



YODER NEWSLETTER



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THE YODER WHO RAN FOR THE U. S. SENATE John Yoder, West Virginia



In 1990 there were 33 races for the United States Senate. For the first time in history a Yoder was the nominee in one of these races. John Christian Yoder, the Republican nominee in West Virginia, received more than 126,000 votes against heavily favored incumbent Senator John D. Rockefeller IV. This was almost a third of all votes cast, and in the face of a tremendous spending advantage, was viewed by many as a good showing.

Senator Rockefeller is the scion of one of the wealthiest families in America. He has been mentioned as a potential Presidential candidate for the Democratic Party. John Yoder, on the other hand, was born and raised on a farm in Kansas and is the descendant of a long line of Amish and Mennonite religious leaders and educators.

John's expenditures of just under \$20,000 equalled less than 16¢ per vote. Rockefeller raised 135 times as much (which included more than \$1.3 million in special interest money from Political Action Committees) and each vote he received cost him almost \$10.

John was born in Newton, Kansas in 1951. His father, Gideon B. Yoder, attended Goshen Biblical Seminary and taught at Hesston College. John Christian is the descendant of "Schweitzer Christian" Yoder (1728-1816), his son John (1772-1860), and his son Bishop Abner Yoder (1814-1883) who we featured for his Fraktur penmanship in YNL #13.

A cum laude graduate of Chapman College in California, John went on to receive a law degree from the University of Kansas in 1975, and completed the MBA program at the University of Chicago the following year.

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YODERS AFFLICTED DURING AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The following was taken from the Mennonite Yearbook and Almanac of 1915. We are thankful to L. William Yoder of Chelmsford MA for sending it.

An Act of Assembly

By an Act of Assembly passed April 1st, 1778, entitled: "An Act for the Further Security for the Government," it is provided that all male white habitants of the State, above the age of eighteen years, who have not hitherto taken the oath or affirmation contained in the Act of June 1st, 1777, are required to take and subscribe the said oath before June 1st, 1778: that every person neglecting to take the same shall during the time of such neglect be incapable of holding any office or place of trust in the State, serving on juries, suing for any debts, electing or being elected, buying, selling or transferring any lands and shall be disabled; that such persons shall be disabled from acting as Guardian, Executor, or Administrator or capable of any legacy or Deed of Gift or to make any Will and shall be liable to pay double the taxes which any person who has taken such oath or affirmation shall be assessed at.

The Act further provides that such person shall be summoned to appear before Justices of the Peace and upon refusal to appear or take such oath or affirmation he shall be committed to prison for three months without bail unless such offender shall pay a sum of money not exceeding Ten Pounds with legal

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OLEY VALLEY YODER SITES...A CONTINUING SERIES

Oley Township, Berks County, PA

Contributed by Richard H. Yoder

IMMIGRANT YOST YODER HOMESTEAD

(Refer to YNL #16, map on page 4, location key "M")



This beautifully constructed stone dwelling is on the homestead property of Oley Valley immigrant Yost Yoder. It's on Toll House Road, Oley Township, Berks County. The date "1788" appears on a stone directly underneath the chimney facing us in this photograph. As Yost died about 1741, the buildings were obviously constructed by his descendants.

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FROM THE EDITORS

Chris Yoder, Battle Creek MI-Historical Editor
Ben F. Yoder, Goshen IN-Managing Editor
Rachel Kreider, Goshen IN-Senior Contributing Editor
Other Contributors: Richard H. Yoder, Bechtelsville PA;
Hubert A. Yoder, Charlotte NC; Dorothy Coffman, Malvern PA;
H. Harold Hartzler, Goshen IN; Fred C. Yoder, Goshen IN.

Letters to the Editors:

When the YNL had the story of Johnny Appleseed at the Hans Yoder homestead, I had heard of the story before but had laughed saying I believe in the tooth fairy too. In researching it, I've learned he belonged to the Swedenborg Church and his name was Jonathan Chapman and was born in Massachusetts. The headquarters of the church is in Philadelphia and after several phone conversations and letters, I've come up with the following:

They suggested reading the book Johnny Appleseed, the Man and the Myth by Price. He evidently spent a fair amount of time in Philadelphia, mostly with church members, some of whom are mentioned in the book.

I've also contacted their research center, the Swedenborg Foundation in New York. They said not too much is known about him until he arrived in OH. It is known that he would visit farms with cider presses to get the apple seeds. It was the practice in those days that when the farmers came to town with their produce, linseed oil, etc., any mail or people would go along back with them to get where they eventually wanted to go. Since there was a cider press there, it is very possible he would have visited the Hans farm.

The information the church sent certainly indicates he was rather strange, which certainly ties in with the YNL letter. I must admit I've changed my opinion, especially knowing that Daniel Yoder (at that time owner of the Hans homestead) did make many trips to Philadelphia. I have some copies of the receipts for linseed oil which was produced at the homestead.

I would like to see more encouragement and emphasis in the YNL for subscribers to send in what info they have even if it's only a few names and dates. I can relate to my experience when I wrote you listing Bertollette Y Yoder and Amanda buried in Niantic, KNOWING that you never heard of either. I was AMAZED when you knew both of them. That drove it home. No one feels that the info they have may be the key you're looking for unless it's pointed out.

