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JOSEPH WARREN YODER
(Sept. 22, 1872-Nov. 3, 1956)
By H. Harold Hartzler

Although best known as the author of Rosanna of the Amish, J. W. Yoder wrote three other books, as well as a number of booklets in the music field. He always created a good impression as he led many classes in learning how to sing. I well remember him as the leader of a singing class at my home church, the Maple Grove Mennonite Church at Belleville PA. This was also his home church.



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The enclosed picture of J. W. Yoder was graciously furnished by his great-niece Audrey Yoder Procture who recently returned from New York City to live in Goshen. She is the daughter of George C. Yoder (see YNL#11).

Brother Yoder, born in Kishacoquillas Valley, Mifflin County PA, was the son of Christian K. Yoder and Rosanna McGonegal. His father was the son of Yost Yoder and Catherine Zook, Yost being the son of David Yoder and Sarah Zook, while his mother was the daughter of Patrick McGonegal and Bridgett O'Connor, the latter being Irish-Catholic immigrants. The above mentioned Catherine Zook was the daughter of Christian Zook and Catherine Hertzler, (Hertzler-Hartzler Family History #3748). Rather late in life, Feb. 18, 1932, he married Emily A. Lane, daughter of Fred A. Lane and Lydia Cooley. After their marriage they made their home in Huntington PA, where he had taught at Juanita College and the location of the Yoder Publishing Company.

J. W. Yoder was the youngest of four sons and grew up in the home of an Amish minister. The oldest, Yost M., married Barbara Peachy, daughter of Bishop Christian K. and Nancy (Hostetler) Peachy. The second, Levi M., married Amanda Anna Hartzler, daughter of Menno S. Hartzler and Mary M. G. King. The third, John M., married Sarah Hooley, daughter of David K. and Fannie (Hartzler) Hooley. Only the oldest son remained a member of the Old Order Amish Church, at that time called the Peachy Church in Big Valley. The others became members of the more liberal Amish Mennonite Church, known as the Maple Grove Church, where my father, John M. Hartzler, was later the pastor.

In his book, Rosanna of the Amish, J. W. Yoder, makes the statement that with one exception, every character mentioned was a real person, most of whom lived in Big Valley. I have written an article, verifying this statement, which appeared with the title: "Rosanna of the Amish Brought up to Date" in the July 1984 issue of Mennonite Family History.
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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH RECORDS
ON EARLY NORTH CAROLINA YODER BIRTHS

Thanks to H.A. Yoder of Charlotte, N.C., we are able to share the following information on early Yoder births. These records are from the Zion Lutheran Church near Hickory, N.C. and were published in Catawba Cousins.

"Daniel Yoder and his wife Elizabeth a daughter Saloma, born 14 May 1809 baptized (no date). Sponsor Utila Yoder.

"Adam Yoder and his wife Sally a son John George born 9 July 1811.

"Daniel Yoder and his wife Elizabeth a son Daniel born 27 July 1811.

"Elias Yoder and his wife Utila a son Simeon Jonas born 21 September 1812.

"Adam Yoder and his wife Sally a son Adam born 12 December 1813."

As with all bits and pieces of the Yoder genealogical jigsaw puzzle, these items need to be
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200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF CONRAD YODER
FOUNDER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LINE

1990 marks the 200 years since the death of Conrad Yoder, founder of the North Carolina Yoder line. His descendants constitute the Southern branch of our family and continue to hold annual reunions on the second Sunday during the month of August each year. This year it will be on August 12, 1990. All interested parties should contact : Neal D. Wilfong, Rt. 2 - Box 231A, Cleveland NC 27013 (Ph. (704)-278-4922 for full particulars. All descendants are urged to attend this annual get-together.

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Some of you might wonder why it is again time to resubscribe. Those who have received envelopes during our last YNL#14 should remember your subscription ended with YNL#13 and since YNL#14 was a bonus, with YNL#15 it is now again time to resubscribe. The preferred price is \$6.00 for two years, but \$3.00 is acceptable. It turns out that the price for each issue is \$1.00. Below is a diagram of past issues and bonuses.

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Free bonus bonus bonus bonus
Some of you are paid ahead. This saves all of us a lot of time at both ends.

YODER NEWSLETTER INDEX

Ken Heeter, of Bel Air MD, has graciously indexed all issues of the YNL from #1 to #14.

At this time approximate estimated cost of mailing, printing, etc. is judged to be somewhere between \$3.50 and \$4.50 to any interested reader. In any event, we do not intend to have any profit on selling it to interested parties. We would like to know how many of you would be interested in order that we might know how many copies to have prepared.

Let us know if you are interested.
Ken Heeter, of Bel Air MD found the following in THE SOMERSET COUNTY (PA) OUTLINE, John C. Cassady, 1932, p. 243:

"The Yoder Falls, in Conemaugh Township near Paint Creek, is one of the most beautiful falls in the county. The water of this small stream plunges over a precipice of about fifteen feet."
Does anyone know if the falls still exist and is so, are they still called Yoder Falls?

102nd BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

On Friday, October 13, 1989, Mrs. Mahalia Yoder Gerig had a birthday party at the Miller's Merry Manor. Her parents were Yost and Maggie Yoder. She was born in Nappanee IN and is the last surviving member of her family. She attends church each Sunday with her granddaughter, Frances Carnahan of Auburn.

The Yoder Family History Index No.2 provides names, addresses, and ancestry of 195 additional YNL correspondents. These have been assembled between 1985 and May 1989. Available for \$2.50 (at cost). Send your order to: Chris Yoder, 203 Lakeshire Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015.

