug. 8, 1903.
She is buried on her parents plot also.

e. Helen R. - b. Sept. 1, 1889 - d. Sept. 21, 1978. Lived and worked in Baltimore. Buried: on her parents plot.

Also buried on the family plot at St. John's Catholic Church cemetery in Westminster is a Bernard O. Bankert - b. June 6, 1909 - d. Mar. 29, 1932. He may be the child of either Helen or her sister, Catherine.

E. Phiannah - b. July 26, 1849; married Nov. 10, 1870 to Joshua Zepp.

8. Elizabeth - b. Apr. 16, 1813 - d. Oct. 24, 1890; married Mar. 12, 1835 to John Cashman - b. May 2, 1805 - d. Nov. 26, 1880. They lived near New Chester in Adams Co., Pa. where he was a well known and prosperous farmer. Buried: The Pines Lutheran Church near New Chester.

Children:

A. Ellen - b. Nov. 20, 1836 (T.S. = Nov. 15) - d. Sept. 22, 1885;
married Eli Wolford - b. Oct. 6, 1840 - d. Jan. 23, 1926.
He served in the Union Army as a Pvt., Co. C, 98th Pa. Inf.

B. Eliza Ann - b. May 9, 1837 (should be Sept.) - d. July 19, 1890;
married Benjamin Shetter - b. 1838 - d. Jan. 23, 1914.

C. John Christian - b. Sept. 5, 1838 - d. Nov. 28, 1919;
married Retura A. Cashman - b. Aug. 6, 1848 - d. May 20, 1922.

D. Sarah Jane - b. Jan. 20, 1840 - d. Feb. 27, 1906;
married John Hartlaub - b. Aug. 14, 1837 - d. Aug. 10, 1923.

E. Lydia Catharine - b. Dec. 27, 1841 - d. Nov. 25, 1905;
married Ephraim Wolford - b. Mar. 22, 1850 - d. June 1, 1923.

F. William J. - b. Dec. 12, 1843 - d. Feb. 3, 1903;
married Mary A. Stevens - b. Aug. 30, 1857 - d. Jan. 3, 1928.

G. Ephraim Hamilton - b. Sept. 23, 1847 - d. May 17, 1914;
married Alice Agnes Herman - b. Apr. 25, 1858 - d. Jan. 9, 1940.

H. Peter Nathaniel - b. June 26, 1850 - d. Sept. 23, 1923;
married Laura Jane Myers - b. Jan. 5, 1857 - d. Aug. 8, 1930.

I. Abdiel Victor - b. Feb. 14, 1852 - d. Feb. 12, 1926;
married Laura Elizabeth Sell - b. Dec. 1, 1860 - d. Aug. 27, 1929.

9. Ephraim L. - b. Nov. of 1817 - d. @ 1908?; married Sept. 5, 1852 to Anna "Ann" Caltrider - b. 1818 - d. Feb. 10, 1860; then married Nov. 2, 1866 to Rebecca Starner Fitz - b. Jan. of 1831 - d. Nov. 18, 1916. He farmed in Pleasant Valley, Carroll Co., near his brother Abdiel. Twice married, he had a son and daughter by his first wife, and a daughter and three sons by his second wife. Rebecca, his second wife, was a young widowed cousin of his who already had six children by her deceased husband - Joseph Fitz. Ephraim's first wife is buried at Krider's Church. He and his second wife are buried in Pleasant Valley cemetery where their tombstones give only their names and the fact that he died aged 91 and she at 85 years.

His second marriage gives us a clear example of how complex are the Stonesifer - Bankert - Yingling family relationships. Ephraim's parents were Elizabeth Stonesifer married to Peter Bankert. Rebecca's parents were Catharine Stonesifer married to Jacob Starner. Catharine's father was Daniel Stonesifer who was a brother of Elizabeth - Ephraim's mother. Both Daniel and Elizabeth were children of our immigrant great, grandfather John Daniel Stonesifer. John Daniel was married to Maria Elizabeth Yingling, and she was the daughter of John and Margaret Lenora Bankert Yingling. Margaret Lenora's parents were Christophel and Anna Eva Shriver Banckert, and their only son was Jacob Bankert, Sr. - who was Ephraim's great, grandfather.

Children:

- A. Nelson H. - b. 1854 - d. Apr. 26, 1941; married Nov. 9, 1892 to Joanna S. Marquet - b. Nov. 20, 1863 - d. Aug. 1, 1923. They lived in Mt. Pleasant (near Union Mills) and had two sons and two daughters. She died in the Gettysburg Hospital several days after an operation for gall stones and appendicitis, aged not quite 60. He died at the age of 87. They are buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, but only she has a tombstone.
- B. Sarah Ann - b. 1856; married Elridge Packman and they lived in Baltimore, Md.
- C. Margaret "Mazzie" Louisa - b. Mar. 24, 1867 - d. Nov. 28, 1922; married Feb. 17, 1885 to Franklin T. Welk - b. Aug. 15, 1865 - d. Dec. 9, 1913. He owned and operated a grist mill and saw mill located between Littlestown and Silver Run. His death occurred in a tragic accident when his clothing was caught by a bolt of the main shaft of the grist mill as he stooped down to pick up some corn cobs on the floor. The coat he was wearing was torn off, and he was wound around the main shaft. Both legs were crushed to pulp, and one of his feet was torn off. The only other person in the mill at the time was a farmer who did not know how to stop the machinery, and it was some time till help could be summoned. He died about two hours later. He was survived by his wife and two grown children. Buried: Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Littlestown, Pa.
- D. Howard L. - b. 1869 - d. 1930-40; lived and worked in Baltimore, Md.

- E. Arkansas H. - b. July 20, 1872 (T.S. = 1873) - d. Jan. 9, 1929; married July 2, 1903 to Cora J. Leister - b. 1865 - d. 1928. Born in Pleasant Valley, always known as A.H. Bankert, had operated a hotel in Taneytown and also been "engaged in the meat business." They had 2 daughters. Buried: Taneytown Lutheran Cemetery.
- F. Harry - b. @ 1874 - still living in 1941; like his brother, Howard, he lived and worked in Baltimore.
10. Sabilla - b. Jan. 13, 1821 - d. Dec. 19, 1891; never married, she lived with her brother, Abdiel, in Pleasant Valley; buried there on his plot.
11. Abdiel Johannes - b. Dec. 11, 1825 - d. Feb. 9, 1884; married Nov. 24, 1850 to Rebecca Wittinger - b. Feb. 4, 1821 - d. June 14, 1880. Generally he was known as "Addie", and he farmed in Pleasant Valley near his brother, Ephraim. Both brothers were members of St. Matthew's Lutheran and Reformed Church there. Buried: Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Children:

- A. Frances "Franna" Elizabeth - b. Oct. 7, 1851 - deceased by March of 1885; married Frederick M. Myers
- B. Savilla Alverta - b. Oct. 26, 1853; married Jan. 21, 1874 to Edward Geiman
- C. Barbara Ellen - b. Mar. 28, 1856 - d. Sept. 6, 1873
- D. Rebecca Missouri - b. July 17, 1857 - d. July 12, 1938; married Mar. 1, 1877 to William F. Myers - b. Feb. 12, 1854 - d. Oct. 8, 1928. He founded the well-known meat packing firm in Westminster now known as William F. Myers Sons, Inc. Buried: Pleasant Valley.
- E. Mary Catharine - b. Apr. 13, 1862 - d. 1888; married Mar. 30, 1883 to Isaiah Stair - b. Oct. 6, 1850 - d. July 6, 1916.
12. William J. - b. Jan. 8, 1827 (T.S. = 1826) - d. Mar. 11, 1901; married to Mary Ann Snyder - b. 1826 - d. Apr. 20, 1891. They lived near Silver Run where he was a carpenter by trade. Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- A. Elizabeth Catharine - b. 1847; married Sept. 25, 1868 to George W. Sullivan. They had at least one child - a daughter
- B. Sarah J. - b. 1851; married Aug. 31, 1874 to Lewis J. Brown.
- C. William H. - b. May 21, 1852 (T.S. = 1853) - d. Apr. 15, 1913; married Annie Reigle - b. Apr. 24, 1849 - d. Mar. 18, 1931. They lived near Silver Run and had two sons and four daughters. He died from cancer of the throat. Buried: Silver Run - their tombstone inscriptions are badly worn.
- D. George O. - b. June 12, 1853 - d. Jan. 30, 1927; married Oct. 25, 1900 to Annie Missouri Lambert - b. 1859 - d. 1943. They lived near Silver Run, were members of St. Mary's Reformed Church there, and had one son. He was a carpenter by trade. Buried: Silver Run.

- E. Augustus Peter - b. Oct. 20, 1860 (T.S. = 1850) - d. Feb. 25, 1947; married Jan. 19, 1888 to Annie C. Brown - b. May 8, 1868 - d. Apr. 21, 1921; then married Apr. 14, 1923 to Margaret Louise Null who was also widowed. His year of birth is based on information in the U.S. Census of that year. He lived near Westminster, and had two sons and two daughters. He and his first wife are buried at Krider's Church.
- F. Edward Nathaniel - b. July 1, 1863 - d. Oct. 31, 1932; married Dec. 8, 1884 to Lydia A. Bemiller - b. Nov. 12, 1866 - d. May 2, 1926. They farmed near Union Mills, were members of St. Mary's Lutheran Church in Silver Run, and had 12 children of which 3 died in infancy. Buried: Silver Run.

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XIV. HANNAH MARY - b. Sept. 29, 1787 - d. July 7, 1867.

She was the youngest and last surviving child of the John Daniel Stonesifer family. It cannot be determined definitely if she was ever married. However, in the estate papers of her father, she is mentioned in one place as Hannah Stone, and there were Stones living in the same area as the Stonesifers. She lived at home with her parents, and after her father's death, took care of her mother who continued to live on the home place until her death.

Some years after her mother's death, Hannah purchased some forty acres of land from Henry Routson who was married to the daughter of her sister Barbara. The tract was one which Henry had bought at the time of the sale of John Daniel Stonesifer's real estate in 1828, and was located in the area of the present day Mayberry in Carroll Co., Md.

On this land which once belonged to her father, Hannah made a home not only for herself, but her daughter and her husband and their son lived there also. She died there at the age of 80 years, and among her possessions listed in an inventory after her death were a spinning wheel, a number of German books (items likely purchased many years before from her father's estate), and many beautiful quilts and coverlets. Apparently she was a seamstress of very considerable ability and creativity. She was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Reformed congregation at Silver Run, and she is buried there in the old cemetery among so many of her kinfolk. Her tombstone, very much weathered, still exists.

Children:

1. Catharine - b. Oct. 27, 1808 - d. Dec. 23, 1887; married to Samuel Beachtel - b. May. 23, 1806 - d. Dec. 29, 1856. They were members of St. Mary's Reformed congregation at Silver Run, and had one child as far as is known. He was a blacksmith by trade.
Buried: Silver Run.

Children:

- A. William H. - b. June 24, 1845 - d. Nov. 8, 1864.

WILL OF JOHN DANIEL STONESIFER

(1731 - 1813)

In the Name of God, Amen. I Daniel Steinsifer of Frederick County and the State of Maryland being weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory Do make and ordain this as my last will and Testament, my Body I commit to the Earth to be Buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Ex.'s and my soul I commit into the hands of a merciful god and my Worldly Estate I bequeath as follows.

First, I direct that my funeral expences and Just Debts be all paid and fully satisfied.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Maria Elizabeth the use of my plantation with all the Land thereunto belonging (including that part on which my son Isaac now lives) for and during her natural life upon condition that the property be kept in good order & repair, & that my Daughter Hannah have the priviledge of living on the said Place with her mother as long as she remains Single and Treats her mother with respect and tenderness it being understood that she is to enjoy this priviledge in consideration of Services expected from her in Administering to the comfort and satisfaction of her mother she is therefore to enjoy it only with the consent & approbation of her mother but as long as the mother is content with the manner in which she Acts it is my desire that she and her child are to be Supported out of the income of the Plantation. And I also bequeath to my said wife all my personal property, Book Debts, Bonds, Notes & Cash excepted out of which she is to give to my Daughter Hannah as much as (with what she has already got) as shall put her on a footing with my other Daughters. And I do direct that my Executors collect all my Debts of every discription which with the cash on hand shall (after after payment of Debts) be put out on Interest and as much of the Interest thence arising to be paid to my wife by them from time to time as she shall require for her comfortable support (of which she is to be the Judge) and if the Interest be not Sufficient and she shall require it, of the Principal not Exceeding One Hundred Pounds.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Hannah aforesaid Forty Pounds which may (with the consent of her mother) be paid to her by my Executors at any time which is to be in addition to her Equal Part of the residue as herein hereafter provided.

Fourthly I do direct that Immediately after the Death of my wife all my Lands Shall be sold to the best advantage (either on cash or Credit as my Executors shall think best) and the money thence arising with all the monies remaining on Interest as aforesaid shall be equally divided (as the same is received from time to time) between my Eleven following children to Wit: Jacob, Peter, Abraham, Henry, Isaac, Daniel, Barbara, Louise, Christina, Elizabeth & Hannah, And the children of my son Martin And the children of my son John (that is) Martin's children & John's children each to draw an Equal of what would have been their father's part upon an Equal Division, but before an Equal division as above mentioned my Executors are to pay to Barbara my Grand Daughter (entermarried with Henry Routzan) Seventy Pounds and to Catharine Also a Grand daughter (and Daughter of my Daughter Hannah) forty Pounds - and if she at that time should not be of Lawful age to be put on Interest for her use until she is.

And all the residue after payment of the above two legacies is to be Divided into thirteen equal parts and paid to my Eleven living children & the children of my two Deceased sons as aforesaid - share and share alike. I mean by the residue (all the money arising from the sale of my real Estate, collection of my Book Debts, Bonds, Notes & Cash on hand) after payment of my Debts & the two legacies of Seventy Pounds & Forty Pounds aforesaid. It being understood that the forty pounds previously bequeathed to Hannah (above her equal part) be previously paid otherwise that also to be Deducted before an Equal Division - And Whereas I have from time to time (as their necessities required) made considerable Advances to my children some of which I have charged in a Book kept for that Purpose and from Others I have taken Bonds and Notes - It is therefore to be understood that such Advances are to be taken into Account in the distribution and those are not to receive any until the others are first Equal with the Sum Advanced them, and they are in such Settlement to be charged Interest from the time the Advance is made, whether the Debt be on bond, note or Book Account.

And I do hereby appoint my son in law Peter Banker and Peter Erb, Sen. my Executors with all power to sell and convey my real Estate & make the Purchaser as good a Title as myself could do and in all things to carry this my last will & Testament into compleat Effect - hereby ratifying & confirming this and no other as my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Affixed my seal this Eleventh of January Eighteen Hundred & Thirteen.

Signed, Sealed, Published and
Pronounced as his last will &
Testament in the presence of us
who at his request became witnesses
thereto -
John Study, Abraham Banker,
Jacob Stahl, Andrew Shriver

Daniel Steinsifer (Seal)

Frederick County to wit -

On the 24th day of November 1813 then came Peter Banker and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the foregoing Instrument of writing is the true whole will and Testament of Daniel Steinsifer late of Frederick County Deceased that hath come to his hands and possession and that he Doth not know of any other.

Richard Butler, Register

Frederick County to wit -

On the 24th day of November 1813 then came John Study and Abraham Banker two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing last will and Testament of Daniel Steinsifer late of Frederick County Deceased and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named Sign & Seal this will that they heard him Publish, Pronounce and Declare the same to be his last will & Testament. That at the time of his so doing he was to the best of Their Apprehensions of a Sound & Disposing mind, memory, and understanding that they respectively Subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the Presence and at the request of the Testator. And that they did also see Jacob Stahl and Andrew Shriver the other Subscribing Witnesses Sign Their names as Witnesses to said will in the Presence and at the request of the Testator and all in the Presence of each other.

Richard Butler, Register

Having been appointed one of the Executors of the last will and Testament of Daniel Steinsifer late of Frederick County Deceased, And finding it inconvenient to act as such - I do therefore hereby renounce said Trust and agree that Letters of Administration may be Granted to any person the Orphans Court may see cause to appoint. Witness my Hand & Seal this 20th day of November 1813.

Attest. Andrew Shriver
To the Orphans Court of Frederick County.

Peter Erb (Seal)

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This historically valuable document to the Stonesifer family has been faithfully reproduced as recorded in Frederick in Will Book RB-1, pp. 437 - 440, and lets the reader see the manner of language, spelling, capitalization of words, and punctuation of those days.

Daniel Stonesifer, our immigrant ancestor, wrote this will and signed it on Jan. 11, 1813. Two of the four subscribing witnesses were relatives. Abraham Banker (Bankert) was a 1st cousin of Daniel's wife - Maria Elizabeth, through her Yingling and Bankert family background. Andrew Shriver was also a cousin through the Bankert relationship and who, with his brother David, had purchased and was operating the old Bankert mill property which is known today as Union Mills.

Daniel died on Aug. 9, 1813, and his will was probated on Nov. 24, 1813 in Frederick, Md. as Carroll Co. was a part of that county in those days. The executor was his son-in-law, Peter Bankert, who was married to Daniel's daughter - Elizabeth Stonesifer. The estate was finally settled on May 11, 1831. However, throughout the 1830's the Stonesifer heirs constantly had "importuned" Peter Bankert to no avail for additional money which they said was due them. After Peter died (June 26, 1840) the Stonesifer heirs filed two law suits against his estate (1841 & 1843) to recover their money, and these became known as Cases in Equity No. 59 & 61. By 1849 the lawsuits were still in progress.

As the litigation had dragged on for so long, in that year of 1849 Joseph M. Parke, the attorney for the Stonesifers, had to summarize the main points of the lawsuits in a letter to the Court so as to clarify matters for all concerned. This letter became known as the "Statement of Council" and was rendered @ Sept. 5, 1849.

After 12 years the litigation was finally concluded and a judgment given on July 12, 1853 in favor of the Stonesifer heirs who really received very little recompense after all expenses were paid.

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL

In Carroll County Court in Equity, Cases No. 59 & 61 - of the Stonesifer claims prior to the order of Sept. 5, 1849 and the Audit of 9th April, 1851 in the matter of the estate of Peter Banker, deceased.

On the part of Jacob Stonesifer and others, on their petitions filed in the above cases Sept. 6, 1841 and August 3rd, 1843, respectively, the following Statement is submitted to said Court.

There were two bills filed in this Court for the sale of the real estate of Peter Banker, deceased - one in Case No. 59, and one in Case No. 61. In Case No. 59 a decree was asked for the sale of a portion of his real estate to which he had a legal title, in the other case for the sale of a larger portion to which he had only the equitable title. In both cases decrees were passed, the land sold, and the audits prepared - But before the same were ratified, the Petition of the Stonesifers, as creditors of Peter Banker, deceased was filed in the said Case No. 59, on the 6th of September, 1841, and a similar Petition was afterwards filed by them in said Case No. 61, on the 30th of August 1843, which are directly connected, and should be regarded as one proceeding.

The claim of the Stonesifers, Petitioners, arose in the following manner. Their ancestor, Daniel Stonesifer, departed this life many years ago, having devised his real property and most of his personal property to his Widow for her use during her life, and after her death to be divided among his descendants. The said Peter Banker was one of the Executors of his Will, in fact acted as sole Executor - letters testamentary being granted him by the Orphans Court of Frederick County November 24th 1813, as such Executor he made his first settlement with the said Orphans Court, October 31st, 1827, and on the 11th of May 1831, he made his second and final settlement. The lateness of these settlements was probably owing to the fact that the Widow Stonesifer survived her husband some time. At the close of each settlement a distribution was made by the said Orphans Court to each of the legatees of said Daniel Stonesifer deceased, as appears by copies of said accounts on file in the said cases.

On the 7th of July 1842 an order was passed by your Court in said Case No. 59, that the Defendants, heirs of said Peter Banker deceased, should answer the said petition in that case as an original bill, but the subsequent proceedings were mostly all had upon the Petition filed in Case No. 61. In that case an order was passed, Sept. Term 1843, remanding the cause to the Auditor, and directing him to state the claims of the Petitioners, on testimony to be taken. Under this order, audits were made from time to time, and considerable testimony was taken by the Auditor, who has submitted to your said Court a Statement of the said claims, and all the evidence taken, which was filed Sept. 1st 1847.

It is alleged against these claims of the Stonesifer Petitioners, first - That there is not sufficient proof of their claims.

Their claims are sufficiently exhibited and proven by the Will of the said Daniel Stonesifer, the 1st and 2nd final account of the said Peter Banker, as Acting Executor of said Daniel Stonesifer, and distributions made upon each settlement - copies whereof are filed in the case - as well as by the direct testimony of J. H. Hoppe Esq. before the Auditor as to the identity of the Stonesifers, Petitioners. Daniel Banker, Administrator of the said Peter Banker also produced before the Auditor all the receipts and papers of his father the said Peter Banker deceased given by the legatees of Daniel Stonesifer, or having any connection with their case (which are now all submitted by the Auditor and from which he has made his Statement) which show conclusively that balances remained due nearly all the heirs or legatees of Daniel Stonesifer. The Statement made by the Auditor of the claims of the petitioners is believed to be correct, except that he has omitted Daniel Stonesifer, one of the Sons of the said Daniel Stonesifer deceased, under the assumption that a certain paper was filed with the Auditor as a release, signed by him. It purports to be a deed transferring his interest to the said Executor Peter Banker, for \$35. No testimony was taken before the Auditor on that point, as William Coghlan, the only surviving witness in the instrument, can no longer remember(*) what Daniel Stonesifer it was that signed it; and it was then not deemed necessary to go to the expense of a formal hearing before the Auditor, although the Witness appeared before him and stated as above. If the Court should sustain the claims of the Stonesifers, exceptions will be taken to this part of the Auditor's Report, as we can prove by J. H. Hoppe, Esq. that it is not signed in the handwriting of Daniel Stonesifer, a son of the said Daniel deceased, and that he never writes his name in English. It was most probably signed by a grandson of old Daniel Stonesifer. The smallness of the amount paid him proves this.

* He now remembers it, and has testified that it was a grand-son of Daniel Stonesifer - deceased.

In the second place, the Statute of limitations is objected.

In our judgment this cannot apply to the case at all, as the suit is brought to recover legacies against the estate of a delinquent Executor, who must be regarded as a Trustee in Equity; and that Limitations do not apply to Trusts, see the case of Oehler vs. Walker, 2nd Harris vs. Gill page 323.

That Limitations do not operate to bar the recovery of a legacy see the decision of the Court of Appeals of Md. in the case of Ward vs. Reeder, 2nd Harris & McHenry page 145 - particularly pages 154 & 152 & 3. This is strong ground - But we have the positive testimony of Mr. Hoppe before the Auditor that the said Peter Banker Executor in July 1840, shortly before his death, admitted that balances were due the heirs of Daniel Stonesifer, and offered to refer all to arbitration, as was done in one or two instances before. This admission was within three years before the filing of the Petition in said case No. 59, and the Petition in case No. 61 was only a continuation thereof, and refers particularly thereto. Mr. Hoppe also gave similar testimony in case No. 59.

