



The "Yoders" of Southwest Pennsylvania

contributions from Carl Miller Yoders and Dorothy Yoder Coffman

Of all the variations in spelling of the Yoder name, there is only one spot in the US where the spelling "Y-O-D-E-R-S" gained any sustained use. This is the southwest corner of Pennsylvania, specifically Greene and Washington counties. Here one Jacob Yoders and his wife Elizabeth were in place by 1807. His origins remain a mystery, although there are several hints, and we'll deal with some speculation further in this article. The "S" appears and disappears over the years, and the descendants of the sons who moved to Ohio dropped it without exception.



Grave Stone of "Elizabeth, Relict of Jacob Yoders", Amity, PA
Contributed by Bob Williams, Park Forest, IL

For years we have avoided attempting an article on this branch of the family, always holding out hope that some final answers might reveal themselves. But, as usual with genealogical investigations, finality is a luxury you aren't granted. With the combined years of study by Dorothy Yoder Coffman, and recent rework by Carl Yoders, we have reached a point in our studies where a summary should be presented. Hopefully it will be but a stepping stone to further knowledge.

The earliest known collector of family facts about this family was John W. Yoders, a 2nd cousin of Carl who died in 1948. In 1989 when Carl was visiting his friend Roy Kremmel in Warrendale, PA, Roy mentioned that the late Dr. Robert Yoders had stored some records of the Yoders family with him. After a brief search, two boxes were located, and these are the basis for much of the PA Yoders data contained in the article. Carl picked up the torch, so to speak, after about a 40 year interruption and it's thanks to the combined work of John W, Dorothy and Carl, and others that we can present the family group chart which

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MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT STARTED

Update of AAMG Yoder Data

YOU Can Help! HOW? Read On...

With a lot of effort, we have assembled Yoder group information for many Yoder lines. For the Amish and Amish-Mennonite Yoder groups, the solid foundation upon which our data has been built is Amish and Amish Mennonite Genealogies by Dr. Hugh Gingerich and Rachel Kreider. As a general rule, this data stops with family groups in which the first child had been born before the 1850 census.

The YNL proposes to add THIRTY YEARS to this date, and include all families who had their first child by the 1880 census. We have already collected a significant amount of this information, and want to purify it, add to it, and have it ready for distribution in one or more forms by the spring of 1996. With this in mind, we will be sending out individual queries asking many of you to help in fleshing out your own ancestral groups. We will appreciate your help in this.

WE ARE ALSO ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to do specific research:

in the GOSHEN, INDIANA area,

and also in any other area of the country where you have ready access to the 1880 and 1900 SOUNDEX Census records.

Be a part of this adventure! Write to: Chris Yoder, Unit 61306 Box 56, APO AE 09803-1306. Write today! You decide what you are willing to take on. We'll be specific with the references to check and what to look for. No special skills or training are necessary, just some free time and a desire to help out.

Martin Yoder Bible Located

*Martin Yoder and
Catherine Hoch got
intermarrit June 9 1812
1844 By the River at
Peter Kutztown Berks*

The Family Bible of Martin Yoder (OH11134) and Catherine Hoch has been located at the Amish Heritage Historical Library, Route 4, Aylmer, Ontario N5H 2R3. David Luthy writes that this undated German Bible was purchased at a Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society Book Auction in 1986. Martin (1819-1888) was a prominent farmer and once ran for Congress. The family record in this Bible is presented as follows:

The Family Register of My Fathers Family-

Martin Yoder was born the 19th of October in the year of our Lord 1780. Susanna Yoder was born the 29th of November in the year of our Lord 1783 the daughter of Daniel & Magdalena Peter in Oley. The ware bound in Marrage the 17th of March 1807.

Daniel Yoder was born the 13th December 1807 and disceased the 21st of January 1808 was aged 5 weeks and 4 days.

Mary Yoder was born the 18th November 1808.

David Yoder was born the 8 day of March 1810.

Solomon Yoder was born the 25th of April 1812.

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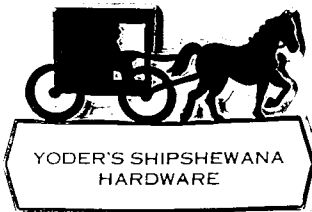
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Magnet- for Refrigerator or Notes- 99 cents (no postal charge)
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Order from: Yoder's Shipshewana Hardware, P.O. Box 639,
Shipshewana, IN 46565

A Yoder Trivia Item from Mabel V Brunk:
QUESTION: What current TV sit-com character has a wife with
Yoder Ancestors?

ANSWER: Harry Anderson, of "Night Court" and "Dave's
World". Leslie Yoder Pollack, his wife, d/o Roberta Yoder Pollack,
d/o Homer & Effie Ganger Yoder, s/o Simon Peter (YRB1118) &
Mary Metzler Yoder, s/o Jacob and Anna Yoder Yoder both born
Mifflin Co, PA.

Readers may recall Tina Yothers, co-star with Michael J Fox on the
TV show "Faimily Ties".... Miss Yothers is a Descendant of Jacob
Yothers of the Mennonite line chronicled by the late Richard J
Yothers, Jr.