The following note of interest was received from Carolyn K. Hartman, of Harrisonburg VA.

"The lady who paid for my subscription (Carol D. Yoder of H'burg) and her husband Dr. Paul Yoder trace back to the same 'Yoder' ancestors 46 times between the two of them. This 'Yoder' ancestor is YR in the Gingrich-Kreider book."

We can recommend anyone interested in their Holmes County OH ancestry to purchase the Cemetery Directory of the Irish Community in Eastern Holmes Co., OH. The cost is \$12.00 ppd. and can be ordered from: LEROY BEACHY, Box 87, Star Route, Millersburg OH 44654.

READER CHALLENGES: Can any of our readers identify the parties involved in the following?????????????

Owen County, Indiana Marriages-
Christiana Youtter m. James Culver- Dec.15,1861
Mary Yoder m. Philip Gonser- Oct.27, 1859
Magdalena Yotter m. John Burger- May 18, 1871

DeKalb County, Indiana Marriages-
Christopher Yoder m. Sarah Hartman- Sep.11,1866

Decatur County, Indiana Marriages-
Mary Ann Yetor m. Clemens Goetz- Feb.10,1868

From 1900 Indiana Census-
Who was JOHN HENRY YODER b. Jun.1835 Maine
Res. Hammond, Lake Co., IN. m. to Rosettie
M. Nelson b. May 1850 IN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A TALE OF THE OLEY YODER HOMESTEAD AND OF JOHNNY APPLESEED

My grandmother, Margaret Mauger Hays, was born in Reading, PA and lived there until 1924 when my grandfather brought the family to Riverside, CA. My grandmother's grandmother was Margaret Bitler Yoder who married George Kline LeVan in 1845.

My grandmother had pleasant memories of visiting her maiden aunts Mary and Hannah at the Yoder home in Pleasantville. This, I believe, is the same house you have pictured in the YNL #10. I passed through there in 1987 and saw this house and met Anna Yoder who has lived in part of it. She told me stories about my grandfather Hays' visit and said that this was the house where Margaret B. Yoder was born.

I am enclosing a letter from my grandmother... (written in 1932) This includes a plan of the house as my grandmother remembered it.

-- Sarah Hays Succa
Cambridge, MA. Jun.1989

" Our grandmother...was Mary Bitler Yoder. John Yoder, the first settler, came from Switzerland about 1720 and took up land, a "William Penn" grant along the Little Manatawny in Oley township. "Oley" is from the Indian word "olink" meaning "within the bowl". The old Yoder home is built on land John Yoder cleared and George and I still own a part of that land. The first house was built on the creek on the site of the present "wash house" and here the family was several times attacked by Indians.

" John Yoders son Daniel, married Margaret Oyster, of Hereford township, built the present house in 1803. (Log house built by Hans, John, son of Hans, built half of present house in 1737. Daniel, son of John, built the other part in 1777). At that time, the room that is now used as a kitchen by the farmer, was the central hall of the house with open stairway and very large open hearth. There are seven bedrooms upstairs and five bedrooms and central hall downstairs, also a back stairway from the kitchen.

"The 'wash house' was built on the side of the first house. the first floor opens on the creek and has a large open hearth. This room was used for washing. Upstairs are several bedrooms for itinerant journeymen and hired men, storage rooms, & carpenter shop. I do not know by who or when the mill was

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Rosanna, mother of J.W. Yoder, after the death of her mother, was cared for by Elizabeth Yoder, who first married Christian Kauffman, and later married the Amish Bishop Shem Yoder. She wanted to become a school teacher, but was not permitted to become one, due to strict church regulations. But later two of her sons did teach school. J. W. Yoder attended Juniata College and graduated from Northwestern University. He taught school in Big Valley and later at Elkhart Institute.

I can recall how John Umble, former Goshen College Professor, told the story of his teacher in Greek, J. W. Yoder, who stated at the close of the class: "Now you know all the Greek that I know."

Yoder was also interested in athletics. Early in the fall of 1900 he was elected President of "The Elkhart Institute Athletic Association". During the winter two classes a week were instructed in light gymnastics by Professor J. W. Yoder. He was also instrumental in organizing "The Elkhart Institute Tennis Association". Always interested in music, Yoder composed the Elkhart Institute song. The first stanza follows:

The fathers of old toiled with patience and prayer
To leave us a heritage dear:
Now with gratiitude deep with their kind loving
care,
We their names and their mem'ries revere.
From the field and the farm with our brawn and
our brains
They have sent us to learn wisdom's ways,
And in knowledge and culture and art to attain
That which brightens and cheers all our days.

Later at Juniata College, J. W. Yoder was athletic director from 1901 to 1904. From 1920 to 1941 he was employed as High School Visitor and was very popular due to his singing ability. He gave addresses and interviewed prospective students. For many years he was a popular singing teacher in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. From the Gospel Witness of October 17, 1906, I found this news item: "Brother J.W. Yoder fulfilled his promise to return to our county this summer to continue his work of teaching vocal music. He returned on July 10 and began organizing classes. He had a total of 345 pupils in the Kinzer, Paradise, Stmptown and New Providence churches of Lancaster County. There were 300 pupils present at Strasburg for the closing with an audience of 1200 present. Brother is a leader of unusual force and enthusiasm."

J. W. Yoder served as President of the Pennsylvania Yoder Reunion every year from 1934 to 1954. This reunion was held near Lebanon at Mt. Lebanon every other year and at Kishacoquillas Park near Lewistown on alternate years. A number of Yoder songs composed by Yoder were sung at these reunions. The first verse and chorus of one of these songs follows:

We're gathered friends from near and far,
For fellowship and praise;
May this reunion be a star
To brighten all our days.