-Richard H. Yoder, Sr. Bechtelsville, PA

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VT-3	VA-27	WA-10	WV-2	WI-5		

CANADA-4 GERMANY-1 SAUDI ARABIA-1 FRANCE-1-SWITZERLAND-1
Total-784 (previous overseas subscriptions have included AFRICA and HONG KONG)--Yoder surname=55%, Other surnames=42%; libraries and genealogical institutions=3%

WHOOPS! - In the last issue, page 5, the first photo caption, we described the building at the far right as the latest ion... it's the one on the left.

Excerpts from a letter from Dorothy R. Yoder of East Palatine OH.
"Last month, my daughter, Anne Yoder McDonald of Rockford TN and I enjoyed a tour of Alaska. One interesting experience we had was almost unbelievable.
On August 5, while we were on the Alaska Railroad train, the McKinley Explorer, from Anchorage to Denali National Park, the car attendant came to our seats to check our dinner reservations as there are three seatings. We were with a Westours group of 42. She noted that she already had our reservations as she had Yoders marked off. We had not been approached before, and we were puzzled until the people in the seats immediately in front of us said they had given their preference.
Yes, they were Yoders also! Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Yoder of Iowa City, Iowa, were also enroute to Denali. They were among the very few people in the car that were not of our Westours group.
Mr. Yoder told us that he had not heard of the YODER NEWSLETTER and I said that I thought he would enjoy it. He had heard that the Yoders came from Germany or Switzerland. We explained that Anne's forebears came from Switzerland and probably from Steffisburg. We enjoyed talking with the Yoders, and I told him that I'd ask you to send him the NEWSLETTER.

Did I ever write you that my husband's uncle Abe Yoder was Secretary of State of Montana from 1904 until his death in 1911? He was the only Republican state office holder at the time. He went to Alaska in 1900 with some of his Montana friends with the intention of mining for gold there. As their ship with the mining equipment on deck neared the shore, there was an awful storm. The captain of the ship was afraid the ship would sink, and the mining equipment was jettisoned. (I have taken these dates from his obituary that appeared in the STANDARD of Butte, Montana, dateline August 6, 1911.) Anne and I went to Bonanza Creek in the Yukon Territory and also saw the Trail of Tears from the White Pass and Yukon Railroad train. As you know, the gold in Rabbit, later named Bonanza Creek was discovered in August 2896. The Gold Rush began in 1898.

After seeing the rugged terrain, Anne and I decided it was probably providential that Uncle Abe and his friends did not go to Alaska and the Yukon. So many of those who went died or had to turn back. There are still outposts in Alaska and the Yukon that cannot be too different from those of 1898."

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Yoder Reception.

MUSIC HALL, LIMA, OHIO,
TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 31, 1891.



HON. S. S. YODER.

On Mar. 31, 1891 (just 100 years ago) Congressman S. S. Yoder was honored by the city of Lima Ohio. What did he do to deserve this special merit? He managed to get through an appropriation to build a new Post Office (a price tag of \$60,000). Can any of our readers say if this post office is still standing?

 Daryl Yoder, a resident of Graborone, Botsuwana,
 writes that he is a descendant of "Schweitzer
 Christian" through great-great Grandson John
 (1840-1922) who m. Anna Bontrager. Daryls grandfather
 Tobias J. Yoder was born in Thomas, OK and his father
 John Henry was b. in Garnett, KS.

At a Wednesday Lenten luncheon at the English Lutheran Church
 (ECLA) in Goshen, we had the pleasure to sit at the same table
 with Rev. and Mrs. Schreck, former pastor of this church.

Talking about the Yoders, in and about Goshen, he informed
 me that the church belonged to the South Bend (IN) Conference
 of Lutheran churches that publishes its conference bulletin.
 The title is shown below as the Yoder Dame GAZETTE. This is
 a play on our name and Notre Dame University located in South
 Bend, twenty-five miles west of Goshen.

As we left for our car, Rev. Schreck kindly obtained a copy
 of the bulletin from the present pastor, Rev. Peper, and caught
 us before we left to give me a copy. (see below)



GRAVESTONE OF JACOB YODER- grandson of CONRAD YODER
 of North Carolina. Son of Jacob Yoder who married
 Catherine Dellinger and moved to Indiana. The younger
 Jacob (1817-1885) married Mary Jackson and is buried
 in the Lanam Ridge Cemetery, Monroe Co., IN. Thanks
 to Hubert A. Yoder of Charlotte, NC for this photo.
 Hubert writes " I suppose of all of Jacob Sr's
 children, this marker is the only one we have. Lanam
 Ridge was really on the ridge." Thanks Hubert!



 READER CHALLENGES

 ??Can you identify any of these folk??