MORE ON YODER CENTENARIANS

Two granddaughters of YRB186-Thanks to Vivian Yoder for the
following:

GOLDA ELLEN YODER PLANK b 12/8/1890 d 11/6/1991(see
YNL #17) & her sister NANCY b 10/24/1888 d 8/18/1990

Letters to the Editor

Your Newsletter has been of great benefit to our group as we found
that Richard H Yoder, one of your contributors, is a distant cousin.
Also, through a query placed by Louise Rainey, of Midland,
Michigan, someone at YNL furnished her with information that led to
the location of our cousin, Leroy Yoder, whom we had been searching
for for two years. Thanks again for a great publication!- Mary E.
Kenny, Omaha, NE

Several years ago you were of great help to me in locating my great
grandfather Harvey Yoder. You pointed me to the Hochstetler book
reference and it proved to be correct. As a result I met an uncle whom
I had never met and found two half-sisters that I did not know
existed. That was quite an interesting experience.... I have certainly
enjoyed subscribing to the Newsletter. You have done a great job.
--Jo Ann Mattingly, Simi Valley, CA

CORRECTION: In the YNL #23 we erroneously referred to Mrs.
Frances Schultz of Torrington, Wyo as the daughter of "Homer"
Yoder. This was a grievous error. Her father was the Hiram Yoder
who headed up the jury which convicted the notorious Tom Horn (see
YNL 22 page 4).

Florence ads more of the western Yoders:

"Phil Yoder--Champion Cowboy of the World"

Phil Yoder was the favorite young man of many. I have fond
thoughts of him. He taught me about horses and I became a good
rider. Phil Yoder was the son of Jess Yoder, who gave the land Yoder,
Wyo was built on and a cousin of Oscar Yoder (the state senator).
They lived on a ranch in the Bear Creek area, west of LaGrange,
Wyo. Phil Yoder, like most young men, attended the fairs, rodeos and
stock shows, taking part in calf roping, riding broncos, and bull
riding. He went wherever they were holding them. In Canada at
Calgary, stock shows in Denver and Cheyenne Frontier Days he
showed as a top contender. He won many saddles given by the Denver
Post. He was soon recognized as the best, so he was given the title
"Champion Cowboy of the World".

A rancher named Charles Irwin owned a ranch near Meridan,
Wyo. He became interested in showing the world the wild west, as did
many others. Mr. Irwin gathered together contestants od stampeeds
and bronco riders along with sharpshooters and clowns. He purchased
stage coaches and whatever they have to have to stage a show. They
traveled about the country, appeared at Madison Square Garden. In
the meantime, Phil Yoder married Irwin's youngest daughter, they
later separated. I may be mistaken, but I have heard this wild west
show went to England. Phil Yoder was the great attraction. The show
later closed and the coaches and materials stored in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Phil Yoder, after this stint went on with his riding and going to
stock shows. He was injured serverly at the State Fair in Douglas,
Wyoming. he partially recovered. He went to ranching and never did
enter contests. He passed away in the 1950's. There are no
descendants.

MENNONITE HERITAGE TOUR (Apr 27,1995-May
17,1995). J. Lemar and Lois Ann Mast, tour leaders, Leroy
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286-0258.

"Yoder Station" Marks Valley Line Historic Site

In his 1973 Family Life series on "Towns Named Yoder", David Luthy wrote of this spot once named "Yoder" in LaGrange County, Indiana. We are glad to see it get a bit of present day prominence and, thanks to the efforts of present owner, Carl Dintaman, its history will be preserved.

A sign in the front yard of Carl Dintaman's home on the north side of CR 200N says "Historical Site of Yoder Station, Valley Line R.R., 1906-1918." A small replica of a train depot stands in the background with a sign on the side reading "Yoder Station." Inside the depot replica, Dintaman has displayed a small collection of photographs and papers explaining some of the history of the Yoder family, who once owned the farm. It is all part of Dintaman's interest in the history of his property.

The Valley Line was a short-lived country railroad owned by H.E. Bucklin, who planned to construct rail lines connecting Chicago to Toledo with inter-city passenger service. It was an electric train with no locomotive, more like a trolley. The line operated from 1906 until Bucklin's death in 1918.

Dintaman has a copy of the route of the Valley Line from Elkhart through Middlebury and Shipshewana, on to LaGrange, then to Mongo, Orland and Angola, and on to the Ohio border. The fare for the 32-mile trip from Elkhart to LaGrange was listed as 65 cents.

Information in Dintaman's possession concerning the Yoder Station states, "The line opened for service on March 31, 1905. The first schedule called for two daily trips between LaGrange and Shipshewana, with cars leaving the corner of Mountain and Factory streets at 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., with a 25-cent fare each way."

It also says, "A 1910 schedule shows that the Valley Line connected the towns of LaGrange and Shipshewana, a distance of 9.6 miles. The train made 15 stops in that short distance, taking thirty-five minutes to travel the 9.6 miles. Each stop was named for the farm owner at whose property the train stopped."

The stop on the land which now belongs to Dintaman was called Yoder after its owner at the time, Samuel R. Yoder. His great-grandfather, Christian Yoder, Jr. came to America in 1744 and settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Yoder had been raised Amish, but was himself a deacon in the Dunkard church.