Chorus:

Then let us sing the Yoder name,
Let's lift its virtues high;
Defend it e'er from wrong and shame,
When sore temptations nigh.

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In addition to teaching at the Elkhart Institute and at Juniata College, J. W. also taught at Lock Haven State Teachers College in Pennsylvania. He was a versatile author, singer and song writer. His singing classes were conducted with remarkable success, being universally loved and respected by patrons and pupils. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of devoted friends.

Brother Yoder always wished to be known as an Amishman. When he went to Juniata College he mentioned the matter of church membership to the President, M. G. Brumbaugh. The advice of M. G. Brumbaugh was that he should stay with his people. This he did and remained a member of the Maple Grove Mennonite Church located near Belleville PA. There his funeral was held November 15, 1956, conducted by Jacob F. Weirich, assisted by Aaron Mast, A. J. Metzler and J. Raymond Powell. His body was buried in the Locust Grove Cemetery.

His second book, Amish Leider, was published in 1942. From boyhood he had heard many Amish hymns sung from the Ausbund, the song book without notes which had been used by the Amish people for hundreds of years. Wishing to preserve these hymns for future generations

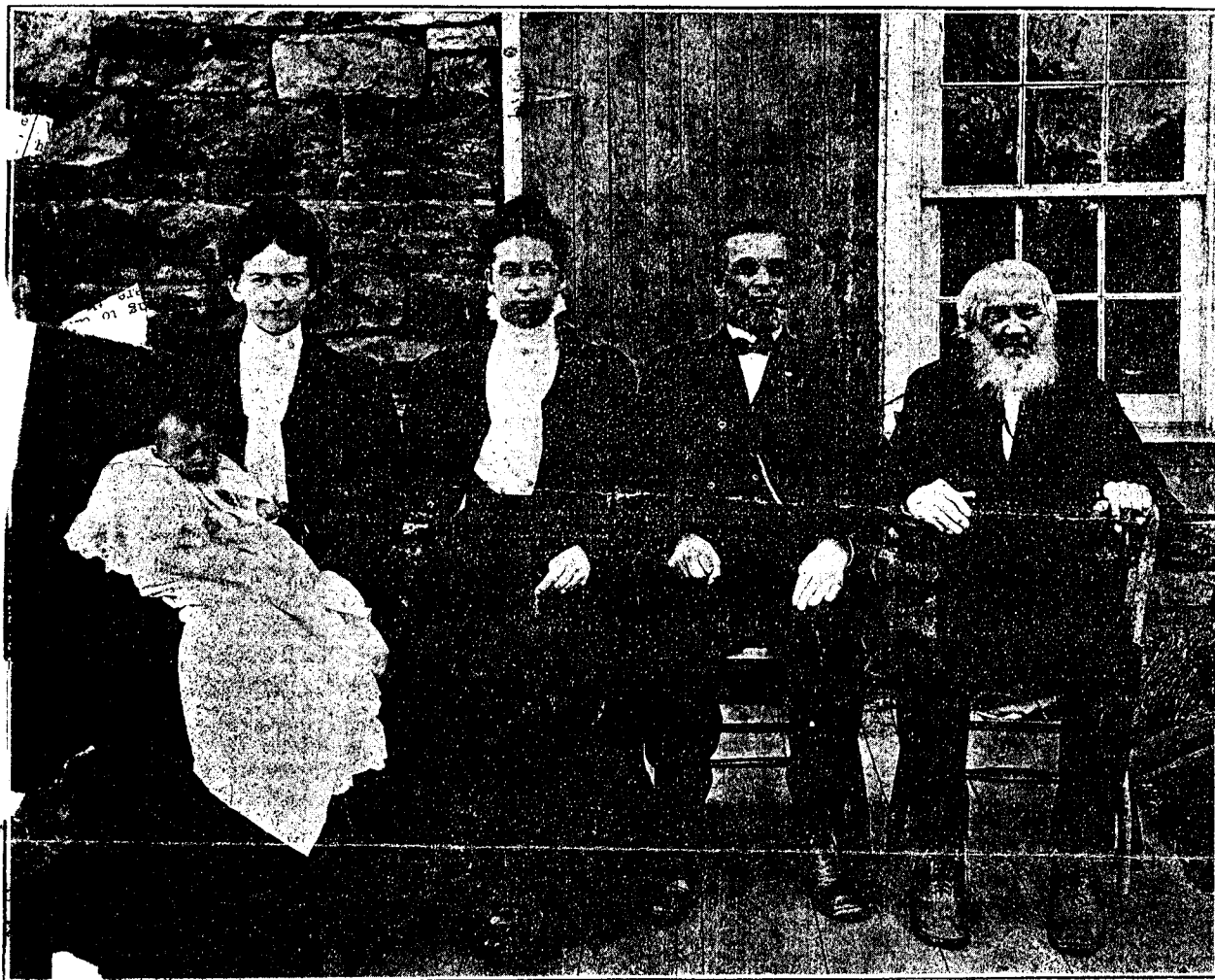
J. W. decided to write the music for these songs. From the foreword, he makes the statement: The writer was raised in the Kishacoquillas Valley, Mifflin County PA. With his father and mother he attended the Peachy Church which still uses this music entirely. Since the singers of the valley feel that they still have these hymns as near or nearer the old ways of singing than any other community, it was only natural that the writer should go back to the valley to get these songs and hymns in the waly form. So this is what he did. He had experienced members of the Old Order Amish Church sing these songs. As they did, he wrote the notes to accompany some of these songs.