St. Joseph (Hill) Lutheran Church, Berks Co. PA, baptismal
 records:

- Parents-Mathias Joder son-Daniel bapt. 7/16/1766
- Mathias, son of Daniel D. & wife, Barbara, b. 7/27/1787

Berks Co. PA Marriage Records 1730-1830:

- Susannah Yoder of Berks Co. to John Dompman(sp), 4/26/1777
 of Chester Co. PA.
- Susanna m. 11/27/1781 Jochim Moses Union Twp.
- Abraham Yoder m. Hanna Leis Swartzenwald Ch. 11/18/1792
- Esther Yoder m. Sebastian Reifschneider 6/16/1821

Other PA records:

- Elizabeth Yoder m. Matthias Hollenbach 10/2/1750 at St.
 Michaelis Ch., Philadelphia
- Jost Yoder m. 1756 Eva Catrina Hubeles
- Veronica Frances Yoder m. c1717 Michael Denlinger

Other records:

- Washington Co., TN-J. C. Yoder m. 7/12/1869 to Saraphine
 Crosswhite
- Shelby Co., OH-Catherine Yoter who m. George Honselman,
 had son Mar. 1856
- Monroe Co., IN-George Yoder m. 10/5/1848 to Elizabeth Goss
- Joseph Yoder (carpenter b. PA c1826) m. Charlotte Agler
 2/8/1849 Mercer CO., OH. res 1850 Vermillion Co., OH

YODER IMMIGRANT INFORMATION

Can anyone identify the folk in these records?

Emigrants from France: by Clifford Neal Smith, 1986:

- Joder, Chretien 20 NY NY 1841 p. 16
- Joder, Jacques 62 NY NY 1841 p. 14
 with wife Barbara 3 daughters & sister with
 brother-in-law and 2 nephews
- Joder, Joseph 20 NY NY 1841 p. 14

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MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE- Between William Yoder
 (1812-1854) and Brigitta DeLong (1822-1900). This
 records their marriage on the 7th of Feb. 1840.
 William was the great-great-grandson of Oley
 immigrant Hans Yoder. William's baptism is recorded
 in the YNL #14 article on the Schuylkill Co. Yoders.
 This copy was provided by our renown contributor Dr.
 Don Yoder, who also authored that article.

costs. If such offender shall refuse or neglect to pay such sum of money with costs, the same may be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattles of the offender, unless he shall enter bail and appear at the next term of Court; and at each Court the said oath or affirmation shall be tendered and upon refusal to take the same it shall be so recorded and the said offender shall within thirty days after such refusal depart this State under direction of the Court and he shall incur the forfeiture of his goods and chattels to the State and all his lands and tenements to the person or persons who would by law be entitled to inherit the same in case such offender were dead intestate.

The Act of Assembly passed June 13th, 1777 gives the following as the oath or affirmation above referred to:--"I....., do swear (or affirm) that I renounce and refuse all allegiance to George the Third, King of Great Britain, his heirs and successors, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a free and independent State, and that I will not at any time do or cause to be done any matter or thing that will be prejudiced or injurious to the freedom and independence thereof, as declared by Congress; and also that I will discover and make known to some one justice of the peace of the said State of all treason or traitorous conspiracies which I know or hereafter shall know to be formed against this or any of the United States of America.

The Mennonites in Saucon (then Northampton, now Lehigh County) could not conscientiously subscribe to this and what the consequences were is clearly seen from the following petitions: To the HONORABLE THE Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: The petition of George Bachman, Jacob Yeoder, Caspar Yoeder, Abraham Yoeder, Henry Sell, Peter Sell, Philip Geisinger, Henry Geisinger, John Geisinger, Christian Young and John Newcomer of Upper Saucon, in the County of Northampton and State of Pennsylvania, HUMBLY SHEWETH That your petitioners having received Sentence of Banishment at the last Court of Quarter Sessions held at Easton, for no other cause but that we could not with freedom of conscience comply with the Law of this State imposing a Test on the inhabitants and being deeply afflicted with the complicated distresses, our unhappy families are thereby involved in; beg leave, in all humility to lay before you, our deplorable case, not destitute of some hope of obtaining your merciful Interposition, as we believe none can justify charge of any of us with having ever done any act that can be construed inimical to the State or Government we under, but have always been peaceable subjects, ready and willing to contribute our full proportion towards the support of it, except going into the military service, it being contrary to our religious principles to bear arms in any case whatsoever, and if we are found guilty of anything contrary to these our peaceful principles, may we suffer the severest penalties; and your petitioners believing the Supreme Council to be invested with a dispensing power to mitigate the severity of our sentence as we humbly conceive the process against us has not been according to the spirit of the law or the intention of the Legislature with regard to the peaceable industrious part of the people, which error is imputed to the magistrates not clearly understanding the full meaning of the first and third clause of the Act for the further security of government, past the first of April last, and your petitioners not being able yet to get over their religious scruples about taking the said test, it appearing to us like joining our hands to military service, and being very desirous to continue to be not only peaceable but useful subjects to this State, do humbly request the Honorable Supreme Council to take our distressed case into consideration, and grant such relieve therein as sto you in your wisdom shall seem meet.

And you petitioners shall as in duty bound pray, &c. 4 July 1778. George Bachman, Jacob Yoder, Caspar Yoder, Abraham Yoder, Heinrich Sell, Peter Sell, Heinrich Geisinger, Johannes Geisinger, Abraham Geisinger, Philip Geisinger, Christian Jung, Johannes Neukommer.

