

# CHRISTIAN OBERHOLTZER of Hempfield Twp.

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## EUROPEAN INTRODUCTION

### **SIX OBERHOLTZER EMIGRANTS FROM WALD, SWITZERLAND**

There are several places in the district of Wald which the Oberholtzer families lived. But the original homestead was in the town of Oberholz; it is also called the Upper House typically by the Alemanni families.

The Upper House families stayed Catholic (at least till the 20th Century). The valley families became Protestant. The younger generation moved to the "unter" (or Lower) House. This was at the Aa (meaning Spring) in the valley. As time progressed, a village grew up on the lower side of the Aa, and it became Aathal. The town of Wald is north, down the thal or valley from Aathal.

The family of Oberholz worshiped in the Catholic Church of Eschenbach, on the west side of the ridge. Some church records still exist. This changed when there were enough people to build the Chapel in Oberholz.

Some moved to Goldingen, remaining Catholic; with its first chapel in 1667. And some moved to St Gallenkappel, both toward Lake Zürich. Some of the Catholic Oberholzer family moved to Uznach, at the pass along the southern end of Lake Zürich.

V-1 Mr & Mrs Oberholtzer	Lived in Lower House, Aathal (Valley of the Spring), Wald, Switzerland	
IV-1 Jacob Oberholtzer	1537 Wald - d aft 1568	6 children
	m bef 1559 Annli Cuntz	- d aft 1568
III-2 Matheus Oberholtzer	Jan 1561 Wald - Living in Aa 1582	11 children
	m Sept 11, 1580 in Wald to Annli Strehlerin	Aathal, Wald, Zürich, SWI -
II-6 Marti Oberholtzer	1595 Wald, Zürich - Drowned by Zwinglians 1670	9 children
	m bef 1633 Margaretha Schollenberger c1595 Zürich - Aa, Wald, Zürich, SWI	

The following I generation is labeled with Capital alphabet letters for the 6 emigrants.

There were 3 other children not mentioned here.

I--A Jacob Oberholzer	Feb 1, 1620 - bap Jan 23, 1625 - d aft 1683	
	Emigrated from Wald in 1657, aged 32 years	
	Jacob was the brother of Margaret's husband Marx Oberholtzer.	
	Jacob was a Wiedertauffer at Immelhausenhof in 1663	
	m Jan 27, 1646 Anna Buchman of Mettmenstetten c1626 -	
	d/o Casper (Anabaptist) and Vreni nee Wyss Buchman	
1--1 Hans Jacob Oberholzer	Dec 20, 1646 -	m Nov 7, 1676 Lisabet Nauer
1--2 Samuel Oberholtzer	c1644 - bap Oct 27, 1647 - d Nov 12, 1705 Immelhausen Hoff	
	Wiedertauffer, aged 61 years	
2--1 Maria Oberholtzer		m Apr 22, 1704 Sinsheim to Jacob Kundig of Ittlingen
1--3 Regel Oberholtzer	Mar 4, 1649 -	
1--4 Barbara Oberholtzer	c1656 -	m Apr 26, 1674 by Weiler to Jacob Frey 1642 -
	Jacob Frey is s/o Felix Frey c1614 - May 24, 1682	
1--5 Johannes Oberholtzer	c1660 -	at least 3 sons
	m May 13, 1683 at Immelhausenhoff to Ann Frey Feb 16, 1652 Ottenbach -	
	d/o Felix Frey c1614 - May 24, 1682	
2--1? [AO] Anna Oberholtzer	c1699 -	1st m Hans Heinrich Martin 1701EUR - Oct 1784
	Immigrants with 4 children from near Heidelberg, Germany on Sept 21, 1731, with	
	parents Christian (not wrong name Andrew) & Elsbeth Martin to Brecknock Twp.	
	Anna & Hans Heinrich lived for two years beside JL Jacob's land, before moving to the	
	Conestoga Creek.	
3--9 [AO9] Margaret Martin		m Jacob Stauffer 1740 - Oct 1821
	Jacob is s/o Matthew Stauffer c1700 - 1758 & [JF3] Anna Oberholtzer c1711 -	
	Anna Oberholtzer c1711 is d/o [JF] Jacob Oberholtzer of Franconia	
4--1[AO91] Catherine Stauffer	Oct 30, 1771 - May 15, 1834	
	m 1795 Michael Weber 1772 - 1841	
5-1 [AO911] Anna Weber	1799 - 1871	
	m Daniel Eby Martin 1798 - 1854	
	Great great great Grandparents of Dennis L Oberholtzer, ED	
2--2 [JL] Jacob Oberholtzer	c1704 - Late 1755 Brecknock Twp, PA	
	1732 immigrant on Samuel from Dirmheim near Sinsheim, GER	

3-1 [JL1] Elisabeth Oberholtzer, Imm. m Christian Bauman, Bowmansville Line  
 3-2 [JL2] Samuel Oberholtzer, Imm. Virginia Line  
 3-3 [JL3] Johannes Oberholtzer Lived on Homestead Farm  
 3-4 [JL4] Christian Oberholtzer m Christina Musselman, Adams Co Line  
     4-1 [JL41] Christian M Oberholtzer Taneytown MD Oberholtzers  
 3-5 [JL5] Anna Oberholtzer m Peter Good  
 3-6 [JL6] Barbara Oberholtzer m Johann Heucher/Heiger  
 3-7 [JL7] Maria Oberholtzer m Abraham Martin, Red Run, East Earl Twp  
 3-8 [JL8] Jacob Oberholtzer m Anna Lehman -1823 murdered 1 son  
 3-9 [JL10] Veronica Oberholtzer c1753 - wp Oct 1831 m Jacob Guth (Good) 1 son d s  
 3-10 [JL9] Magdalena Oberholtzer c1755 - aft 1791 m Jacob Weaver, Somerset Co, PA  
 2-3 Johannes Oberholtzer  
 2-4 Samuel Oberholtzer Too young to be [SL] Samuel Oberholtzer

I--B Samuel Oberholtzer Jan 17, 1630 - m Mar 24, 1663 Elsbeth Streler

I--C Hans Jagli Oberholtzer Dec 25, 1631 -  
 1 of 6 sons who emigrated from Wald in 1657 to 1663, to the Pfalz in 1661 with wife & 4 children.  
 Lived in Strassberg, Austria in 1663

I--D Marx Oberholzer (twin of Hans Heinrich) 1633 Aa, Wald, Zürich, bap July 2, 1634 - Sept 14, 1680  
 1657 emigrated to Buhenuerhof, near Sinsheim  
 1660, lived at and 1661 Keeper of the Immelhauserhof Buried at the Buschenhoff in  
 Hilsbach (today Baden, between Heidelberg & Heilbronn) without singing or bells.  
 m Margaret (Barbary) Dobler (Tobler)  
     Widow immigrated with sons Jacob, Martin, & Marcus.  
     ?Margaretha & Barbary were interchangeable names.

1--1 Catherine Barbara Oberholtzer 1663 - 18 in 1682 Renounced Anabaptism, Essenz Reformed Ch.  
 1--2 [MC] Marcus Oberholtzer c1664 EUR - Dec 3, 1726 Coventry Twp, Chester Co  
 1st Party to leave Rotterdam; Arrived 1709 in England from Rotterdam at age 45, with wife & 5  
 children. Immigrated 1710 Mary Hope  
     m Elizabeth Ely Lived in Coventry Twp, Chester Co PA  
 2--1 [MC1] Jacob Oberholtzer c1699 Palatinate - wp 1760 Bucks Co 7 children  
     Part of Hans Herr Group Bought 300 a farm in Kenilworth; Executor of Marcus' will.  
     [MC15] Esther Oberholtzer m George Bachman d/o Jacob son of Marcus, Imm 1710.  
 2--2 [MC5] Samuel Oberholtzer 1701 - 1757 farmer  
     m Elizabeth Staats b Brooklyn NY - d c1758 d/o Peter Staats & ?Lysbet Middagh  
     Lived 103 acres on west side of Skulkill River in Coventry Twp. Sold Jan 13, 1755  
     3-1[MT] Mark Overholt bef 1741 - 1754 Tinicum, Bucks Co  
         buried Deep Run Mennonite East next to [MC7] Martin Oberholtzer  
         Mark d 1754 Tinicum, Bucks Co & is buried beside MC7 Martin who died in 1744.  
         (if Mark died in 1754, this Mark cannot be MT, for the will was written in 1759)  
 3--2 [MT1] Magdalena Overholt c1741 - Feb 1816 bur Deep Run East  
     m Christian Hunsberger - wp Aug 29, 1814  
 3-3 [MT2] Staats Overholt c1743 - Aug 16, 1820 Clinton Twp, Lincoln, Ont, CAN  
     m Susannah Hunsberger c1750 - Feb 19, 1834  
 3-4 [MT3] Martin Overholt c1745 - wp Feb 18, 1817 Plumstead  
     m Elizabeth Nash Aug 3, 1751 - July 1, 1831  
         d/o William Nash & Agnes Kolb Oberholtzer (widow of MC7)  
 2--3 [MC3] Nancy Oberholtzer 1703 - aft 1787 m 1720 Jacob Wismer 1689 - 1787  
     Nancy was 6 yr old in London, May 6, 1709  
         - Letter of Michael Wismer, BC Canada, 1992  
 2--4 [MC4] Marcus Oberholtzer c1706 EUR - wp Feb 25, 1760 Chester Co single in 1737  
     Immigrated to PA with dad Marcus. Bought 103 acre farm in Coventry Twp, adjacent to  
     his father's property on the outskirts of Kenilworth, across the Skulkill River from  
     Pottstown.  
     ?m c1758 Elizabeth Staats (her 2nd m)  
     Marcus will written 1759. "I do bequeath unto my brother Samuel his three children."