Thirdly - It is objected that the proper remedy is at law on the bond of the Executor Peter Banker, and not as in this case.

To this we reply that the bond of said Executor was out of date long before the land of Daniel Stonesifer the deceased testator was sold, or said Executor

settled either of his accounts - and, most probably, the securities therein were also dead before this proceeding was instituted. In the Petition of the Stonesifers it is alleged that the said Peter Banker's personal estate was insufficient to pay his debts, and it is conclusively proven by the answer of Daniel Banker Administrator's final account of said personal estate of Peter Banker with the Orphans Court of Carroll County on file in said Case No. 61 - no surplus even remained. Where then could they resort for payment of their claims except against the proceeds of sales of the real estate which were in the hands of the Trustee in both cases No.s 59 & 61? The equity of the Stonesifers' claims may be considered the stronger, when it is known, (as is the fact) that the temporizing policy of Peter Banker Executor was the cause of the delay, and that the Stonesifers were always importuning him for settlement without much effect - Besides the very lands sold by the Trustee as Peter Banker's in Case No. 61, was the very land of old Daniel Stonesifer, sold by said Executor to Mr. Leister and bought back again by said Executor - the balance due the Stonesifers' being invested in it thus for his own use.

Jos. M. Parke

offered for Petitioners

Except for the fact that typing has reduced the original four pages to three, this material is a true copy of the original "Statement of Council" letter that Joseph M. Parke, the attorney for the Stonesifers, wrote for the Judges of the Court in Westminster on or about Sept. 5, 1849. A copy of the original four pages is in possession of this writer, as well as copies of the two estate settlements Peter Banker made for Daniel Stonesifer's will, and the settlement made in 1853 which ended litigation. The settlement papers condition of clarity, unfortunately, do not make it feasible to reproduction for this manuscript.

Although our Stonesifer family members may have had right on their side in their litigation, the rewards were small, and the cost heavy in the apparent aggravation and grief that could only result from one part of a family taking another part to court.

A more fully detailed explanation of this prolonged litigation can be found on pp. 191-193.



Joe. M. Parke

Joseph M. Parke was the attorney for the Stonesifer heirs in their Suits in Equity No. 59 & 61. A very well-known lawyer & highly esteemed person of Carroll Co., he was considered to be one of the three most experienced attorneys there in his time, was active in politics, & was a knowledgeable newspaperman. At different times he had owned two of the newspapers in Westminster - one being the Democratic Advocate founded in 1865. On Jan. 31, 1853 he became the second Register of Wills for Carroll Co. and served till his retirement in Dec. of 1873. An excellent biographical sketch of him is found in Scharf's History of Western Maryland - Vo. 2, pp. 944-946.

John Henry Hoppe, referred to in Mr. Parke's "Statement of Council" summary letter on Cases in Equity No. 59 & 61, was a well-known figure of importance in Carroll Co. Thoroughly versed in testamentary law, he was frequently appointed to settle estates, both large & small, of deceased persons. Thus it appears that he was often consulted in such matters by Mr. Parke, even in the Stonesifer litigation. Mr. Hoppe's sister, Rachel, was married to an Abraham D. Stonesifer - a grandson of the man whose estate was being contested. Thus, any advice he gave on the litigation would have been given discreetly and ethically, and would have been of great value because of his personal knowledge of the Stonesifer family. Today he is the great uncle of a number of our family members. Mr. Hoppe was born Feb. 17, 1801 near Jerusalem Church in the Bachman's Valley area. In earlier years this church was often referred to as Bower's Church and Bachman's. His father, Ferdinand Frederick Hoppe, came from Stuttgart, Germany to America @ 1800 and then married a Catharine Snouffer, a local girl. In 1825 Mr. Hoppe became a Justice of the Peace and held this office for nearly 50 years. In 1829 he married Rachel Myerly, and they had one son, Josephus H., who died Dec. 27, 1877. "Squire Hoppe" as he was often called was elected Sheriff in 1842, & later elected County Surveyor for 4 consecutive terms; was a charter member & director of the Western Maryland R.R.; and was a Democrat in politics. A member of the Lutheran Church for over 60 years, he died Jan. 5, 1881 and was buried at Krider's Church near Westminster, Md.

Cover of the application for renewal of a tavern license in 1845 by Jacob Stonesifer (1787 - 1850). The tavern was located @ 3 miles south of Littlestown near the Md. line. The petition was granted.

Petition
of
Jacob Stonesifer
for
Tavern License in
Germany Township
Adams County,


Jacob Stonesifer
Germany - 1845

and March 17th 1845

Granted

Compiler

The Adams County
 Historical Society
 GETTYSBURG, PA.

ACCESSION No.

4471

To the Honorable Daniel Durkin, Esquire President, and his
Associate Judges of the ^{Branch of} Common Pleas, for the County of Adams
now in session -

Your petitioner Jacob Stonisoffer would respectfully
represent to the honorable Court, that he stills occupies his
late Tavern Stand, in Germany Township, Adams County, Situated
two miles south of Littlestown, on the Turnpike road, leading
to Baltimore, where he is well provided with all things
necessary to accommodate strangers and travellers, would therefore
humbly petition the honorable Court to continue his license for
another year, and as in duty bound will ever pray -

Jacob Stonisoffer

We the subscribers, resident citizens of Germany Township, Adams
County, certify that we are well acquainted, with Jacob Stonisoffer,
above petitioner, that he is a man of good repute for honesty
and temperance, and is well provided with house room and con-
veniences for the accommodation of strangers and travellers, and that
his tavern proposed to be kept is ~~an~~ necessary for the
accommodation of strangers and travellers,

Nichl. R. Mappere,
Levi Lower
Martin Steffy
Wm. A. M. Sherrin
M. Grinn
Evan Dell

Stefus C. Swope
John Croft

Profess ^{Wm} Little
Deputy Sheriff
S. King
Thomas Little

Copy of the actual petition to Adams Co. authorities mentioned on the preceding page. The signatures of Jacob Stonesifer and the local citizens sponsoring the petition are their own.

To the Honorable David Dutcher, agent for the Board of Adams
 Associate Judges of the County of Adams
 now in session —

Your petition last submitted was respectfully
 referred to the Honorable Board; that the title Occupiers of
 the Jacob Stand in Germany Township Adams County, State
 of Ohio, doth of Little Town, on the Township road, leading
 to Baltimore, where he is well provided with all things
 necessary to accommodate travelers and transients, under the
 name of the Honorable Board to continue his room for

THE STONESIFER FAMILY AND CIVIL WAR TIMES

The Stonesifer relationship had a number of members who served in the Union Army during the Civil War. A number were wounded, some taken prisoner, and a few never returned. One man was even arrested on the charge of being John Wilkes Booth and kept imprisoned until relatives went from the Silver Run area to Washington, D.C. and proved his identity. The list below contains the names presently known to the writer of all Stonesifer men and men of Stonesifer women who served in the Civil War from the states of Maryland and Pennsylvania. Additional names will undoubtedly come to light as time passes. Only the names and, where known, the unit is given. More specific data about these men is given within the body of the manuscript with their family connection.

W.A. Stonecypher of Lucedale, Mississippi, and who is one of our southern cousins, related several interesting historical items to the writer about our general family background and the Civil War, and which follow.

Several of our Stonesifers in the Union Army had been captured, and later they were imprisoned in the South by the Confederate Army. After a time it was discovered that some of the guards were family members, and who spelled the family name as Stonecypher. These southern cousins said that, because of the family relationship, they would let their northern family cousins escape if they promised to return home and never take up arms again against the South. The promise is said to have been made, the men allowed to escape, and as far as is known, they did return to the North and did not fight again. The names of these family members involved from both sides has never been established.

One of the Cavalry leaders of the Confederate Army was said to be of Stonecypher background. If the writer remembers correctly, this man was Gen. John S. Mosley.

In the years prior to the Civil War, one or more Stonecyphers had considerable land holdings in the area, I believe, of Tennessee, and who had a number of slaves. As was sometimes the case in those days, liaisons apparently occurred between the master's family and attractive slave girls. The Civil War freed the slaves, but today there is a small pocket of black people in this aforementioned area who have the name of our family.

Stonesifer Men in the Civil War

Abraham T. - unit unknown; served as a lieutenant
Alonzo - Co. K, 45th Pa. Reg.
Amos - Pvt., Co. E, 165th Pa. Infantry
David - Co. C, 202nd Pa. Vol.
Elias - unit unknown; was a 1st lieutenant
Ephraim - unit unknown
Hanson H. - Pvt., Co. G, 109th Pa. Vol.
Ishmael - Pvt., Co. F, 130th Reg.

Israel - 1st lieutenant, Co. D, 165th Pa. Infantry
James H. - served twice; Corporal, Co. H, 165th Pa. Reg.; then
as a Pvt., Co. G, 209th Pa. Infantry
Jarred A. - Co. K, 45th Pa. Reg.
Jacob H. - from Hanover; unit unknown
Jacob H. - from Harrisburg; Co. I, 6th U.S. Cavalry
Jessiah (Josiah) - unit unknown; served in the Cavalry
John A. - Pvt., Co. C, 202nd Reg., Pa. Vol. Infantry
John W. - Co. A, Pa. Vol. Infantry
Joseph G. - unit unknown
Reuben - Pvt., Co. F, 16th Reg., Pa. Vol.
Samuel - Pvt., Co. G, 131st Reg.
William - unit unknown
William - 138th Illinois Vol. Infantry
Christian E. - from Boonsboro; unit unknown
Jacob G. - from Boonsboro; Corporal, Maryland Vol. (regiment unknown)

Stonesifer Related Men in the Civil War

Daniel Basehoar - Co. G, 209th Reg., Pa. Infantry
David Bentzel - Co. G, 202nd Pa. Infantry
Amos Cump - unit unknown
Levi Fisher - Pvt., Co. E, Pa. Draft Militia
Emanuel Feeser - unit unknown
William H. Feeser - unit unknown
David H. Frock - Co. C, 6th Md. Regt.
William Gobrecht - Co. C, 98th Pa. Vol.
John Good - Pvt., Co. H, 203rd Regt., Pa. Vol. Infantry
Jacob S. Haifley - Co. G, 1st Md. Regt., P.H.B. Vol.
Emanuel Hawk - unit unknown
Josiah Koontz - unit unknown
William N. Matthias - Pvt., Co. K, 166th Reg., Pa. Infantry
Jacob Miller - Co. C, 74th Pa. Infantry
John T. Reck - unit unknown
Eli Wolford - Co. C, 98th Pa. Infantry
Jacob A. Yingling - Co. G, 74th Regt., Pa. Vol.
William Yoost - Co. I, 98th Regt., Pa. Infantry

Myrtle Louise Stonesifer King wrote the following memorial article for the Nov. 16, 1982 issue of the Philadelphia Office Weekly in place of her regularly featured column. Her husband, Charles Criswell King, died Oct. 4, 1982 in Hollywood, Cal., and had a distinguished career as a playwright, lecturer, author, and syndicated columnist, and he was author of the noted book, Criswell Predicts: from Now to the Year 2000. His body was cremated & buried at Valhalla Cemetery, Los Angeles, Cal.

Exclusive

MIND GUIDE

By M.L.S. King

(Wife of the late Columnist "Criswell Predicts")

CRISWELL SPEAKS FROM THE DEAD

My living friends, you are so busy trying to complete something or preparing to do something or just waiting for something to happen. You have such big problems of health and money need, and that we dead want to forget as we don't need body pain for cleansing our soul, and we need no money to buy necessities or luxuries.

My friends, you think we're lucky and we dead think, you living are lucky. There's no color here, no thrills, quietness or slight sound that comes in waves and may be the music of the spheres.

There is a great temptation to remain earthbound rather than be venturesome for the unknown.

We can contact our loved ones if they have perception of our situation. If not, we have to observe those we know; strangers have little connection as they seem like paper cut-outs and have no tie to our earthly memory.

We become aware of creatures from other places, not earth, and they are so different that few dead care to investigate them.

A man and his things, was the earthly explanation of the human life picture. We dead understand value of things as we can follow the trail of our things, like a mystery

or comedy show, as what we valued may be laughed at and what we care little for, may be treasured.

Those who have statues and historic records may really rest on their laurels, and drift off a cloud and dance with rays or what seems like sun-beams. That is the earthly reason for the great struggle for fame.

Those who tried to do their best and made mistakes and are sorry for offending others in their rash rush, now wonder if they want to return for another chance at living.

I, Criswell, have not decided about the return trip as a baby, and I feel all the people I know must have come here and perhaps after meeting with them, then I can decide if I want to go back not as a stranger but with them and my friends, all of us would seem craving another world-building.

I understand to come back is not easy; one has to work one's way back by a credit system of deeds that satisfy a system of credits, and when we are in accord with our own yearning and the yearning of humans who owe us a return, or have earned our type of association, the blend is made and rebirth can be achieved.

Criswell is thankful for all who knew him. He wishes you earthly happiness and hopes you send him kind remembrances.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH AT SILVER RUN - FOUNDING REGULATIONS

After settling in the Silver Run area since the early 1730's, the people still had no church nearer than Christ Church just east of what was to become Littlestown. The decision was then made to buy a tract of land at Silver Run and erect a log church on it. St. Mary's Church was then formally established on Sunday, May 31, 1762. Both congregations accepted 6 regulations as a kind of "constitution" in forming their union use of the property. At the time of the 175th anniversary of this church's founding, a Westminster newspaper had a feature article for the occasion, and copied from the original document the text and names of the signers thereto. This material is reproduced below.

In the Name of the Triune God. Amen

Since the present Reformed and Lutheran membership, of the respective Protestant Confessions, have seen the very pressing necessity of establishing God's Worship among them in order to withstand the encroaching looseness, wickedness, blindness, and superstition, whereby Parents and Children may be instructed and built up in the sound doctrine of the Evangelical Reformed and Lutheran faith, and comfortably to Christian order, that a suitable Building or Church is required: We the undersigned, the respective Union membership have resolved to enter upon such work in a spirit of love and for the salvation of our souls, and, to this purpose and end, have purchased adjacent land and have built the present Church named St. Mary's Church, wherefore we also mutually bind ourselves, as in the presence of God, to the following regulations:

I. Further we hand over and consecrate this Church to the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, that the same as the only true God, shall be worshiped and glorified therein: this His Word shall be preached as the alone saving (Word), and that the Holy Sacraments will be administered (therein) according to the Institution of Jesus Christ, and namely, as it is set forth and required in the Symbolic Books of the respective confessions.

II. The Reformed and Evangelical Lutheran Congregations, founded on God's Word, shall respectively have and enjoy forever a like privilege, right, freedom, control and ownership of the above mentioned land and Church and whatever may be built thereon, But as

III. a congregation should honor another with which it is closely joined, sharing mutually the cares and burdens (of) in management of the land, Church and Schoolhouse and conjointly promoting everything possible and necessary thereto.

IV. The Sundays and Festival days shall be equally divided and neither Confession (party) cause the other any disquietude as to their services. But in case two preachers announce God's Worship (for the) same (upon) day, with or without their knowledge (of its interfering with the other) so shall that one have preference who made the first announcement or written notice.

V. In futherance of these (regulations) the right, possession, and use of this land and Church is positively forbidden, once (and) for all time, to each and every sect and fanatic, also to all those who would pass from these two above mentioned Christian Protestant Confessions to other (religious) bodies.

VI. Since it frequently occurs in these last ensnaring times, that men arise on every side as Ministers, who deny the teaching of Christ and of his Apostle, St. James, in Chapter III-1, who plainly admonishes the faithful: Let not every man presume to be a minister: hence it is unanimously decided by us as joint congregations, that no imposter, improperly qualified or unordained man will be nominated (or named) to preach in this Church, much less allowed to administer the Holy Sacraments.

In order, therefore, that all these prescribed articles may be held inviolate, and that peace and unity may be promoted in this Church to our children's children, so bind we ourselves herewith and hereupon, for ourselves (and) for our heirs, with and by one another, and truly one congregation to the other: That whoever or whatever party endeavors to break these articles, is to pay (or will have to pay) the sum of 100 Pounds Sterling. In proof of which we all personally here subscribe our names as those who wish to take part in and to hold this land and Church.

St. Mary's Church, near the Silver Run in Frederick County in Maryland, the 31st of May, 1762.

Witnesses Jacob Lischy, Minister of the Word of God,
Calvinist Minister in York Co., Pa.
George Bager, Lutheran Minister in York Co., Pa.

Hans Rudi Brobeck
Balthasar Hiessung
Lenhart Schaun
Gorg Schauman
Hans Leman
Andreas Holl
Jacob Bankert
Martines Studi
Henrig Kuns
Johannes Jungling
Carl Engel
Michael Gibler
Schan (John) Luis
Balser Erbach
Hans Adam Forne
Fritrig Dreier
Nicolaus Diel
Gorg Michael Dur
Gorg Klepsatel
Peter Erb
Andreas Spelman
Johannes Han

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It will be noted in the preamble to the above "constitution" that the church had already been erected. It was built on a tract of land known as "Dyer's Mill Forrest" deeded by Joseph Dyer to John Leaman (Leman), Nicolaus Diel (later Dill), Gorg Michael Dur, and Carl Engel.

The above list contains 22 names. It is most likely not a list of the families of the two congregations, but rather a list of men selected to be the signing representatives of each congregation because other member families lived in the area but their names do not appear.

On this list of 22 names of early settlers of the Silver Run area are the names of 12 persons who were then (or their descendants became) directly connected to our Stonesifer-Yingling-Bankert relationship.

TITLE PAGE OF DIARY OF AMOS STONESIFER OF BALTIMORE, MD.

Diary—
by
Amos Stonesifer
Commenced March 17th

1847
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FIRST ENTRY PAGE OF AMOS STONESIFER'S DIARY - MAR. 4, 1857

March 4th 1857 - To day I am Twenty 3
 Three years old - I was born in Camoll County in the
 State of Maryland, on the 4th of March 1834 - I lived
 in that county and Adams County Penna, acting at
 different times in the various capacities of Farming, clerking
 and Teacher of Primary Schools until the 16th of April
 1856, upon which day, I arrived in this City, feeling de-
 termined to make it my place of residence - In a
 few days after my arrival, I succeeded in procuring
 a situation of Coleman & Coy, Wholesale Grocers, on the
 corner of Franklin & Paca Sts - I remained with
 them until the 8th September when, I made a strike
 for higher wages, and struck myself clear out of
 a job - I immediately however procured a situation
 of Mr P. R. Uhler, Retail Dry goods, No 132 Lexington
 St, at which place I am still holding forth -

I rose this morning after a good nights rest about
 7 o'clock - The day has been fine, and business quite
 brisk - James Buchanan was inaugurated President
 of the U. S. to day at Washington - Mr Uhler started
 for Philadelphia at 11 o'clock to purchase goods -

March 5th I rose this morning again
 at 7, and went to the [illegible] - The morning was [illegible]
 fine: but like most March days about noon, it clouded
 up and began to rain, continuing it until dark.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF AMOS STONESIFER'S DIARY

Amos Stonesifer, formerly of near Littlestown, Pa., began this diary in Baltimore the day he was 23 - Mar. 4, 1857. Two years after his arrival he married Fannie Lewis, & gradually she came to write most of its entries.

Entries were made for nearly 2½ years about the couple's daily life and of interesting occurrences in & around Baltimore. After their 1st child, Lillie, was born, many touching entries were made about her. This little girl was always frail and sickly, but pretty and of a sweet & loving disposition. Her death at the age of ③ one year in early September of 1859 was a heart-rending tragedy for the parents. About a month after Lillie died, her mother made one more entry in the diary describing her feelings over the loss - then neither parent ever wrote in it again. Later there were 3 sons, & each made a few entries in the diary - signing their names each time. It is from the entry of Francis, the youngest son, that we have the account of his father's death.

The diary is now a faded, green speckled color, and measures ③ 1 in. thick, 7½ in. wide, & 9½ in. in height. There are 100 pages of entries by Amos and Fannie, some pages of family living expenses, and ③ 25 pages of entries by the 3 sons. About 15 pages have been torn out, especially towards the end - perhaps of material too sensitive or emotional to be allowed to remain. This old diary, which the family called their "old friend", is important to us because of its historical items and its historical association with our past Stonesifer family members. Since the untimely death of Francis Stonesifer in 1904, the diary has been in the care & possession of members of his wife's family. (See page 92 for more complete information about Amos Stonesifer.)

DIARY ENTRY BY AMOS STONESIFER'S WIFE - FANNIE: AUG. 19, 1858

August 19th/58 What a blank in my journal but how
 much has changed since my last record. Mr.
 Stonesifer and I have been absent from the city on a visit
 to his relatives in Pennsylvania, and we enjoyed ourselves
 so much we almost forgot our home affairs, though I ought
 to be ashamed to say so, yet it is nevertheless true, that the
 dear old journal was entirely forgotten. The change from
 the hot dusty city to the cool refreshing air of the country
 was so delightful that we could do little else but enjoy
 our chief source of enjoyment was driving through the
 country admiring the handsome farms and occasionally pay-
 ing a visit to some old friend of Mr. Stonesifer's. The

DIARY ENTRY OF AUG. 19, 1858 - CONTINUED

portion of the state. We visited ^{is} ~~near~~ near Hanover N. H.
 - a ~~town~~ ^{etc.} called Concord, it is a rich productive ~~some~~
 and the neighborhood is very pleasant. We started from
 Baltimore about 8 o'clock in the morning and reached
 Concord about one o'clock that day, from there we
 took a carriage for five miles, passing through N. H. &
 another small village before we came to Littleton
 - where at whose house we sojourned part of the time.
 I was much pleased with my new relations and spent
 the time delightfully with them - we did not remain
 inactive but were visiting and riding about daily. We
 spent two days very pleasantly at Littleton where
 we had plenty of music etc. the inhabitants please
 me very much they are sociable, lively people who would
 sacrifice almost any thing to contribute to the comfort
 and pleasure of their visitors. Littleton promises to
 become quite a flourishing place, the railroad from
 this city is completed that far, and it affords easy mean
 of sending produce Grain etc. from there to our
 markets there are several buildings in process of erection
 and a large warehouse designed for the use of the
 neighboring farmers - The whole of Adams Co. is well
 cultivated, and the farms are large ~~as are~~ ^{as are} the
 houses and farms attached to them, some of the barns
 are much larger than the dwelling houses; thus
 showing how energetic and enterprising the farmers are.