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We the Subscribers, Freemen of the County of Northampton, &c., being duly qualified according to law, beg leave to certify to the Honorable Supreme Council of this Commonwealth that we are neighbors to, and well acquainted with, the petitioners above named and have ever known them to be men of unblemished reputation for uprightness and integrity in their conduct, conversation and dealings amongst men and are convinced that their present blindness to their own essential interest proceed from an unhappy bias in their education, and not from a disaffection to the present Government. Witness our hands the 5th July, 1778.

Felix Lynn, Nicholas Kooken, Johanner Lukenbach, Georg Rauschenberger, Adam Lukenbach, Jorg Schaffer, Felix Rosenberger, Michael Zigler, Mattes Gangwer, Johannes Bar, Peter Fuchs, Mattes Mueller

To the Honorable the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met:

The petition of Eve Yoder, wife of Jacob Yoder, of Upper Saucon township in the County of Northampton, in this State, Yeoman, and Esther Bachman, wife of George Bachman, of Upper Saucon township, aforesaid, Yeoman, as well as on behalf of themselves and their said husbands as also on behalf of John Keisiger, Abraham Keisinger, Henry Sell, Jasper Yoder, Abraham Yoder, Jacob Yoder, Henry Keisinger, Christian Young, John Newcomer, and George Bachman, all of them freeholders and men of reputation of the said county who have always behaved peaceably and quietly and never intermeddled in State affairs, but paid their taxes and fines, furnished horses and teams for the continental service, whenever demanded, and some of them have gone with their teams as drivers to carry provisions to the army of the United States, for which service they have hitherto received no pay; that the freeholders were summoned to appear at the Court of Quarter Sessions held at Easton in June last past, where they appeared accordingly and the test being tendered them, by the said Court, which said test they conscientiously scrupled to take (being of the religious society called Menonists). Whereupon the said Court sentenced them to be banished out of the State within thirty days after the said Court and that all of their personal estate, even their beds, bedding, linen, Bibles and books, were taken from them and sold by the Sheriff to the amount of about forty thousand pounds. That from some of them all their provisions were taken and even not a morsel of bread left them for their children. That as all their iron stoves were taken from them, though fastened to the freehold, they are deprived of every means of keeping their children warm in the approaching winter, especially at nights, being obliged to lye on the floor without any beds; that some of the men's wives are pregnant and near their time of deliverance, which makes their case more distressing, and that by reason of the said proceedings ten of the most respectful and considerable Families in the said County of Northampton are becoming destitute and very much reduced.

May it therefore please this Honorable House to take the Premises into Consideration and to mitigate the Severity of the Sentence of said Court, and that some Regard be had to the command of God, laid down in the Scriptures of Truth, to-wit: "What God hath joynd together let not men put asunder," and that our husbands may be permitted to continue to dwell with us, and that our children may not be taken from us. And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

September the 9th, 1778

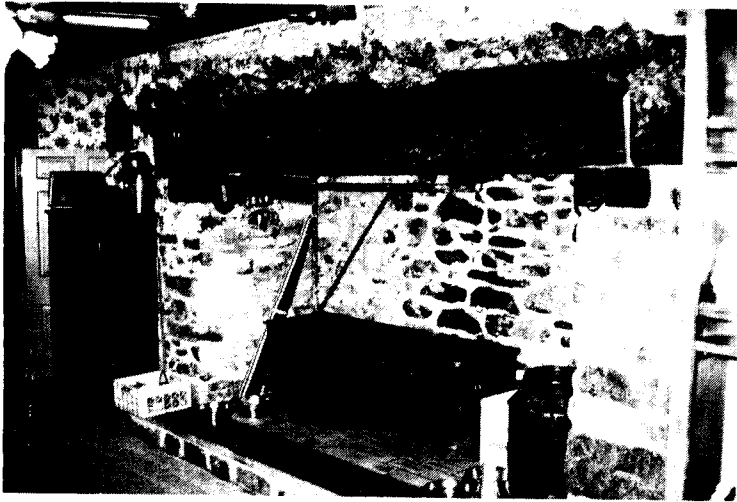
Her
Eve X Joder
Mark

Her
Esther X Bachman
Mark

Sept. 10, 1788

Read and ordered to be recommended to the Council.

The Mennonite Yearbook and Almanac reads, "We failed to find any records to show what disposition was made of these petitions."



This twelve foot fireplace is in the pantry of the Yost homestead dwelling. A kettle crane can be seen in the far corner.



The two windows on the left end of the house are part of the original section. The house was built in 1777. This was presumably by Samuel Yoder (son of John, son of the immigrant Hans) as his eldest son George (known to have resided on the property) was only 15 at that time. George (1752-1833) in turn sold it to his eldest son William. (Readers should refer to YNL#9, page 7, which shows a survey map to this property contributed by Glenn F. Yoder).



This is a view of the house from the left-hand side as seen from the first photo. The small separate building without windows is the spring house.

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A YODER SERVES IN THE
FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR

Samuel Yoder (c1726-1771), son of John, the son of Oley immigrant Hans Joder, was a soldier in the French and Indian War. He served with General Wolfe on the Heights of Abraham in the capture of Quebec. According to Bertolet's Fragments of the Past:

"He was gone ten years, and meanwhile endured a great many hardships and privations. (Everybody had given him up for lost, and as the years rolled on no one thought that he would ever return, save his ever faithful wife, who remained constant to him. Her hopes were finally realized, to the surprise of all in his safe return.) He came back as one of the wretched examples generally the fruit of war, and finally died outdoors."