Later in 1948 he wrote a sequel to Rosanna of the Amish. The title was: Rosanna's Boys. In this book he relates further details concerning the four sons of Rosanna and Little Christ. A few excerpts follow: First from page 67: "As stated in a previous chapter, the one thing which Amish parents delight is obedience and especially when children are willing to join the church to which the parents belong and are submissive to the ordnung of the church. In this respect Yost was the favorite son." Second from page 88: "If Yost was the good boy of the family, the bad boy, was Levi, but only in the Amish respect that he would not obey the ordnung of the church. In every other way he was the equal of Yost and as a worker he probably surpassed him. But he objected to wearing long hair and going without suspenders, and letting his beard grow. but in uprighteousness of character no fault could be found in Levi." From page 344: "Rosanna's boys owe a great debt of obligation and gratitude to a Godly father and a devout mother. If these boys could be here, I am sure they would join me in expressing our devout gratitude that our parents instilled in us, the abiding principles of love of work, self-sufficiency, honesty and love of God and fellowman."

In 1950 he wrote "Amish Traditions". To me, this book should not have been written since it was disrespectful of some Amish customs. However i will allow J. W. to speak for himself: "I have slowly come to the conclusion that the Amish people are missing much of the joy of fellowship that Christians should

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FIVE GENERATIONS OF THE YODER FAMILY-- ANCESTORS SETTLED AT PUGH IN YEAR 1776



standing from right to left—Ralph W. Fritz, Katie Hunter Fritz, Lizzie Yoder Hunter, Samuel B. Yoder, Benedict Yoder.

FIRST GENERATION—Mr. Benedict Yoder, an aged citizen who resides in the neighborhood of Pugh, Pa., was born in the year 1818; in Stonycreek township, on what is known as the Uriah Lehman farm, in an old house the picture of which is printed below, being now in his 93d year. He was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Lehman on April 24, 1842, and lived happily with her for fifty-eight years, when she expired on May 30, 1900. Mr. Yoder is the father of fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters. He also has living 38 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

SECOND GENERATION—S. B. Yoder, Pugh, Pa.; D. M. Yoder, Kansas; C. C. Yoder and J. M. Yoder, Iowa City, Iowa; J. Yoder and S. T. Yoder, Washington, Kansas; E. L. Yoder, West Branch, Iowa; Mrs. Hiram Rhoads, McPherson, Kansas; Mrs. Valene Lehman, Berlin, Pa.; Mrs. George Mostoller and Mrs. N. E. Mostoller, Listie, Pa.; Misses Mary and Gertrude Yoder, who reside at home.

THIRD GENERATION—S. B. Yoder, to whom three children were born, as follows: Mrs. Alex. Hunter, Mrs. Ephram Coleman and Mr. Harvey G. Yoder.

FOURTH GENERATION—Mrs. Alex. Hunter, to whom three children were born, as follows: Mrs. Robert Fritz, Miss Mabel Hunter and Mr. Morten Hunter.

FIFTH GENERATION—Mrs. Robert Fritz, to whom one child is born, namely, Ralph Fritz.

Benedict Yoder, who appears on the right in the picture printed above, is a representative of a family which was founded in Pennsylvania by Christian Yoder, a native of Switzerland who emigrated about 1745 to the province of Penn and settled in Berks county. In the spring of 1776 he removed with his family to Bedford, now Somerset county, where he had previously bought a large tract of timber land situated where Pugh now stands, about seven miles east of Somerset, in Stonycreek township. The deed for this property was dated October 9, 1775, the consideration thereon being \$968. There were no roads and the nearest neighbor was five miles distant. There was a small clearing where Christian erected a log house and barn, a picture of the house being printed in connection

with this sketch. He then began his battle with the wilderness, wild beasts and occasional Indians. Field after field was cleared and cultivated, until he had one of the largest and best farms in the county.

Christian Yoder married in Berks county Barbara Hooley, and they were the parents of fifteen children, among them being John Yoder, the grandfather of Benedict Yoder.

Benedict Yoder was the son of John and Barbara (Yoder) Yoder, his mother and father, however, being in no degree related before marriage. He was born in Stonycreek township in the old house

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ted by Christian Yoder, his great grandfather, a picture of which is printed on this page, and until marriage worked for his father. He then bought a tract of timber land two miles west of the homestead and began wresting a farm from the forest. On the night of May 9, 1853, the home he had built caught fire and burned to the ground, no property being saved and the family barely escaping with their lives. Four of the boys, small though they were, saved themselves by jumping from the second-story windows. Mr. Yoder at once began rebuilding and erected the residence which still stands on the farm and in which he makes his home. He has always been an ardent Republican and is a member of the Amish church. He was one of a family of thirteen children, several of whom gained much prominence. His mother died December, 1856, aged 81 years, and his father died October 4, 1860, having lived 84 years on the homestead and leaving behind him the memory of a religious and conscientious man.

Samuel B. Yoder, son of Benedict and Sarah (Miller) Yoder, was born May 15, 1843, in Stonycreek township, and received his education in the Schrock school. He worked for his father until 1862, when he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, being severely wounded

at Gettysburg July 1, 1863. After his return from the war he married, purchased a farm of one hundred acres, and as well as his

weakened condition would allow, directed the agricultural labors for thirteen years. At the end of that time, in consequence of ill health, he sold the property and engaged in other pursuits. For three years he served as assessor of Stonycreek township, and for the same length of time was jury commissioner of Somerset county. He belongs to Post No. 210, G. A. R., of Somerset, and is a Republican in politics. He and his wife are members of the Mennonite church.