PROPOSED EXPLANATION: The Red Book page 149 shows MT Mark Overholt died in Tinicum in 1754. This takes him out of the legal documents, for he is already passed away. Next, MC5 Samuel died in 1757. His wife Elizabeth either dies next, or married Samuel's brother MC4 Marcus Oberholtzer. She dies within a year or two.

Marcus has custody of Samuel's remaining three children, and bequeaths his estate to them in his will of 1759. He died in 1760.

-Dennis L Oberholtzer, April 20, 2008

2--5 [MC6] Elizabeth Oberholtzer c1708 EUR - m Peter Kolb  
REF: Phila Co WB L/396, 1760 Elizabeth is sister to Marcus

2--6 [MC7] Martin Oberholtzer 1709 - 1744 Bedminster Twp, Bucks Co  
[& Jacob] Oberholtzer, sons of 1709 immigrant Marcus, settled at Schuylkill, m Nov 2, 1736 Agnes Kolb 1713 - 1786 - Oberholtzer & Nash Family Histories  
The Nash family emigrated to America about 1730.

2--7 [MC2] Henry Oberholtzer 1713 - w Nov 1, 1759 - d aft 1763 m Elizabeth Killian  
Henry is probably [HW] Henry Overholt of Worcester Twp. Both m Elizabeth's

1--3 Hans Jagli (Jacob) Oberholtzer c 1665 - Lived at Steinsfurt, GER Mennonite in 1690  
?1st m prior to 1686 Since [JF] Jacob is born prior to the marriage of Maria Nussler  
?2nd m Apr 15, 1690 by their "Lehrer", Steinsfurt Reformed KB Ch. to Maria Nussler  
d/o Jacob Nussler

2--1 [JF] Jacob Oberholtzer c1686 EUR - dp Feb 11, 1755  
Immigrant to Phila. (now Montg) Co, PA Feb 22, 1702;  
Settled Salford (now Franconia) Twp  
m Catherine [ ? ] - aft 1755 4 children  
Naturalized with son Jacob Jr on April 11/13, 1729 Philadelphia Supreme Court

3--1 [JF1] Jacob Oberholtzer Jr p 1708? - Nat 1743 - wp Feb 11, 1759 Upper Salford T  
m c 1728 Deborah Krey b c1711 - aft 1762 8 children  
d/o Jan Krey & Sytge Up den Graeff Deb 2nd m aft 1759 Jacob Landis

3--3 [JF3] Anna Oberholtzer c1711 EUR -  
m Matthias Stauffer c1704 GER - wp Apr 10, 1758 s/o Immigrant Christian

2--2 [SL] Samuel Oberholtzer b c1693 - bap Anabaptist c 1700 - May 2, 1748  
Immigrant on Molly Sept 30, 1727, already married, sons Jacob & Martin 10 to 14 yrs  
m Elizabeth Frick b c1693 - c1758 sister to Jacob Frick I of Neffsville

PROPOSED ASSUMPTION: The Schneider name comes from the Abraham Herr family, and is a new listing in the LMHS card file. Jacob Eby's will also has a witness on his will as Peter Schneider Sr.. Assuming this is correct, through the process of elimination, mathematically [SL] Samuel 1727's wife Elizabeth can be the only remaining person available to carry the surname of Frick. Since Jacob Frick is specifically called "Uncle" in one of the sale deeds of the property, one of the Elizabeths must be a Frick. Uncle and Grand Uncle were not differentiated in legal documents of the time.

Also, there were two Jacob Fricks living in Manheim Township at the time. It is not completely established which Jacob Frick the will is referring. Both Jacob Fricks, and riflemaker Christian Oberholtzer lived as neighbors, complicating the matter but also bringing to light the closeknit ties of the four families.

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[SL1] Jacob Oberholtzer c1715 - 2nd m Catharine (Hershey) Bear

[SL2] Martin Oberholtzer c1717 - 1767 Manor Twp  
m Elizabeth Schneider c1720/1730 - aft 1781

[SL25] Anna Schneider Oberholtzer c1760 -  
m Jacob Eby c1761 - Aug 4, 1818 Manor

[SL252] Christian Eby Dec 20, 1790 - Dec 12, 1876  
m c1839 Frances Herr Mar 14, 1803 - Oct 31, 1885  
d/o Abraham Herr & Maria (Susanna) Funk - LMHS

2--3 Martin Oberholtzer c1695 - brother of [JF] Jacob of Franconia

1--4 [ML] Martin Oberholtzer c1667 EUR - dp 1733 Lancaster Co Imm 1710 Mary Hope  
Lived on Bezaillon property in Bucks Co till 1717, moved to Lancaster Co (included Dauphin & Lebanon at that time)

1710 Warrant in Pequea, not on 1711 survey. 200 acres in 1725 Millersville  
1733 sons Jacob & Martin sold land to Michael Kryter.

2--1 [ML1] Martin Oberholtzer - 1749 York Co PA In York Co due to fur trade  
m \_\_\_\_\_ Earhardt d/o Philip Earhardt who lived beside Peter Bizallion at Schykill River

1--5 Anna Barbara Oberholtzer b1670 - widow age 72 - d 1742 - John L Overholt, 1985

I--E Matheus Oberholtzer In ENG 1709 - 1 of 6 sons who emigrated from Wald in 1657 & 1663 Matheus is not listed in the usual list of children, but there supposedly were at least two more. He is listed as one of four brothers as emigrants from Frankfort-on-the-Rhine to England, according to Cheryl Wise.

THIS is father/o MM1 MATTHEW OBERHOLTZER THAT IMMIGRATED IN 1710 TO LANCASTER COUNTY.

I--F Martin Oberholzer May 5, 1639 Aa - Jan 22, 1711 Palatinate, GER

1 of 6 sons who emigrated from Wald in 1657 & 1663  
1st m Nov 11, 1662 Margaretha Reiman  
2nd m Oct 26, 1669 Wald to Elsbeth Kindlimann c1641 -  
Widow of Martin's brother Hans Heinrich

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- MC4 Marcus Oberholtzer will language comprehended by Noah Oberholtzer Jr, Leola, PA. A special thanks to Noah for this key observation.

- Dennis L Oberholtzer, April 2008

#### IMMIGRATION INTRODUCTION:

## 1710 IMMIGRANT OBERHOLTZERS TO LANCASTER COUNTY

Over the past 80 years, many people have tried to find who and when Oberholtzer descendants of the Oberholtzer homestead in Aa, Wald, Canton of Zurich Switzerland, came to Pennsylvania. This vast amount of information has led to many hypothetical assumptions. It has come to a point where it almost cannot be discerned what information is correct, and what needs to be corrected. I will attempt to make definitive answers by showing what is written in the original documents.

It should be noted that only now, since Barbara B Ford has compiled *The Oberholtzer Book*, can a person go back to the piles of information and properly assemble what took place in the early years of the 18th Century. Barbara has done us all a huge favor by properly organizing the families, so that individual pieces of earlier information can now be added without misconceptions creating confusion.