"His wife was a daughter of Mr. Oyster...and a sister to Mrs. John Yoder...Two children were born to them after his return. His son George was a soldier in the Revolution."

The present owners, Lloyd and Ruth Ann Zook, have removed stucco from the outside wall and taken down a full length porch. The door for the original section was where the second window is, as can be seen in the photograph. The windows on the second floor of the original portion still have the old glass with bubbles in it, etc. The two tone roof is due to storm damage. Also note the bake oven in the right rear area.

The Zooks have done an excellent job of restoring the home both inside and out. The farm still consists of 99+ original acres. It is understood that the house has or had 17 rooms. It was constructed in an identical layout to the residence on the homestead of immigrant Hans Yoder except for one window.

A new subscriber caused a revelation that the same-sounding christian name had more that one spelling. Duane, DuWayne, Dwayne and Dwayne. All good Yoders!

"George was listed as an ensign and a courtmartial man in the 4th Comp. 1st Battalion, Berks Co. Militia." and was sent to Amboy. He often mentioned that while in battle the shrill whistling of the cannon balls was always heard before the report. He served as a militia soldier in some battles and many skirmishes in the Jerseys."

Note by the contributor: Samuel was my great-great-great-great-great grandfather. I am collecting information about Yoder veterans of the Revolution, Civil, and Indian Wars. I would appreciate any feedback from YNL readers on any Yoder veterans of these conflicts. If any readers are interested in certain individuals, I may be able to help them (particularly those of the Berks County area of Pennsylvania) I would especially like information about SAMUEL or GEORGE YODER who are highlighted above, as both are my ancestors. Reply to: Richard A. Yoder, R.D. 1, Bechtelsville PA 19505.

If there is an addressed envelope with your YNL---it is time to renew your subscription. We want to keep all readers!

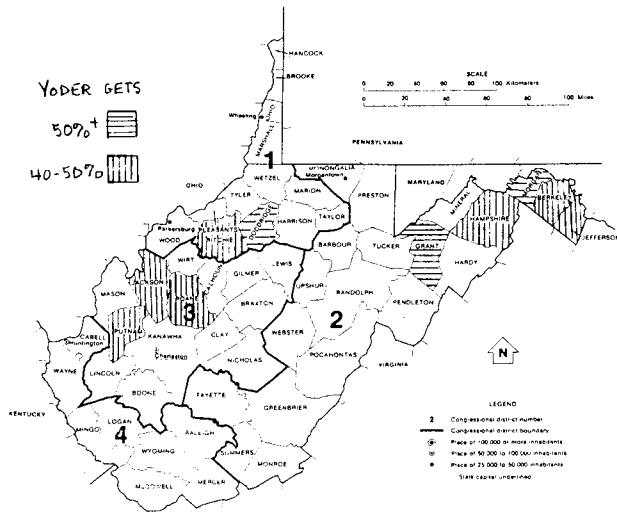
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In 1975, after setting up a law practice, John ran for a circuit judgeship beating an incumbent by a 2 to 1 margin. When he took office in January 1977, he was the youngest person in the United States (age 26) to hold a state circuit judge seat.

John was selected in 1980 to serve as a Judicial Fellow at the Supreme Court, and the following year was appointed special assistant to Chief Justice Warren Burger.

Following this assignment, he became the first Director of the Asset Forfeiture Office of the Department of Justice. In this role, he coordinated Federal efforts to seize property of those involved in drug trafficking, and was recognized for his outstanding performance.

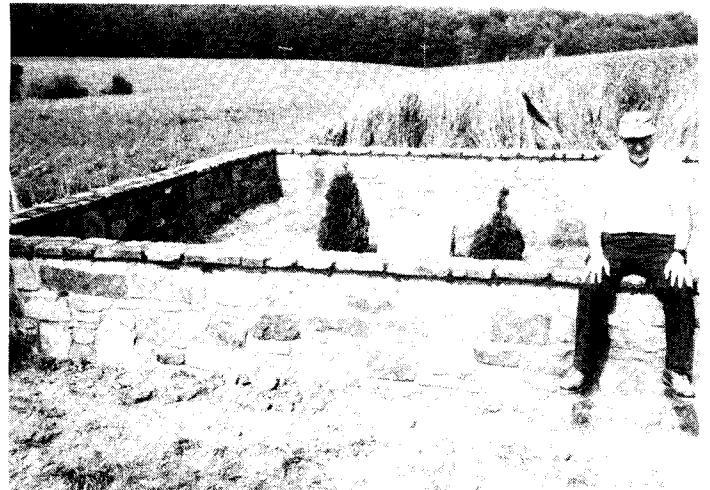
John's young bride, T. Irene Sanders, didn't like living in Washington, so they moved to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia where he opened a practice in Constitutional Law. He gradually became frustrated with the poverty and political corruption of his adopted state, and decided to become involved personally.