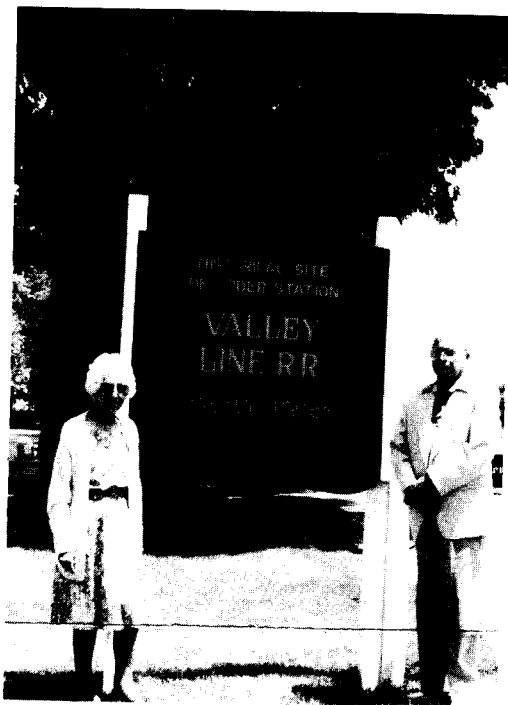
A photograph from the 1917 Yoder family reunion at the Samuel Yoder home shows dozens of cousins, aunts and uncles, posed in

front of the house with children seated on the Valley Line tracks.

Although Dintaman remembers the railroad ties being in place when he purchased the property 64 years ago, today those tracks are gone. The only reminders of the old Valley Line are the new sign and the small depot.

Dintaman is interested in hearing from anyone who remembers stories of the railroad.

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Two of Samuel R Yoder's grandchildren stand beside the sign for "Yoder Station"... Doris Ehret and Otho B. Yoder.

Recalls O.B. Yoder- "Regarding the Old Valley Line interurban- I don't have a very clear memory of going on it more than once or twice. We got on it at Alfred Street and Jackson (in Elkhart) and it stopped at Bristol, Middlebury, Shipshewana and anyplace anyone flagged it down. I have seen mentioned that Yoder was considered a flag stop. It went on to LaGange and I'm not sure to Angola. We most always went up first in the Model T Ford and later in the green Maxwell over the weekend. We returned to Elkhart loaded down with goodies-- apples in season, eggs, bacon and even a ham occasionally. Granddad was the first to make the remark which I sometimes say, "Why is it your car always seems to be much fuller going home than it did when you arrived?". His cousin Doris Mast Ehret remembers her grandfather Samuel going out at night with a lantern to flag down the train for them to ride home on.

Susanna Yoder died on the 13th March 1844 aged 60 years 3 month 14 day the ___ John the 16th Chapter and the 28 vers and the song was frinds Stett dos winiss Eise (sp?).

Register of Martin Yoder family Ezra H Yoder god sick on the _ of September 1868 and died on the 16 of September at 7 o'clock at ___. Was sick _ weeks. Toyfide fever was aged 20 years and 9 days. ___ 19 chapter and the 10 vers. The song page 92 in song book.

Catherine Yoder wife of Martin Yoder got sick on Esater Monday April 14th and her sickness continued seven weeks and departed life June 1st 1879 at ten oclock in the evening aged 57 years eleven month and eleven days. 57y 11m 11d. and lived in marriage 34 years eleven months and twenty two days. Was babtized the 29th day of April 1879 by Rev Yager.

Martin Yoder son of Martin Yoder got sick for a few years had to com ___ a number of years his sickness was Kidney & heart disease. Ended his life Feb 7th at quarter after four o'clock in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred & eighty eight 1888. Aged sixty eight years eight months & thirteen days. 68y 8m 13d.

Andora M Yoder born Merkel was borne Feb 15th 1857 was babtized Aug 25th 1857 was married to Henry H Yoder of Oley Jan 3rd 1882. Died Jan 15th 1903 at eleven ock pm. Her age was forty five years eleven months. 45y 11m.

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Daniel Yoder was born the 1th August 1814 deseased 20th March 2:38 in the morning 1815 was old 7 month and 20 d.

Margareta Yoder was born the 17th of August 1816 was taken by flux on the 20th of August 1822 was old 6 years 3 days.

Martin Yoder was born the 24th of may 1819.

Cath. Yoder born the 27th May 1822 lived only two days.

Martin Yoder and Catherine Hoach got intermerit June 9th AD 1844 by the Rivnd Mr Reller Kutztown Berks county Pena.

Martin Yoder was born May 24th AD 1819 in the State of Pennsylvania and County of Berks, Oley township.

Catherine Hoach was born June 20th AD 1821 in the State of Pennsylvania in the County of Berks and Township of Oley.

Catherine Yoder was babtiste on the 29th Day of April 1879 by Revend J.J.Yager in the Bet. was sick at that time.

My daughter Mary H Yoder was born June 15th AD 1845 in the State of Pennsylvania County of Berks and township of Oley.

My son Ezra H Yoder was born September 7th AD 1848 in the State of Pennsylvania County of Berks and Township of Oley.

My son henry H Yoder was born January 5th AD 1850 in the State of Pennsylvania County of Berks and township of Oley.

My daughter Susanna H Yoder was born October 24th AD 1860 half past 4 o'clock in the State of Pennsylvania County of Berks and Township of Oley.

Abraham Yoder born the 22th 1827 Lived only 2 days.

Martin Yoder died on the 10 day of January 1837 was old 56 years 2 month 22 days.

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appears in this article. Although some of the connections have been reported as fact in John W's papers, without wills or other supporting documentation, we at the YNL have labeled the connections to the senior Jacob as speculative.