In the British Museum there is a list of "all" poor Germans who came over from the Palatinate and taken in St Catherines May 6th 1709. On the list was Mark Overholtzer, husbandman, about 45, wife, sons aged about 10, 8, and 3, and daughters aged 6, and 1. They were labeled "Baptists".

[MC] Marcus Oberholtzer c1664 EUR - Dec 3, 1726 Coventry Twp, Chester Co  
1st Party to leave Rotterdam; Arrived 1709 in England from Rotterdam at age 45, with wife & 5 children.  
Immigrated 1710 Mary Hope 1712 - Rupp's 1844

In *The Oberholtzer Book*, Barbara Ford states that the immigrant date of 1710 was based on circumstantial evidence. The following reveals multiple evidences.

In the PA Archives, 1932 Strassburger Vol 3, p 545, and Vol 39 #4 of the Lancaster County Historical Society, and Lancaster Co PA, Swiss German Settlers 1709-1730, Rupp's 30,000 Names pg 436, and the Loomis Manuscript, there is agreement on the following immigrants:

1. [JF]	Jacob Oberholtzer	immigrant to Philadelphia Feb 22, 1702
2. [MM1]	Martin Overholts	immigrant to Conestoga settlement in 1709 [1710]
3. [ML]	Michael Oberholtzer	immigrant to Conestoga settlement in 1709 [1710]
4. [MC]	Marcus Oberholts	immigrant to Bucks Co PA in 1712
5.	John Oberholtzer	immigrant died on ship Friendship Oct 14, 1727, 4 ch unaccounted
6. [SL]	Samuel Oberholtzer	immigrant ship Molly Sept 30, 1727
7. [HJ]	Hans Jacob Overholtz	immigrant ship Alexander and Ann on Sept 5, 1730
8/9 [JL]	Jacob and son Samuel and daughter Elizabeth	immigrants Aug 12, 1732
10. [OW]	Henry Overholts	immigrant Feb 7, 1738/9 on ship Jamaica Galley
11. [JO]	John Michael Oberholtzer	immigrant 1749
12.	Hans George Oberholtzer	immigrant Oct 22, 1754 on ship Halifax
13.	Peter and brother Overholser	(Loomis text pg 414)

The above information [without parenthesis] is correct and confirmed, except that of the 1709 dates.

Before those of Bern had fully executed their project, they were induced to fly for safety, to London, in the vicinity of which, they pitched their tents, and were supported at the public expense until they could be shipped off for America - some sailed for New York, Pennsylvania, and others for North Carolina, where they arrived in December 1709 at the confluence of the Neuse and Trent. - *History of Lancaster County 1844* In the footnote is also states: Colonel Robert Hunter, appointed Governor of New York, arrived at that province June 14, 1710, brought with him 3,000 Palatines, who, in the previous year, had fled to England from the rage of persecution in Germany. Many of whom settled in the city of New York; others in Germantown, Livingston Manor, Columbia County, and others in [Penn's Woods]. - *Smith's New York*, I. 123

How do we know that some of the first settlement immigrants came to Lancaster County in 1709? The following statement is taken from Benjamin Eby's *Geschichten der Mennoniten*, pg 151:

Im Jahr 1709, kamen etliche familien von der Pfalz weiche von den vertriebenen Schweizern abstammten und liessen sich nieder in Lancaster County.

Jacob Miller was listed with the first group to be in the Conestoga settlement, along with Hans Herr and Martin Kendig. When arriving in Conestoga, they searched the land and made verbal agreements as to who wanted what. This probably took a few weeks. After that, "a council of the whole society was called; at which their venerable minister and pastor Hans Herr, presided, and after fraternal and free interchange of sentiment, much consternation and serious reflection, lots in conformity to the custom of the Mennonites, were cast, to decide who should return to Europe for the families left behind and others. The lot fell upon Hans Herr, who had left five sons. This decision was agreeable to his own mind; but to his friends and charge, it was unacceptable... Their sorrows were alleviated by a proposal made on the part of Martin Kendig to take Hans Herr's place, which was assented by all."

Without much delay, Martin Kendig went to Philadelphia, and there embarked for Europe. After a prosperous voyage of 5 or 6 weeks, he reached the home of his friends. Having spent some time in preliminary arrangements, he and a company of Swiss and some Germans bade a lasting adieu to their old homes. Martin Kendig with his company of the residue of some of those in America, and of Peter Yordea, Jacob Miller, Hans Tschantz, Henry Funk, John Houser, John Bachman, Jacob Weber, and others, he returned to the new home. These two paragraphs come from the historical book of 1844, *The History of Lancaster County*, Rupp's.

The implications are that a small group came to America in 1709, went to the future settlement to inspect and choose their properties prior to bringing their families. Martin Kendig then returned to Europe with the "residue of some of those in America", and prepared to bring the sons of Hans Herr, and the remaining families of the first settlement still in London.

In the archives of Amsterdam there is a letter of thanks from some of the first settlers, which includes: "But of our journey we report that we were detained almost ten weeks before we were put on board ship; but then we actually entered into the ship on the 24th, were well lodged and well cared for, and we have been informed we will set sail from here next Saturday or Sunday from Gravesend, and wait there for the Russian convoy...." this letter is signed

London the 24th of June, 1710 by Jacob Miller, Martin Oberholtzer, Martin Mailly, Christian Herr, Hans Herr, and Martin Kendig.

"Three accounts of the passage to America exist: two in the Mennonite Research Journal of October 1960, and one by Baron von Graffenried. They were protected from the French fleet by Russian escorts to the north of Scotland and had collisions and storms, but a safe passage, arriving September 23, 1710.

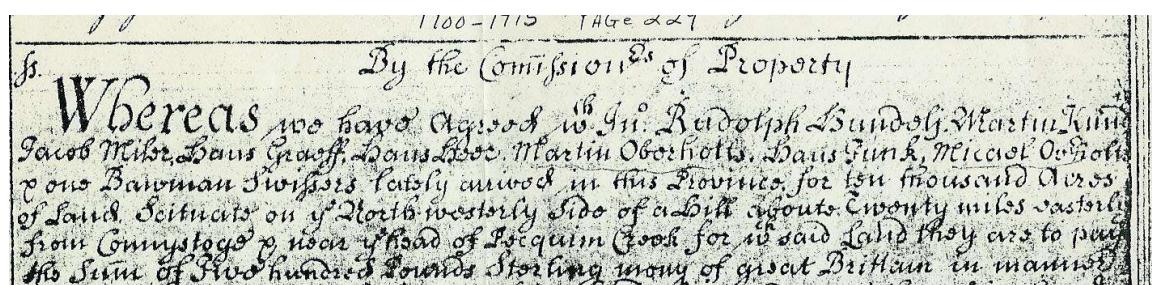
Here it shows Martin Oberholtzer was one of the signers of the June 24, 1710 letter of thanks to the Dutch from London. A letter written by William Penn to the English Minister to the Netherlands gave them passage through Holland. They were then in England ready to sail in a few days to America. They took passage on the "Mary Hope" of which John Annis was master. It sailed from London on Friday June 29, 1710 with ninety-four passengers on board, and arrived at Philadelphia in September 1710.

The arrival of the immigrants to Philadelphia took place 17 days prior to the issue of the land warrant for the Conestoga settlement, at Noon on September 23rd 1710. - John L Overolt, Kilmarnock VA, July 23, 1984; *Diary of Samuel Guldin of Rocksburg PA*, found by William J Hinke in the Berne Archives 1897, published twice.

The diary states: "There we stayed until the 27th, when a Christian friend ... secured a good house for us 8 miles from the city [Philadelphia] among good friends, which he has given us for the winter or as long as we need it.... The place is called Rocksburg..." - The conclusion of this diary no doubt proves Samuel Guldin was one of the immigrants. Barbara Ford notes that the house [actual picture reveals a cave with a slanted door] was that of Johannes Kelpius 1673-1708, leader of the Pietists from Germany. John Selig 26 yrs old in 1694 - 1745, and Conrad Matthias lived as a recluse in a rude hut until his death in 1748.

Guldin also says Selig lived for nine years in the house prior to "our" coming.

The pioneers to the first settlement were Hans Meylin & sons Martin (the first gunsmith is Lancaster County) and John, Rev Hans Herr, Jacob Miller, Martin Oberholtzer (who is to be discussed later), Hans Funk, [ML]Michael Oberholtzer (which in one document is written as Martin Michael Oberholtzer), Wendell Bowman, and others....