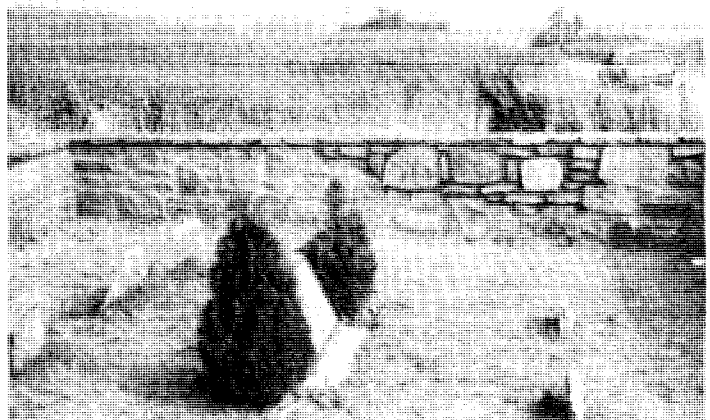
Bish. Christian Yoder Jr Cem. Restoration Complete

In YNL #4, we announced a cemetery restoration effort to preserve the Somerset County, PA resting place of Bishop Christian Yoder Jr (1790-1846). Christian was the second Amish bishop of the Glades congregation in northern Somerset County, succeeding his father, Bishop Christian Yoder the elder (1858-1838).

In YNL #6 and 8 we reported on the progress of this project. Cemetery Fund Treasurer Thomas Olen Yoder, of Coraopolis, PA, has reported the erection of a fieldstone wall to complete this multi-year drive. A total of 68 contributions were received from states as follows: IN- 22; MI-5; PA-4; CO-3; OH-1; KS-9; FL-2; IA-4; CA-3; SD-1; HA-1; DE-1; MN-1; NE-1; AZ-2; NY-1; VA-1; WI-1; UT-1; Canada-1; Italy-1; Saudi Arabia-1. Descendants of 6 of Bishop Yoders 12 children contributed as follows: David (b1817)- 10 contributors; Christian (b1819)- 3; Magdalena (b1821)- 2; Elizabeth (b1827)-3; Sarah (b1829)-2; Reuben (b1831)-25.



Tom Yoder rests on the new wall



To the east are the old Yoder home and barn

In 1988, John sought political office and came within one percent of capturing a strongly Democratic seat in the West Virginia State Senate. That strong race, and a decision by a former astronaut to bypass the race, led to his 1990 Senate candidacy.

During the course of the election, John drove his little Honda Prelude thousands of miles each week...eating at McDonalds and staying at budget motels. He had no money for billboards, posters, or TV commercials, but expended a lot of shoe leather and managed to run his tires till they went bald.

Election night found him, his wife and their two Old English Sheep dogs, Flossie and Rudy, listening to the returns in a \$35 room at a Motel 6 in Charleston.

When told of his vote percentage he replied, "That's not bad. If I had gotten anything under 20% it would have been discouraging. Over 40% and I would have been elated." He recognized that his problem from the first had been name recognition. The last Republican Senate candidate in the state was a Congressman who spent over a million dollars and received about the same percent as John. Leave it to a Yoder to get his votes at a bargain rate!

John sees this race not as an end, but a beginning. He expects to continue to be involved in the politics of his adopted state. Yoders have found a blessing here in America ever since the days when many of our lines first came for the freedoms of the New World. Members of our family like John continue to "give something back" through private and public service. **GOOD TRY JOHN, and GOOD LUCK.**

From the Seneca Advertiser (Tiffin, OH)- 7 Jun 1850:
" A.Y. Yotter- Agua Frio Mines, CA, killed by a bear, 22 years old, Formerly of Belevue, OH."

(who is this fellow? Where were the Agua Frio Mines?)

*****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. (We give free advise and record checks for all correspondents) Send to : Yoder Queries/ Chris Yoder, 203 Lakeshire Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015.

Wish to exchange info and learn more of ancestry for Benjamin Yothers (1812-1882), born Axeman, Centre Co., PA, died Ashton, Lee Co., IL. Parents Daniel Yothers and Catherine Wells. Reply to Lorraine Lauper, 7133 Westland Ave., Stockton, CA 95207. (209) 478-2515.

How many children born to John S. Yoder (1771-1839) s/o Casper Yoder and Veronica Sell? John m. Susanna Meyer. two sons came to Medina Co., OH in mid-1850s. Parents buried Saucon Mennonite Meetinghouse near Coopersburg, PA. Please reply: Esther J. Strock, P.O. Box 399, Dalton, OH 44618