The first census which reports Jacob Yoders in Greene County was that of 1810. It presents him as being in Jefferson Twp. Both he and his wife are between 26 and 45 years of age. In the family are 5 males under 10 (presumably sons) and one female under 10 (a daughter). Research which Dorothy Coffman had conducted by a professional genealogist in 1986 in two specific townships, shows that Jacob was in Jefferson Twp as early as the tax record of 1807. He was taxed for one horse. Those we are assuming to be his older sons begin appearing as the time continued (generally the male would be listed after the age of majority- then 21 years of age). We trace these records first in Jefferson Township and then in neighboring Morgan Twp (interposing the Federal Census at each decade):

Jefferson Township:

- 1807- Jacob Yeater- 1 horse (h)
- 1808- Jacob Youder-1 h, 1 cow (c), occupation
- 1809- Jacob Yodder- 1h 2c occupation
- 1810- Jacob Yodder

1810 CENSUS- Jefferson Twp:

Jacob _____ age 26-45, female age 26-45, 5 males <10, 1 female <10

1811- Jacob Youder-2h 2c

1813- Jacob Yodder-2h 2c

1814- Jacob Youder- 2h 3c, William Yougar 1h 1c (William Yoder who married a Longacre in Greene Co was Dorothy Coffman's ancestor. Her William would have been 21 in about 1815. By 1830 he had moved to Carroll Co, Ohio. He is the reason for her interest, but she has yet to succeed in proving William to be a son of Jacob Yoders).

1815- Jacob Youder 1h 1c, William Yauger

1816- Jacob Youder 2h 2c, William Youder

1817- Jacob Yader 2h 2c 1 dog

1818- Jacob Youder 2h 3c 1 dog (147 Ac Lance Test Estate), John Youders 1h 1c.

1819- Jacob Yodder 2h 2c

1820- Jacob Yodder 1c 2 dogs, John Yodders (305 acres owned by B. Reinhart), George Youder 1h single man.

1820 CENSUS- Washington Co, East Bethlehem Twp.

Jacob Yoder- over 45, female 26-45, 2 male 19-26, male 16-19, 2 male 10-16, 3 male under 10

-Greene County, Jefferson Twp.

George Yoder 16-26, female 16-26

John Yoder 16-26, female 16-26, 2 males under 10

1821- John Yodder 1h 2c, George Yodder-marked "married"

1822- William Yoder 1h 1c 1 yoke steer, John Yoder- 1h 1c

1823- William Yodder 1 h, George Yodder- 1c

1824- William Yodder "no property", George Yodder "no property"

1825- William Yoder 1h 1c

1826 Yoder listings end for Jefferson Twp

Morgan Township:

1829- Jacob Youder occupation potter 2 c, George Yodor 1c

1830- Jacob Yoder potter 1c, George Youder 1c, John Youders 1c.

Jacob Yoder "singleman", Daniel "singleman"

1830 CENSUS- Greene County- Jefferson Twp-

John Yeoders 30-40, female 20-30, male 10-15, 2 male 5-10

- Morgan Twp-

Jacob Yeoders 50-60, female 50-60, 2 male 20-30, male 10-15, female 5-10

George Yeaders 40-50, female 40-50, male 20-30, female 20-30, male 15-20, female 10-15, female under 5

1831- Jacob Yoder 1c. George Yoder 1c, Jacob Yoder "singleman", Daniel Yoder "singleman"

1832- Jacob Yoder 1c, George Yoder 1h 1c, Jacob Yoder "singleman", Daniel Yoder "singleman"

1833- George Yoder 2h 1c, Daniel Yoder Sen(ior), Daniel "singleman", Joseph Yoder "singleman"

1834- George Yoder 2h 2c, Daniel Yoders Sr 1c, Daniel Yoders "singleman", Joseph Yoeders "singleman"

1835- George Yoder 1h, Daniel X'd off and Jacob Yoder entered 1c, Daniel Yoder 1 h, Joseph Yoder

1836- George Yoder 1c, Jacob Yoder 1h 1c, John Yoder 1c, Daniel Yoder 1h "married", Joseph Yoder 1h "married"

1837- Daniel Yoder 1h 1c, George Yoder 1h 1c, Jacob Yoder 1h 1c, John Yoder 1c, Joseph Yoder "removed"

1838- Daniel Yoder 1h 1c, George Yoder 1c, Jacob Yoder 1h 1c, John Yoder 1c

1839- Joseph Yoder 1h, Daniel Yoder "gone", George Yoder 1c, Jacob Yoder "gone", John Yoder 1c, George Yoder Jr

1840- Joseph Yoder "gone", L. James Yoder 3Ac land 1c, George Yoder 1h 1c, John Yoder 1h 1c, George Yoder Jr. 1c

1840 CENSUS- Greene County- Jefferson Twp.

Joseph Yedders (Yeider) 40-50, female 20-30, male 15-20, m 10-15, female 5-10, female under 5

- Morgan Twp.