The group of pioneers procured a warrant for the 10,000 acres of land on the North side of the Pequea Creek on October 10, 1710; the warrant was recorded and the land surveyed on the 23rd of October 1710. It begins:

"Whereas we have agreed \_\_\_\_ Rudolph Bundoli, Martin Kundig, Jacob Milor, Hans Graoff, Hans Herr, Martin Oberholts, Hans Funk, Miccol Overholts, sons Bowman Swissers lately arrived in this province for the ten thousand acres of land."

- *Philadelphia County Warrant Book 1700-1715*, pg 229

On January 22, 1711, Jacob Miller's wife gave birth to the first child born in the Conestoga Swiss Colony, a son named Samuel Miller. Jacob Miller was born in Europe 1663, and died April 20, 1739.

If the party of immigrants only first came to America in 1710, Jacob Miller and his wife would not have been able to have a child in January 1711, for they were in the second group of immigrants to the first settlement. Also, the Herr signers of the letter to Amsterdam evidently were Hans Herr's sons Christian and Hans (i.e. John) Herr. Rev Hans Herr had stayed in America as spiritual support for those who remained over the winter. This small group most likely returned to Germantown for the winter to await the families and their belongings, which would arrive on September 23rd in the year 1710.

On the 27th of April 1711 the Surveyor General, at the request of the first purchasers, subdivided the said 10,000 acres "into so many parts as they had previously agreed upon."

ML Martin Oberholtzer was on the 1710 warrant for 10,000 acres in Pequea, now Lancaster County, but was not on the 1711 survey, was on 10/21/1718 Talyor. Martin purchased 200 acres by the Conestoga Creek, southeast of Millersville, from Alexander Benes. On 5/14/1733 Martin was deceased and his two sons Jacob and Martin Jr sold the land to Michael Kryter.

REF: Chester Co Old Rights Bk, Vol 2 p112; John L Overolt, *The Marcus Oberholtzer (1664-1725) Family* PMH Magazine Oct 1986 pp 30-31; Jane Evans Best, *Swiss Origins of Groff, Hess, Weber, Landis, & Oberholtzer Families* PMH Magazine Apr 1990 p25; Survey of Alexander Benes land, Chester Old Rights Book, Vol 1 pg 112, see also Book D-82 p 43.

ML Martin Oberholtzer "might have been in East Coventry Twp until 1715 or 1720 and then went to join

other signers of the 1710 warrant...." Martin had farm land southeast of Millersville till 1733 when his sons Martin & Jacob sold it. - *Letter by John L Overholt to Mr George W Killian*, June 12, 1984

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- *SIX OBERHOLZER EMIGRANTS FROM WALD, SWITZERLAND*, editor, OFA Bulletin 2/2009

Peter Beazillon was the only licensed Indian trader, according to an act passed at a general Assembly October 14, 1700, held at New Castle in the present state of Delaware. In 1714, Peter Beazillon received a land warrant from the commissioners of property to allow Peter to seat himself at Paxtang. - Rupp's 1844

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Some of the misconceptions by earlier family tree hunters have "I believe that Michael was Marcus", Martin Oberholtzer was ML Martin Oberholtzer, and that Marcus was Martin Oberholtzer. Now we can definitively state that the 1710 Michael Oberholtzer is ML Martin Oberholtzer, and MC Marcus Oberholtzer came to Chester County in 1712, then to Bucks County, but never came to Lancaster County. Thus it is time to turn our attention to the name Martin Oberholtzer of the Conestoga Land Warrant.

## **MM Matthew Oberholtzer**

A suggested family line, by Dennis L Oberholtzer 2010

The surnames Oberholtzer, Oberholtz, Overholt, Oberhold, O'Bold, Obold, Opold, Obolt, Obol, and Abold are all the same family.

We know a Martin Oberholtzer was named on the first land warrant for Lancaster County at Conestoga. I wish to insert a statement by Michael Ports of Baltimore Maryland: "The custom of the Germans in those days was for the man to go by his middle name. The first name was seldom, if ever, used after the christening. Hence, the origin of the term Christian name." Now this may be a bit of an overstatement. Still, now that we know ML is actually Martin Michael Oberholtzer, and the only other O descendant known to have come over was Matthew. Therefore, until someone can find evidence to the contrary, I propose that Martin Oberholtzer from the 1710 Land Warrant is one and the same as Martin Matthew Oberholtzer. I list him as MM1.

"The naturalization procedure, both complex and expensive during most of the 17th & 18th centuries, was eased for a three-year period between 1709 and 1712."

- Barbara L. Weir, Menn. Naturalization, Chester County Archives & Records Services, 1989

#### **MM Mattheus Oberholtzer c1636 EUR - In England 1709**

**Not** 1 of 6 sons who emigrated from Wald in 1657 & 1663

Mattheus is not listed in the usual list of children, but there supposedly were at least two more. He is listed as one of four brothers as emigrants from Frankfort-on-the-Rhine to England, according to Cheryl Wise.

m \_\_\_\_\_ Martin - possibly before 1709 ENG The wife of Matthew was a Martin, because the first name was a mother's surname. Thus we have Martin Matthew Oberholtzer and Martin Michael Oberholtzer.

When I showed this suggested family to Tom Myers to critique, he reminded me that Matthew would not likely have come over here, being around the age of 70 years. There were some elderly Swiss - Germans that did come

over, some died on the way over here. But I must agree with Tom, that since the evidence is so scant, and that the Matthew Oberholtzer family were likely squatters in Conestoga Manor, it is more likely he did not make the trip, choosing to stay in England till his passing.

**MM1 Martin Matthew Oberholtzer** [also spelled Obold] aft c1670 - aft 1735 bought land, sold 1755 – d bef 1771

**David Hall found a Matteus Obold which in land records was also Oberholtzer or Overholt.**

- John L. Overholt, Kilmarnock, VA, Aug 2, 1982

m **Elizabeth** \_\_\_\_\_ - between 1779 and 1782

The administrator for Matthias was Lodowick Colls (Polls).

The land owned by Matthew was sold in 1755. He would have been in his early 80's, both he and his wife likely passed away. This land is on the Warrant map as 181 acres to Henry Neff. Henry was married to Matthew's granddaughter Ann, of CH Christian Oberholtzer.

REF: Lancaster County Land Deed Records

Martin Matthew Oberholtzer was listed on the first settlement land warrant as Martin Oberholtzer. He is not found as buying land with the original settlement, but the Indians did complain of "squatters" living north of Indian Town, which would have been Conestoga Manor where son Matthew bought land after 1735.

1721 "The settlements about the Indian villages of Conestoga were considerably advanced in improvements at this time...." - Rupp's p 135 Here we have evidence that several families lived "about", especially north in Conestoga Manor, before Matthew Oberholtzer bought the Messerswrights land. It is known that SL Samuel Oberholtzer was a squatter in his first few years at present day Millersville. It is very likely Matthew was also.

After 12/13/1735 the Messerswrights sold land in Conestoga Manor to Matthew Oberholtzer. We know this Matthew was not ML Martin Oberholtzer or any of his descendants, for no Matthew is found in his family, not in his will or his descendants.

5/7th part of 200acres in Conestoga Manor where sold by Jacob & Addy Moyre of Lancaster County for 300 Lbs. The names on this Deed D235 are: Children of Christian Stoneman deceased, \_\_\_\_\_ Oberholtz, George Kendrecks, as granted in D235 to Jacob Moyre. Dated Jan 13, 1755 Henrich Neff, W38 J21 June 25, 1755

We now know that this Oberholtzer was not any of SL Samuel Oberholtzer's family. Nor was it any of ML Martin Oberholtzer's family, who now lived in Lebanon Twp (present Lebanon County). Nor was it any of JL Jacob of Brecknock's family. The only other Oberholtzers in Lancaster County in the first half of the 18th Century were Matthew Oberholtzer in Conestoga Manor, and a Henry Owerwasser in Elizabeth Twp. None of these other O families were connected to George Kendricks. The Kendricks surname is found in HJ Hans Jacob of Hatfield, Montgomery Co PA. But Matthew Oberholtzer (and I believe the child CH Christian Oberholtzer) were the only unaccounted O's in Manor Twp prior to 1755.