DIARY ENTRY OF AUG. 19, 1858 - CONCLUDED

He also visited York and several adjoining countries, but spent most of the time near Manchester in York Co. the line dividing Maryland & Pennsylvania is not far from Manchester, and Mr. Stonewall's brother resides near the line on the Penna. side it is a beautiful romantic looking country around there the road is not in such a ^{poor} state of cultivation yet it is even more ~~beautiful~~ ^{grand} from the hills and rocks around, one is beautiful, the other sublime & one to see mountainous looking regions there is something so elevating in the sight of them we cannot but think of God who made them and who exhausted no it were with forming the more beautiful parts of the universe ^{of nature} ~~thence~~ some portions in confusion and yet can we say confusion when we observe from every spot is made to yield something to our advantage, I could not but think of this while we traversed the hills and found delightful berries and beautiful flowers in profusion the earth was literally covered with beauties oh how dearly I love the country and some future day if nothing prevents I intend to make my home there - - I cannot mention all the little towns and villages we visited and I regretted much when the time came for us to return, I was eagerly pressed to remain all summer but I could not

Baltimore, Aug 25th 1879

I have been looking over this book and think it proper to write a few words about my Father. I am a Fatherless boy my Father was dead before I was born. He died in a very struggling way he was drowned on Saturday the 2^d of August he and his brother were out fishing when they were eating their dinner he laid his head over a bridge. Then something came and took off his rod far in the water my Father being a lumber one swimmer swam in his brother said he went over the water like a fish he got the rod and when he was coming towards shore. I suppose he got a kind of cramp or got in a sucking hole and when James saw him sinking he threw off his clothes and boots and was trying to save him James had a hairbreath escape of drowning but he found he could not help him so he had to get out of the water then he was drowned they got him out about 6 O'clock in the evening and was taken to Baltimore where he was

DIARY ENTRY OF AUG. 25, 1879 - CONCLUDED

Cemetery. I was borne 6 weeks after my Father's death. I have 2 Brothers and one sister my sister died be for my Father my one Brother named James is about 20 years he is now in California and is doing well, my other Brother named Charles is in Baltimore with my Mother, and I am the youngest of them all I am named Francis. Albert, and My Mother is named Annie we are only 4 of us living now and our Lord knows which must go to the grave first or who will be the last. I was with my Grand Mother since I am 9 month I have been home sometimes about 6 month I went to my Aunt Kate's about 6 yrs ago now I have come home to Baltimore. I am 14 yrs old as now time that I begin to make a little money and try to get a house I must close

Good Bye

Written by Francis Stonesif
Baltimore Md
1879

558 *Proceedings of the Council of Maryland, 1752.*

York ss.

To John Coonse Collector of Hidelberg

These are to require you to collect and receive from the Persons assessed the Several Sums in your Duplicate respectively mentioned, and in Six weeks from the date hereof you are to pay in all such Sums of Money which you shall have Collected to David M^c Conaughey County Treasurer and shall Compleat and pay in the whole and every the Sums af^d on or before the first day of April next.

But if any shall neglect or refuse Payment within thirty days after demand made, as af^d you are then to Levy the same on the Goods & Chattels of the Person Refusing by Distress and Sale thereof, rendering the Overplus (if any be) to the owner Reasonable Charges being first deducted; But if no distress can be found, and the Person neglects or refuseth to Shew you Goods or Chattels of his own forthwith to Satisfy the money then due with Charges take the Body of the Person so refusing to the County Goal and deliver him to the Sheriff or keeper of the said Goal who shall detain him in Safe Custody without Bail or Mainprize, untill Payment be made and the Constable of your district is commanded to be assisting to you if there be Occasion Fail not at your Peril. dated the Sixth day of January Anno Domini 1749-50

Patt Wattson } Commissioners
Walter Sharp }

N ^o 1 Martin Bayers.	o: 2: 6	N ^o 14 George Skryer	o: 6: 0
2 Christian Hoover	o: 3: 0	15 Nicholas Furney	o: 2: 6
3 Peter Shults	o: 6: 0	16 Philip Kivefower	o: 3: 0
4 Matthias Ullery	o: 2: 0	17 Jn ^r Leatherman	o: 4: 0
5 Casper Birkhamer	o: 2: 6	18 Adam Coch	o: 4: 0
6 Philip Sower	o: 2: 6	19 Jacob Verts	o: 2: 0
7 Martin Ungefore	o: 5: —	20 John Diggs	o: 7: 0
8 John Countz	o: 7: 6	21 M ^r Wapeless	o: 3: 0
9 Jn ^r Morningstar	o: 7: 0	22 Lodowick Shriver.	o: 8: 6
10 Robert Owings	o: 10: —	23 Cornelius M ^c Guen	o: 2: 0
11 Frederick Shutz	o: 5: —	24 Jacob Prinhard	o: 3: 0
12 Joseph Moor	o: 3: 0	25 Anthony Sill	o: 7: 6
13 Stephen Ullery	o: 7: 6	26 Michael Will	o: 7: 6
N ^o 27 Peter Middlecalf	o: 6: 6	N ^o 34 Michael Beklar	o: 6: 6 Lib. C. B
28 David Young	o: 6: 6	35 Robert Whitehead	o: 1: 6
29 And ^r Hurrier	o: 5: 6	36 Henry Knouf	o: 2: 6
30 Conrade Ekron	o: 6: —	37 John Shraer	o: 5: —
31 George Frush	o: 5: —	38 Andrew Shriver	o: 6: 0
32 Peter Gerron	o: 1: 0	39 George Coffman	o: 9: 0
33 Henry Null Doct ^r	o: 3: 6	40 James M ^c Clain	o: 2: 0

Total Sum of this Duplicate . . £9: 10: 0

EARLY TAX RECORD OF DIGGES' CHOICE AREA

This is, perhaps, the earliest tax record pertaining to the area of Digges' Choice, and it was issued by Maryland. The 40 persons listed here lived in what is today the vicinity of Littlestown, Pa. when the taxpayers immediate area was still temporarily considered Maryland territory by Pennsylvania. This list was mentioned earlier in our family history on page 14 in reference to our ancestor, Henry Knouff.

The Deposition of John Logsdon aged thirty Six years or thereabouts being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God saith

That when a Certain John Lemon about sixteen or seventeen years past as near as This Deponent can remember settled the Place and built Houses where Martin Kitzmiller now lives, this Deponent then lived in the Neighbourhood of the said Place near Conewago and had lived there for some years before and was well acquainted with John Lemon and afterwards with the aforesaid Martin Kitzmiller

That sometime before the said John Lemon settled the afores^d Place and had the same surveyed for him (as This Deponent understood) by Order of M^r John Digges, this Deponent in Company of some Others & particularly amongst whom was Robert Owings, had been riding near the said Place looking for Hogs, and as they came down the Branch, the said Robert Owings told this Deponent or some of his Company, they should now soon get upon M^r John Digges Land, and at the time he the said Deponent and Company came to, and entered upon a rich Piece of well timbered Land a little distance above the aforesaid Settlement made by the aforesaid Lemon, He this Deponent very well remembers, that the aforesaid Robert Owings told this Deponent and Company they were now upon the said M^r Digges Land, this was about 18 or 19 years past p. 498

This Deponent further saith that he very well remembers that the a^d John Lemon built Houses and lived some time on the a^d Place where this Dep^t is certain that the Land then shewed this Dep^t & Others at the time of their Hog hunting as a^d includes the a^d Settlement of John Lemon and is where the a^d Martin Kitzmiller now lives

This Deponent also Saith that some time after the said John Lemon Settled on the aforesaid Place the aforesaid Martin Kitzmiller bought the same and lived thereupon and went to work about Cutting a Race or Water Course for a Mill and at the same time the said Kitzmiller lived in the same houses that were built by the aforesaid Lemon and is now about fourteen Years past.

BANKERT-KITZMILLER SETTLEMENT BACKGROUND

This Deposition, made ● July 30, 1752, gives historical background as to our Bankert-Kitzmiller relationship first settling in Digges' Choice. The document concerned was part of material being prepared for the trial in York on Oct. 30, 1752 of a son of the Kitzmillers who was involved in the accidental death of a son of the Digges' Choice proprietor.

The material on this page and the preceding page were secured through the courtesy of Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter, Professor of History at Gettysburg College, and who is also the Curator of the Adams Co. Historical Soc. in Gettysburg, Pa. His assistance many times throughout the years of preparation of this family history (along with that of his staff) have been invaluable, and are deeply appreciated.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN DANIEL STONESIFER WHOSE EXACT LINE IS NOT KNOWN

Amelia Stonesifer - b. May 19, 1854 - d. Feb. 8, 1877; married on Aug. 7, 1870 to Matthias Mummert - b. 1849 - d. 1914. They lived near Hanover, and at the time of her death the local paper gave her age as 22 years, 8 months, and 21 days. She was likely buried at Christ Church near Littlestown, but there is no marker as many older ones are now missing. Her husband remarried the same year Amelia died, and he is buried at Christ Church with his second wife.

Eliza Jane Stonesifer married Mar. 3, 1861 to David C. Sell. Both were from the Littlestown area of Adams Co., Pa. Nothing further can be learned of them, & they may have gone to Indiana as persons from there were then doing.

Charles E. Stonesifer - died Dec. 30, 1924; his wife named Mary Agnes died on Sept. 26, 1924. Both are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, the parish cemetery of Annunciation Catholic Church of McSherrystown, Pa. - just west of Hanover. The tombstone on their plot gives no age or date of birth for either, nor is there any obituary in any local paper that can be found thus far.

Charles Ira Stonesifer - b. 1896 - d. May 4, 1949; was married on Jan. 4, 1915 to Harriet J. Tressler - b. 1896 - d. Jan. 20, 1983. His parents were apparently a Charles O. and Laura Bankert Stonesifer who were said to have lived in or near Littlestown. He lived at Union Mills where he was a building contractor, and they had 3 children: Robert C. who married a Pauline Koontz in 1938 and then apparently a Ruth A. Crumbaker in 1947; Lewis D. (deceased) who married a Doris V. Tucker; and a Richard. Harriet was known as Hattie, and after Charles I. had died, she remarried. Charles I. and Harriet J. are buried at Silver Run. A brief letter to her and her family a few years ago asking genealogical help was ignored.

Paul O. Stonesifer - b. 1892 - d. Jan. 18, 1977; was married on Dec. 23, 1917 to Ellen Grace Berkheimer - b. Mar. 5, 1887 (T.S. = 1889) - d. Dec. 23, 1918. They lived in Hanover where she died from pneumonia on their 1st wedding anniversary. He died many years later from being fatally burned in a fire that totally consumed his home to the rear of John St. His mother had been Catherine Wonder, but the name of his father is unknown. Buried: Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover.

In the 1900 Census for Conewago township, Adams Co., Pa., the following six names are given. The parents, Charles B. and Mary C. Stonesifer, were both born in Carroll Co., Md. as were both parents of Charles & Mary. To date there is nothing further that can be given about them definitely. They were farmers.

U.S. Census - 1900, in Conewago Twp.

<u>Charles B. Stonesifer</u>	-	b. Jan. of 1852 - aged 48
<u>Mary C.</u>	"	- b. Jan. of 1858 - aged 42
<u>Samuel B.</u>	"	- b. Jan. of 1880 - aged 20
<u>Edna B.</u>	"	- b. Jan. of 1882 - aged 18
<u>William P.</u>	"	- b. May of 1883 - aged 17
<u>Anna V.</u>	"	- b. Aug. of 1884 - aged 16

As the writing was quite difficult to understand, other persons may come to understand the above somewhat differently.

Ruth A. Crumbacher, wife of Robert C. Stonesifer, died June 9, 1976 aged 56. She was born in Jasontown, Md. to D. Marshall & Irene Bankard (d. 1969) Crumbacher. She was buried in Church of God Cemetery near Uniontown. His parents = see above.

Several years ago a Charles Stonesifer, Jr. of Baltimore, Md. wrote to our cousin, W.A. Stonecypher of Lucedale, Miss., regarding his background and genealogy. A study of the facts that Charles presented has now brought the writer to the following conclusion: that Charles Stonesifer, Jr. is a grandson of Harry Morrison Stonesifer who was one of at least four children of Isaac Nelson and Matilda Koontz Stonesifer, and he is therefore a direct descendant of Henry Stonesifer married to Barbara Reiss. Henry Stonesifer was the 6th child of John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Fun.

The material below outlines Charles Jr.'s family from his grandfather - Harry Morrison Stonesifer. For other family background see pages 60-63.

Harry Morrison Stonesifer - b. 1864 - d. 1924; married Sarah Elizabeth Shive who he divorced & then married again. He was born in Westminster, Md., and later lived in Baltimore where he is buried. There were said to be two sons from his first wife - a Nelson and a Harry. (Charles is somewhat confusing in not clarifying facts too well. Thus in another part he seems to have these two sons as children of his great, grand father, who he apparently is not sure of.)

Children: (according to Charles, Jr.'s papers)

Charles Arthur - b. Oct. 10, 1910; married Addie Doris Smith - b. Feb. 13, 1916 - d. Feb. 25, 1960; then married Florence Taylor.

Children: (of Charles & Addie)

Charles Arthur, Jr. - b. Nov. 8, 1934; college degree, served in the U.S. Army in France where he was an instructor in ordnance technical training at Braconne; then taught at Clifton Park Jr. High School in Baltimore for 12 years; is now a Department Head at Clifton Park Annex in Baltimore.

Elmer Carl - b. Aug. 10, 1936; married May 11, 1957 to Rosalie Brown.

Nelson Leroy - b. Dec. 19, 1938; married Mar. 3, 1962 to Shirley Newcomb. They have 3 children: Janet - b. 1964, Nelson L. - b. 1967, Denise - b. 1969.

Harry Glenn - b. Mar. 12, 1941 - d. Jan. 19, 1946.

Betty Corrinne - b. Aug. 26, 1945; married Jan. 21, 1967 to William Morgan. They have a child: Kelly Lee - b. Oct. of 1968.

Henry C. Stonesifer - b. @ 1894 - d. Dec. 1, 1975 - aged 81; he was a native of Brighton, near Baltimore, Md. and had married a Cora E.. Buried: Woodlawn Cemetery near Pikesville (?). They have a son, Harvey C. who lives in the Westminster area, is married, & has children.

Henry Stonesifer, mentioned on page 18, is believed to be the same person described as serving in Capt. Shriver's Company as found in William M. Marine's book entitled The British Invasion of Maryland - 1812-1815.

ADDITIONAL FAMILY BACKGROUND & GENEALOGY LINES

After the main body of this manuscript had been completed, the author came into possession of new and valuable information regarding family background in Germany. Following considerable research into German political and religious history, he has written down this new information into its most likely form of sequence, and this material is presented below.

He was also able to finally determine the proper historical and genealogical connection of the Stonesifers who stem from the Boonsboro, Maryland area. This Stonesifer line has believed that they descend from John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Run through his son - John. Instead, they actually descend from a John Daniel Stonesifer of Boonsboro who was born near Uniontown, Maryland, and who also had a son - John. John Daniel of Silver Run was born near Eiserfeld in Germany, and he appears to have been a brother of Johannes Eberhardt Stonesifer, also born near Eiserfeld, Germany. Johannes Eberhardt Stonesifer was the father of John Daniel of Boonsboro. The interesting historical and genealogical story of the Stonesifers of Boonsboro along with the documented facts of proof follows the first section mentioned above.

OUR FAMILY BACKGROUND & ASSOCIATED GERMAN HISTORY

Germany, at the time our family immigrant ancestors were living there, was composed of more than 300 states and principalities of varying size. These entities were directly or indirectly part of the "Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation" that was begun in the year 800 A.D. with the crowning of Charlemagne as Emperor by Pope Leo III. The Empire lasted, in one form or another, till 1806 when it disintegrated under the military and political onslaughts of the Emperor of France - Napoleon Bonaparte.

One of these small states was the very old and historic principality of Nassau which was located some fifty miles east south-east of Cologne. Nassau had about 1,830 square miles of territory which was divided in half from east to west by the Lahn River. It was composed of five counties that were named Dillenburg, Siegen, Weilburg, Idstein, and Wiesbaden - each prefixed by the name Nassau. Of these five counties, Nassau-Siegen in which is a very old village named Eiserfeld has been the homeland of our Steinseifer family for several hundred years.

From at least 1128 A.D. the area was ruled by the Counts of Laurenburg whose family castle stood near the ancient town of Nassau beside the Lahn River. Then around 1160 the ruler at that time, Count Walram, took the title of Count of Nassau, and from that time on the ruling family was known as the noble House of Nassau. Walram died in 1198 and his son succeeded him as sole ruler. When he died in 1255 his two sons, Walram and Otto (and who were the grandsons of Walram I), agreed to divide the principality in half. Walram II took the three counties south of the Lahn River - Nassau-Weilburg, Nassau-Idstein, and Nassau-Wiesbaden. His brother, Otto I, took the two larger counties north of the river - Nassau-Dillenburg and Nassau Siegen, the homeland area of the Steinseifers.

Gradually both branches of the House of Nassau acquired other territories in Europe through marriage and inheritance. Walram II's descendants thus eventually acquired the rich Saarbrücken (Saar) region. Otto I's heirs did likewise, & one of the territories they acquired by inheritance was the small principality of Orange in southern France. This acquisition enabled William of Nassau-Dillenburg and Nassau-Siegen to become Prince of Orange-Nassau. In 1404 this northern branch also began acquiring large estates in the Low Countries. When the people of the Netherlands revolted against Spanish rule in the 1560's, one of their supporters was William of Orange-Nassau. In 1572 the Dutch provinces named him as their stadtholder (or governor), and he became famous as their leader. He was known as William the Silent, it is said, because he knew how and when to keep his mouth shut. William is considered to be the founder of the royal house of the Netherlands (Holland), and which is known as the House of Orange-Nassau. He and his royal descendants were staunch supporters of the Dutch people's acceptance of the Reformation, and of their creation of a kind of national church called the Dutch Reformed Church. That Church continues strongly to this day, and it is still supported by the royal House of Orange-Nassau. Only one thing kept our Steinseifers home territory of Nassau-Dillenburg and Nassau-Siegen from having an absentee ruler who lived in Holland - William the Silent had to renounce all claim to his lands east of the Rhine River. Thus his brother, Count John, became ruler of Nassau-Dillenburg and Nassau-Siegen instead. To compensate William for the lost territories he was given the principality of Luxembourg whose rulers down to the present day are descendants of the noble House of Orange-Nassau.

When the Reformation swept over Europe in the 1500's many of the states and principalities changed from Roman Catholicism to either Lutheran or Reformed (Calvinist) faiths. One of the areas of Germany which became strongly Reformed instead of Lutheran was the Wetterau District which extended east of the Rhine from Cologne to Frankfurt, and among the principalities there was Nassau. At first Nassau and its neighboring states had accepted the Lutheran faith. However, the often excessively cruel treatment and persecution of fellow protestants who preferred the Reformed (Calvinist) doctrines of theology over Lutheran beliefs, repelled the rulers of Nassau and the other Wetterau states so much that they and their people changed over to the German Reformed faith.

In 1578 the people of Nassau-Dillenburg and Nassau-Siegen, led by their ruler, Count John, became members of the German Reformed faith. (In Holland, Count John's brother, William the Silent, and his people were known as the Dutch Reformed.) As readers probably know, the Reformed faith followed the religious beliefs and teachings of Ulrich Zwingli and John Calvin of Switzerland as opposed to those of that other famous reformer - Martin Luther of Saxony. Perhaps it should also be mentioned here that Calvin was a native of France. His teachings eventually were accepted in his homeland by 2 or more million people there who became famous in history as the French Huguenots. Reformed Church history indicates that the people of Nassau-Siegen were the first to be called German Reformed in all of Germany, and that it was also the first place where the Reformed faith became known as the German Reformed Church. So strong was the German Reformed Church in the entire Nassau area of the original five counties that the people became known for it throughout Germany. Even today there is a strong element of the German Reformed faith throughout old Nassau areas, including Eiserfeld and Nassau-Siegen. Today the little principality of Nassau and its five counties no longer exists - its territory is now divided among several states of present day West Germany. The county of Nassau-Siegen became the general area of present day Siegen which is described as thickly wooded, rich in grain, fruit, vineyards, & mineral deposits - very similar to the way it was when our ancestors lived there.

Today the very old town of Siegen is famous as the center of the Siegerland iron ore mining & metal working district, and the "Siegerland" area is part of the West German state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Directly southwest of Siegen is the small and very old village of Eiserfeld where Steinseifer family members have lived for several hundred years. Today this village is practically a suburb of Siegen. A few miles northwest of Eiserfeld is the town of Seelbach where our John Daniel Stonesifer was born, and about 20 miles northwest of Eiserfeld is (or was) the town of Freudenberg - from which place a Tillman Steinseifer left in 1738 to emigrate to America, the first of our family to do so.

This historical and religious background of our Steinseifer homeland area in Germany should be of interest to many family readers. Undoubtedly the preceding material also seems completely unnecessary to readers in a work of this nature. However, since completing the main manuscript of this family history and genealogy, new and important information has come to light which makes this "preceding material" essential to that material which follows.

Research indicates that 6 Steinseifer men (and apparently several of their sisters) came to America from the Nassau-Siegen and Eiserfeld region of Germany. Each of them has left proof in one or more documents of their being able to write, and each was very likely able to read also. In the case of our John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Run he could do both, and he apparently taught all of his children to do likewise. This Stonesifer ability would appear to be a result of the Counts of Nassau being very interested in education. About the time that Nassau changed from Lutheranism to the German Reformed faith (1578) the Counts established a general form of public education for their youth (boys & girls). A university was also established at Herborn near Dillenburg and another one at Franker in Holland near their hugh estates. Their brother, William the Silent, established the university of Leyden, also in Holland.

Each of these immigrant Stonesifers was a member of the German Reformed Church. This church affiliation is documented in the records of various churches, and particularly in Maryland and Pennsylvania. As we have previously indicated, the Steinseifers emigrated from one of the most staunchly German Reformed Church areas in Germany. The Bankert family name which is so closely related with the Stonesifers was also German Reformed, and this is also well documented. It is interesting to note that the Bankert name comes originally from the Amsterdam area of Holland, and thus they would have originally been Dutch Reformed people. As America and the years progressed, however, it was only natural that the descendants of later generations joined other denominations.

Each of these Steinseifer men (with the exception of our Uncle Johannes who was born @ 1692) were in their teens to @ 21 years old, and sooner or later would have been required to serve an average of 4 years in the German army. In one case, the oldest son of Uncle Johannes could not accompany his family to America because he was serving in the military at the time, and he had to come here later. Again, in the case of our John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Run, family tradition has it that he gave up a considerable fortune in Germany in order to come to America to get away from the almost constant and terrible wars there. This would apply to the others also, and also to thousands more of the German immigrants . Justification for this feeling will be given later.

Finally, each of these immigrant Steinseifer ancestors of ours had large families. In the case of Uncle Johannes, he brought seven of his eight children with him in 1749. The other five men were single when they arrived, but eventually they all married. These six immigrant Steinseifers had a combined number of 48 children that are known - of which 25 were boys and 23 were girls. The largest family had 14 children and the smallest had 7 children. The name most often given to the boys was John (also Johan & Johannes) with the second most used name that of Henry (or Heinrich). The name most often given to girls was Elizabeth and which was followed by Catharine. These figures do not include the children of Tillman Steinseifer as the writer has no knowledge of them other than that he had numerous descendants.