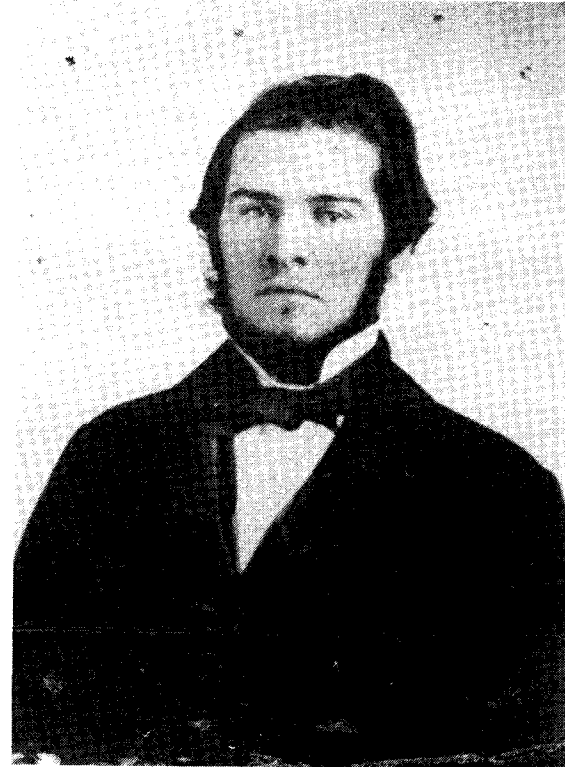
What was date of marriage for John Yoder and Martha Whitlatch (pos. W.VA or PA c1860). Who were her parents? Would also like any info on Nancy Durbin who married Daniel Yoder. Reply to Eva May Yoder, 220 Tioga Ave., Findlay, OH 45840

Wanted info on HOWARD W YODER (b about 1865) who m. Anna Kenney of Philadelphia, PA. Howard was a son of William L Yoder and Anna Wooley of Mahanoy City, PA. He resided at one point in New Castle, VA where he was cashier of the First National Bank. Had sisters Caddie (Clara) who m. Charles Stine of Norristown, PA and Emily Francis. Reply to: Chris Yoder, 203 Lakeshire Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015

Who were the parents of Maria Youter (Yutter), born 10 Jan 1828 in Wayne County, OH and married 18 Feb 1845 to Christian Clay in Freeport, Stephenson Co., IL. Maria died 30 Aug 1886 and is buried in the Gund Cemetery, Ridott IL. Reply to: Helen Bentley, 365 Verdugo Way, Upland CA 91786.

Harrison County, W VA -Fatal Mine Accidents 1901

W. H. Yoder at Glen Falls Mine d. June 12, 1901, age 22, miner, single, killed by a fall of slate.(Any reader identify this?)



DANIEL YODER...MEDICAL STUDENT

We'd like to thank Mr. J. Ross Baughman of Huntington NY for this photograph from his step-grandfather's effects. As a result of his thoughtfulness and with the help of the YNL, this and a number of later family photos are now in the hands of a cousin of this family in California.

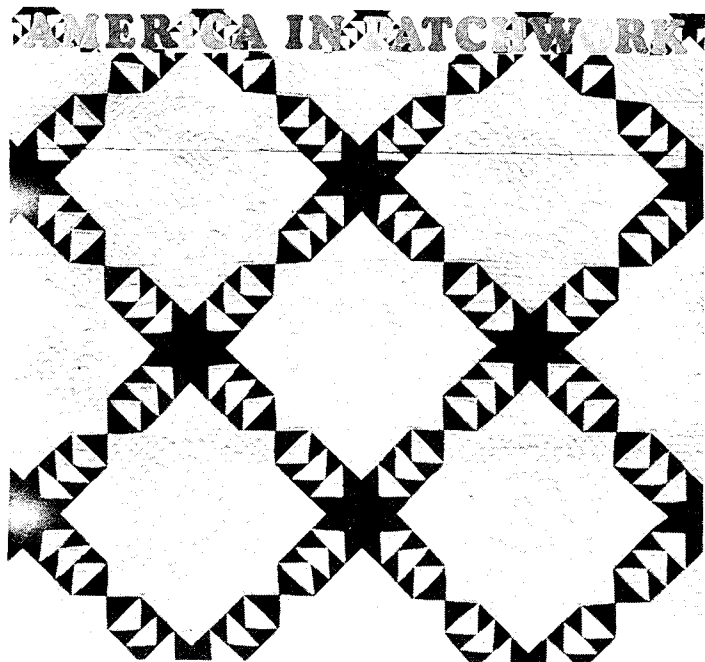
This aged photographic impression on a glass plate seems to be the earliest photo of a Yoder we've come across at the YNL. Daniel A. Yoder, MD, (9/30/1833-8/24/1920) was son of David Yoder and Mary Levan who were married in Maxatawny Twp., Berks Co., PA in 1823. David was a great-grandson of Yost Yoder of the Oley line (through Jacob who married Maria Keim). From the photograph, Daniel appears to be in his twenties. This would place the impression sometime in the 1850s. Daniel married Amanda E. Glace in 1861, and resided in Catasauqua, Lehigh Co., PA. The 1880 census shows what seems to be four daughters in his family...We ate the YNL don't know if Daniel had descendants who survived him...Do our readers? DO ANY OF OUR READERS HAVE EARLIER PHOTOGRAPHS OF MEMBERS OF THE YODER FAMILY?

The picture of the quilt was graciously submitted by Sarah Hays Succa, descendant of Margaret Yoder LaVan. Sarah's letter:

"In your last newsletter you asked if we, your readers, had any articles of furniture, etc., used by our Yoder ancestors. Does a quilt count?