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MM1 Matthew "must have died before 1771, for he is not in the assessment list for Manor Township for that year. According to Egle in PA Archives 3<sup>rd</sup> Series Vol 17 Tax lists for 1771-1772-1773-1779-1782 there is a widow of Manor Twp. Elizabeth Overholtzer in 1771 already owned 150 acres, 2 horses and 3 cattle. Paying 14 s tax. In 1779 she is listed but not in 1782. The conclusion being she is deceased. No Matthew is recorded in this tax list. So he must have been dead before 1771. It may be that woman is the widow of the above MM1 Matthew Oberholtzer." - Rev I E Oberholtzer Salton Memorandum Book

**MM11 Sebastian Obold** c1725 - 5/29/1800 74 yrs widower m **Margarita** \_\_\_\_\_ - bef 1800

Sebastian is first found in the first settlement of 300 people in the new town of Lancaster.

In Lancaster mid 1700's ; Lebanon Co 2nd half 1700's ; York Co by 1793

REF: 1780 HG Twp York Co PA Census; Conewago Chapel, York Co Church Records of 18th Century, 1990; 1780 Tax Lists of PA, Index by J & D Stemmons; Lancaster County pg 164 Date of Return 10/25/1751

**MM111 Joseph Obold** m **Susanna Elisa** \_\_\_\_\_

REF: 1780 HG Twp York Co PA Census; Conewago Chapel, York Co Church Records of 18th Century, 1990; 1780 Tax Lists of PA, Index by J & D Stemmons; ? Lancaster County 164 Date of Warrant 10/25/1751, Date of Return 6/15/1765 (Is this another Joseph?)

**MM1111 Sebastian Obold** 2/22/1794 - bap 3/4/1794 -

**MM1112 Francis Catherine Apollonia Obolt** 2/17/1800 - bap 2/18/1800 -

**MM112 Anthony Obolt**

m **Catherine** \_\_\_\_\_ - Mar 30, 1799 29yr epilepsy  
REF: 1780 HG Twp York Co PA Census; Conewago Chapel, York Co Church Records of 18th Century, 1990; 1780 Tax Lists of PA, Index by J & D Stemmons

**MM1121 Susanna Obolt** 6/14/1798 - 1/1/1799

**MM113 John Obolt**

m **Elizabeth** \_\_\_\_\_

**MM1131 ? Isaac Abold**

m **Catharine Eshleman** 1809 - 3/7/1839 30th year,

d/o Johannes Eshleman Aug 10, 1782 - Apr 1, 1851 68-7-21 - Eshleman Burial Ground

It deserves noting here that up till at least 1844, the spelling of vowels where interchangeable in the early writings. Rupp's 1844 spelled Amish as Omish; Oberholtz is Oborholtz in the Land Warrant.

**MM12 Frederick Overholt**

m **Jeanette** \_\_\_\_\_

REF: Misc Ch Rec of Adams/York Counties, witnesses Jacob Schreiber & wife.

**MM121 Jacob Overholt** 7/8/1775 - bap 7/16/1775 Christ Luth Ch, York PA -

REF: Misc Ch Rec of Adams/York Counties, witnesses Jacob Schreiber & wife.

**[MC172]** Frederick Overholt was a tanner who lived in Bedminster Twp for a short time during the Revolution and had a family of ten.

- ppH2, p21,16 Bucks Co Genealogical Society, by John L Overholt, Kilmarnock VA 6/12/1984

Dear Dorothy Ehrhardt, June 2, 1990, Your letter was most interesting and **I find that the Overholt name was used sometimes for your Atherholts which certainly confuses research.** ..... I have the following Rev War record for Frederick Overholt of Bedminster Twp, Bucks Co PA. Penna. Archives: Ser. 5, Vol 5 p 373-378 Frederick Overholt Ovt. 2C1, McHenry's 4 Batt. Bedminster; Ser. 3 Vol 6 p 86 Frederick Overholt Capt McHenry's Co, CIF 1781; and Ser. 3 Vol 6 p 90 Frederick Overholt EF 1782. - Barbara B Ford

There was an article in the Penna. Mennonite Heritage by John L Overholt (I helped with some of the research) and he had written up Marcus Oberholtzer whose two sons lived in Bedminster Twp. At the end of his article he had - ?A72 Frederick Overholt: tanner. Owned 219 acres in either Tinicum or (more probably Bedminster Twp), whose household included 10 inhabitants in 1784; was a private second class in Capt McHenry's Company, 4th Batt. Penna. Militia, from Bedminster Twp on 6/12/1781. I have written to him saying that I am sure he was not an Overholt - that he was no doubt Frederick Aderhold. I have 27 different spellings for the original name of Oberholtzer [should be Oberholzer] - Barbara B Ford

In *The History of Bedminster* by Pauline Cassel from the Bucks County Genealogical Society was found the following information and that is what led me to believe the name change:

p 44 Bedminster Tax List of 1782-1783 Frederick Audischott 219 acres, tanyard

p 47 Local tax list for the year 1783 for Bedminster Twp, Frederick Auderhold 219 acres, tanyard

Descendant **[MC17]** Daniel Biebyhouse was living near Frederick Atterhold.

Letter to Barbara B Ford on May 29, 1990: I found that the oldest member of the family was Christian Aterholt who immigrated in 1753 on the ship St Michel-Michel and settled in the Philadelphia area, Bucks County. On the subsequent manifest that approved the landing of these people, he was listed as Christian Oderhold. Often the names were written as the ship's officer understood the pronunciation, and since many passengers could not write, the name was spelled as he heard it. Because of the above "Oderhold" spelling, I also looked for it to connect those names with my Aderholds and found Overholtz, Oberholtzer, Overholt also. The Mormon Family History Center has films #192,632, 496,854, 020,539, and 172,929 that contain those names. However, I was not able to connect any of these to my Aderhold family. - Dorothy Ehrhardt, La Mesa CA

**Summary:** What is clear here is that the 219 acres was owned by a Frederick with the surnames of both Oderhold and Aterhold. What is also clear is that MC172 Frederick Artherholt had a child MC1725 Frederick Atherholt on March 8, 1775. **This dating is clear proof that MM12 Frederick Overholt is NOT the same family as MC17.** For MM12 had a child Jacob 4 months later.

**MM13 Phillip Oberhard**

1780 taxed in UM Twp, NHTN Co

**MM14 [CH] Christian Oberholtzer**

- w 6/18/1785; wp 8/17/1789 Hempfield Twp

Payed taxes on Manor Twp land in 1751; Living in Hempfield by 1758

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Magdalena (Witmer) Eshleman was the 6th child of immigrant Benjamin Witmer, dp 4/13/1785, widow of Daniel Eshleman (-d.1749), whom descends a son Benedict.  
Descendants of Christian Oberholtzer reside in the area of Erie PA, & spell the surname Overholser.  
Christian is the most solid tie to Matthew, in that he paid taxes on land in that area.

IT IS THIS CH CHRISTIAN OBERHOLTZER FAMILY WHO FOLLOWS:

## CHRISTIAN OBERHOLTZER of Hempfield Twp.

- 2010 Overholser Family Association, Dennis L Oberholtzer compiler

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Christian appears on the first existing tax list for Hempfield Twp, Lancaster County PA 1751. By 1756 he owned 250 acres (25 acres in grain, 4 horses, 1 mare, 6 cows & 10 sheep.) In 1758, 80 acres were cleared. In 1759 he had 200 acres with only 50 acres cleared, meaning 30 acres of cleared land had been sold with the 50 acres. In 1760 Christian owed the mill he used to build the 1769 house, and earn a living. A stone of the Oberholtzer mill on the Conestoga, 1 mile east of Petersburg read "Who Trusts in God has builded well in heaven and on earth. 1792" and immediately below, another stone "Jacob Oberholtzer Catherine Oberholtzer 1792"

On May 7, 1765 John Martin & Esther Bealer sold their 181 acres to Christian Oberholtzer for 1500 lbs. The signature is recorded as "Martin Behler". No new land description is given. - Deed L, 164; Patent A-9-286, A-12-523 Christian Oberholtzer made muskets for the Revolutionary War, contracted through the Joel Ferree Gunshop in Paradise, PA. The Oberholtzer Kentucky Flintlock had calipers of 45, 54, and others. It had a 40 inch round or octagonal barrel, with a full-length curly maple stock, and weighed 9 lbs. They included brass fittings, and were produced from 1775 to 1778 in Hempfield, Lancaster County. 1782 listed as an 'inmate'

Tract G 1760/62 421 acres Patent to Christian Oberholtzer Pat. BK-AA-1-Pg 62 & Pat. BK-AA-3-Pg 37  
Guardians of Peter, Christian, & Joseph Nissley, sons of late Hans Nissley, deeded 56 1/4 acres to Christian Oberholtzer Aug 16, 1760, recorded AA-2:21 Aug 23, 1760.