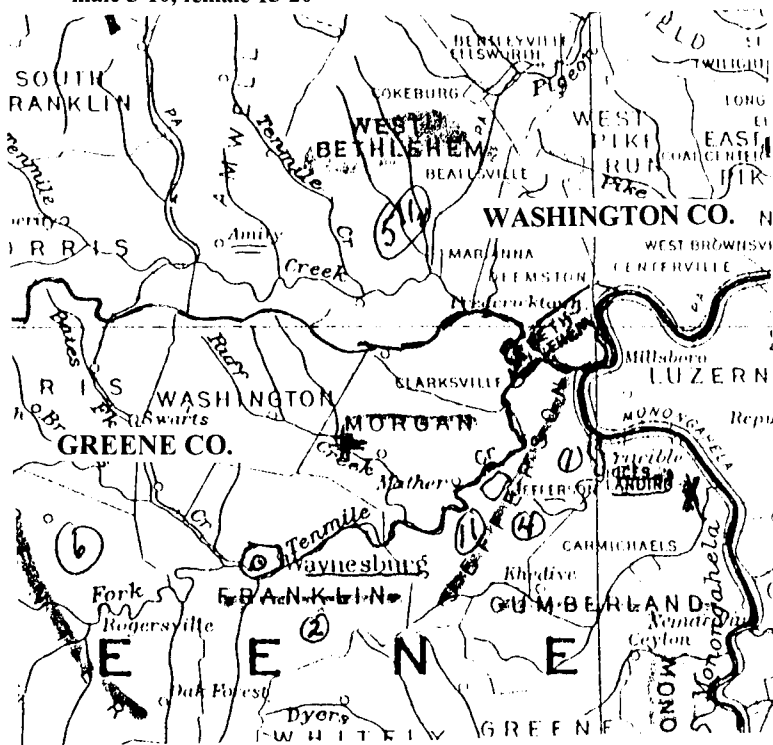
George Yedders (Yeoders) 50-60, female 50-60, male 40-50, female 30-40, male 5-10, 2 male under 5, 2 females 10-15

George Yeoders Jr 2 male 20-30, female 20-30, male under 5

Lindsey Yeoders 20-30, female 40-50, female 15-20, male 10-15, male 5-10, female under 5

Monongahela Twp.

George Yader 70-80, female 60-70, 2 male 20-30, male 15-20, male 5-10, female 15-20



Map of Greene and Washington County Border

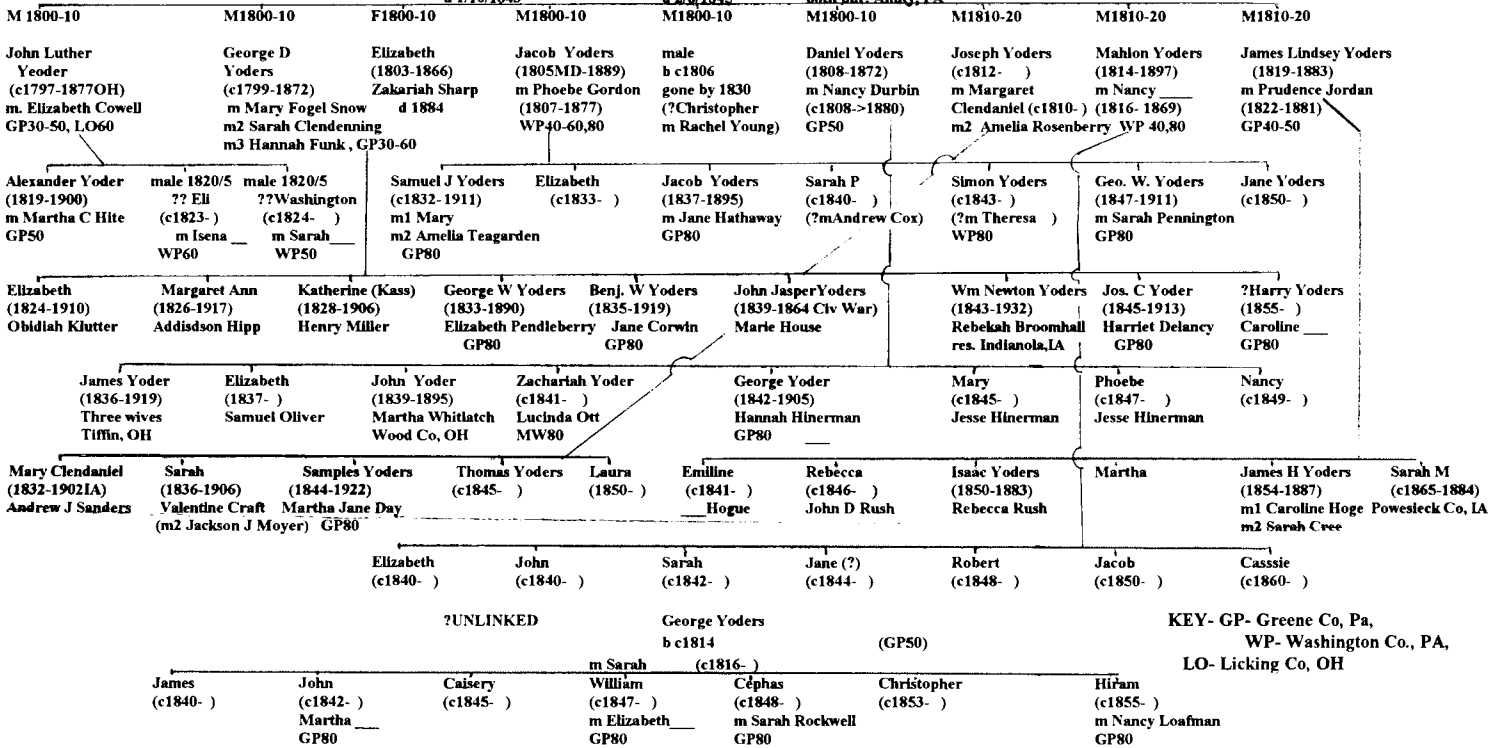
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SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA YODERS

(Speculative Family Group)

Jacob Yoders m Elizabeth _____ Census: Greene Co, PA 1810, 1830, 1840
 b 1775/1780 b 1781 Washington Co, PA 1820
 d 1/10/1843 d 2/6/1845 both bur. Amity, PA



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- Washington County- West Bethlehem Twp.