Samuel B. Yoder is the father of Mrs. Alexander Hunter, grandmother of the representative of the fifth generation, her daughter having married Robert Fritz, and to whom was born the child whose picture is on the extreme left of the cut printed above.



OLD LOG HOUSE ERECTED IN 1776, WHERE BENEDICT YODER WAS BORN.

Fill-ins made on this article which appeared in an early 1900s edition of a Somerset Co., PA newspaper which was quite worn and aged.

have and it seems to me they are bearing useless burdens and making sacrifices that do not add to their righteousness. I praise the Amish people for many things. The sincerity and devotion and obedience of the Amish people cannot be questioned. For many years I have had an inward urge to try to shed some Scriptural light on some of the practices of the Amish people. Let me say inclosing this book, that what I have said in every chapter was said from a sincere desire to find a better way of life for the Amish people."

Brother Yoder wrote about a practice found not only among the Amish but also among certain groups of Mennonites and of members of the Brethern churches. This concerns the wearing of the Prayer veil by female members. In 1954 he wrote a small book with the title: "The Prayer Veil Analyzed". "Being bound only by the will of God to find and tell the truth, and being under obligation to no man but his creator and without fear of anyone, or favor of anyone, the writer has written what he firmly believes to be the truth. If anyone is disposed to disagree with his findings, he is willing to meet any such one in a friendly discussion of the Christian merits of the so-called Prayer Veil."

Titles of some of the books of music by J. W. Yoder are: Red Bird, The Triumph, The Scepture, The Banner, Public School Songs, The Diadem, The Cardinal Songster, The Voice, The Lyric, How to Begin Reading Music, The Leader, The Pennant, Bluebird Revised, The Music Reader, Christmas Carols, The Crown, The Jewel and The Lute.

In the preface of the Music Reader, J. W. Yoder states: "It is the hope of the author that the simplicity of the Music Reader will appeal to many and that it will deepen the interest in good singing so that churches will be organized in many communities and the appreciation of good music greatly advanced."

Born, the son of an Irish-Catholic mother and an Old Order Amish minister in the beautiful Kishacoquillas Valley, J. W. Yoder will long be remembered.

H. Harold Hartzler is a retired mathematics professor of Goshen College. His address is 901 College Avenue, Goshen IN 46526. His above article is appreciated.

A YODER CHALLENGES ROCKEFELLER MILLIONS

Yoders have been politicians throughout the history of family. Centuries ago in Switzerland, a Joder was governor of Thun. In YNL # 8 we reported on Cong. Samuel Yoder of Ohio, who served at the end of the 19th century.

This year another member of the Yoder clan is reportedly taking the electoral plunge. According to the Feb. 17 edition of the Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report, Harpers Ferry West Virginia lawyer JOHN YODER, 38, is the expected Republican nominee to challenge US Senator John D. Rockefeller IV. Rockefeller is an heir to great wealth and will be a tough nut to crack (even for a Yoder).

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(as described in YNL #14)

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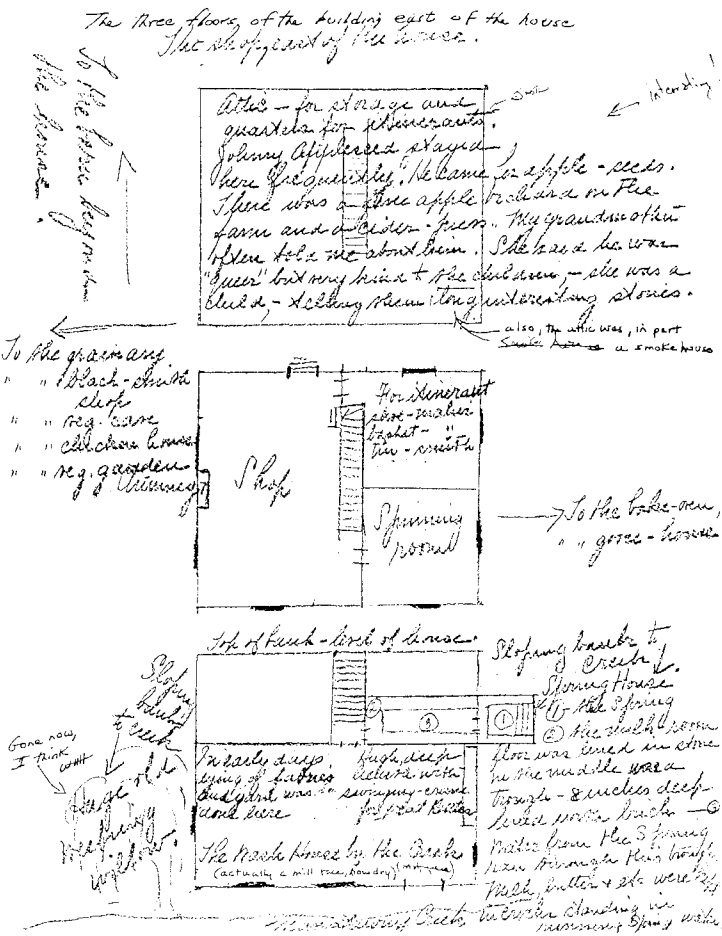
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built.
 "... Daniel Yoder and Margaret Oyster had son David, my grandmother's father. They had several daughters and I well remember Grandmother talking about Aunt Peggy, Aunt Polly and Aunt Katie who lived to be 99 yrs. The son David married Hannah Bitler of Catawissa. He built a mill at Catawissa and my grandmother and Aunt Mary were born there. Grandmother was born in 1820. When she was a little girl, her parents returned to the ancestral home and always lived there afterwards. David Yoder and Hannah Bitler had one son, Daniel, and five daughters. Margaret, the oldest, our grandmother, Mary, Hannah, Sarah, and Catherine. Mary and Hannah never married and lived in the old home until their deaths. Aunt Mary (95) out lived Aunt Hannah (74) many years and George and I had many happy visits with her in the old home. It was furnished, and Aunt Mary lived just as she had when a girl...