Some very interesting and important new material about our Steinseifer family was recently given to the writer by a cousin, Judith E. Myers of Towson, Md., and who is a 7th generation descendant of Henry Stonesifer, the 6th child of our John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Run. In late May of 1983 she stopped off in Eiserfeld while on a trip to Germany. There she met and talked with several of today's Steinseifers, walked the streets of our home town, and came away with some new family information as follows:

- that our John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Run was born in Seelbach, Germany, a town a few miles northwest of Eiserfeld. His father was a widower who, after his first wife died, remarried, and John Daniel was a child of this second marriage. Hence it is almost a certainty that he had brothers and sisters. While John Daniel was still young, his father moved the family to a house in Eiserfeld where he grew up and then left (in 1752) to come to America. The house, built @ 1561, was torn down in 1961 because of its age, and another house now occupies the site.
- that the Steinseifers had once worked for the ruling House of Nassau in some capacity which is no longer known.
- that she was shown a genealogy of names of Steinseifers from our John Daniel's time and back earlier, and that one of the early (or earliest?) names was a "Christ... Steinseifer" with a date of @ 1639.
- that she saw 2 churches in Eiserfeld - one a Roman Catholic and the other a German Reformed.
- that the Steinseifers of Eiserfeld have the impression that the family originated from eastern Germany in the area of Poland, and very likely the region of Silesia.
- that when she was about to leave Eiserfeld on Wednesday, May 25, 1983, a Frau Mann (whose mother is a Steinseifer) presented her with a picture of the old house in Eiserfeld where John Daniel Steinseifer of Silver Run grew up, and on the back of this picture the lady had written "The old Steinseifer Haus raised (razed) in 1961, it was about 400 years old, older than the Steinseifers are in Eiserfeld."

The most sobering thing about the preceding information is the general understanding or impression of the Steinseifers of Eiserfeld that the family has been living in the area for less than 400 years, and that originally they were possibly from the area of Poland and likely the place being Silesia. This writer, & others who have researched family histories, has learned that it is not wise to simply disregard old family traditions. In practically every case, eventually, there has been found to be a basic truth in it. Thus the writer has spent considerable time in researching the probabilities in the preceding statements, & with these results.

A study of Polish name structure gave no indication that the family name of Steinseifer was in any way derived from that language as the over-all manner of spelling and endings are very different.

A study of the structure of the name Steinseifer was also then done in a number of German language sources and at no time was there any indication of origin other than German. The writer chose as his final authority a huge, classical, & very detailed work on the German language entitled Dictionary of the German and English Language, compiled by the noted German scholar, G.J. Adler, from his own research and the earlier works of Hilbert, Flugel, Grieb, Heyse and others. This work was first published in 1848 by Appleton Co., N.Y., and the writer used the 7th revised edition which was published in 1869. In this work it stated on pages 598-599 that stein means stone or rock, and that a stein-schleifer is a stone-polisher. However, it also stated on page 567 that a seife has to do with soap and soap-making and has also the added meaning of a place where ore is washed. It then stated that a seifer is a soaper and washer of ore. From these terms we obtain the word steinseifer or steinschleifer - meaning one who makes soap, washes ore, and polishes stone. This obviously refers to industrial work of an earlier time and somehow worked in conjunction.

Also, in the Stonecypher Family Bulletin # 1, issued in January of 1971, the origin of Steinseifer was given somewhat as done above but it did not allude to soap or get as technical as just given. The article said that there seemed to be much evidence which pointed to the name being a place name rather than a trade or occupational one, and that according to "some German authorities" the original name was Steinseifertdorfer. It is well-known that the history of family names shows that such names are usually derived from occupations or places. However, on page 138 of the dictionary previously mentioned, it states that a dorf is a village or hamlet. A dorfer means villages and hamlets, and not a villager. The word for villager is dorfnr. Possibly the letter n was accidentally omitted from the original processing. This writer does not think that the original form of our family was Steinseifertdorfer, but rather steinseifer and/or steinschleifer as an occupational one and that such persons of the same occupation once very likely did live together in villages in early Germany and eventually became known as the Steinseifer family.

Perhaps research into how many places in Germany have (or had) the name of Steinseifert or Steinseifer, if any, and a study to find out if the family name of Steinseifer is found in numerous localities or just in the Nassau area of Germany would greatly assist in settling this most interesting problem.

A careful and detailed study of the political and religious history of Silesia gives great support to the impression that it could very well be the place of prior origin of our Steinseifer family. The fact that the early members of our family were strongly German Reformed in faith, that they have been living in the Eiserfeld area for less than 400 years, and that the genealogical chart mention of an early "Christ(ian?) Steinseifer" with a date of @ 1639 all can indicate a tie of the family to Silesia, and with certain known happenings in German history.

Silesia was a province of Poland for centuries. Then in the 1200's A.D. a fierce and barbaric tribe called Tartars (also Tatars) came from Asia, swept over Russia and then into Poland where they attacked Silesia, causing tremendous destruction to life and property. This was the famous Mongolian army of Genghis Khan known as the Golden Horde, & which was now led by the great Khan's grandson - Batu. Having conquered practically all of Asia that was worthwhile, their aim now was to take Europe. The Polish rulers called desperately for military help from the knights of the German provinces bordering Silesia to the west - Bohemia, Saxony, and Brandenburg-Prussia. The German military responded, and the huge, combined might of the Polish & German armies defeated the Tartars at the Battle of Leignitz in Silesia on April 9, 1241 and forced their withdrawal.

The rulers of Poland were so grateful for this help that they invited their neighboring German provinces to send in settlers, particularly farmers and craftsmen, to help in the restoration of Silesia. History records that great numbers of Germans responded, naturally settling in the areas of Silesia directly east or southeast of their home German province. As later events will explain, it would appear that the Steinseifers settled in the area of Liegnitz - some miles to the east of where Bohemia, Saxony, and Silesia had a common boundry. Whether the Steinseifers were German settlers from Bohemia or Saxony probably can never be determined exactly, but they would have been part of this event in history. Eventually Silesia became so germanized that in 1335 the Polish rulers transferred control of the province to Bohemia in return for Bohemia's renouncing any further claims on Polish territory. As a result of all this, Silesia became the eastern most province of Germany.

The impression of the Steinseifers of Eiserfeld that the family had come originally from the direction of Poland, and likely the area of Silesia, now would seem to have an historical basis of fact. Also, one would think that such an understanding would have been handed down from generation to generation, but the facts that brought it about would be lost after a long time.

As Silesia was completely Polish prior to the Battle of Liegnitz, there were few German people living there. In the huge influx of German settlers some years after the battle and which went on for many years, due to its location the area of Liegnitz was much more likely to have people settle there from Saxony than from Bohemia. Thus, because of this historically recorded migration of German people, as well as events which occurred in this part of Germany at the time of the Reformation, the writer feels that even before our Steinseifer ancestors were in Silesia they had lived in Saxony.

For well over 200 years Silesia made general progress, and came to be noted for the mining of coal and iron ore as well as being a rich agricultural area. Liegnitz in particular became famous as a linen and tapestry weaving center.

In the 1500's there occurred in Europe a religious movement which became known as the Reformation. At first aimed at reforming the Roman Catholic Church, it resulted in establishing the Protestant churches known as Lutheran and German Reformed. All of Germany felt the impact, including the eastern provinces. Bohemia developed a form of pietistic Reformed Calvinism which incorporated the beliefs of John Huss who had been burned at the stake for them in 1415; Saxony became fiercely Lutheran; Brandenburg-Prussia became mainly Lutheran - although the royal family embraced the Reformed faith; and Silesia was largely Lutheran with some areas of Bohemian Reformed people. Areas seemed to change to either Lutheran or Reformed in Silesia according to the change in religious faith of the people's original German homeland province.

The Counter-Reformation in the second half of the 1500's was a reform movement within the Roman Catholic Church in answer to the Protestant Reformation, and it succeeded in winning back many of the lost areas and people. However, even these recovered areas were said to have been honey-combed with sections that steadfastly remained either Lutheran or Reformed.

Saxony was considered to be the leading Lutheran state in Germany at this time. Its church leaders and people were so staunchly Lutheran that they even resented persons of any other religious faith living among them. This prejudiced attitude developed into such aggressive behavior between 1570 - 1605 that a number of the German states and principalities whose rulers and people were Lutheran were so repelled by this kind of Christianity that they changed over to the Reformed Church and became staunch members of that faith. It is said that these actions in Saxony and several other places were perhaps the main reason that our Steinseifer home area of Nassau became so strongly German Reformed.

About 1571 high Lutheran church leaders in Saxony began to question the privilege of freedom of educational and theological thought at their University of Wittenberg. By 1575 they charged that many highly placed persons, including Peucer, the head of the University, were guilty of a Crypto-Calvinist plot against the state and the Lutheran Church. Numerous persons of distinction either fled or were arrested. Some were banished from Saxony, and they sought refuge in Nassau where they told their story. Others were imprisoned, tortured, and put on the rack to gain information - and which resulted in some deaths. Two of these men's wives broke down because of this action against their husbands and one died from grief while the other committed suicide. It is said that such treatment in Saxony of fellow protestants appears to be the only known case of its kind in Germany. The former head of the University of Wittenberg, Peucer, was imprisoned in Pleissenberg prison in Leipzig. After 12 years of confinement and during which time he was very badly treated, he was freed @ 1587. This man was famous throughout Germany as a physician, and at the time of his arrest he was court physician to the royal house of Saxony. Many princes, including the Holy Roman Emperor, tried to secure his release over the years, but Saxony refused. After his release from prison he went to live in the nearby Duchy of Anhalt where the people were then changing over to the Reformed faith. As his services were frequently requested by many persons in high places, he often traveled to different parts of Germany practicing his trade - and one of the places he traveled to was our Nassau.

During these years Saxony often had street riots over theological differences, the houses of persons found to be (or thought to be) Crypto-Calvinists were plundered, and if such persons thusly accused happened to die, they were even deprived of honorable burial, and their families were forced to use criminals' cemeteries.

In Saxony and some other parts of Germany at this time, the use of the term "Crypto-Calvinist" meant a person who was believed to be either a secret member of the Church or a supporter of the Reformed doctrines and beliefs of that faith as formulated by John Calvin of Switzerland.

In 1591 Chancellor Crell of Saxony and some others were accused of being Crypto-Calvinists and part of the previous story was repeated. Crell was accused of manipulating state policies to favor the spread of Crypto-Calvinism. He was then arrested and held in prison for 10 years. About 1601 he was brought to Dresden to be put to death. His terrible treatment in prison rendered him too sick to even walk, and so on the day appointed for his execution he was carried out on a chair to the scaffold - and beheaded.

News of these events in Saxony soon became known throughout Germany, and it deepened the enmity between Lutheran and Reformed people. It also caused a number of states previously Lutheran to become Reformed. One of the first places to know of these things was the Duchy of Liegnitz and its capital city of the same name some miles directly east of Saxony. This is the territory where our Steinseifer ancestors were most likely to have settled after coming to Silesia in the years of heavy German migration after 1241.

The Duke of Liegnitz, Joachim Frederick of the royal Polish house of Piast, was the high prince of Silesia, a prominent noble of eastern Germany, and a strong Lutheran. It is understood that he and the people of his Duchy, and of that entire northern area of Silesia, had followed the example of Saxony and became Lutheran in the early years of the Reformation. It is only logical to believe that the Steinseifers would have been a part of this historical event.

Two things then occurred which changed conditions in the Liegnitz area. The harsh treatment of fellow protestants in Saxony offended many people, including Duke Joachim Frederick. Also, during this same period the Duke married the Princess Anna Maria of the Duchy of Anhalt. This Duchy was on the northwest border of Saxony, and was the place to which the famous physician, Feucer, had gone to live after his release from prison. The ruling house of Anhalt and its people, including Princess Anna Maria, had all become German Reformed by 1599, and their loyalty to their faith was almost as fierce as Saxony was to its Lutheranism. These things resulted in the conversion of Duke Joachim Frederick to the Reformed faith. After the Duke's death in the early 1600's his son, Duke John Christian of Brieg succeeded him, and between 1614-1619 he brought about the conversion of many of his people to the Reformed faith also. Even so, it is recorded, many of the people chose to remain Lutherans.

The Duchy and city of Liegnitz appear to have been perhaps the main place in Silesia which was important enough to change its faith from Lutheran to Reformed and defend itself for having done so. There were numerous small pockets of the Reformed people in some other areas of Silesia, but generally their names have not come down to us. One other known Reformed center was Breslau, the chief city of Silesia located about 37 miles east of Liegnitz on the west bank of the Oder River (and probably under the control of the Duke of Liegnitz). Breslau was the birthplace of Zacharias Ursinus, a noted leader of the Reformation, one of the writers of the Heidelberg Catechism, and for whom Ursinus College near the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is named. (Our John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Run is said to have often acted as minister in the absence of one for the German Reformed congregation at Silver Run, and was said to be especially adept in the teaching of the Heidelberg Catechism to the youth of the Reformed people.)

As mentioned earlier, our Steinseifer ancestors were all staunch members of the German Reformed Church. Since it is believed that they came originally from Silesia to Nassau, a very strong center of the Reformed faith in Germany, it would not appear likely that they would have resettled there if they were not already staunchly Reformed people themselves. Thus it would seem most likely that they became Reformed in faith under the leadership of Duke John Christian of Liegnitz. Also, the Steinseifers say that they have lived in the Eiserfeld area for only @ 400 years. This period of time would coincide exactly with a terrible war that now occurred in Germany, and would apparently explain why they left Silesia and went to Nassau.

From 1618 to 1648 there occurred a terrible conflict in Germany which later came to involve other European countries. This period is known in history as the Thirty Years' War, and it was fought mainly on German soil over political and religious issues between German Catholics and German Protestants, but later it came to involve a struggle over territorial control and also came to include France, Sweden, and Spain.

When it was over Germany was in ruins. Where more than 21 million people had lived in 1618 only about 13½ million persons survived. In many parts of Germany 75% of the inhabitants were destroyed, 66% of the houses, 85% of the horses, and over 80% of the cattle. Thousands of villages had vanished from sight, and in Luther's home state of Saxony it was said that huge packs of wolves roamed the countryside. The province of Silesia which was directly east of Saxony (and where we believe our Stonesifer ancestors had been living) was repeatedly overrun by the contending armies with terrible destruction. In those days armies lived off of the area they were passing through, and so they took what they needed (or wanted) regardless of whether the area was considered friendly territory or not. The result was often little or nothing left for the local people, and in some places conditions were so bad that history mentions there were well authenticated cases of cannibalism. Although pitched battles of major proportions were few, the loss of life was great. The cost in human lives and suffering caused by famine, disease, and the savage brutality of the marauding armies account heavily in the statistics given above. Throughout the war hundreds of thousands of people fled from one area to another - seeking safety. Thus it would seem that we can come to only one conclusion regarding this time in German history and our Steinseifer ancestors living in Silesia - they fled for safety to the Principality of Nassau sometime during the Thirty Years' War because it was a strong haven which was of their own Reformed faith and it also had occupational resources similar to those they left behind.

During the war an especially horrible example of brutality occurred which caused deep feelings of revulsion throughout Europe. The German city of Magdeburg was captured on May 20, 1631 and completely destroyed by fire by the army of an Austrian general named Count Tilly. The thing which was so terrible was that after the inhabitants of the city had surrendered this army then killed practically every man, woman, and child found there - some 40,000 persons. Such an event of this magnitude had not happened since the Albigensian War of the 1200's in France, and didnot happen again till the days of Hitler and Stalin in World War II.

After the war a contemporary writer of the time wrote that "One may wander for ten miles and not see a human being, not an ox, not a sparrow." It has been said that Germany didnot recover from the effects of this war for 2 centuries. Called by many writers "the most awfully destructive & demoralizing struggle in history", in some ways the effects were never surpassed even by the terrible destruction in World War II. (After W.W. II the area of Silesia was returned to Poland.)

For some twenty years Germany had relative peace. Then Louis XIV came to the throne of France with dreams of conquest and empire. From 1672-1678 occurred the War of the Protestant Netherlands in which he tried to make Holland a vassal state. He also attacked and devastated the German Palatinate so that the people there could not come to the aid of the Dutch. During this war the region of Amsterdam suffered terribly. This area is believed to be the section of Holland where the Bankert name seems to originate. And our Steinseifer home area of Nassau-Siegen could not help but see the refugees and hear their stories. Louis XIV failed to achieve much success other than permanently seizing for France the small principality of Orange which till now had belonged to the House of Nassau.

Louis XIV next tried to acquire the Palatinate by various means which the other German states would not tolerate. Enraged by being thus thwarted, and also because the Palatinate had given refugee to thousands of French Huguenots who had fled religious persecution in France, he is said to have given the order to "burn the Palatinate." The War of the Palatinate lasted from 1689-1697. French troops are said to have leaped on the Palatinate like hyenas with fire and sword - crops were destroyed, fruit trees and vineyards were rooted out, over 1200 towns and villages were destroyed, and in the first winter of the war over 40,000 people were said to have been turned out into the cold with no shelter. Eventually the refugees numbered over 100,000, many of whom went to neighboring German states - including the counties of Nassau where the Steinseifers lived. When the war was finally over it was said that probably there were not many more than 200 farmers left in the Palatinate. France had again achieved little but ill repute. In this war the Germans had called the French "huns," a complimentary term which the French returned to the Germans in World War I.

This War of the Palatinate has a personal family interest for us because the specific names of early relatives are known who were living there at the time. These persons were Christian Jungling (became Yingling), Christophel Banckert, and the girl he married, Anna Eva Shriver (?) Banckert. All three were born @ 1685-90, and thus would have been children at the time of this war - but they would have experienced it in some manner. Christian Yingling came to America @ 1710 and the Banckerts came here in 1728 with 4 children - all of whom were born in the Palatinate. Christian Yingling's son, John, married one of the Banckert's daughters, Margaret Elenora. John and Margaret Elenora Banckert Yingling had a number of children - one daughter, Maria Elizabeth, married our John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Run, but formerly of Nassau-Siegen, and another daughter, Susanna, married Samuel Wildasin, formerly from Hesse-Cassel - a neighboring state of Nassau-Siegen. The Banckert's only son, Jacob, had many descendants who married with descendants of Stonesifers, Yinglings, & Wildasins. Hence our particular interest in this war.

In 1701-1714 Germany and Europe suffered through the War of the Spanish Succession. Then war came again in 1741-1747 with the War of the Austrian Succession. Later there were other wars.

Much of the strife in Germany, and Europe as a whole, resulted unintentionally from the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648 which had ended the Thirty Years' War. It had tried to make reasonable territorial settlements for all, but it only seemed to achieve the fragmentation of Germany into some 300 states of varying size. The Treaty had also tried to establish religious toleration between Catholic, Lutheran, and Reformed people, but this was not realized.

Constant territorial claims by German states against each other, as well as foreign claims against Germany, brought war. Also, the rulers of each state or principality could either grant religious toleration or persecute disliked religious groups as they saw fit. Religious problems often resulted when one ruler died and his successor didnot follow the same policies of his predecessor. This is what happened in the Falatinat with terrible suffering by the people, and these people eventually became the main source of those who emigrated to America. It also happened in the counties of Nassau-Siegen and Nassau-Dillenburg for quite some years during the middle 1700's, and was a prime factor in the emigration of the Steinseifers to America. (A more detailed explanation of this recently discovered situation will be given in the next section under the biographical information of John Wilhelm Hoffman.)

The preceding material is based on presently known facts and the conditions in Germany during the time periods involved as recorded in history. Terrible stories of the wars and the religious troubles could not help but be told down through the years from generation to generation. Then, beginning with the 1690's, many persons who later came to America experienced such conditions for themselves. Thus, it is not to be wondered at that thousands of people of German background emigrated to America. Pennsylvania and Maryland received well over 100,000 of these people who sought two main things - freedom to worship as they chose and an escape from the conditions of constantly recurring wars.

This manuscript is meant to be a family history and genealogy of the descendants of several of these people. And now, from this more recently determined preceding material, we know the background as to why there were among these immigrants some people who were named Stonesifer, Yingling, and Bankert.

KNOWN & PROBABLE STONESIFER RELATIONSHIP WHO EMIGRATED TO AMERICA

TILLMAN STONESIFER

Tillman Steinseiffer (b. @ 1721) is said to be recorded as having left his home in Freudenberg, Germany to go with a group bound for America in March of 1738. The place from which he emigrated was located in Nassau-Siegen and about 20 miles northwest of Eiserfeld. He sailed from "South Hampton", England on May 8, 1738, and arrived at Savannah, Georgia about Oct. 1, 1738 at the age of 17. As did most Germans who came here, he likely first boarded ship in Rotterdam, and then, as almost all ships did, put in at an English port to pick up other passengers and additional supplies before beginning the long crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.

After landing he went almost immediately to Culpepper Co., Virginia, but he stayed there only briefly. Sometime @ 1739-40 he worked his way north and came to what is now Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania where he bought a 230 acre tract of land. In his day this county was still a part of Philadelphia County, and only became an entity in its own right when it was created on Sept. 10, 1784. The county of Montgomery is a very large one, and it is located directly northwest of the city of Philadelphia. Here the name of Steinseiffer was anglicized to that of Stonicher, Stonecher, Stoneaker, and Stonscher. Some of his descendants stayed there, but many others moved to the South, and are found in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. His descendants without exception are said to have fought in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. The writer understands that they have made their own family history write-up.

JOHANNES WILHELM HOFFMAN

On May 16, 1741 a Johannes Wilhelm Hoffman and his wife, Anna Catharina, left the village of Eysern in the "Principality of Nassau-Siegen" in Germany for America. Eysern was located not far from Eiserfeld. They traveled on the Ship St. Mark and landed in Philadelphia on Sept. 26, 1741. By Oct. 1, 1741 they had settled in Conestoga, Lancaster Co., Pa., a number of miles southwest of the growing city of Lancaster. Then, on Apr. 24, 1743 they moved west across the Susquehanna River to Paradise township which was at that time still a part of Lancaster Co., but which became a part of York Co. when it was established on Aug. 19, 1749. Here he lived, eventually had a rather large family, and where he died in 1761.

The area in which the Hoffman family settled would almost have had to be the one called Holz-Schwamm (swampy woodland) by the early German people who came here to that part of York Co., Pa. History records that Paradise township was sparsely settled in early years, and that the German Reformed people living there were ministered to by Rev. Jacob Lischy as early as 1750. This area was the general vicinity of the present day village of Labott, several miles east of Abbottstown on Route 30 going towards York.

This is all being mentioned because the Hoffman family appears to have had a close connection with the Steinseifer family back in Nassau-Siegen, Germany, possibly through marriage. And later it appears that every Steinseifer that

came to America from 1749 on came to the area where the Hoffman family lived.

Johannes Wilhelm Hoffman had begun a diary in 1732 while still living in the village of Eysern, and he continued it till he died. It was handed down in the family through the years, and it is said to still exist in the possession of a present day descendant in Maryland. Parts of it were translated into English from the original German some years ago by a Dr. Zahn, and a copy of this translation (@ 15 pages or so) is in the possession of the Historical Society of York County.