Sold 200 acres in York Co. for \$1100 to David Brubacker of Said Twp. Patent Oct. 6, 1774 John Schultz  
Jacob Sherrick bought the mill property in Manheim & Hempfield Twp.

The house in East Petersburg is presently owned (1960's - 2011) by Nancy Gingerich, who may be a descendant of George Huber family. On the house two stones record "Christian Oberholtzer 1769 Magdalena Oberholtzer 1769" - Bucks Co Historical Society Vol 6 p77; House Mottoes in Eastern PA, Rev John B Soudt 1927  
REF: Register of Wills, Lanc Co Will Bk F 1/155 Christian Oberholtzer pr 8/17/1789; GSP LA 11A:2, Lanc Co Cem Rec, Union Cem E Petersburg; PA Menn Heritage Vol 7 #4 OC 1884 pg 31 (Eby); PA Menn Heritage Vol 14 #3 7/1991, Desc of Benj Witmer of Lampeter Twp pt 2 Phillip Bedient p18-22; Lancaster Heritage Outlook, Hisotric Preservation Trust of Lancaster County, Winter 2007/2008; *Antique Guns, The Collector's Guide*, John E Traister; Hempfield Tax Records; *Journal of Lanc Historical Society*, Winter 1963 p 30; Deed M, 13 Mayhill; Deed M, 4 Mayhill; Deed K, 241 Mayhill; Deed F, 416; Hession Mills, Landisville PA

**CH1 Ann Oberholtzer** 4/10/1752 Hempfield Twp. - Feb. 13, 1826 Washington Boro

After death of her mother, Ann & sister Magdalena transferred their part of the estate of uncle Abraham Witmer to their father. - PMH 7/1991, Pg 20

Henry and Ann O Neff purchased her grandfather Matthew Oberholtzer immigrant 1710's property in present day Mountville. The land was originally Native American land which Matthew squatted on, in protest by the Conestoga Indians. The land first appears on the warrant maps under Henry Neff..

**m. Henry Neff** 12/25/1749 Hempfield Twp. - 12/4/1821

son of Daniel Neff - 5/11/1806 & Christina Erb, Neff Burying Grds, Alexandra, Huntingdon Co PA  
1772 received 150 acres from father's estate in Manor Twp, part of tract patented to grandfather  
Henry Neff 1685-1750 and later sold in 1784 to Rudy Herr. - PMH 7/1991, Pg 20  
grandson of Henry Neff b. 1675 Pfalz, GER. - ca. 3/1749/50 Hempfield Twp.  
REF: *History of Lancaster County*, 1844 Rupp; Audrey Petterton, Chula Vista CA, 1984 family group chart for OFA Files, she is desc of David  
Musselman m Barbara Neff (Henry's sister).

**CH11 Christian Neff** 4/23/1773 - 6/12/1861 m **Elizabeth Boas**

**CH12 Barbara Neff** 2/26/1776 - m 8/18/1795 Trinity Luth Ch, Lancaster **Henry Brubaker** 1771 -

**CH13 Magdalena Neff** 12/6/1778 - m **Isaac C Kauffman**  
s/o John B Kauffman & Anna Long, bought 152 acres Manor Twp on Susquehanna River north of  
Washington Boro. Sold in 1826 & 1829 to pay debts.

**CH131 John Kauffman** 4/25/1799 - 6/27/1868 3 acres Penn Twp m **Catherine Spangler** - 1/1/1894

**CH132 Elizabeth Kauffman** 1/9/1809 - 1/13/1901 single

**CH133 Daniel N Kauffman** 4/3/1810 - 4/14/1891 1887 in Washington Boro  
1st m 3/14/1837 **Catherine Ortman** 2nd m 1/10/1847 **Joanna Chambers** 10/1/1818 - 2/2/1900

**CH134 Samuel Kauffman** - 3/1880 MO single

**CH135 Harriet Kauffman** - 9/10/1909

**CH136 Isaac Kauffman** 1878 signed release in Tippecanoe Co IN of Uncle Jacob Neff estate  
REF: Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage, July 1991 Pg 20

**CH14 Henry Neff** 8/24/1782 - 2/14/1817 both bur Union Cem, Mountville, Lancaster Co PA  
m 10/16/1806 Trinity Luth Ch Lancaster PA, **Barbara Reitzel** 12/26/1789 - 9/21/1853  
d/o Conrad Reitzel & Elizabeth Killian

**CH141 Joseph Neff** 8/6/1807 - 5/25/1885 m **Sarah** \_\_\_\_\_ 4/14/1811 - 4/18/1882 Millersville Menn

**CH142 Anna Neff** 12/5/1810 - 12/30/1877 bur Union Cem, Mountville PA

**CH143 Elizabeth Neff** 1814 - 1/20/1889 bur Union Cem, Mountville PA

**CH144 Henry Neff Jr** 6/21/1816 - 11/25/1874 bur Union Cemetery  
REF: Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage, July 1991 Pg 20

**CH15 John Neff** 4/14/1784 - 5/12/1873 OH m **Elizabeth Sehner** - 2/6/1873 OH

**CH151 Susan Neff** 4/25/1811 -

**CH152 Nancy Neff** 3/27/1813 - bef 1819

**CH153 Henry Neff** 7/7/1814 -

**CH154 Jacob Neff** 11/20/1815 - m 3/9/1852 **Mary Harnish** 10/21/1830

**CH155 Elizabeth Neff** 10/14/1817 -

**CH156 Nancy II Neff** 11/1/1819 -

**CH157 Magdalena Neff** 4/22/1822 -

**CH158 John Neff** 4/18/1824 - Infancy

**CH159 Daniel Neff** 7/14/1826 -

**CH150 John Neff Jr** 7/14/1826 -

**CH15a David Neff** 1/21/1831 - m 11/21/1871 **Elizabeth (Musser) Nipley**  
REF: Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage, July 1991 Pg 20

**CH16 Daniel Neff** 2/27/1787 - wagonmaker m **Nancy Stoner** 1791 - 1/29/1826  
Bought 3 tracts of land on Susquehanna River near Washington Boro 1812, sold 1827

**CH161 Henry Neff** 1878 signed release of Uncle Jacob Neff property in OH

**CH162 Daniel Neff** 6/15/1810 - 11/25/1892 res Preble Co OH 1878  
m 8/26/1834 **Betsy Herr** 12/15/1813 - 4/3/1903 d/o Christian Herr  
REF: Barbara B Ford

**CH163 Fannie Neff** m \_\_\_\_\_ **Dunlap**

**CH164 Cyrus Neff** 1878 signed release of Uncle Jacob Neff, res 1878 Lancaster Co PA  
REF: Barbara B Ford

**CH165 Christian Neff** 10/18/1817 - 6/27/1882 Sunbury PA tailor in Louisville KY, bur Sunbury PA  
m 9/27/1846 **Anne Brenneman** 2/18/1822 - 4/26/1878 d/o Michael Brenneman & Elizabeth Coble  
REF: Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage, July 1991 Pg 20

**CH17 Anna Neff** 3/15/1789 - 1/19/1874 m **Joshua Kehler** - 11/1850 farmer & innkeeper

**CH171 Maria Kehler** 1811 - m **Samuel Caldwell** lumberman 1850 Lycoming Co PA

**CH172 Matilda Kehler** 1892 with children living in Allegheny City PA  
1st m **J S Clarkson** 2nd m **James Marshall**

**CH173 Anna Kehler** single

**CH174 Elizabeth Kehler** - 5/3/1894

**CH175 Sarah M Kehler** - 1/5/1854 m 6/1853 **Benjamin F Spangler**

**CH176 Henry Neff Kehler** 4/17/1821 - 5/14/1907 inherited father's farm 140 acres Presbyterian Church  
m 2/23/1871 **Catherine Stewart Knox** Jersey Shore PA - 10/22/1906 both bur Mt Bethel Cem, Columbia  
REF: Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage, July 1991 Pg 20