- Mahlon Yoders 20-30, female 20-30, female under 5
- Jacob Yoders 30-40, female 30-40, female 5-10, male 5-10, male under 5

- 1841- James L Yoder 3Ac 1c, George Yoder 1h 1c, John Yoder 1c, George Jr 1c
- 1842- L. James Yoder 3Ac occupation, George Sr 1h 1c, John Yoder 1h 1c, Christopher Yoder 1h (this Christopher seems to be the Christopher who is buried at the Baptist Cemetery in Jefferson, PA- died 8/22/1864 age 64y 8m 3d, husband of Rachel Boyd Young who d 1880 aged 77- his relationship to the family is not known, but he could have been the missing male b 1800-10)
- 1843- James L Yoder 3Ac, George Yoder Sr, John Yoder 1h 1c, Christopher Yoder 1h
- 1844- George Yoder (Geo. Sr.)
- 1845- George Yoder 1c, James L Yoder 1c "singleman", Christian Yoder 1c
- 1846- George Yoder 1c, James L Yoder, Christopher Yoder 1c.
- 1847- same as 1846
- 1848- James L Yoder "moved out", Christopher Yoder 1h 1c, George Yoder 1h 1c
- 1849- George Yoder Sr 2h 2c, George Yoder Jr 1c, Christopher Yoder "gone"

1850 CENSUS

In Greene Co- the following families appear:
 Jefferson Twp- Catherine, George, James L, George, and Joseph Yoders;
 Greene Twp- John and Alexander Yeoters; Aleppo Twp- Daniel Yoders
 In Washington Co- West Bethlehem Twp- Jacob Yoders; Ammwel Twp- Eli Yethers, and Mahlon Yeothers; Mono. Twp- Washington Yeeters

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE SECOND GENERATION?

John Yeoder (Yeoter), the apparent oldest son of Jacob Yoders, is show in Greene Co records from 1818 onward. By 1860, however, he and wife Elizabeth appear in the Licking Co, OH census of 1860. It seems he was the father of Alexander Yoder as he is in the same household as Alexander in the 1850 Census in Greene Co, PA. From the birth locations of Alexanders' children, we can assume this move occurred between 1856 and 1862. Alexander and two of his sons served in Co F, 125th Reg, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This line has been researched by late Madge Hubbard of Seattle, Washington and by Mrs. Clylea C Yoder of Marysville, OH.

George D Yoders, a stone mason and farmer, is recorded as having had three wives. He is the ancestor of: John W; Carl; and through son Joseph C, of Donald Honeywell of Baltimore, Md. Donald is making a detailed study of this family, and his careful research is the source of a number of the dates used in the family chart. His work promises to evolve into the most thorough study of the Yoders line. George D's son John Jasper fell during the Civil War, and sons George W, Benjamin W and William Newton also served in Pennsylvania units.

Elizabeth Yoders is known to have married Zakariah Sharp, son of Isaac Sharp and Mary Wolverton. She is the ancestress of Mrs. R. Crane of Ashtabula, OH.

Jacob Yoders, shown in one census as having been born in Maryland in 1805, is buried in the Horn Cemetery near Zollersville, Washington Co, PA. His son Jacob served in the Civil War and is also buried in the Horn cemetery.

Daniel Yoders, shown in Greene Co Aleppo Twp in 1850, was in Richhill Twp in 1860, and in 1870 was in Marshall Co, W VA. His son James L Yoder died in Tiffin, OH. Son John Yoder died in Longley Crossing, Wood Co, OH and is buried at the Fostoria Fountain Cemetery. Son Zachariah stayed in West Virginia and was living as of the 1900 census. Son George remained in Greene Co, died in 1905 and is buried in the Quiet Dell Cemetery, Aleppo Twp. Zachariah and George are both known to have served in the Civil War. Researchers of this line

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include: Maxine Jones, Emily Davis, Iva Graffey, Eva May Yoder, and Dean Gregg.

Joseph Yoders has the distinction of having one of his son's-in-law, Valentine Craft, murdered on 1/25/1871 by a Mr. Robert Preston.

Less is known about Mahlon... primarily from census records.

James Lindsey Yoders served as Postmaster of Jefferson, PA and later Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills for Greene Co. His son John L was a Civil War veteran.

During the 1920's the Yoders family was quite active, holding reunions between 1923 and 1929. Thanks to Carl, we have copies of the reunion registry from these times. Participants were mostly local, but William N Yoders and his wife of Indianola, Iowa made the event in 1923, 1927, 1928.

SPECULATIONS ON JACOB's ANCESTRY

According to the John W Yoder data preserved by Dr Robert Yoders, John refers to Jacob Yoders as the son of another "Jacob" Yoder, reputedly born in Germany or Switzerland. Unfortunately we don't know what the basis of this view was, nor do we know if he had any evidence for it.

There are several factors which seem to tie Jacob with the Melchior Yoder who was addressed in a cover article by Dorothy Yoder Coffman in YNL 3. The first clue is that a MELCHOIR YEATHER paid 7 pounds 13 shillings to the Recorder Generals Office to convey a tract called "WILLOW BOTTOM" in Ruffs Creek in what is now Greene County- 325 acres on warrant dated 4 Dec 1786 and patented 28 July 1791. This land was granted by deed from MELCHOIR YEATHER to DANIEL LONGACRE on 21 June 1793. Listed as adjoining properties were lands owned by Elihu Woodruff, James Heaton, Phebe Cooper, ISAAC SHARP, and the McFarlands. On 28 Apr 1797 this same land was sold by Daniel Longacre for 100 pounds to John Martin of Morgan Twp.