This is a rare and invaluable historical find because it gives us a personal glimpse of actual conditions in the very area in which our Steinseifer ancestors were living in the years just prior to their coming to America.

In the diary he tells us that his village of Eysern is near others named Rinstorff, Oberstorff, and Eiserfeld. The German Reformed princes who had ruled the Nassau-Siegen area since the late 1500's (and who were descendants of the House of Nassau that had ruled there since the 1100's) died out about April 18, 1734, and a Catholic line of the family now ruled the people from their headquarters in Siegen. All able-bodied men were considered to be a part of the state militia, and each man had to provide his own weapon and ammunition at his own expense. He complained that very often his local unit was ordered to go to other areas of the county to put down civil disturbances that had broken out by people who were objecting to policies of the new ruler. Also, due to the political conditions throughout Germany and nearby countries, troops from many parts of Germany, and especially Prussia and Denmark, were frequently passing through the Nassau-Siegen area. While in the area, these troops were being billeted mainly in the homes of German Reformed people as a harrassment by the Catholic prince. Johannes mentions then that quite often these soldier guests in a home were of a rough nature and also frequently abused their host families. He goes on to tell us that @ April 29, 1734 he and about 40 others were made to pay a fine of 2 gulden (2 gold coins) in order to help pay the expenses of a troop of cavalry quartered in the area, and which he went into Siegen to pay. A list of the men is then given, and in addition to "Johannes Hoffman" he also names a "Johannes Steinseifer." (This Johannes Steinseifer is most likely the immigrant ancestor of our cousin, W.A. Stonecypher of Lucedale, Miss., & who came to America in 1749 and settled in Culpepper, Virginia.) Johannes Hoffman also lamented the constant burden of taxation, and the interference by authorities in the affairs of his people's schools and church life. The language in the diary indicated that he was a very devout member of the German Reformed Church, and that finally he decided to emigrate to America to escape his unsatisfactory condition in life. In America he occasionally served on local committes - as for roads, saw Benjamin Franklin come to the York area, and at the end of his life (and diary) he was once again quite angry at what he considered the high taxes he had to pay.

It seems very likely that either Johannes Wilhelm Hoffman's mother may have been a Steinseifer or that his wife, Anna Catharina, was a Steinseifer. It also seems very likely that he wrote back to the Eiserfeld area telling persons, including the Steinseifers, about the better conditions in America, and urged them to come here. Considering what he had to say as to conditions in the area of Nassau-Siegen and that the Steinseifers were experiencing the same thing, it is no wonder that some of them would have decided to emigrate also. Except for Tillman Steinseifer, all of the other Steinseifers who emigrated to America landed in Philadelphia but one (who landed in New York), as the Hoffmans had done, and all the Steinseifers, sooner or later, came to the Hoffman's area.

That they didnot choose to settle down in any of the numerous German villages and neighborhoods in and around Philadelphia, or go north and northwest of the city to the areas of Allentown, Bethlehem, and Reading where many Germans were settling, but instead chose to come west, pass through the heavily German settlements developing around Lancaster and York, and then come to the remote areas of Holz-Schwamm and then Silver Run, Md. practically compells one to come to the conclusion that the Steinseifers and the Hoffmans had some kind of a relationship, and that the Steinseifers had prior knowledge as to where to go.

JOHAN ERHART BAUMGIRTEL

Johan Erhart Baumgirtel (1722 - 1770) came to America on the Ship Hampshire, landing in Philadelphia on Sept. 7, 1748. With him was his wife, Maria Eve. They appear to have settled first in the area where in a few years our John Daniel Stonesifer and a Martin Study also settled. And it is entirely possible that the Baumgirtels having settled there is the reason for the other two families having done also.

In time the name became Bomgardner, and then to the form in which it is known today - Baumgardner. Erhart apparently became critically ill, and made a will on Dec. 28, 1769. He died shortly afterwards. When his estate was probated in Frederick, Md. on Jan. 30, 1770, John Daniel Stonesifer was named first of the two executors. Quite often in those days when estates were probated, a member of the family or a close relative would be named first and then a close friend or neighbor also to help out. The will indicates that Erhart had children, & some not yet 16 years of age. It would therefore seem quite probable that John Daniel was so named because of some kind of close relationship to either Erhart or his wife. The writer is inclined to think that Maria Eve may have been John Daniel Stonesifer's sister. Erhart would have been one of the first persons buried in the original cemetery at Silver Run.

JOHN MARTIN TSCHUDI

John Martin Tschudi (1718 - 1812) came to America on the Ship Crown, and landed in Philadelphia on Aug. 30, 1749. On the same ship with him were his wife, one or so children, and a Hans Rudi Brobeck and Nicholas Diel (which became Dill). They had all come to the Silver Run area by the early 1750's, and in which place we believe John Daniel Stonesifer and his half-brother, Johannes Eberhardt were already living near the Baumgirtels.

On May 26, 1754 Martin and Anna Margaret Tschudi had a baby girl, Anna Maria, baptized by Rev. Jacob Lischy, and it was either Johannes Eberhardt's wife or John Daniel's wife (both also being named Anna Maria) who was recorded as the sponsor or witness for the occasion. Rev. Lischy was serving the Silver Run area as a traveling minister to the Reformed people there from @ 1750. The name of Tschudi later became Study, but Martin always initialed legal papers with his letters of M T. when he wasn't writing his name. The name Tschudi is believed to be of Swiss origin from the area of Basel.

When St. Mary's Lutheran and Reformed Church was founded at Silver Run on May 31, 1762 three of the signers of the original charter were Martin Study, Hans Rudi Brobeck, and Nicholas Dill - (see also page 217). Then in 1763 it is said that Martin Study built a mill in the Silver Run area jointly with a "Daniel Stonecifer". The only Daniel "Stonecifer" then existing in that area was our John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Run.

It would seem that Martin Study's wife may have been a sister of John Daniel or that the Studys were in some way related, as there is evidence of a deep and close relationship between the two families. In addition to the above material pointing that way, the following material is also presented. Both families were members of the German Reformed congregation of St. Mary's. In 1755 when John Daniel's first son was born the child was named John Martin - the same name as Mr. Study's name. In 1775 Martin Study sold 150 acres of land to John Daniel Stonesifer, and it was on this property that the Stonesifer homestead was built. Both families were neighbors - their land adjoining and apparently in the area of the small town of Mayberry in the Carroll Co. of today. In 1795 each sold a piece of their common land for a road through the area, and the description involved seems to indicate it may have been the road which passes through the town of Mayberry, Md. The preceding material seems to indicate that either the families were awfully good friends, or more likely, related.

JOHANNES STEINSEIFER

Johannes Steinseifer (1692 - 1754) is supposedly the only one of four brothers born in Eisfeld who came to America. He is probably the same Johannes Steinseifer mentioned in the Hoffman diary as also living in Eysern, and thus would have left from there to come to America. He is also thought to be a brother of John Daniel Stonesifer's father. Johannes and his second wife, Elizabeth, and 7 of his 8 children were passengers on the Ship Patience which docked in Philadelphia on Sept. 19, 1749. After landing he and all males aged 16 and older were taken to the State House (later Independence Hall) where they signed required oaths of allegiance to Britain. Johannes signed his name as "Johannes Steinsiefer" - getting the ei and ie of his last name twisted, in the seifer part. The family then came westward, apparently stopped briefly at the Hoffmans, and then went on. They would have traveled the road from York to Frederick, Md. called the Monocacy Trail. Turning southward they eventually settled in Brumfield Parish located in Culpepper Co., Virginia. In 1753 the oldest son, John Henry, came to America and joined the family, having completed his required tour of duty in the German army. Johannes died there in 1754, and he was buried in the German Reformed Church cemetery in Culpepper. His will, entered for probate @ Apr. 2, 1754, was settled in 1757. In it was indicated that he still owned a home plantation in addition to bequeathing 50 acres of land to each of his sons.

He had 8 children as follows: John Henry - who married a Mary Huffman, then Elenor Burch, and lastly Alice Fuerchers (?) and eventually went to Wilkes Co., North Carolina; Henricus (known as Henry Ricus) - who was married 4 times and went to Ash Co., North Carolina; Henry - who remained in Virginia; Johannes Jr. - who married Jemima Clore (Klore in German) and went to Boone Co., Kentucky & had a large family; Katherine - who married Edward Smith and also went to Wilkes Co., North Carolina; and other daughters - Elizabeth, Mary, and Katrinka.

JOHANNES EBERHARDT STEINSEIFER

Johannes Eberhardt Steinseifer (1728 (?) - 1801-1810) came to America on the Ship Patience on Sept. 19, 1749 with Johannes Steinseifer who was just mentioned, and who may have been his uncle. The official ship list indicated that he was very ill, and thus an official wrote down his name as Johan Ebert Stein -. However, in America he was always known as Johannes Eberhardt Steinseifer.

As previously indicated, Johannes Eberhardt was quite possibly a half-brother of John Daniel Stonesifer through an earlier marriage of the father. He accompanied his uncle, Johannes, west to the Hoffman place at Holz-Schwamm, but he then stayed behind with the Hoffmans instead of going on with him to settle in Virginia. It seems that he continued to stay in that area for some little while as on Dec. 2, 1750 he was recorded by Rev. Jacob Lischy as being the sponsor at the baptism of twins of the Hoffman couple. By this time he had married, and quite possibly to a daughter of the Hoffman's named Anna Maria. On Feb. 10, 1751 the Rev. Jacob Lischy recorded that Johannes Eberhardt and Anna Maria Steinseifer had a daughter baptized by the name of Anna Catharine - the same name as Mrs. Hoffman, and for the occasion Johannes and Anna Catharina Hoffman were the sponsors.

Whether Johannes Eberhardt and his family continued to live in the vicinity of the Hoffmans or resettled in the Silver Run - Uniontown area of Maryland in the following year cannot be determined. But it appears likely that he was in touch with our John Daniel Stonesifer who arrived in Philadelphia on Sept. 22, 1752 and in a short time was living near him. On Nov. 4, 1753 the Rev. Jacob Lischy has recorded that Johannes Eberhardt and Anna Maria Steinseifer had a son baptized by the name of John Daniel - and our John Daniel Stonesifer and the girl he was to shortly marry, Anna Maria Sterner, were the sponsors. It is possible that our John Daniel of Silver Run lived in the Holz-Schwamm area for a short time, and that this baptism occurred there. More likely, however, the parties concerned were living in the area of Silver Run - Uniontown. Be that as it may, this all would seem to strongly indicate a family relationship between the Hoffman couple, Johannes Eberhardt, and our John Daniel of Silver Run.

Apparently Johannes Eberhardt's first wife, Anna Maria Hoffman (?) died around 1769, as he shortly afterwards was married to Margaret Zimmerman (?), moved to the Hagerstown - Boonsboro area of Frederick Co., Md. @ 1771. Later that area became part of Washington Co., Md. There he owned land, was one of the founding members of First Reformed Church in Hagerstown, and signed his name at various times as Johannes Steinseifer. He is believed to have had 8 children whose names were as follows: Anna Catharine, John Daniel, Elisabetha Gertrude, Catharina Elisabeth, Elisabeth, Henry, Anna Maria, and Christina.

Johannes Eberhardt Steinseifer died sometime between 1801-1810, and was likely buried in Boonsboro. He is the immigrant ancestor of all those Stonesifers who originate from the Boonsboro area of Maryland. Although his last name is spelled as Steinseifer, the writer has found occasions where he is indicated as the now familiar spelling of Stonesifer. It seems that his son, John Daniel, was the one who changed the local way of spelling it to the form we are familiar with today.

JOHANN DANNIEL STEINSEIFFER

Johann Dannel Steinseiffer (1731 - 1813) is the way our John Daniel Stonesifer spelled his name when he first came to America on the Ship Halifax, landing in Philadelphia on Friday, Sept. 22, 1752. Born in Seelbach, Germany, he grew up in the nearby town of Eiserfeld, and from which place he emigrated. After he had signed his name in the State House in Philadelphia to the required oaths of allegiance to Britain, he came west to the Holz-Schwamm area where the Hoffmans and Johannes Eberhardt Steinseifer were living. It is quite possible that he met his future wife here - Anna Maria Sterner. And it was either near Holz-Schwamm or Silver Run that these two served as witnesses at the baptism of Johannes Eberhardt's new son, John Daniel - who was obviously named for our John Daniel Stonesifer.

John Daniel eventually was to settle near Silver Run, Md., be twice married - first to Anna Maria Sterner and secondly to Maria Elizabeth Yingling, become a wealthy landowner and highly respected civic and church leader of the community, was a member of St. Mary's Reformed Church at Silver Run, and have 14 children whose names were as follows: Martin, Anna Maria, Barbara, Jacob, John, Henry, Peter, Louise, Abraham, Isaac, Christina, Daniel, Elizabeth, and Hannah. He died in 1813 and was buried at Silver Run where his tombstone still exists. This is an abbreviated sketch of his life because most of this manuscript is about John Daniel and his descendants. An extensive background sketch of his life can be found on pages 1 - 4.

JOHANNES HEINRICH STEINSEIFER

Johannes Heinrich (John Henry) - (1725 - 1816) came to America on the Ship Edinburgh, and landed in Philadelphia on Oct. 2, 1753. He was the oldest son of Johannes Steinseifer who came here in 1749 and settled in Culpepper, Va. After he landed he also signed his name to the required oaths of allegiance in the State House. Then he traveled west through Holz-Schwamm and down south to finally rejoin his family in Virginia. His delayed arrival here was due to the necessity of serving out a four year "stint" in the German army. He was married three times, had 5 sons and 2 daughters, and eventually settled in Wilkes Co., North Carolina. The names of his sons were: Joseph, John H., Jr., Daniel, Michael, and Peter. The writer does not have the names of his 2 daughters.

HEINRICH STEINSEIFER

Heinrich Steinseifer (c 1755 - 1841) sailed for America on board a British ship from Rotterdam in 1767. He was with his parents, a 13 year old sister, and a 2 year old brother whose names are not known. During the voyage the parents died and were buried at sea, and the ship captain kicked the 2 year old son to death, reportedly, for crying. Henry (as he later became) and his sister landed in New York in October of 1767 and were then sold as indentured servants for money - even though the whole family's passage had been previously paid. Around that time in America the term of servitude was an average of seven years.

Henry appeared in York Co., Pa. about 1780. In the Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series, Vol. 2 are the muster rolls relating to the York County militia for the Revolutionary War. For the period starting @ Oct. 7, 1780, it is recorded that Henry Stonesifer was a Private, 1st Class, in the 3rd Company, 5th Battalion, as of Dec. 27, 1782.

In the records of the First Reformed Church of York, Pa. it states that a "Heinrich Steinseiffer" married Elizabeth Hoffheintz on Oct. 21, 1783. The Hoffheintz family was located near Abbottstown, Pa. (6 miles north of Hanover) and numerous members of that family are buried in the old Emanuel Reformed Church cemetery there. Today the name is spelled Hoffheins.

On Mar. 15, 1788 (and recorded in the courthouse in York on Dec. 3, 1791) "Henry Steinsiffert" of Paradise twp. purchased 45 and 3/4 acres of land in nearby Codorus twp. from Valentine and Catharina Alde for 161 pounds. Thus we again have proof of another Stonesifer who came to the Hoffman family area of the Holz-Schwamm region of Paradise twp., York Co., Pa. Henry and others nearby purchased a piece of land on Apr. 26, 1793 from a Lau family for 10 shillings in Codorus twp. as a school property. Then, on Aug. 11, 1794 Henry sold to Valentine Bergheimer and wife his property in Codorus twp. for 225 pounds. This transaction is recorded in York Deed Book 2K-page 103. In all his legal transactions Henry had signed his name, thus showing us that he, too, could write. Bergheimer, a cordwainer, actually got only 44 acres, the deed book states, as some years before 1 and 3/4 acres had been accidentally added which really were part of another property. The new owner of Henry's property was the same Valentin Bergheimer who with his wife, Maria Jacobina, had been sponsors at the baptism of Anna Maria, daughter of John Daniel Stonesifer at Silver Run on June 7, 1761.

Descendants of Henry and Elizabeth Hoffheintz Stonesifer understand that the couple left York Co. around 1800 and resettled in Jefferson Co., Kentucky. As there is nothing further recorded in York Co. for them after they sold their property in Codorus twp. on Aug. 11, 1794, it is logical to assume that it was actually 1794 when they went to Kentucky. After living in Kentucky for some time the family moved across the Ohio River to Clark Co., Indiana where they spent their last years. Their descendants anglicized the name eventually to Stonecipher.

Henry and Elizabeth Stonesifer are said to have had a family of 6 boys and 5 girls. During the time that they lived in York Co., Pa. the following children were recorded as having been born to them: John - b. Oct. 4, 1784 and George - b. May 16, 1786 (both recorded at Emanuel Reformed Church in Abbottstown); Jacob - b. May 16, 1788 (recorded at St. Paul's (Wolf's) Church in West Manchester twp.); George - b. Jan. 30, 1790 (recorded at St. Peter's (Lischy's) Church near Spring Grove several miles east of Hanover, and who may have had a second name as Henry but it is not stated); Henrich - b. Apr. 4, 1792 and Adam - b. Feb. 25, 1794 (both recorded at St. Paul's (Wolf's) Church in West Manchester twp. some miles east of Spring Grove). The names of the 5 daughters are not known to the writer.

Note: The writer is indebted to W.A. Stonecypher of Lucedale, Miss. and the various issues of the Stonecypher Family Newsletter for his material about family background in all states other than Maryland & Pennsylvania. All material concerning family members in (or while in) Maryland & Pennsylvania stems from the personal research of the writer of this manuscript.

JOHANNES EBERHARDT STONESIFER

Johannes Eberhardt Stonesifer was probably born @ 1728 in Seelbach, Germany and died sometime between 1801-1810 near Boonsboro, Md. As John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Run was also born in Seelbach, and is known to have been the child of his father's second marriage, indications are that Johannes Eberhardt was a son of the first marriage and thus these two were half-brothers. It now also appears likely that Johannes E. had sisters (& possible brothers) and that he, Johannes Eberhardt, and at least two of these sisters preceded John Daniel, their half-brother, to America. As John Daniel's father moved from Seelbach to Eiserfeld a few years after he was born, presumably they all would have emigrated from there.

Johannes Eberhardt came to America on the Ship Patience, landing in Philadelphia on Sept. 19, 1749. On the ship passenger list he was listed as being very sick at the time, and thus his name was apparently written down for him as Johan E. Stein - by some official.

Shortly after landing he accompanied Johannes Steinseifer and that man's family - all of whom were on the same ship & Johannes probably an uncle - to the Holz-Schwamm area in Paradise twp., York Co., Pa. where a Johannes Wilhelm and Anna Catharina Hoffman had settled. It appears likely that either Mrs. Hoffman was a younger sister of Johannes (the uncle) or that Mr. Hoffman himself may have been descended from Steinseifers. When the uncle moved on to Culpepper Co., Va., Johannes Eberhardt remained behind with the Hoffman family, and apparently soon married one of their daughters, Anna Maria, sometime in early 1750.

On Dec. 2, 1750 the Hoffman couple had two children baptized by a traveling German Reformed pastor, Rev. Jacob Lischy. The children (who were twins) were named John Eberhardt and Maria Magdalena - and the recently arrived from Germany John Eberhardt was the sponsor (witness) for the occasion. A little over two months later Johannes Eberhardt & Anna Maria (Hoffman?) Stonesifer had a little daughter who they named Anna Catharine. This child was baptized by Rev. Jacob Lischy on Feb. 10, 1751, and Johannes Wilhelm and Anna Catharina Hoffman were the sponsors for the event.

During this time it appears that either Johannes Eberhardt or one of the sisters had written to John Daniel Stonesifer back in Germany and urged him to join them in America. At any rate this is what he did, landing in Philadelphia on Sept. 22, 1752, and in a very short time he had come to the Holz-Schwamm area also. His coming there directly was obviously due to previous knowledge which must have been supplied as indicated. On Sept. 7, 1748 an Erhart and Maria Eve Bomgardner (Baumgardner) came to America and settled in the Silver Run-Uniontown area. Then on Aug. 30, 1749 (and about 3 weeks prior to Johannes Eberhardt's arrival) a Martin and Anna Margaret Study also arrived, and in due time also settled near Silver Run. Later events tend to make the writer believe that Maria Eve and Anna Margaret were possibly sisters to Johannes Eberhardt and John Daniel. One can hardly help believing that both men knew exactly where they were going for a destination. That they did not choose to settle down in any of the numerous German neighborhoods or villages in and around Philadelphia, or go north of the city to the areas of Allentown, Bethlehem, and Reading where many Germans were settling, but instead chose to come west through the heavily German settlements developing around Lancaster and York and come to the relatively remote areas of Holz-Schwamm, and then Silver Run and Uniontown, Md. would seemingly have to be due to prior information that they had been given. After living in the York Co., Pa. area of Holz-Schwamm for a time, it appears now that Johannes Eberhardt and John Daniel then moved on, and resettled in the Silver Run area @ 1753-1754.

On Nov. 4, 1753 the Rev. Jacob Lischy baptized a recently born son of Johannes Eberhardt and Anna Maria "Steinseiffer" named John Daniel. His exact date of birth is not known, but he obviously was named for John Daniel Stonesifer who was presumably the baby's uncle. The sponsors for the occasion were John Daniel Stonesifer and Anna Maria Sterner. (The sponsor, John Daniel Stonesifer, is he who arrived in America on Sept. 22, 1752 and Anna Maria is the girl he married soon afterwards. We specify this information because previous family researchers seem to have mistaken these 2 John Daniels as one & the same person.)

About 1757 Johannes Eberhardt and Anna Maria Stonesifer had a daughter named Elisabetha Gertrude. While her actual birth or baptism dates have not been found, her existence is known by her being a baptism sponsor several years later.

Three years later Johannes Eberhardt and his wife Anna Maria again had a daughter, Catharina Elisabeth, who was baptized by Rev. Lischy on July 27, 1760. The sponsors for the event were Lorentz & Catharina Elisabeth Schweissguth who came to Philadelphia from Germany on the Ship Edinburgh on Sept. 16, 1751. Reader & writer alike may wonder if there was any relationship in this case, also.

Nothing further is presently known of the family for some years. It appears that Johannes Eberhardt's wife, Anna Maria, died @ 1769, and that he then married a much younger girl named Margretha whose last name may have been Zimmerman. If so, she was a daughter of Jost (later spelled Yost) Zimmerman and his wife, Anna Catharina, who came to America on Sept. 19, 1749 on the Ship Patience with our Johannes Eberhardt and his uncle, Johannes Steinseifer.

About 1770-71 Johannes Stonesifer and Jost Zimmerman moved to the vicinity of Hagerstown, Md. At the time this area was still a part of Frederick Co., but on Sept. 6, 1776 it became Washington Co. with the county seat located at Hagerstown, a town which had been laid out in 1762.