**CH18 David Neff** 7/20/1791 - 1/12/1866 OH 1st m 1/2/1818 **Leah Kauffman** 12/12/1796 - 3/23/1840  
2nd m 6/4/1843 **Julia Herr** 3/14/1811 - wagonmaker, bought 86 ac N/Mountville; Moved to OH

**CH181 Benjamin Neff** 3/16/1821 - 1st m 5/18/1848 **Elizabeth L Hay** - 7/28/1849  
2nd m 10/11/1851 **Harriet J Hay**

**CH182 Isaac Neff** 9/9/1824 - 1871 1st m **Jane Brunner** 2nd m **Parmelia Smith**

**CH183 Barbara Ann Neff** 3/18/1827 - 4/16/1850 m **Martin Eshleman**

**CH184 Mary Elizabeth Neff** 4/2/1830 - m May 23, 1848 **John J Scarff** VA- Civil War

**CH185 Cyrus Neff** 2/8/1833 - m **Harriet Cory**

**CH186 Rebecca Neff** 10/12/1835 - m **George W Neff**

**CH187 Matilda Neff** 6/7/1838 - m **Jacob Kissinger**

**CH188 Charlotte Neff** 3/4/1844 - m **William H McClure**

**CH189 Harriet A Neff** 2/8/1846 - m **Frederick Hogendobler**

**CH180 Fannie C Neff** 9/5/1849 - m **James Smith**

**CH18a David Henry Neff** 3/6/1852 -  
REF: Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage, July 1991 Pg 20

**CH19 Jacob Neff** 12/15/1793 - 6/11/1877 bur Union Cem, Mountville, Lancaster Co PA

**CH2 Christian Oberholtzer Jr.** 3/8/1758 - 3/24/1812 Hempfield Twp bu. Union Cem., E Petersburg, Lanc. Co  
Gunsmith with his father - The Pennsylvania Rifle, Samuel E. Dyke  
Christian Jr built a large stone house in 1802 about 2 mile north of his father Christian's mansion in East Petersburg PA See Lancaster Newspaper picture and article.  
m. 1782 **Maria Dielen** - wp 10/14/1841 (2nd m. Jacob Shenk)  
REF: Will made June 16, 1806; proved April 18, 1812; Will Book L Vol 1, pg 209-10; Lanc Co OC Mar 1814 p 157

**CH21 Catherine Oberholtzer** 1789 - 1873 m. **Christian Eby** 1787 - 1867 lived & died in Lanc Co  
REF: Thomas B Eby, Eby Family Record, PMH Vol 7 p 31; daughter Mrs. Elias Barr in Lanc. Co. PA; Barbara B Ford

**CH211 Johannes Eby** 7/25/1809 -

**CH212 Elizabeth Eby** 12/20/1811 -

**CH213 Christian Eby** 8/15/1814 -

**CH214 Maria Eby** 5/16/1816 -

**CH215 Anna Eby** 10/25/1818 -

**CH216 Benjamin Eby** 4/25/1821 -

**CH217 Lydia Eby** 1/19/1825 -

**CH218 Ephraim Eby** 4/24/1827 -

**CH219 Chadarina Eby** 11/8/1829 -

**CH210 Miachlen Eby** 1834 -

**CH22 John Oberholtzer** 1/19/1793 - 9/1883 Erie Co. NY 90-7-6 Owned lot in E Petersburg 1814  
m. **Anna Wyland** 2/20/1786 - 10/1850 7 ch. & 6 G-ch. in folder  
John & Anna moved to Amherst in the 1820's. Both bur Skinnersville Cemetery, Amherst, Erie Co NY  
1860 & 1870 John was a tollgate tender RE \$450 lived & died 8 mi east of Buffalo  
"Thanks for your input regarding the site. The names and dates were taken from real old records typed and retyped. Copied & recopied. Some of the letters were hard to read as were the spellings. Glad to get corrections tho. It is a nice cemetery .... local and well cared for llll near the North campus of the University of Buffalo in Amherst. My parents are buried there also as well as plots for my husband and myself." - Nancy Sampson, Amherst NY  
REF: 1820 NY, 1830 NY, & 1830 NY Census; Skinnersville Cemetery, Amherst, Erie Co NY

**CH221 Maria Oberholtzer** 9/12/1813 - 1892 m **J Gotwals**  
REF: Mrs D Kuhbill of Williamsville, Erie Co NY

**CH222 Nancy A Oberholtzer** 1815 Lanc Co PA - 3/8/1898 age 83 res Buffalo NY single  
"the family owns a German Bible published 1720 at Basel & in it grandfather wrote his name as Oberholtzer, but 60 years before he says the spelling was Oberholzer." - Nancy A Oberholtzer  
REF: Skinnersville Cemetery, Amherst Erie Co NY

**CH223 Christopher C Oberholtzer** 10/18/1816 Lanc Co PA - 1857 m **Sarah** \_\_\_\_ c1823 NH - carpenter in Amherst Twp NY 1850  
REF: Mrs George Williams; Mrs John Harry of Erie Co PA; Amherst Twp p 271

**CH2231 Edmund G Oberholtzer** c1847 NY -

**CH2232 Henry Oberholtzer** c1848 NY -

**CH224 Catherine Oberholtzer** 1/18/1818 - 1850 m 6/6/1842 **Peter H Baker** 1815 Newstead, Erie Co NY  
Peter Baker of Cheektowaga, Erie Co NY, s/o Benjamin (d Sturgis, St Joseph MI) & Nancy Hershey  
REF: Benjamin Baker, res of Allegan MI; Marriage Rec

**CH2241 Benjamin Baker** lived in Allegan MI  
REF: LDS rec say Peter H Baker m Catherine Parker b c1819 -

**CH225 John F Oberholser Jr** 3/2/1820 Lanc Co PA - 1882 carpenter single  
The reading on the tombstone for John Jr's age is wrong. -B Ford  
REF: Erie Co NY Census 1870 & 1880; Skimmersville Cemetery, Amherst, Erie Co NY

**CH226 Leah Oberholtzer** 12/17/1821 Lanc Co PA - living 1870 res of Buffalo NY single  
REF: 1860 Amherst Erie Co NY

**CH2261 Anna Oberholtzer** c1852 NY - not listed 1870 Anna 7, living with Leah & grd-pa John in Amherst NY  
REF: 1860 Amherst NY Census

**CH227 Susan Oberholtzer** 2/10/1824 NY - 4/13/1895 m **H\_\_\_\_\_ Wasson**  
REF: Dr W A Wasson of Greenville, Green Co NY; Mrs W S Turbett, res Buffalo, Erie Co NY; Amherst Twp p 271; Skimmersville Cemetery

**CH228 Henry Wyland Oberholtzer** 1826 - res 1893 Boone Co, Belvidere IL  
m **Mary Margaret Gragain** (?Grayam) 5/1841 NY -

**CH2281 Ida Henrietta Oberholtzer** 7/23/1858 - 10/16/1860

**CH2282 Nettie May Oberholtzer** 10/15/1863 IL - 4/9/1872

**CH2283 Anna Belle Oberholtzer** 12/25/1866 IL - 4/3/1872

**CH2284 John Gragain Oberholtzer** 1/15/1867 IL - m **Minnie** \_\_\_\_\_ c1877 -  
REF: 1910 Boone Co IL Census; 1920 Boone Co IL Census; Barbara B Ford

**CH22841 Lon Oberholser** 17 in 1910 census -

CH22842 **Richard Church** ?Oberholser 12 in 1920 SS record

**CH2285 Helen Maria Oberholtzer** 6/6/1871 -

**CH2286 Mary Belle Oberholtzer** 11/2/1875 IL - m 6/1889 **Rowland Bassett** (N)  
REF: 1900 IL Boone Co

**CH23 Christian Oberholtzer** c1797 PA - dp 1880 Clarence Co., NY  
m **Martha Blocher** c1804 Williamsville or Buffalo, Clarence Co, NY - 46 in 1850 4 sons, 4 daughters  
2 sons died in Civil War d/o John Bocher (Bucher?) & Magdalena Frick  
p 154 John Blocher 77 PA, Martha 74 PA, Polly 34 PA, David 31 PA, **Betsy Oberhalser** 13 NY  
REF: Mrs Henry Grove, MI; 1850 Erie Co NY Census, Clarence Twp p 149, 154; 1860 Erie Co NY town of Clarence; Register of Wills, Lancaster Co Will Bk L 1/209 Christian Oberholtzer pr 4/18/1812