The photograph enclosed is of a "Wild Goose Chase" quilt made by Margaret Yoder LeVan (1820-1900). She was a daughter of David Yoder (1795-1881), descendant of Hans Yoder of the Oley Valley, and Hannah Bitler. She married George K. LeVan in 1845. I don't know much about the quilt except that it was made in 1835, when Margaret was fifteen years old. She gave the quilt to her granddaughter, my grandmother, Margaret Mauger Hays (1889-1964) because her name was Margaret. My grandmother gave the quilt to my sister, Margaret, for the same reason. In 1976 my sister and I put the quilt in an exhibition of American quilts to celebrate the Bicentennial at the Barnsdall Art Gallery in Los Angeles. The exhibition was a great success and the next year taken to the Seibu Museum of Art in Tokyo, Japan. The enclosed photo is from the catalogue of that exhibition. Not only did Margaret Yoder's quilt travel to Japan, but it was the quilt chosen to be the cover of the catalogue. I enclose a color photocopy of the quilt and some black and white copies of the catalogue cover and introduction and index. The newsletters are always interesting. Thanks for your good work."

Sincerely,
Sarah Hays Succa



Golda Yoder Plank reached her 100th year December 8, 1990. She was born northwest of West Liberty OH. Her parents were David B. and Sarah Yoder and Golda was one of nine children.

She graduated from high school and taught school for one year earning \$45.00 a month. Her father paid for one-year's education at Goshen (IN) College.

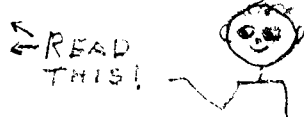
She married Sam C. Plank in 1916 and they had five children. She has been active in church and Sunday school and busy with the womens' aid society making clothes for city missions and and orphans' home. She still enjoys life and uses her gifts to serve God and others.

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 The following was received from Diana Yoder of Canby OR and said the following Nellie Eyman was the last of the Yoders who came to Oregon from Missouri and from whom Yoder OR is named. J. S. Yoder, Nellie's father, established a lumber mill that celebrated 100 years in the same family in 1989.
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 How many Yoders are over the age of 100 years? It would be interesting to have a column in our next issue showing this fact. If you know of any, please send the information in and we would appreciate it. Forebears of the Yoders would be helpful to readers. Yoder Newsletter, P.O.Box 594, Goshen IN 46526.



Golda Plank



 Nellie Beatrice Yoder Eyman
 Molalla Lumber Dept 19-1990

Nellie Beatrice Yoder Eyman died Sept. 13 at Elmhurst Nursing Home in Canby where she had lived for the last several years. She was 104 years old. Mrs. Eyman, the ninth and last child of Jonathan S. and Barbara Yoder, was born on New Year's Day 1886 in Dade County, Mo.

When she was three, she came west with her family on an emigrant train to join others of the Yoder family in the community south of Canby bearing their name where her father founded Yoder Mill. In 1912 she married Albert Eyman and went to live on their farm in the Rural Dell sector. He preceded her in death in 1955. She continued to live on her farm until well past her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Eyman is survived by her daughters: Roberta Daniels of Canby, Lucia Schuebel of Mulino, and Anna Lou Case of Yachats; one son; Steven J. of Canby; 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law: Hilda Jackson and numerous nieces and nephews. Active in many community affairs throughout her life, Mrs. Eyman was a member of Smyrna United Church of Christ and Molalla Grange No. 310.



A 1991 Camaro sent in by an out-of-state person. Note the plate. Cars and horses named Yoder??? Next it will be cats and dogs. Don't no one show no respect? Records show it is owned by Raymond James Yoder and was taken at Onandaga Community College, Syracuse NY.

250th Anniversary of Amish Yoder Landing is Coming

Sep.21,1991 marks the 250th Anniversary of the landing of the ship "Francis and Elizabeth in Philadelphia Harbour. On this ship arrived the progenitors of a large portion of our readers.

It would be a shame to let next year pass by without doing something special to mark the quarter millennium for these Yoders in America. Ideas include special reunions across the country historical displays and more. Who's willing to take the bull by the horn and help make arrangements? Let the YNL know and we'll put interested parties together. Send in your ideas.

 REUNION

The C. V. Yoder reunion was held August 24, 1990 in Monitor Springs CO. Sponsors were grandsons Ezra and Clarence Yoder, sons of William C. Yoder.

There was a good attendance, representing sixteen states and one family from South America.

The next reunion will be held at Ivan Schrock's in Yoder KA in 1992.

Census Records
 for
YODER Families

PENNSYLVANIA
 1790 - 1840
 (includes INDEX for 1850)

Dorothy Yoder Coffman

The third edition of the YODER CENSUS RECORDS in Pennsylvania is now ready. The previous two volumes have been combined into one, with the addition of two computer-sorted indexes of given names and of counties for each census year. These were included to aid the researcher to quickly find the name or location of a given person or place. All possible spellings of the name YODER have been included. In addition, there are two sorted indexes - by given name and county- of all the YODER names in the 1850 PA census, with directions how to obtain copies of such entries from the publisher. Price--\$15.00 (U.S.)--104pages softbound--printed on acid-free paper.

Order from: KINGSEARCHERS, #) Grouse Rd., Malvern PA 19355. (Note: For YNL reader who has the 1840 and prior indices, the 1850 PA index may be ordered-13 sides-\$2.50-from above.

Oh, the lovely fickleness of an Aprilday!
 --W. H. Gibson, Pastorial Days