Around the time that Johannes Eberhardt arrived there, the First German Reformed Church of Hagerstown was established, and his name, given as "Johannes Steinscyfer", is listed as being among the members of the founding congregation. The early records of the church mention that Johannes and Margretha Steinseifer had had a little girl named Elisabeth born Dec. 12, 1772 and who was baptized on Mar. 2, 1773 with the baby's sister, Elisabetha Gertraut (Gertrude) as the sponsor. Then, although no church record can be found, a son, Henry, was apparently born @ 1774. A few years later the same church records do mention that Johannes and his wife, Margretha, had a girl named Anna Maria who was born Apr. 13, 1776 and was baptized Apr. 20 of the same year.

On Aug. 7, 1777 Johannes Stonesifer purchased a half lot in Elizabeth Town, Washington Co., Md. from a John Leidy for 174 pounds, and which is recorded in Deed Book A - page 42. Thus Johannes was one of the first persons of the newly created county to purchase land. Later this same lot was sold by him on Nov. 23, 1789 to a John Davis, and from that point it appears he no longer owned any land.

Sometime @ 1778 Johannes and Margretha Stonesifer had the last addition to their family with a girl named Christina. No specific dates have yet been found.

The 1st Census of the United States in 1790 lists him as John Stonesifer & who is living in Washington Co., Md. with 1 male child under the age of 16 years and 7 white females in his family. The same census tells us that his older son,

John Daniel (born in 1753 near Uniontown in Frederick Co.) is married and living in his own home. The census figures indicate exactly that information which should appear. It should also be mentioned that while the writer has on occasion mentioned Johannes as John, his correct name and the one he seems to have used and written was Johannes. Once in a while the name John has appeared in connection with him, but, as in the 1790 census, it apparently was someone other than Johannes who was Anglicizing his name. The 1790 Census also lists Jost (Yost) Zimmerman and family as residents of Washington Co., Md.

The next time there is anything recorded of Johannes is in the Census of 1800. Here it indicates that his wife is deceased, and that he and his son, Henry, are living with the older son, John Daniel and his wife, and presumably in Boonsboro, Md. Whether Elizabeth Town (or Elizabethtown) where Johannes had lived became Boonsboro or simply ceased to exist is not known.

No further records of any kind have presently been found pertaining to Johannes Eberhardt Stonesifer, and as he is not listed in the 1810 Census nor indicated as far as can be determined at this time, we must conclude that he died sometime between 1801-1810 aged 80 years or more. Neither his occupation nor place of burial are presently known.

Children:

1. Anna Catharine - baptized Feb. 10, 1751
2. John Daniel - baptized Nov. 4, 1753 - d. @ Sept. 6, 1834; was married, may have had several children, and as his descendants are the only ones that are presently known coming down from Johannes Eberhardt, these offspring are listed in a section of their own a little farther on.
3. Elisabetha Gertraut (Gertrude) - b. @ 1757
4. Catharina Elisabeth - baptized July 27, 1760
5. Elisabeth - b. Dec. 12, 1772; known as "Peggy", she married John Chrisman @ June 17, 1796 and lived in Cumberland, Allegany Co., Md. where his family seems to have operated a livery stable.
6. Henry - b. @ 1774 - d. @ 1831; he married a girl named Catharine and lived in the vicinity of Boonsboro, Md. They apparently had a daughter named Elizabeth who was born @ 1829, was a domestic servant in Guilford Twp. in Franklin Co. Pa. just south of Chambersburg, Pa. for a blacksmith - Abraham Hockman and wife Elizabeth, according to the 1850 Census. Elizabeth may be the Elizabeth Stonesifer who married an Edward Perkins on Oct. 27, 1856 in Christ Church, Baltimore, Md.

In Washington Co. Deed Book NN on pages 33-34 it is recorded that on Mar. 28, 1832 "Catharine Stonesifer" freed her fifteen year old Negro girl slave named Polly Wicks. This apparently is Catharine who was married to Henry Stonesifer of Boonsboro. As her brother-in-law, John Daniel Stonesifer, had a slave, this young slave girl may well have been a child of that person.

7. Anna Maria - b. Apr. 13, 1776; known as Mary, she married Jacob Shook @ Aug. 31, 1803 and they lived in Cumberland, Md. In a list of property owners of "Cumberland Town" in 1813 he was assessed at \$70.00. In later years Jacob is named as a member of the Pioneer Hose & Hook and Ladder Company - an early firefighting unit of the town.
8. Christiana - b. @ 1778; the youngest of Johannes Eberhardt's 8 children. She was married @ Dec. 22, 1799 to William Osborn and they also lived in Cumberland, Md. and where he was listed as a property owner in 1813 and assessed \$97.00. On Dec. 10, 1830 the Cumberland Fire-Engine Co. was organized and he was a founding member and also listed as one of the Property-men and Guards. This firefighting unit was reorganized in 1839 as the Cumberland Hose Company. (Presently the indication is that this girl, Christiana, was the youngest daughter of John Eberhardt. However, the 1790 Census does state that John Daniel, the son of John (Johannes) Eberhardt, did probably have a daughter as the listing is for 2 white females - no age given. Until written proof should come along, the writer has given her the parentage as indicated.)

JOHN DANIEL STONESIFER

John Daniel - baptized Nov. 4, 1753 - d. @ Sept. 6, 1834; was married but wife's name is unknown.

Born in the area of Uniontown in Frederick Co., Md., he was the older of the two sons of Johannes Eberhardt Stonesifer who came to America from Germany on the Ship Patience on Sept. 19, 1749. When the family moved to the vicinity of Hagerstown, Md. @ 1770-71 he went along and settled there also. Indications are that @ 1773 he married, but the name of his wife is not known. The 1790 Census records him as a resident of Washington Co., Md. with a wife, a son just 16, and a daughter whose age is not known. In 1793 he purchased a lot in Boonsboro near Hagerstown, and from that time on his name is associated with quite a number of land transactions. Possibly he speculated in land as part of his income as did his cousin, John Martin Stonesifer of Westminster, Md. - John Martin being the oldest son of John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Run and for whom John Daniel of Boonsboro was named. Boonsboro was laid out as a town in 1788 with the land said to have originally been owned by George and William Boone - two of the sons of the famous American pioneer, Daniel Boone, who lived there for a time before going on to settle in Kentucky.

John Daniel Stonesifer of Boonsboro had a son, John, born @ 1774, and a daughter whose name is not known and likely born after her brother. The Census of 1810 & 1820 give indications that there may have been two other younger sons and a daughter, but as names are not given, these indications may reflect the children of a couple living with John Daniel and his wife (or perhaps may be children of the daughter whose name is not known). The Census of 1810 also tells us that he possessed an adult slave, but whether male or female is not known.

If he followed the tradition of his family, he would have been a member of Trinity Reformed Church in Boonsboro - a church dating back to the 1750's.

John Daniel's son, John, died in 1813, leaving two young children - John and Marie. By 1820 it appears that this young John was living with his grandfather. As this grandson later plied the trade of gunsmith, it would seem probable that this was also John Daniel's trade and that he passed it on to his grandson.

John Daniel's wife apparently died in the 1820's. On June 2, 1832 he made his will, and it was probated on Sept. 6, 1834. Found in Book D - page 112 in the Office of the Register of Wills in Hagerstown, it informs us that John Daniel was no longer able to write but made his mark, and that he left all estate assets to Catharine, the widow of Henry Stonesifer (his brother). Letters of administration were eventually granted to George Itorgie on Jan. 28, 1840. The accounting of the estate is supposed to be in Book 12, page 86 now located in the Hall of Records in Annapolis, Md. The connection of the administrator to John Daniel is not presently known. John Daniel died a short time prior to Sept. 6, 1834 at the age of 81, and is presumed to be buried in the cemetery in Boonsboro, Md.

JOHN STONESIFER

John - b. @ 1774 - d. @ June 9, 1813; married Mar. 28, 1806 to Susanna Tomlinson.

John is the only child whose name is presently known out of possibly five children in the family of his father - John Daniel Stonesifer, the older of two sons of Johannes Eberhardt Stonesifer, the immigrant.

He was born near Hagerstown, and probably in the place called Elisabeth Town, where his father and grandfather had settled @ 1771. Around 1799 or a few years previously he had settled in Cumberland, Md. where three sisters of his father were living. Cumberland was the county seat of Allegany County - established out of Washington Co. on Dec. 25, 1789, and where the Census of 1800 lists him as a single resident. There he married Susanna Tomlinson, a local girl, on Mar. 28, 1806, had 2 children (John born Nov. 15, 1810 and Marie whose dates are not known), and died at the early age of 39 from unknown causes. His trade is not known nor his burial place but which is likely in the area of either Cumberland or Frostburg - the two main places of settlement of that day.

As he had no will, the estate was entered for intestate probate on June 9, 1813 by a John Tomlinson, Sr. - presumably his wife's father. The brief account can be found in Book A - page 146 in which he left 66 pounds, 3 shillings, and 7½ pence. Of the two children, nothing is known further presently of Marie; her brother, John, apparently went to live with his grandfather in Boonsboro. The descendants of this grandson, John (who was born in 1810), follow in the next section.

John - b. Nov. 15, 1810 - d. Jan. 11, 1881; married on Sept. 14, 1836 to Mary Dagenhart - b. Sept. 26, 1819 - d. Mar. 1, 1901. They lived in Boonsboro where he was a gunsmith, had 9 children, and are buried in Boonsboro cemetery.

Children:

1. Lucinda - b. Mar. 6, 1837 - d. May 26, 1837.
2. Christian Emory - b. Apr. 12, 1838 - d. Aug. 16, 1929; married Jan. 19, 1864 to Margaret Elizabeth "Lizzie" Albaugh - b. Feb. 21, 1840 - d. Feb. 3, 1917. He was born in Boonsboro, Washington Co., Md. as were all his sisters and brothers; his wife was born at Liberty Mills, Cecil Co., Md. They had 7 children - all born in Boonsboro also. Later they moved to Chicago in Cook Co., Illinois. He was a union veteran of the Civil War but the unit is not known. Buried: Elmwood Cemetery in Chicago, Ill.

Children:

- A. Louis Markwood - b. Apr. 26, 1866 - d. May 27, 1937; married Aug. 26, 1902 to Julia C. Olson Neutzel.
- B. John Edward - b. Nov. 15, 1868 - d. 1936; married Martha Kulp.
- C. Mary Elizabeth - b. Jan. 30, 1870 - d. July 31, 1958; married Oct. 17, 1893 to Emory F. Harmon.
- D. Francis Marion - b. Aug. 15, 1872 - d. July 3, 1920; married Aug. 19, 1900 to Stella May Gibson - b. May 9, 1876 - d. Sept. 11, 1946.

Children:

- a. Frank Gibson - b. Aug. 8, 1904; married Nov. 10, 1930 to Marie Ann Janovsky. They live in Manitowic, Wisconsin.
- b. Richard Fuller - b. May 17, 1910
- c. Harriet Stella - b. Nov. 23, 1912
- d. Alan John - b. June 12, 1919 - d. Aug. 7, 1928
- E. Robert Newton - b. Dec. 30, 1874 - d. Nov. 20, 1943; married Aug. 19, 1896 to Carrie B. Humphrey. He was a linotype operator.

Children:

- a. William
- b. Robert Humphrey - married in 1926 to Virginia McQuigan.

Children:

- (1) June Carrie - married Herbert Pasteur & lives in New Orleans. They have 3 children: Herbert, Jr., Philip Robert, and Katherine.
- (2) Robert Humphrey, Jr. - wife's name not known; lives in Paramount, Cal. and has 7 children: Robert H. III and Virginia (twins), Mary Ann Stonesifer House and Peggy Ann (twins), Thomas William, Sherry, and Diane.

(3) Thomas James - wife's name not known; lives in Manhattan Beach, Cal. and has 5 children: Pamela, Tamara, Thomas James, Jr., Cori Lynn, and Lori.

(4) Mary Ann - married Eugene Lee and lives in Torrance, Cal. and they have 4 children: Patricia Gene Lee Martin (who has a son Michael), Kathleen Diana Lee Dieterich (who has a son Daniel), William Eugene, and James Aubrey.

c. George Washington

d. Donald

F. Ralph - b. July 16, 1877

G. Fred - b. Mar. 20, 1880

3. Jacob Glassheimer (or Glassbrenner) - b. Feb. 11, 1841 - d. June 18, 1864; he was a Corporal in a Maryland Volunteers regiment of the Union Army, & was killed at Petersburg, Va. Buried: Boonsboro Cemetery.

4. John Rubush - b. Mar. 4, 1843 - d. Feb. 26, 1845

5. Robert - b. Aug. 17, 1845 - d. May of 1924; married Jan. 11, 1870 to Laura E. Harper.

6. Laura Marie - b. May 21, 1849 - d. Jan. 10, 1859.

7. Edwin Finley - b. June 30, 1852 - d. Mar. 11, 1853.

8. Charles Marion - b. July 30, 1858 - d. July 11, 1931; was married to Rosella Shafer. They lived in Roanoke, Virginia where he worked as a railroad station clerk, had 3 children born there, and they are buried in Roanoke.

Children:

A. Paul Shafer - b. Sept. 9, 1890; was married on Mar. 24, 1920 to Mildred Burnett. They lived in Roanoke where he had a high position in the National Exchange Bank, and they had two children.

Children:

a. Paul Shafer, Jr. - b. July 21, 1922; married Jan. 19, 1952 to Mary Joanna Sheckells - b. July 13, 1927 in Annapolis, Md. They live in the Baltimore area where he is a psychiatrist for the Harford Co. Health Dept. and she is a Public Health Nurse. They have 5 children.

Children:

(1) David Shafer - b. Jan. 4, 1953

(2) Lynn Wells - b. Feb. 29, 1956

(3) Joanna Sheckells - b. Apr. 5, 1957

(4) Charlotte Rebecca - b. Jan. 18, 1959

(5) Jennie Burnett - b. Dec. 23, 1960

- b. Sara Margaret - b. June 7, 1928; married in 1950 to Andrew Jackson Airheart, Jr. They live in Roanoke, Virginia and have 3 children. She is a substitute teacher.

Children:

- (1) Sara Rebecca - b. Sept. 5, 1954
- (2) Andrew Michael - b. Dec. 19, 1955
- (3) Mary Stonesifer - b. Feb. 15, 1961

B. Mary Victorine - b. May 28, 1886 - d. Mar. 20, 1896.

C. Rebecca Margaret - b. May 12, 1894; married on Oct. 1, 1919 to Roger Edwin Martz. They had no children.

9. Mary Elizabeth - b. Aug. 25, 1861; known as "Molly" she was the last of the 9 children of John and Mary Dagenhart Stonesifer of Boonsboro, Md. She was married to James C. Grantham, and they are said to be buried in Scottsdale, Pa.



TOMBSTONE OF JOHN DANIEL STONESIFER

(Old Cemetery, Silver Run, Md.)

The German Inscription and Its Translation

Hier Ruhet
 DANIEL STEINSAUFFERT
 Geborhan
 den 1sten December 1731
 Gestorben
 den 9th August 1813
 Alter
 82 Jahr 8 monathe & 9 tage

Here Lies
 DANIEL STONESIFER
 Born
 December 1, 1731
 Died
 August 9, 1813
 Aged
 82 Years 8 months & 9 days



JOHN DANIEL STONESIFER HOUSE - © 1561 - 1961

This house is said to be the one in Eiserfeld, Germany where John Daniel Stonesifer of Silver Run grew up, and from which he left (in 1752) to come to America. He was born in nearby Seelbach, and while he was still quite young his father moved the family to this place sometime in the 1730's.

The house appears to have an almost rural setting, and it has a large fenced-in garden in the foreground. The building seen beyond the house is definitely detached from it because the roof lines are not the same. Possibly this other building is a taller nearby house, but more likely it is either a barn or grist mill. As our John Daniel Stonesifer helped Martin Study to build a grist mill near Silver Run in 1763, he had mill knowledge. Also, John Daniel's son, Jacob, and Jacob's son, Jacob Jr., had been millers in Carroll Co. before they came to Pennsylvania in the early 1800's, thus indicating a family background in such a trade. As the area behind the house appears to have a number of trees which may have been an orchard, the place would seem to have once been on the outskirts of old Eiserfeld.

This picture was presented on May 25, 1983 to Judith E. Myers of Towson, Md., a 7th generation descendant of John Daniel Stonesifer, during a recent visit to Eiserfeld while on a trip through Germany. The Steinseifer lady who gave it to her, a Frau Mann (and whose mother is a Steinseifer), had written on the back of the photo the following information: "The old Steinseifer Haus raised (razed) in 1961, it was about 400 years old, older than the Steinseifers are in Eiserfeld."



OLD HOUSE IN EISERFELD, GERMANY

This combined house and barn was once thought to have been the home from which our Uncle Johannes Steinseifer left in 1749 to emigrate to America & settle in Culpepper, Va. Believed torn down in 1971, it still stands. The elderly lady pictured is Miss Emmy Steinseifer (now deceased). A Mrs. Emmy Steinseifer still lives in the house. As a number of Steinseifers lived in the Eiserfeld area at the time our ancestors emigrated from there, it is entirely possible that this old house was lived in by one or more members of our family at some time in its existence. Photo: Stonecypher Family Bulletin, 6.

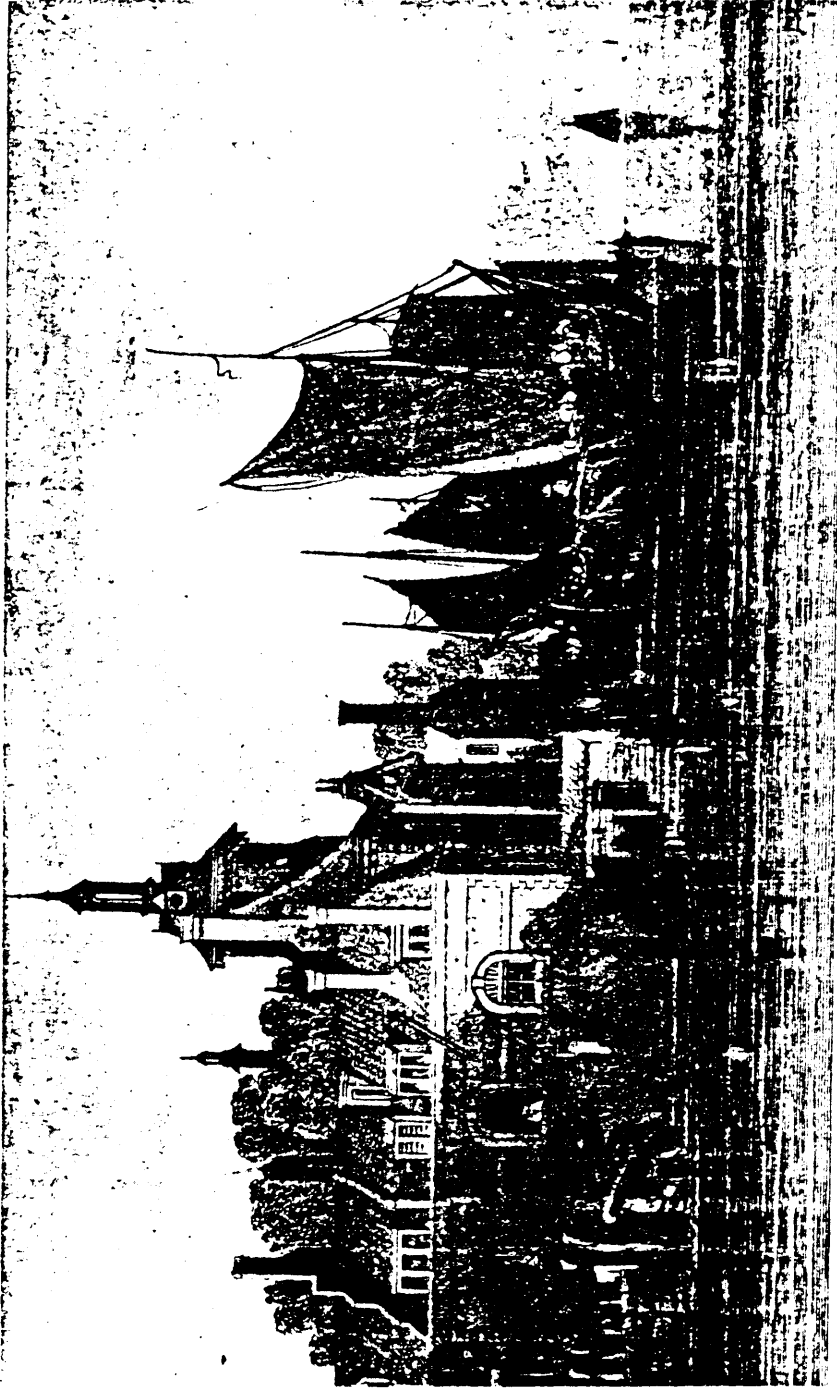


This is a side view of the house (top of page) taken in May of 1983. Here the barn part on the far end with its 3 doors is clearly visible. Despite the recent renovations (bottom) of roof dormer & 1 window for 2 on ground floor, the front of this old house when compared with the front of the John Daniel House (preceding page) are strikingly similar. However, the John Daniel House has a detached building beyond it. Both houses were probably constructed by the same builders some 400 years ago. Photo: Judith E. Myers.



EISERFELD, GERMANY

This is a present day picture of the town of Eiserfeld which has been associated with the Steinseifer - Stonesifer family for hundreds of years. The view is from a color postcard sent to the writer by Judith E. Myers - a cousin and Stonesifer descendant who visited there in May of 1983. In the original picture it can be made out much more clearly that among the many modern houses are numerous buildings that appear to be quite ancient. The town is part of the modern complex of Siegen and the area has an over all population that probably exceeds 60,000 people.



Harbor of Rotterdam, from which most of the Emigrant Ships left
(Engraved by S. Lacey)



Sailing Vessel of the Eighteenth Century
(From Scull's Map of Pennsylvania, 1754)

This print is said to depict the general type of ship in which a great many of the immigrants came to America through the 1700's.

Johann Michael
 John Ludwig Simonson
 Johan Ewers Simonson
 Johann Michaelson
 Martin & Kretter
 Johann Daniel Steinseiffer ✓
 Jacob Diering Steinseiffer
 Hermannus & Limper
 Hieronimus Anegderonson
 J. Michael & Kretter

SIGNATURE of DANIEL STONESIFER

The sixth name down from the top on the above list is the personally written signature of "Johann Danniell Steinseiffer" - our immigrant ancestor.

Effective Sept. 21, 1727, the British authorities in Philadelphia had stated that all male immigrants 16 years and up were required to sign an Oath of Allegiance. Two years later, effective Aug. 19, 1729, immigrants were required to also sign two additional oaths, in order to further insure against political or religious disturbance. The full text of these documents is given in the following material.