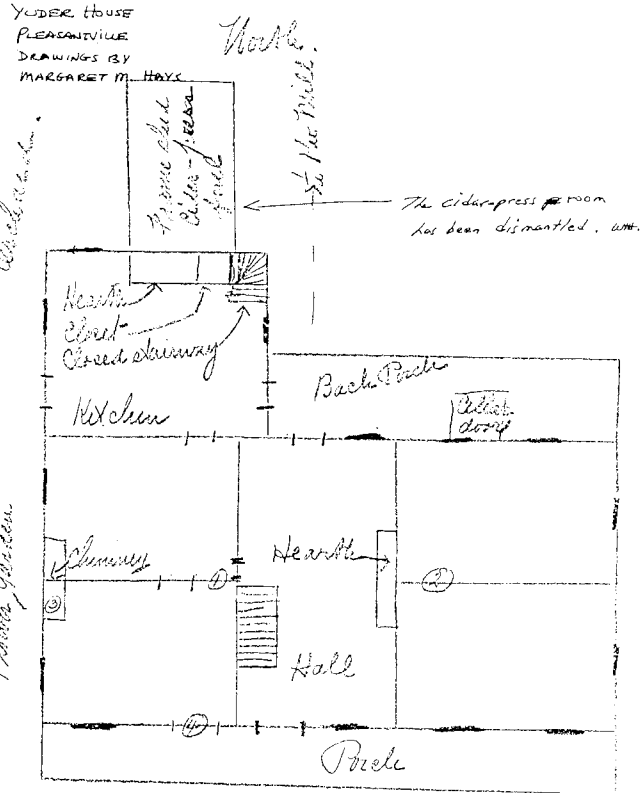
--Letter by Margaret Mauger Hays 1932

--added notes () by Rosa Mauger during her visit



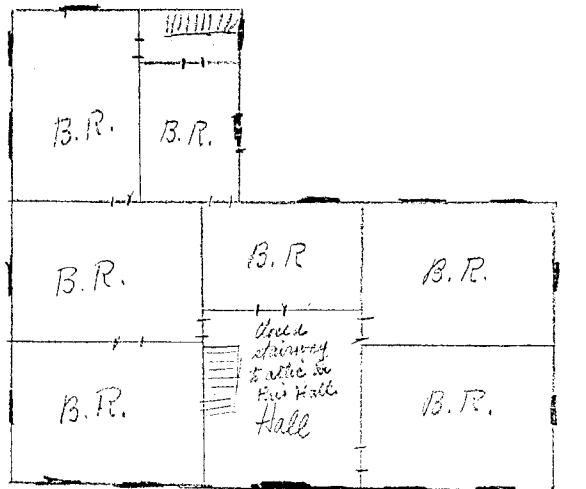
THE SHOP EAST OF THE HOUSE

ATTIC- for storage and quarters for itinerants. Johnny Applesseed stayed here frequently. He came for apple seeds. There was a fine apple orchard on the farm and a cider press. My grandmother often told me about him. She said he was "queer" but very kind to the children- she was a child telling them long and interesting stories. Also the attic was in part a smoke house.



I have drawn the plan as the house was when I visited there as a little girl, but I think it had been changed when Aunt Mary and Aunt Hannah made room for their farmer on one side of the house. I think the partitions 1 & 2 were put in then, a fireplace closed and a door 4 put where a window had been. After the change- Aunt M & H occupied the house on the left side of the hall. The farmer the hall & right side. It was this way as George and I remember it.

2nd floor of house



*****QUERIES*****
 The YNL will publish Yoder related inquiries or exchanges at no charge. Please limit to 30 or so words plus a full return address. All inquiries are checked against our records to see if we can help too.
 Send to : Chris Yoder, 203 Lakeshire Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015.

 WANTED.. descendants of JACOB YODER and Nancy M. Yount of Daviess Co., IN. Had son named Grover. Reply to: Shirley Platt, 1052 Darling St., Ogden, Ut. 84403.

 Fellow descendants wanted of Lafayette Yoder m. Susan C. Resident of Crawford Co., MO as of 1880. Lafayette, son of Adolphus of the Conrad Yoder line, was b. 1840 Barbara Myatt, 4000 Glenrose Dr, Columbia, TN 38401

 Ancestry wanted for John Yoder (bc1798) and wife Mary 1830--50 residents of Wayne Co., OH. Both born in Germany. Daughters Barbara (bc1820OH) and ? . Son JOSEPH YODER b.12-4-1828OH m. 12-3-63 Wayne Co to Mary Aschbacher. Res. of MO by 1871. d. 4-10-1904. Buried Paradise Cemetery, Clay County, MO. Joseph and Mary had son Jake, dau. Sally and Elizabeth who married William Smith. (bur. Arley Cemetery). Reply to: YNL Queries, 203 Lakeshire Rd, Battle Creek, MI 49015

 Who was the Mr. YODER who was the second husband of Catharina (Pfautz) Grumbacher. She married first Peter Grumbacher who died Apr.1, 1778 age 37. Catharina was 35 at that time. Both were members of the Coventry Church of the Brethren in Coventry Township, Chester Co., PA. She had remarried by the settlement of her 1st husband's estate on 3/23/1787 By the time of her 1811 will, she was using the Grumbacher name again. Send any information to : Paul S. Frick, P.O. Box 2492, Arizona City, AZ 85223

 Ancestry ?? of JOHN F. YODER (b.1/1853 OH) m. Minerva Schiller, ch. Ralph (b 82 IN) and Bessie (b.85) and GEORGE YODER b.4/1851OH m. Mary Jane Sheller, ch. Charles (b.73IN) and Ray (83NE). (Charles m. Cora Calvin, Gage Co., NE on 22 May 1893). Both residents of LaPlata Co., Colorado, 1900 Census. Reply to: YNL Queries, 203 Lakeshire Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015.