Daniel Longacre was the father of the wife of the William Yoder who is mentioned in the Jefferson Twp tax records. The Isaac Sharp, who resided beside this property, is the father of the Zachariah Sharp who married Elizabeth Yoders.

When the Jacob Yoders descendants moved to Ohio, they settled in Wood and Seneca Counties. From what we can trace of Melchior's family, a branch of them also moved to Ohio. They ended up in Seneca County by 1840!

In the Melchior Yoder family, there was a son Jacob who was a potter. What was the occupation of Jacob Yoders in Greene County? The tax records from 1829 and 30 show him to have been a potter! There is one problems which prevents us from being able to say this is the Jacob we are looking for. There is a 1810 census record for the Jacob Yoder in Melchior line (Centre Twp, Northumberland County). We know that our Jacob came to Greene county by 1807, and is listed there in the 1810 census.

But let's look further, Melchior had a brother Jacob, a bachelor, who died in 1816 and left his estate to his nephews. The 1810 census shows the male head in the Jacob household to be 26-45 years old (and therefore the age of Melchior's son). The bachelor uncle does not appear to be shown in the census at all, but IS KNOWN to have been living in the township. WHAT IF, this Jacob was the Jacob who headed this household, his age entry was overlooked, and some of his nephews lived with him? In her study of tax records in Northumberland county, Dorothy Coffman finds what we feel are some very interesting facts.

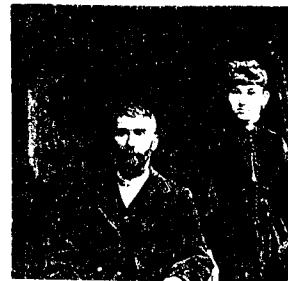
In 1799, in Penn Twp, then Northumberland but now Snyder County, Jacob Yoder "potter" is shown with the rest of his family. He owned 1 cow at the time. In 1802, Jacob Yoder "potter" is in Penn Twp with 1 horse 1 cow 1 log house and log barns (on land owned by Melchior Yoder Sr). In 1803 & 1804, Jacob Yoder "potter" is shown in Penn Twp. owning 1 horse and 1 cow. In 1806 in Penn Twp, Jacob Yoder "potter" is shown owning 50 acres 1 horse and 3 cows. The family

now moves... we next see tax lists from Centre Twp (also now Snyder Co). From 1809 onward, we do find a Jacob Yoder, but not once is this Jacob listed as "potter". Through the 1813 records we have at hand, he is shown owning no land, no horse and no cow. He is referred to in both 1811 and 1813 as "gentleman" the same title given to Melchior senior. The 1811 tax record refers to him as living on property of John Yoder. The Jacob in Centre Twp SEEMS to be the bachelor uncle. That uncle's will showed him a resident of Centre Twp, and left the residue of his estate to his nephew John (on whose property he resided in later years?).

Not enough to claim we have found Jacob Yoders, but certainly a number of coincidences and enough to spark further speculation and research.



"Sugar Run" Home Place of George W Yoders (1833-1890)
Franklin Twp, Greene Co, PA



William N Yoders and wife Rebekah,
Indianola, Iowa circa 1890s



Charles S Yoders,
a son of George W - circa 1880s



Carl Miller Yoder and Mary Alice Suydam

D-Day 50th Anniversary Ceremonies 5 Jun 1994

*****QUERIES*****

The YNL will publish Yoder related inquiries or exchanges at no charge. Please limit as possible and include a full return address. All inquiries are checked against our own records to see if we can help too. If you receive significant added info please share it also with the YNL for our files. Send to: Chris Yoder, Unit 61306 Box 56, APO AE 09803-1306.

Information wanted to help document my ancestors. I am a granddaughter of Simon Timothy Yoder (YR239e6) son of Benedict Yoder (1817-1910) and Sarah Miller. Reply to: Cynthia Yoder Stevens, 720 West Landoran Lane, Tucson, Az 85737-9707

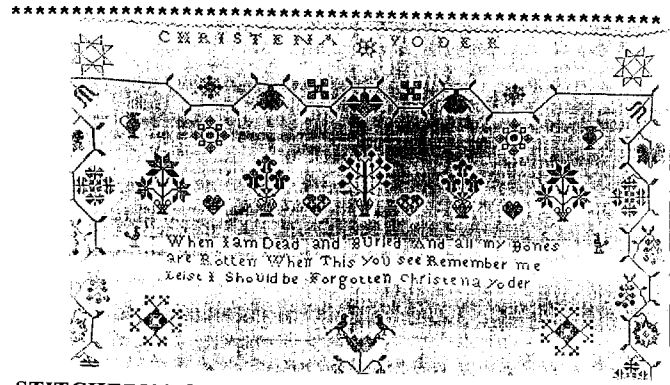
Looking for any information regarding Blanche Reese who married Harvey Yoder, son of Jacob Yoder (YR23567). Harvey was born in Osborne County, KS, and moved to Detroit, MI, about 1906. They may have lived for some time in the Toledo, OH area. Blanche had a daughter, Alice Dorothy Yoder, born 1906. Please reply: Jo Ann Mattingley, 704 Windwillow Way, CA 93065

Working on a CLINE History. One Cline sister was one of the wives of CONRAD YODER of North Carolina. I'd like to hear from any descendants of the Yoder-Cline family. -Mrs. Pauline H Reinhart, 3614 Buffalo Shoals Rd., Hwy 1003, Newton, N.C. 28658 (tel- (704) 428-2477)