**CH231 Betsy Oberhalser** c1837 NY -

**CH232 Martha Oberholtzer** c1838 NY - 12 in 1850

**CH233 Elias Oberholtzer** (twin) c1840 PA - 10 in 1850 single at 30 yrs in 1870, 1880 NY farmer  
m. by 1880 **Catherine** \_\_\_\_\_ c1846 Bavaria - 34 in 1880

**CH2331 Joseph Overholser** - 8 in 1880

**CH2332 Catherine Overholser** - 6 in 1880

<b>CH2333 Peter Overholser</b>	- 4 in 1880
<b>CH2334 John Overholser</b>	- 1 in 1880
<b>CH2335 Mary _____</b>	-14 in 1880 possible child outside the family
<b>CH234 Levi Oberholtzer (twin)</b>	c1840 - 10 in 1850 - Civil War Levi & bro died in the Civil War
<b>CH235 Henry Oberholtzer</b> REF: 1860 Clarence, Erie Co NY Census	c1842 - 8 in 1850 17 in 1860 - died Civil War
<b>CH236 _____ Oberholtzer</b>	m <b>Henry Grove</b> of Flint, Michigan
<b>CH237 James Oberholtzer</b> REF: 1870 Clarence Erie Co NY living with Christian Oberholtzer & Levi	- 8 in 1870
<b>CH24 Magdalena Oberholtzer</b>	aft 1802 E Petersburg, PA - d. age 35 m. <b>John Bostrick</b> Court appointed John Lichty of Hempfield Twp guardian over the persons and estates of Susan Oberholtzer and Magdalene Oberholtzer minor daughters of deceased Christian Oberholtzer during their respective minorities they being severally under the age of 14 years. REF: Lanc Co Orphans Court March 1814 pg 157
<b>CH25 Susanna Oberholtzer</b>	9/2/1805 - 12/4/1895 Both bur. E Petersburg Mennonite Cem., Lancaster m. 1/1/1822 by Rev. Hoffmeyer to <b>Andrew Holtzworth</b> 1/17/1798 - 3/20/1878 shoemaker & Postmaster
<b>CH251 Mary Holtzworth</b> 1822 - 12/6/1895	m <b>Peter Snyder</b> - 1870
<b>CH252 Addison Holtzworth</b> 1830 -	employee at Office of Recorder, Fort Wayne IN m <b>Josephine _____</b>
<b>CH253 Wm Holtzworth</b> 9/8/1831 - 6/7/1908	bur E Petersburg Menn , dry goods merchant in Selinsgrove PA
<b>CH254 Jacob Holtzworth</b>	m <b>Martha _____</b> confectioner in South Oil City PA
<b>CH255 Susan Holtzworth</b> 1842 -	m <b>David Shirk</b> Sac City IA at mother's passing
<b>CH256 Sarah Holtzworth</b> 5/18/1844 - 1/23/1933 m <b>Dr Washington Burg</b> York Co PA - U of PA grad 1859, surgeon in Civil War, doctor in E Petersburg, Lancaster Co PA both buried at East Petersburg Mennonite Cemetery REF: Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage, July 1991, Pg 22 ; The Oberholtzer Book, 1995 OFA Barbara Ford ; Lanc Co OC Mar 1814 p 157	
<b>CH3 Magdalena Oberholtzer</b>	m. 9/5/1781 <b>Christian Newcomer</b> 1761 - bef 3/28/1798 - reg 1806 of Conestoga & Lampeter Couple inherited 212 acres from CH Christian Oberholtzer 1790 Census shows 4 male over 16, 4 male under 16, 6 female REF: The Oberholtzer Book, 1995 OFA; Will F-1-155; Will G-1-249 Deed W3-56; Virginia N Lane, Wayne PA
<b>CH31 Elizabeth Newcomer</b>	m <b>Joseph McIlhenny</b> 1806 both refused to accept Elizabeth's father Christian's farm at the appraised value.
<b>CH32 Barbara Newcomer</b> c1787 -	m <b>John Barr Jr</b> - w 1824 Strasburg Twp - wp 10/10/1828
<b>CH33 Abraham Newcomer</b>	m <b>Anna _____</b> 1809, merchant in Strasburg PA
<b>CH34 Nancy Newcomer</b>	
<b>CH35 Christina Newcomer</b>	
<b>CH4 Barbara Oberholtzer</b>	m. 11/8/1780 First Reformed Ch., Lancaster, PA to <b>George Huber</b> Manheim Twp Oct 8, 1773 Christian & Magdalene Oberholtzer sold to John Huber a mill and farm in Hempfield Twp. John

is the father of son-in-law George. On May 13, 1786 Barbara Oberholtzer & George Huber sold land to John Eshbaugh. See below for Huber family.  
REF: Irish: PA German Marriages P216; LMHS Card File; Nancy Gingerich;

**?CH5 Jacob Oberholtzer**

**m Catherine \_\_\_\_\_**

A stone of the Oberholtzer mill on the Conestoga, 1 mile east of Petersburg read "Who Trusts in God has builded well in heaven and on earth. 1792" and immediately below, another stone "Jacob Oberholtzer Catherine Oberholtzer 1792"

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**CH3 Magdalena Oberholtzer's Spouse, Christian Newcomer Descendants**

Wolfgang Newkommet c1621 - m Elsbet Stauffer 1619 - 4 children  
1671 at Wacherom on the Haar; 3 mattresses, 3 sheets, 6 pr shirts, clothing for each person.

I--1 Peter Neukommet - EUROPE

1--1 Peter Newcomer SWI - Jan. 29, 1732; wp Feb. 3, 1733, in Conestoga 1724-25  
2--1 Hannes (John) Newcomer - 1760 1718 Imm. to Leacock Twp.

3--1 Christian Newcomer 1748 - 1805 Manor Twp, Lanc. Co., PA  
m. Anna Summy - 1813

3--2,4,5,& 7 unknown

3--3 John Newcomer - ca. 1789 son of John from Hempfield Twp.  
m. Elizabeth Gochenauer

3--6 Barbara Newcomer m. Abraham Brenneman

3--8 Abraham Newcomer - 1794 Mennonite Gunsmith, Conestoga

m. 1760 Anna Barr - 1787 dau of Andrew; her 1st m. \_\_\_\_\_ Miley  
 Coffin made June 21, 1787 - Johannes Backman Ledger 5 children  
 4-1 Christian Newcomer 1761 - 1806 Lampeter (dp 3/28/1798)  
 Inherited 212 acre from Abraham; he was sole executor.  
 m. Sept. 5, 1781 {CH3} Magdalene (Molly) Oberholtzer of Hempfield  
 dau of {CH} Christian Oberholtzer-Magdalena Eshleman  
 1790 Census has 4 male over 16, 4 male under 16, 6 female

2--2 Wolfgang Newcomer SWI - Mar. 1771  
 Bought 100 acres from Penns in Leacock Twp. 1738 7 children  
 Inherited Conestoga Twp. land., he was a carpenter.  
 1st. m. \_\_\_\_\_ Baer no issue 2nd m. Elizabeth Weber, dau Henry-Maudlin Kendig  
 3--3 Barbara Newcomer 1749 - 1820 m. Abraham Buckwalter 1740 - 1819  
 2--3 Peter Newcomer III (called Jr.) - 1755 Immigrated 1719, in Conestoga 1724-25

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## Huber Family

1914 Rev I E Oberholtzer Comp Bk

1-1 John Huber 4/16/1739 – 9/24/1805 of Manheim Twp Lanc Co PA  
 m Maria Magdalena - before 9/29/1784  
 will 9/29/1784, Recorded 10/12/1784 John Huber, miller, executor

2-1 Jacob Huber  
 25 acres adjoining Peter Bachman's Spring & Elizabeth Huber  
 2-2 John Huber Jr - deceased  
 Elizabeth Huber & Susanna get 110 acres  
 2-3 Christian Huber get 110 acres  
 2-4 Jonas Huber

2-5 Maria Huber m \_\_\_\_\_ Bentz  
2-6 George Huber m Barbara Oberholtzer  
2-7 Ann Huber m Tobias Miller  
2-8 Christiana Huber m \_\_\_\_\_ Miller  
REF: See Harry M Hoover, 412 Jo\_\_\_\_ Street, Lancaster (year 1914)