 Who were the parents of AARON YODER b.1817PA? Shown in 1860 census, Xenia OH with Hannah b.1813OH, children (all b.OH) - Ellenora b.1842, Mary A E b.1845, Rachel R b.1847, Emanuel b.1849, George b.1851, John b.1852, Aaron b.1854, Hannah b.1856. Also present one BEACHEL YODER b.1812PA. Reply to: Barbara Yoder, 4495 Arba Pike, Richmond, IN 47374

(Editors note: Can anyone prove or disprove the hypothesis that this Aaron may have been the son of David Yoder (1765-1826) of the Oley Yoder line and Catherine High who resided in Union Co., PA.???)

 What was ancestry of MARIA YOUTER b. 1-10-1827 Wayne County, IL. m. 1887 to Christian Clay. d. Ridott, IL. Bur. Gund's Cemetery. Reply to Nancy Ann Hartman, P.O. Box 74, Rising City, Neb. 68658

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

If you don't have a handle on your Yoder ancestry and haven't written to see if we can help, PLEASE DO. This is what we are here for. We continually are surprised to hear from folk who have been long-time readers. We have a high hit rate in linking folk. When we don't immediately succeed, each missing link helps fill the large puzzle and offers future success. If you have not already done so, please send in your questions to YNL queries at the cited address. Thanks!

 I am using Personal Ancestral File on an IBM clone and am interested in exchanging Yoder family information (any line) with anyone else that uses a computer program that supports the Gedcom file format. I am a descendant of CONRAD YODER and have all of the genealogical information in PAF from the book about him, History of the Yoder Family in North Carolina. I also have information on the descendants of CONRAD's son JACOB which was not included in this book. I would also like to exchange information in any form, printed or otherwise, on the Conrad Yoder line. Contact Rob Yoder, P. O. Box 170717, Arlington TX 76003.

ALSO

Looking for EVERITT YODER b. ca. 1887, son of William J. (probably Jacob) YODER b. ca 1886 and NANCY A. MAVITY, b.ca 1884 all born in Indiana. Married MAUD _____, children: BESSIE and others; brothers: JOHN MAX and PURTLE. EVERITT LEFT Chandler, Oklahoma area after 1920 going to California. MAUD was at JOHN MAX'S funeral in Chandler in 1968 and had a daughter or granddaughter in Grapevine, Texas at that time; name unknown. Contact Rob Yoder, POBox 170717, Arlington TX 76003.

 GROUP QUERY on Stephenson Co., ILL YODER DATA

Many Thanks to Nancy Ann Hartman, P.O. Box 74, Rising City, Nebraska 68658 for the following info on Yoders of Freeport, Stephenson Co, ILL. Anyone having descendant or ancestral info on these folk, please advise Ms. Hartman.:

PETER YODER, res. 1848 Dakota Twp. m2. Mrs. Eliza Elliott, Apr.23,1866 (son of JACOB YODER, Lewisburg, PA.)

GEORGE YODER d. Jan.30,1870 age 85yr 10mo 3ds, bur. Liebhart Cem. Loran Twp. West of Freeport.

JOSEPH YODER b. 1824OH m. Jan.18,1846 Summitt Co., OH to Polly Robinson. res. 1849 Loran Twp. Children- Sarah, Jerimiah, Christian.

GEORGE YODER b. 1842PA m. Mary A. Miller b.1846 VT, children Maggie C. b.1861; and Effingham Lincoln b.1864 res. Freeport, IL

GEORGE YODER b. 1831OH m. Polly Bodenmoyer (d/o George Babenmyer) res. 1860 Mercer Co.,OH. GAR. Both buried Grand View Cemetery. Children- George Andrew b.1857 m. Melvada Smith res. Freeport; Martin b.1863 res. Woodstock, IA; Robert Wilson b. 1865 res. Ft. Collins, CO.; Ida m. Mr. Hibbard res. Dubuque, IA; Minnie m. Mr. Belo and Mr. Smith. res. Lake Worth, Fla by 1931; Mary Ella m. Franklin Hochman; Catharine m. Lemuel Hochman res. Waterloo, IA.

 Can anyone add to the following puzzle?

1830 Hamilton Co., OHIO
 Henry Yoder wife dau son son son dau
 c1770-80 80-90 10-15 15-20 20-5 25-30 25-30

1840 Bond Co., ILLINOIS
 Henry Yoder wife son son dau son
 c1780-90 90-00 20-25 25-30 25-30 35-40

Henry F. Yoder(m.5/31/1838 Henry Co, IN-Mary Wishon)
 1820-25 1820-25
 (in family another male b. 1825-30)

1850 Madison Co., ILLINOIS
 Henry Yoder Elizabeth Silas
 bc1776PA bc1799KY bc1835IN
 (also in family Lewis Lynch bc.1835KY)

 Don't forget to send us a report on your Yoder reunion that happens this coming summer. We will also report on coming reunions for next year in October YNL.