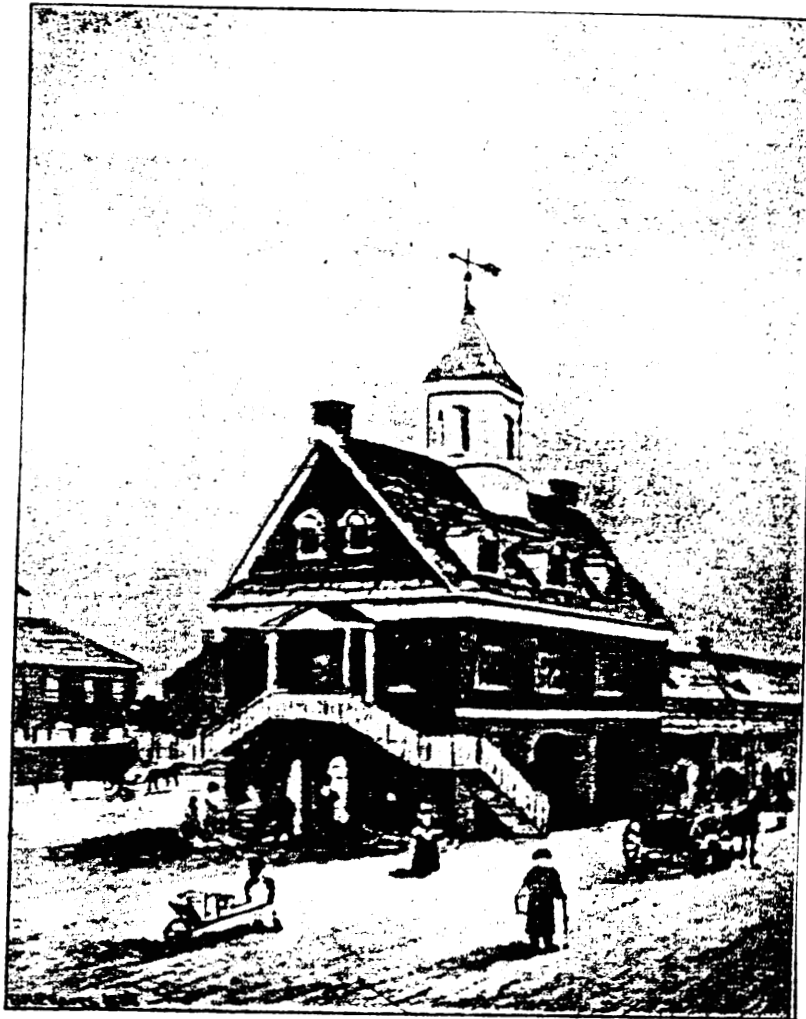
OATH of ALLEGIANCE

"We Subscribers, Natives and Late Inhabitants of the Palatinate upon the Rhine & Places adjacent, having transported ourselves and Families into this Province of Pensilvania, a Colony subject to the Crown of Great Britain, in hopes and Expectation of finding a Retreat & peaceable Settlement therein, Do Solemnly promise & Engage, that We will be faithful & bear true Allegiance to his present MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE SECOND, and his Successors, Kings of Great Britain, and will be faithful to the Proprietor of this Province; and that we will demean ourselves peaceably to all His said Majesties Subjects, and strictly observe & conform to the Laws of England and of this Province, to the utmost of our Power and best of our understanding."

OATHS OF ABJURATION

" I _____ do solemnly & sincerely promise & declare that I will be true & faithful to King George the Second and do solemnly sincerely and truly Profess Testifie & Declare that I do from my Heart abhor, detest & renounce as impious & heretical that wicked Doctrine & Position that Princes Excommunicated or deprived by the Pope or any Authority of the See of Rome may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects or any other whatsoever. And I do declare that no Forreign Prince Person Prelate State or Potentate hath or ought to have any Power Jurisdiction Superiority Preeminence or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within the Realm of Great Britain or the Dominions thereunto belonging."

" I _____ do solemnly sincerely and truly acknowledge profess testify & declare that King George the Second is lawful & rightful King of the Realm of Great Britain & of all others his Dominions & Countries thereunto belonging, And I do solemnly & sincerely declare that I do believe the Person pretending to be Prince of Wales during during the Life of the late King James, and since his Decease pretending to be & taking upon himself the Stile & Title of King of England by the Name of James the third, or of Scotland by the Name of James the Eighth or the Stile & Title of King of Great Britain hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of the Realm of Great Britain, nor any other the Dominions thereunto belonging. And I do renounce & refuse any Allegiance or obedience to him & do solemnly promise that I will be true and faithful, & bear true allegiance to King George the Second & to him will be faithful against all traiterous Conspiracies & attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his Person Crown & Dignity & I will do my best Endeavours to disclose & make known to King George the Second & his Successors all Treasons and traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know to be made against him or any of them. And I will be true and faithful to the Succession of the Crown against him the said James & all other Persons whatsoever as the same is & stands settled by An Act Entituled An Act declaring the Rights & Liberties of the Subject & settling the Succession of the Crown to the late Queen Anne & the Heirs of her Body being Protestants, and as the same by one other Act Entituled An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown & better securing the Rights & Liberties of the subject is & stands settled & entailed after the Decease of the said late Queen, & for Default of Issue of the said late Queen, to the late Princess Sophia Electoress & Dutchess Dowager of Hanover & the Heirs of her Body being Protestants; and all these things I do plainly & sincerely acknowledge promise & declare according to these express Words by me spoken & according to the plain & common Sense and understanding of the same Words without any Equivocation mental Evasion or secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition Acknowledgement Renunciation & Promise heartily willingly & truly."



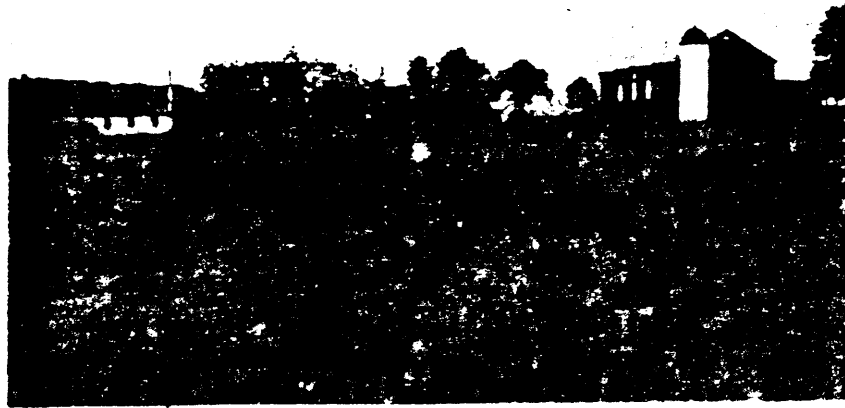
Court House at Philadelphia, in which Oath of Allegiance was signed
(From Drawing in The Historical Society of Pennsylvania)

This building was constructed @ 1707 at Second and Market Streets, and it had a useful existence till pulled down in 1837. Newly arrived immigrants were brought here from their ships to sign the required oath until the State House (later known as Independence Hall) was completed in 1745. Christophel Banckert, the immigrant grandfather of many of us, and who was the grandfather of John Daniel Stonesifer's wife - Maria Elizabeth, signed the Oath of Allegiance in this Court House on Aug. 24, 1728.



A View of the State-House in Philadelphia.

This old print by Nicholas Scull dates from © 1752. It shows how the building, which later became famous as Independence Hall, appeared a few years after its construction was completed. Begun in 1732, it was finished in 1745. From that time on the newly arrived immigrants subject to signing the Oath of Allegiance were brought here to do so. The building would have looked like this to John Daniel Stonesifer when he entered it on Friday, Sept. 22, 1752 to sign the oath.



ANDREW SHRIVER HOME SITE

The house and farm buildings shown in this picture are said to be located on the site of the original settlement in 1734 of Andrew & Anna Maria Kaser (Keiser) Shriver, and who are regarded as the first permanent settlers of the Littlestown area.

Their "plantation" of more than 100 acres was located some 2-3 miles east of the Littlestown of today, and ● a mile or so northwest of Christ Church where both are buried.

In 1828 the heirs of Andrew Shriver sold their home property to a George Basehoar, Sr., and it has descended down to the present day through heirs of the Basehoar family. The property sale was made on Mar. 29, 1828, and it is recorded in Adams Co. Deed Book M on page 464.

A spring house and utility house on the farm are said to date from the time of the Shriver settlement. A clearer picture of this view can be seen on page 10 of the 98 page handbook entitled Historic Adams County, Pennsylvania - A Pictorial Record published in Gettysburg in 1950 by the Adams County Sesqui-Centennial Committee.

Research appears to indicate that Anna Eva, wife of Christophel Banckert, was a Shriver, and that she was an aunt of Andrew Shriver. The Banckert family arrived in the area about the same time as the Shrivvers, and practically all of our Stonesifer-Yingling-Banckert family members back through the years can claim the original Banckert couple as immigrant grandparents. Through the years these three families and the Shrivvers were very close, and undoubtedly early family members were familiar with the general area the above scene depicts.



AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH, TRAPPE, PA.

Two exterior & one interior views of the oldest, unaltered Lutheran church in the United States, and built in 1743. It is said that our Yingling ancestors helped in its financing & construction (see page 6).



JOSEPH KENDLEHART

CHRIST REFORMED CHURCH - NEAR LITTLESTOWN, PA.

Christ Church was founded @ May 4, 1747 by Rev. Michael Schlatter, an early Pennsylvania pioneer pastor of the German Reformed Church. It has been called the mother of the Reformed churches of the area, and is now a part of the United Church of Christ denomination. Prior to the date of organization, for over ten years numerous members of this faith had been settling in the area.

Since its founding, the church has been situated three miles east of Littlestown & just north of the present Hanover-Littlestown highway. In earlier years this road was the Monocacy Road which took travelers from York and the east to Frederick, Md.

The first church building was a small, log structure built @ 1755. It had no plastering between the logs, had log stools without backs for seats, and there were no stoves in the church for warmth. Later the number of members became so large that it was necessary to add another part to the church which, when added, caused the structure to be somewhat in the form of a cross.

In 1798 the log structure was replaced by a brick building which was erected on the same site. This church was given substantial repairs in 1834 which enabled it to be almost maintenance free till 1877.

In 1877 this old building was extensively renovated. The back of the church was extended 25 feet, the walls and roof were raised 4 feet which resulted in structure becoming a two-story building, the internal arrangements were modernized, & a cupola or bell tower and a fine bell were added. This is the Christ Church pictured above. Except for the rear extension (which was built over a number of graves) the main walls were those of the

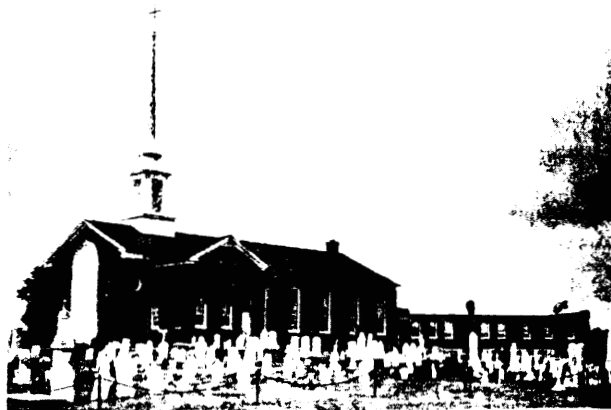
church of 1798. The bell that was installed served the church till 1935 when it was necessary to be replaced.

In 1896 substantial interior renovations were made, and among the changes were the following: a huge chandelier which at first had kerosene lights but was later electrified, the Auditorium floor was raised, new and more comfortable pews were installed, a new chancel was made and new pulpit furniture secured, and a pipe organ was purchased that was referred to as "a monster organ that can make the windows rattle." At this time a new roof was also added. In later years some minor renovations were made as the necessity demanded.

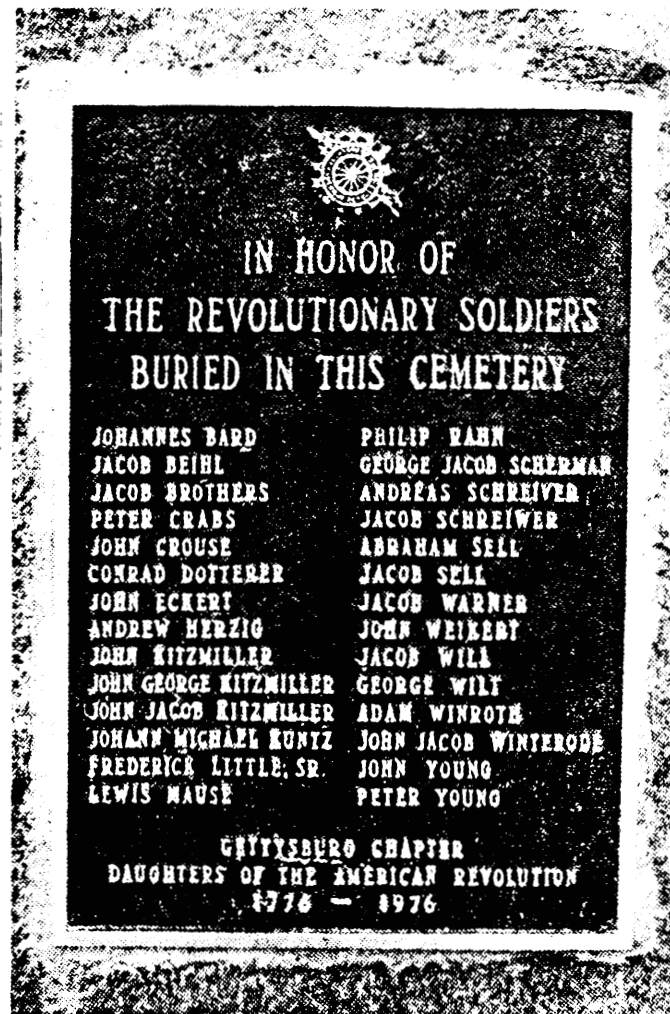
Thus, "Old Christ Church" as it was so often called, was a loved and familiar part of the countryside from 1798 till 1963 when it was torn down after a newer and larger church was built nearby. The last church service held in it was on Sunday, Apr. 7, 1963. However, the outlines of this old church can still be seen today by the chain and posts which mark where the walls stood. Also, the large, red stone doorstep that all persons had to use before passing through the main entrance still rests in its original position.

Sad to relate, in recent times, church officials and many church members have had little or no knowledge or appreciation of Christ Church's past, and they often have treated with contempt persons who have cherished such understandings.

Christ Church is important to our family history because for many years it was the first church home of our Stonesifer relationship. Even after other churches were established in the area, such as St. Mary's Church at Silver Run, Stonesifer family members continued to maintain relationship with Christ Church through the years down to the present time, and quite a few family members are buried there.



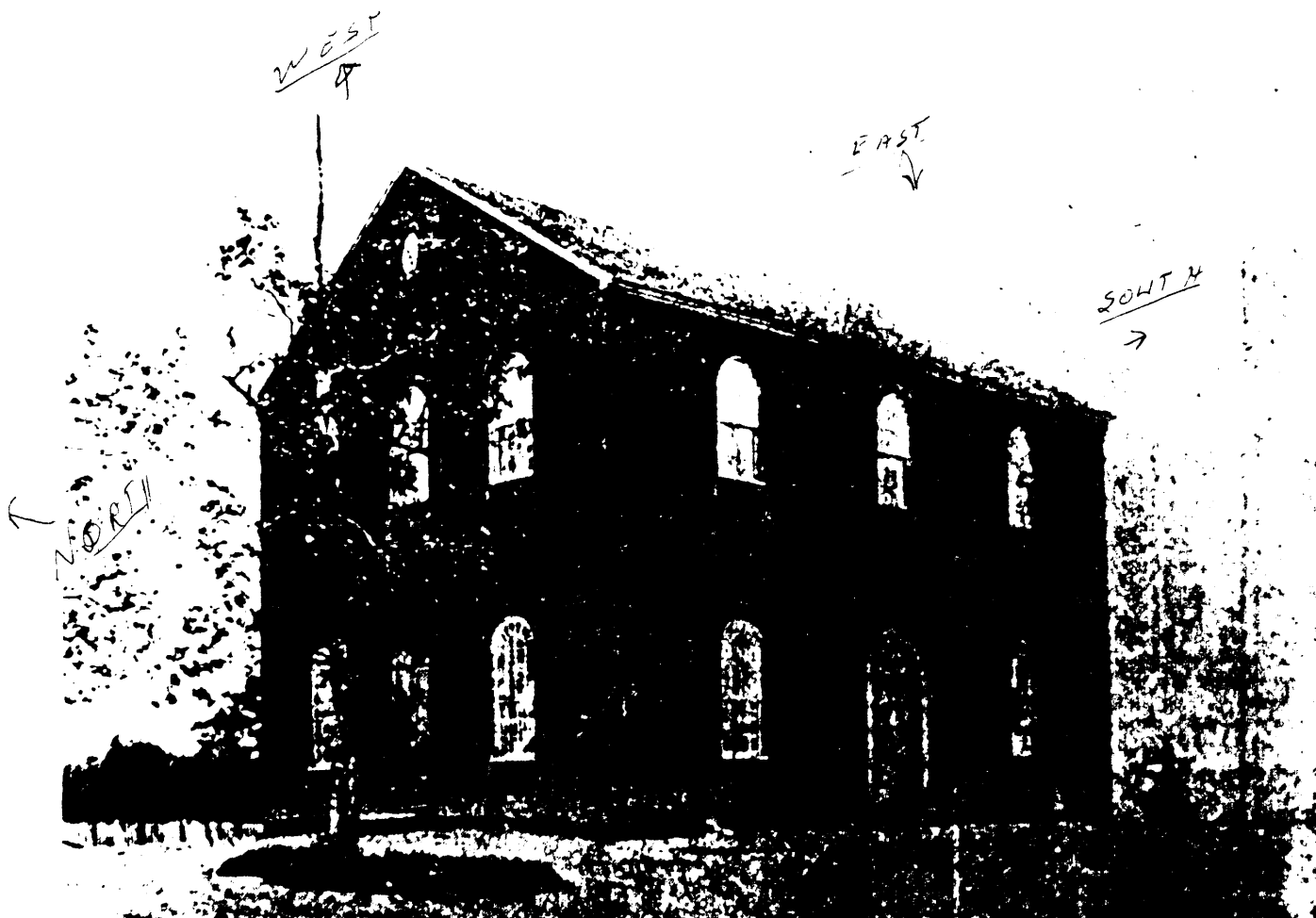
CHRIST CHURCH TODAY



HELPED FOUND NATION — Pictured above is a plaque bearing names of the Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in Christ Church Cemetery near Littlestown. The marker was dedicated Sunday morning by the Gettysburg chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. (Times Photo)

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS BURIED AT CHRIST CHURCH

This plaque was dedicated on Sunday morning, Aug. 15, and is located a few yards north of the site of "Old Christ Church." Of the 28 names inscribed, 8 of them are presently known to have Stonesifer descendants. The family names being Kitzmiller, Little, Schriver, and Sell.



1822 - SECOND CHURCH BUILDING - 1902

ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN & REFORMED CHURCH, SILVER RUN

The 1st church building was a small log one erected in the spring of 1762. In 1821 a much larger & more adequate 2nd church building made of brick was started, and it was completed in 1822. The log church had stood in a slight depression about 200 feet northwest of the new church. The church of 1822 is the one pictured above as seen from the southeast, and it served both of the congregations for many years. It was situated where the parking lot is now located across the road from the St. Mary's Reformed Church of today.

This church had 3 doors, these being on the north, east and south sides. The pulpit, elevated above the main floor about 8 or 9 feet and reached by circular stairways on each side, was in the middle of the west side of the room. Above the pulpit was a large circular sounding board - suspended from the ceiling by an ornate iron rod. The greatest length of the room was from north to south. A large gallery was around 3 sides facing the pulpit. The room was heated by 2 stoves, but as there was no chimney provided, the stove pipes ended when they reached the upper area, & smoke had to work itself out through the openings and crevices provided in or near the ceiling.

In 1890 the Reformed congregation started a handsome new brick church across the road from the old one, which they occupied in 1893. Then in 1894 the Lutherans began building a beautiful new stone church a few hundred feet east of the Reformed church, which they occupied in 1896. In 1902 the old, historic St. Mary's Church at Silver Run was taken down.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH - INTERIOR VIEW

This view is from the south side looking across the room to the north. The round railing in the center encloses the altar; the railed risings are with the steps leading up to the "wine-glass pulpit."

Also pictured are the two cast iron stoves with their tin stove pipes which joined - then went upwards and pierced the ceiling overhead, there depositing all the smoke and soot in the upper story between the ceiling and the roof where it worked its way out through holes and crevices that had been especially made.

The building never had a chimney, and as they always burned wood, it is remarkable that the church never burned down from escaping sparks. In the rear of the auditorium on the right can be seen a steps leading to the balconies. Presumably there was an identical steps opposite it on the south side.



REV. JACOB GEIGER

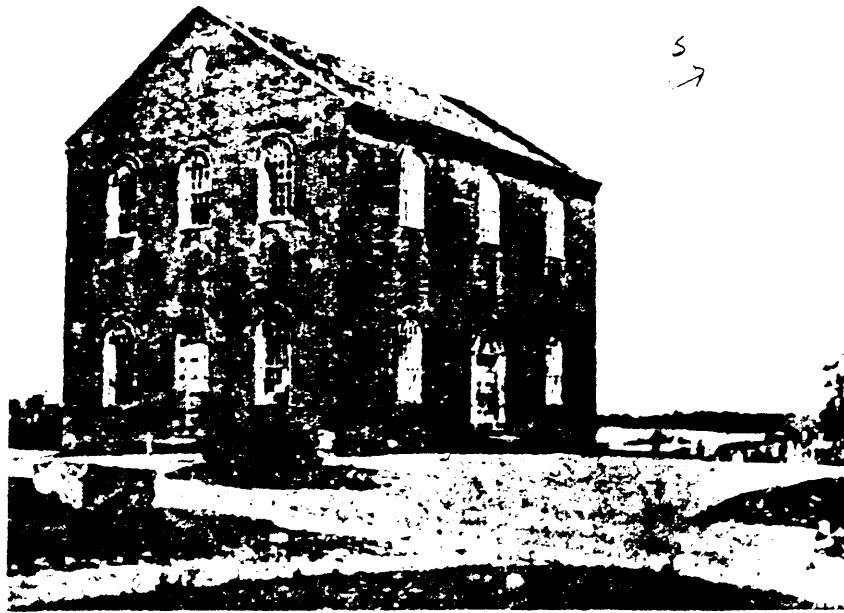
Served 1817-1848 Period

Born in Allentown, Pa. on Oct. 17, 1793, he was in all likelihood baptized in Zion Reformed Church there. In the cellar of this church the Liberty Bell and other bells of Philadelphia were secreted @ Sept. 25, 1777 at the time the British occupied that city in the Revolutionary War.

He was licensed to preach in the spring of 1817. On Apr. 20 of that same year he accepted a call from the Manchester charge of the Reformed Churches in that area of Maryland. This charge included St. Mary's of Silver Run, St. Benjamin's near Westminster, and Jerusalem in Bachman's Valley.