YODER BROTHERS, INCORPORATED
BARBERTON, OHIO

In 1911, Menno and Ira Yoder, two Mennonite brothers, founded Yoder Brothers, Incorporated. As sharecropper partners with Mr. Ohio Columbus Barber, organizer and president of the Diamond Match Company, who felt his business principals could be applied to farming and help in facing the world hunger problem. This farm was 3000 acres and had 102 farm buildings, many of which were designed by Mr. Barber.

Barn No. 1 was built in 1909 costing \$8000 and it took 90 days and 250 masons to erect the 28,000 square feet building. It housed his cattle project. In 1920 Mr. Barber died, leaving the farm to Western Reserve University, but due to liens on the project, Western sold it. After setting vacant for a number of years until 1982, the Yoders purchased it and began restoration which later became their world headquarters in 1985 as the new office building.

The Yoder headquarters is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is the center of their vast operations. From 80 years ago when Menno and Ira Yoder started, Yoder Brothers today employs 1600 people and offers almost 1000 chrysanthemum varieties, besides over a dozen other species.

Yoder leads the world in creating new varieties in centers in the U.S., Canada, South and Central America and most of Europe, protected by patent and licensing programs. This growth has been augmented by generation after generation of devotion by hard-working Yoder employees into the steady growth of making the mum the number-one flower in our country. This also along with the faithful overseeing and leadership by Harold F. Yoder, Cloy M. Miller, William Duffet and Conrad Olson which brought company security. In the last 25 years, seven new locations such as Florida, California, South Carolina, Canada, Kenya Africa, Canary Islands, West Germany and England. All this and the company, due to many competent young people entering the company's service, Yoders will be....something to grow on!

A grandson and the firms chief service executive, G. Ramsey Yoder, gives the following message:

"Yoder Brothers, Incorporated is something to grow on. Our clients and customers around the world have become accustomed to consistently high-quality flowering and foliage products. In fulfilling those expectations and our stated business purposes--to be the leading developer, producer and seller of quality ornamental plant products--we offer our customers something to grow on. But "something to grow on" has deeper meaning. The plants we cultivate are the final product--the end result of a long process of development. We are proud of our product, but to find the real essence of Yoder, we must look further....to the people and events that have shaped our company. Years of commitment and teamwork, exhaustive labor and intensive research have made Yoder what it is today....hundreds of people have had a hand in this company's success. The result is a collective spirit, a shared set of values and priorities that make Yoder a family in a very real sense. And that, as much as the value of our product, is what we mean by "something to grow on." Yoder offers both professional and personal growth....from the hearts, from the hands, and from the minds of people who hve built Yoder and who, day after day, guide its continued success."

G. Ramsey Yoder

Mum sales are made through various nurseries and garden centers throughout the country. One place to order Prophet Mums is:

Spring Hill Nurseries
Box 1714
Peoria IL 61655

One Yoder who became disenchanted with his name, changed it to Doyer. D-O-Y-E-R. Another Yoder spelling?

The annual Reunion of the descendants of ADAM YODER (2/28/1818-5/26/1858) and Harriet Ann Isenhardt (6/20/1821-5/30/1911) will be held in Pioneer, Ohio on 26 August 1990 at the Community Center. Contact M.S. Sickmiller, Rte. 1, 17396, RD 8, Montpelier, OH 43543 for additional information.

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evaluated in light of facts known or points speculated. From these few dates, there are several items worth bringing to the attention of students of this line.

First, regarding Adam Yoder... the "lost" son of Conrad... In YNL #11, beginning on page 1, an analysis was presented of the data then at hand regarding Adam and of the plausible connection with the subsequent Yother records in Georgia and points West.

These church records cite two sons for Adam and his wife Sally (Davis). The son John George (b. 7/9/1811) roughly corresponds to the George Yother (b.c 1809) shown on the Georgia Yother chart (page 6, YNL 11). The son Adam (b. 12/12/1813) roughly corresponds to the Adam Yother (aka Edmund) from that chart. While certainly not a proof, these birth records further support the Adam Yoder/Georgia Yother speculations.

For Daniel and Elias, both early immigrants to southern Indiana, a full family record has only recently been located for Elias (thanks to Mr. Lula Vaughn, Bunker Hill, IL --- see YNL #10 page 7). The above record for son "Simeon Jonas" , "born 21 September 1812" is off by a few days from the family record obtained by Mrs. Vaughn (Sept.18,1812).

For Daniel, the 1820 Indiana Census gives sex and approximate dates of birth for seven children. No listing of these children has come to light, although with further study, it may be possible to present some analysis in a future YNL. For now, it is sufficient to say that the record of Bartholomew Co., IN show a marriage for an otherwise unlinked "Sally Yoder" on 22 Nov. 1825 to one Labein Banister. Was this Daniel's daughter Saloma (b.5/14/1809) who was sponsored by "Utilla Yoder" (Elias' wife.. Utilla Hahn)? The 1820 census showed three male children born 1810-1820... was Daniel (Jr.?) one of them?



Elmer C. Yoter

ELMER YOTER.. Major League Baseball Player

From the files of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, comes the record of Elmer Ellsworth Yoter, born in Carlisle, PA in 1900. Elmer began his first year of professional baseball in 1921 and led a varied career, to include the role of Minor League Manager with the Boston Red Sox organization.

The Yoter line of the Carlisle, PA area was introduced previously in the Yoder Newsletter Number 11 on page 5 (entitled "Partial Answer to Reader Challenge"). (Thanks to David E. Yoder for contributing this material).