He journeyed about his work mainly on horseback, & is said to have carried with him a medicine satchel so that he could minister to the needs of the body as well as those of the soul. A tall, strongly built man with great mental ability, he was eminently suited to his calling. His carefully kept diary states that he baptized 3,714, confirmed 1,668, married 772 couples, and officiated at 1,030 funerals. He was instrumental in having the second church of St. Mary's at Silver Run built in 1821. The congregations that he served were: Zion's (Manchester) and Frieden's in then Baltimore Co., Md.; Jerusalem, Benjamin's, and St. Mary's in then Frederick Co., Md.; and St. David's and St. Jacob's in York Co., Pa.

He lived with his family in Manchester, Md., and was active in his work till about two weeks before his death when illness caused him to become bedfast. He died on Thursday night, Oct. 19, 1848, aged 55 years and 2 days, having spent his entire ministry - some 31 years - in the same charge. It is said that from two to three thousand persons attended his burial.



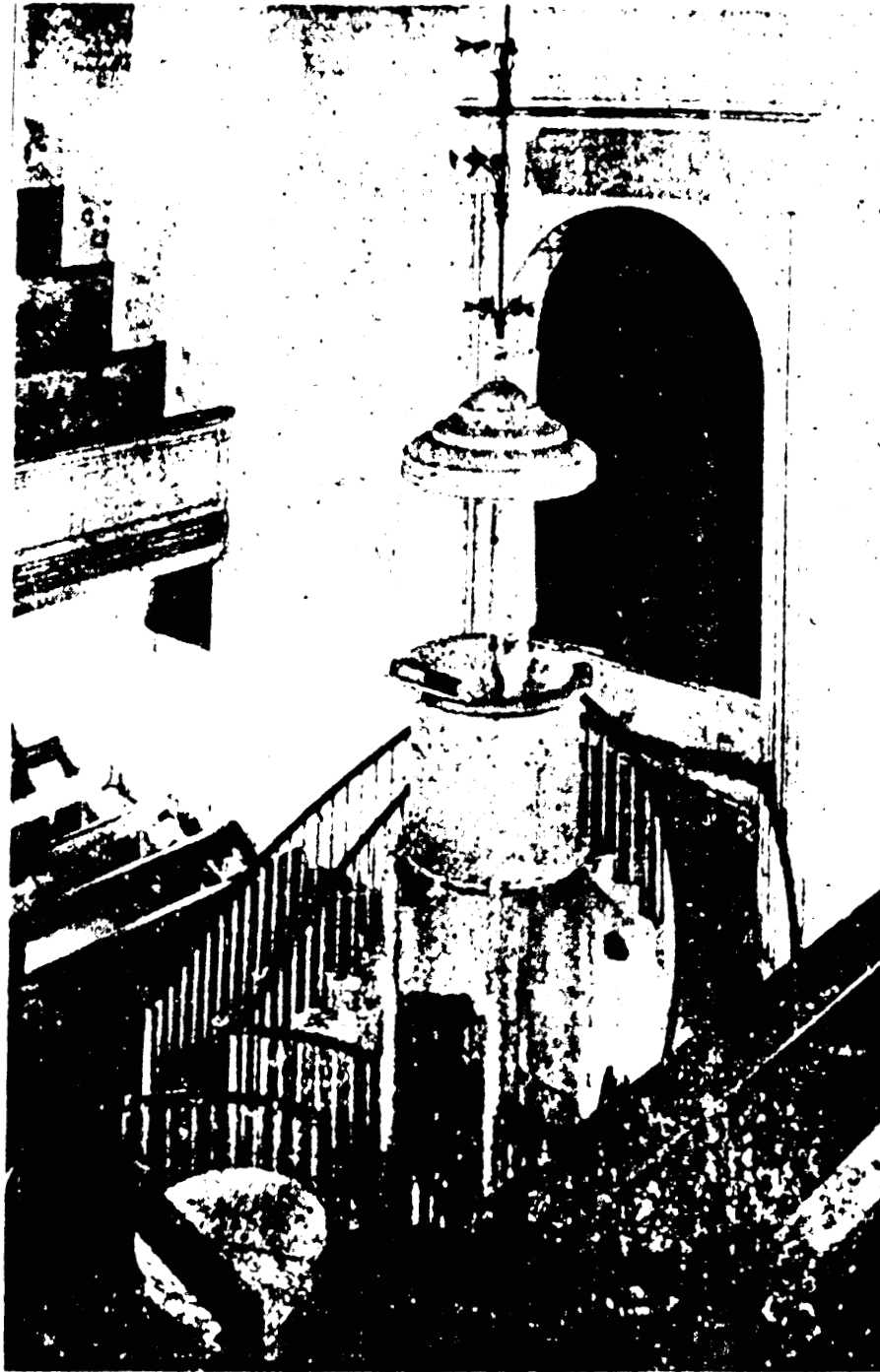
ST. MARY'S CHURCH - © 1902

This view of St. Mary's Church is slightly different from the previous one. Possibly the picture was taken just prior to its removal, as a tree at the front as well as at the back are missing.

The building was erected in 1821-22 at a cost of about \$2,500. The main entrance was in the center of the long wall pictured, and which faced the east. This entrance directly faced the pulpit mounted high on the opposite west wall. The pulpit was surrounded on three sides by steep galleries and rows of pews on the main floor. The pews were straight-backed. An altar table, fenced in, was directly in front of the pulpit. Heat was obtained from two cast iron stoves.

In its day St. Mary's was regarded as "the finest country church in Carroll County." It is believed to have had a seating capacity of 600. Incidentally, Carroll Co. was legally formed on Mar. 25, 1836 from parts of both Frederick and Baltimore counties.

Education for school age children at that time was usually provided by the church of a community. Thus, © 1846-7 a school house was built by St. Mary's a short distance north of the church in what is now the new cemetery - at a cost of \$511.72. However, at about that time Carroll County instituted school districts, and so the school building was rented to the county for that purpose for some years. Later the building was converted into a dwelling, and was occupied by the church sexton. He was obliged to pay an annual rent of \$20.00, and at the same time he received \$9.00 a year for his services. As this building stood in the way of development of the new cemetery as the years progressed, it was removed in 1895.



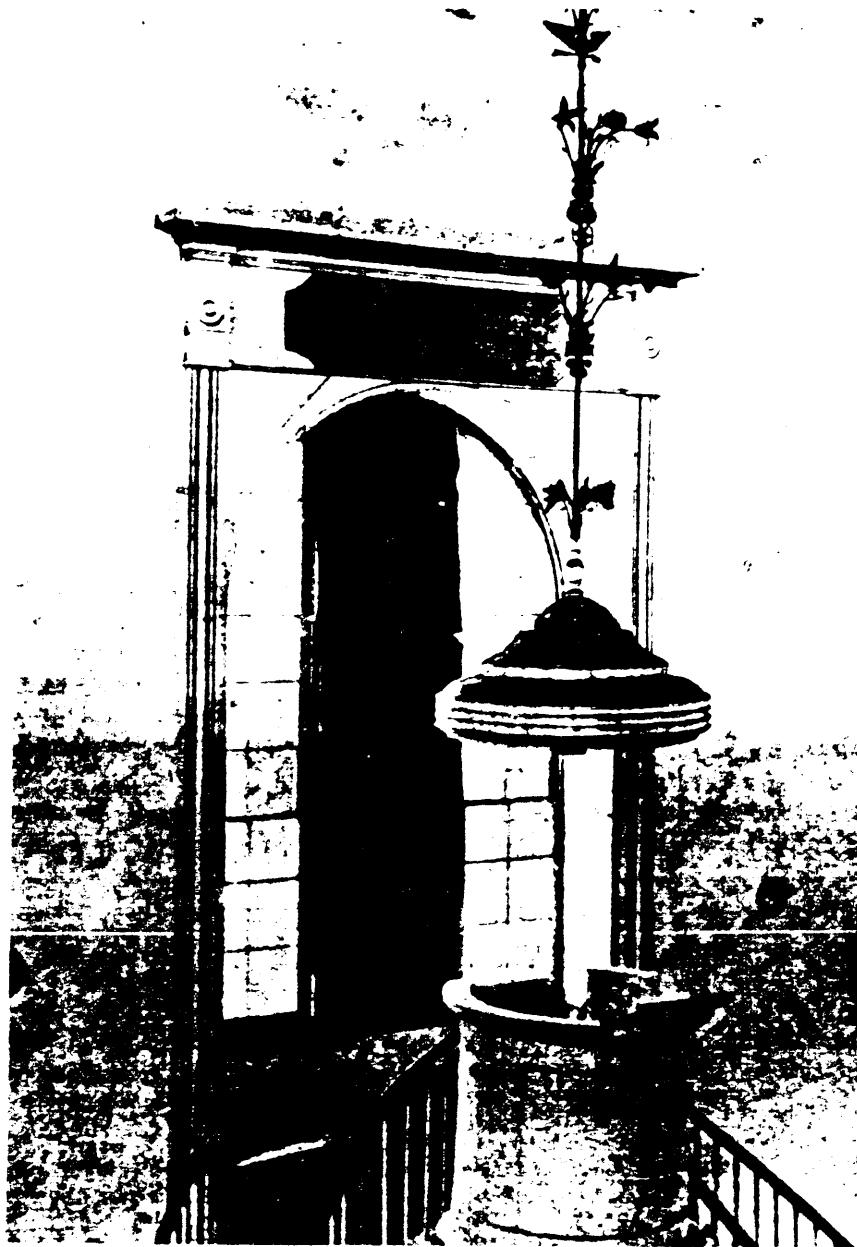
THE WINE-GLASS PULPIT

This is an interior view of the second church building at Silver Run. The most interesting thing depicted here is what was called a "wine-glass pulpit." Quite common in churches of an earlier America, such an object is a rarity today. The pulpit, which we see, was placed half way between the galleries and floors on small, round pillars, with the winding stair-way leading thereto and the large, round sounding board suspended within a few feet from the top by a stout iron rod, made to represent a sun-flower stalk with its leaves and flowers hanging from the sides.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH - PULPIT AREA

Seen here is the "wine-glass" pulpit with the circular stairways on both sides rising up to it. Below the pulpit and between its two supporting pillars can be seen the chair the pastor sat on. The pulpit is surmounted by a sounding board, a primitive means of amplification, and which hung from the ceiling by an ornately decorated iron rod. Behind the pulpit was an arch above which was the German inscription "Allein Zu Gottes Ehre" - to God's glory alone. This inscription was preserved by the Reformed congregation, now United Church of Christ, when it erected its own church. Between the pulpit and one of the two stoves is the fenced-in altar - a spot to which many members of our Stonesifer relationship came to be baptized or married between the years 1822 to 1896.



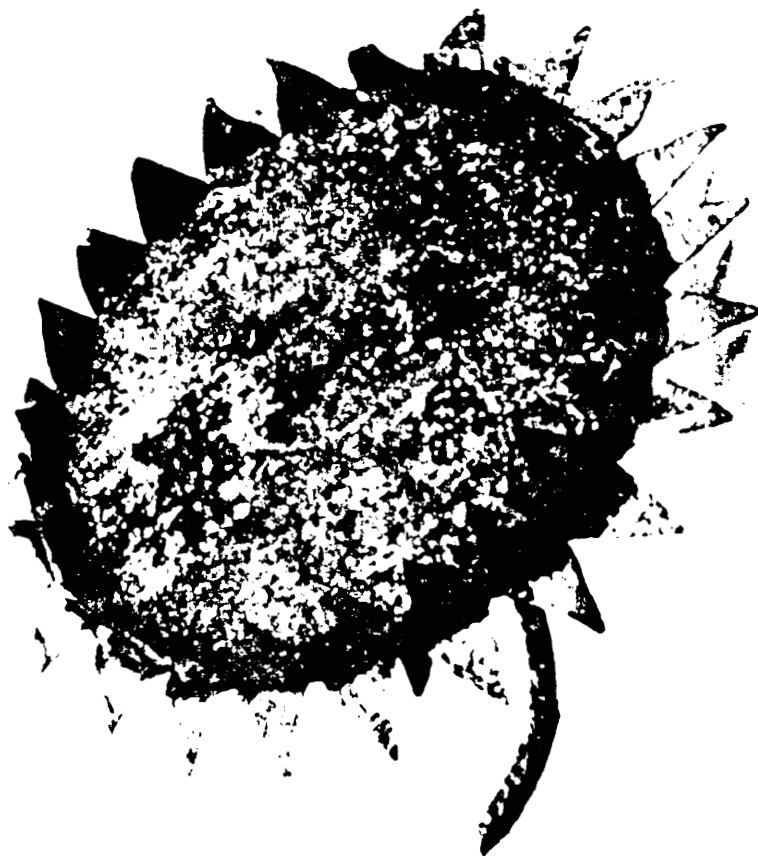
ST. MARY'S CHURCH - THE PULPIT

Pictured here is the pulpit, its sounding board with the uniquely decorated iron rod support, and the plaque above the arch on which the German phrase previously quoted is inscribed.

The church was widely known for the collection of flowers, fashioned from tin, which adorned the iron pole carrying the sounding board. The flowers (from 7 to 15 inches in length) were the careful creation of a tinsmith - reputed to be a migrant. When the church was demolished in 1902 and its furnishings sold, various local families acquired one or two flowers as a keepsake. The next two pages have illustrations of some of these flowers.



Some of the tin flowers that decorated the iron pole carrying the sounding board previously illustrated.



Front and back view of a sunflower from the iron pole



ST. MARY'S CHURCH - OLD AND NEW CEMETERIES

The first church site was to the left of where the bare trees stand. The second church stood on top of the hill, behind the old cemetery as seen in the foreground, but in front of the Lutheran parsonage in the right center background. The Reformed Church is on the extreme right, the Lutheran Church is several hundred feet to the east. Mayberry Road runs in front of both churches and separates them from the old sites.

The old St. Mary's cemetery in the center foreground was utilized from 1762 till the early 1880's. The new cemetery is located on the hill beyond the site of the first church.

Both cemeteries were renovated in 1907. The picket fences around both were removed and replaced by a thornless hedge. In the old cemetery the tombstones were straightened, and all thorns, shrubberies, & obstructions removed. The cemetery was then sodded with lawn grass. A number of years later all the old cemetery's tombstones were taken from their original locations and lined up back-to-back in two long rows as seen today.



"A"—Site of Original Church.

Present Reformed Church and Parsonage on left.

"B"—Site of Church built 1821.





JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Jerusalem Church was founded @ 1797 as a joint house of worship by the Lutheran and Reformed people living in the Bachman Valley area of what is now Carroll Co., Md. In earlier years it was also known as Bower's Church and Bachman's Church. In 1863 the original log church was replaced by the handsome brick structure pictured above, and in which the windows are of beautiful stained glass.

The adjoining cemetery is contemporary with the church, and has a number of our Stonesifer-Yingling-Bankert family members buried there. Like the old cemetery at Silver Run, the tombstones in the older portion have been removed from their original position and arranged in rows. In 1894 a new cemetery was commenced about a mile west of the church, and which is known as the John Luther Miller Memorial Cemetery. It is located on top of a hill from which one has a spectacular view of that part of Bachman Valley. The cemetery in the past was completely lined on all four sides by tall pines which, unfortunately, are now dying off.

Some time around the end of the preceding century, or in the early 1900's, the Reformed congregation is said to have sold out their share in the church to the Lutheran side. Some Reformed members then joined themselves to Krider's Reformed Church near Westminster while others joined the Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

Jerusalem Church is located on the Bachman Valley road, and is about half way between the road from Hanover to Manchester, Md. and the road from Littlestown to Westminster.



GREAT GRANDPA ISRAEL STONESIFER AND
ELAINE - GETTYSBURG - 1911

ISRAEL STONESIFER

Apr. 12, 1839 - Sept. 25, 1928

This is the only known picture of him at present. He lived for many years in Gettysburg, Pa. where he was Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds for Adams Co., and also served as Assistant Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park. One of five brothers who served in the Civil War, he helped to recruit & organize two companies of infantry for the Union Army, and he himself served as a 1st Lieutenant in Co. D, 165th Pa. Infantry (see also page 70).



JAMES H. STONESIFER

Jan. 7, 1836 - Aug. 29, 1910

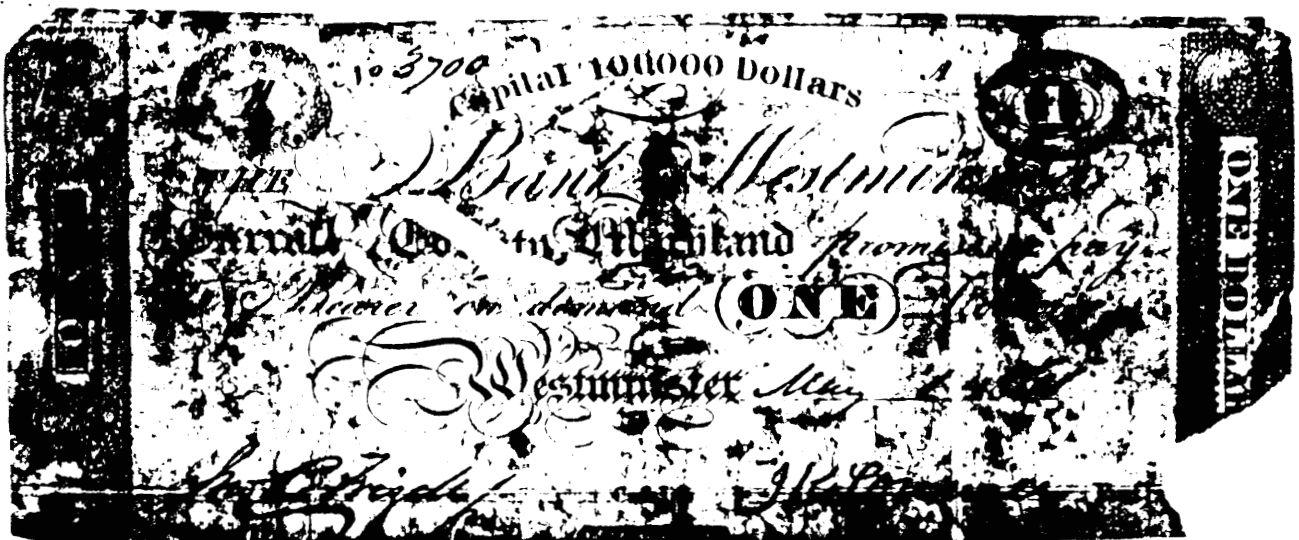
He lived near McSherrystown, Pa., and served twice in the Civil War: first as a Corporal in Co. H, 165th Pa. Regt.; then as a Private in Co. G, 209th Pa. Infantry (see also page 93).



JACOB H. STONESIFER

Jan. 4, 1833 - July 2, 1919

He lived several miles south of Hanover, and served for a short time in the Union Army of the Civil War - unit unknown. (See also pp. 149-151).



CIVIL WAR ONE DOLLAR BILL

This is a one dollar money certificate issued by the Bank of Westminster on May 1, 1861 which Jacob H. Stonesifer carried in his billfold at the time of his military service.



ELIZABETH BANKERT CASHMAN

(Photo of © 1855-60)

Born Apr. 16, 1813 - died Oct. 24, 1890, she was a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Stonesifer Bankert. Her mother was the 13th child of John Daniel Stonesifer, our immigrant grandfather. Her father was the grandson of Jacob Bankert, only son of Christophel and Anna Eva Bankert, our immigrant grandparents (and from whom John Daniel's wife, Maria Elizabeth, was descended). Elizabeth, the lady pictured, married a John Cashman and they lived and farmed near New Chester, Adams Co., Pa.

Elizabeth Bankert Cashman was not quite 4 months old when her grandfather, John Daniel Stonesifer, died (1731-1813), and she was © 8 years old when her grandmother Stonesifer, Maria Elizabeth, died (1743-1821). No dates are presently known for her grandmother Bankert, but she was © 11 years old when her grandfather Bankert, John Jacob, died (1746-1824). Thus it appears most probable that our cousin, Elizabeth, was seen and held by both sets of grandparents, had some personal recollections of them, and that the over all time span of the years of personal contact was from 1731-1890. This picture comes from a history of the Cashman family made some years ago. (Further specific background on her is found in this manuscript on pages 2, 5, 7, 9-15, 106, 191, 199)



CHARLES H. CROWL

Charles Crowl celebrates 105th birthday

Charles Hampton Crowl, a resident of Homewood Retirement Center, 11 York St., will celebrate his 105th birthday June 30.

Crowl, who has lived at Homewood since November 1978, was born in 1878 in Frizzelburg, Md., son of the late David H. and Julia Ann Bankert Crowl. He lived in the Westminster-Silver Run, Md.

area most of his life.

He is the father of two sons, Joseph Edward Crowl of Hanover and Charles W. Crowl of Westminster. He was a farmer until his retirement in 1968.

Crowl is a member of St. Mary's United Church of Christ in Silver Run, Md. and a member of the Moose Lodge.

He is a 4th generation direct descendant of John Daniel Stonesifer, the immigrant, and a 6th generation direct descendant of Christophel Banckert, the immigrant. (See pp. 106-112 for background material.)



HISTORIC HOMESTEAD—This is the Shriver Homestead and Mill at Union Mills in Myers District of Carroll County. The Homestead, which is open to tours, figured in Civil War

history when both Confederate and Union troops stopped there to refresh themselves withing a few hours of each other. (Photo Courtesy of Historical Society of Carroll County)

UNION MILLS HOMESTEAD PROPERTY

The site shown is that of the original location of the grist mill that John Jacob Bankert built in the middle of the 1750's and operated until his death in 1789. His heirs sold the mill property in 1797 to 2 brothers, Andrew and David Shriver, sons of David Shriver, and grandsons of Andrew Shriver - the 1st permanent settler of the Littlestown area in 1733-34. The mansion house was built by Andrew shortly after acquiring the property. The log mill was replaced some years later by the brick one shown, and it is said to be on practically the same spot as the Bankert mill.

In the History of the Shriver Family: 1684-1888, compiled by Samuel S. Shriver, Abridged and Revised Bicentennial Edition by Robert Campbell Shriver - 1976, it states that "at the time of purchase the improvements were a log grist mill and a primitive log house." The house mentioned is presumably the old, clapboarded log structure standing near the brick mill, located just to the left and out of sight in the picture. This log house, called "the miller's house", would have been Jacob Bankert's residence, and thus, in a sense, the "homestead" of all Bankert related descendants of this area. The name Union Mills is said to be derived from the union of the two brothers in the joint operation of the mill property which they greatly expanded.



CARROLL COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Built in 1837, the various departments of County govt. were housed here till @ 1980 when most of them were moved to a new county office building about a block north. The old building is now undergoing renovation & restoration.



REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE - OLD COURT HOUSE

This office was located on the 1st floor to the left just inside the main entrance - from 1837 to @ 1980. The Register of Wills, Reese Leppo Starner (a Stonesifer descendant), is standing in the foreground. He completed 50 combat missions in W.W. II as part of a crew on a B-17 bomber, and his help in researching this family history has been invaluable.

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