Query- Want information on family and ancestry of Joel Cyrus Yoder (1850-1937) Buried in United Brethren Cem., Mabel, PA. m1 Mary Thomas, m2 Mary Biltman. Children: Harry C., Hanna, Maude, Laura. Reply to: Mary Deibler, 245 Plank Rd, York Springs, PA 17372

John Yotter (c1795- ?) and Sarah Elizabeth Shick (1807-1872) had eleven children. Sons Claymore Yotter (b c1843-) and David Yotter (b c1840-) were living in Philadelphia at the time of their mothers death in 1872. What became of them?- Please reply to Richard K. Yotter, 521 E Newport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543

Correction: YNL #22 Patent List- mentions a "James Yoder" on a 1789 patent in Northumberland Co, PA. This is wrong, the actual file shows "James May and Daniel Yoder" (OH111).. plots were given to sons David and John.



STITCHERY DOCUMENTS YODER FAMILY

Thanks to Martha Schlabach of Partridge, KS for sharing some items of stitchery handed down within her family. Various items by her grandmother, Christena Yoder Schlabach (b 1863) and great grandmother Francis Mast Yoder (wife of Jacob Yoder YR142334) include a family register, apparently done soon after Christena's marriage in 1886:

"The Family record of
 Jacob and Fanny Yoder
 Father was born July the 12 1818
 Mother was born May the 21 1829
 Susanna was born June the 21 1853
 Rebecca was born Dec the 10th 1855
 Christena was born March the 28 1863
 Fanny was born July the 1 1866
 Sarah was born Nov the 26 1871
 Elizabeth was born March the 30 1859
 Died Sep the 13 1863 Aged
 4 years 5 months and 14 days
 Solomon Schlabach and
 Christena Yoder were given
 In marriage Jan the 21 1886.
 This work I leave
 My friends to view
 When I have bid
 This world adieu
 Christena Schlabach.



Pete Yoder of Sun City, AZ displays his artistic creations made from items taken out of the gizzards of turkeys. Pete worked for 15 years in a turkey processing plant in Goshen, IN. Items range from keys, to rocks to a hypodermic needle (credits to the Sun City "Daily News-Sun" and to Michael P. Hegarty and Mollie J Hoppes of its staff.

Obituary
 H. Nick Yoder, 71, of Hickory, NC died Dec.22, 1993. He was born Nov.11,1922- son of Grady P. and Lizzie A. Yoder. He was a retired brick mason and veteran of WWII. Survivors include wife Helen, son Harold N. II of Hickory, and daughter Susan Wilson of Lincolntown.
OHIO YODER HONORED AS SAFE DRIVER BY UPS
 George Yoder was recently honored by UPS in a Nation-wide ad for completing over 25 years of service without an accident.

Sun Citian Pete Yoder displays turkeys he crafted from the odds and ends he found in the birds' stomachs.

Mollie J. Hoppes/Daily News-Sun

Yoder Family Reunites

HICKORY DAILY RECORD—Fri., August 26, 1994—3B

A patriotic motif featuring table covers in alternating colors of red and white coordinated with large flags representing Switzerland, the United States and the Confederate States, were among the many features displayed recently at the 44th annual convention of the Yoder family. Approximately 175 family members attended the event at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church south of Hickory. The Rev. Margaret Yoder Butler, an Episcopal priest who serves a parish in Ottumwa, Iowa, delivered the invocation.

The reunion's theme was "Lest We Forget," a tribute to descendants of Conrad Yoder who fought on both sides during the Civil War. Copies of letters composed during the Civil War by area soldiers were on display. They included the correspondence of Amzi A. Hawn and John Abel Yoder, who died in battle. The letters, shown publicly for the first time, are from the Neal Wilfong collection.

Yoder descendants and guests enjoyed a covered-dish picnic accompanied by the strains of songs from the Civil War era.

The assembly room also featured photographs and etchings from the time of the Civil War. Pictures of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Gen. Robert E. Lee were grouped prominently beneath the crossed flags of the Union and the Confederacy.

The Yoder family in North Carolina traces its origins to Switzerland. The clan was brought to the Tar Heel state in the mid-1700s by Conrad Yoder, who purchased property from Heinrich Weidner in the vicinity of the Ramsour Bridge spanning the Jacob's Fork River in Mountain View.

After lunch, Yoder president Rachael Hahn Kennedy of Harrisburg introduced the Rev. Robert L. Yoder, who spoke briefly on a nation divided by civil war.



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Pre-teen queen

Amber Yoder, 12, daughter of Ben and Chris Yoder, Shipshewana, wears the crown of Miss Indiana American Pre-teen. She took part in a parade in her honor Monday, having won her tiara Sunday at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Indianapolis. She will compete in a national pageant in November.

(Photo by Lynne Echtenkamp)

The officers of the Yoder family were then recognized. Serving with Ms. Kennedy are Michael B. Huffman, vice president; Neal D. Wilfong, secretary; and Gerald M. Yoder, treasurer. Ted M. Yoder serves as special assistant to the president.

Richard E. Yoder, chairman of the executive committee, announced that the officers have agreed to serve an additional year in office. He explained that their experience was necessary to implement the numerous details that had to be covered concerning the local clan's plan to serve as host for all the various Yoder lines throughout America in 1995.

Ms. Kennedy described activities tentatively planned for next year's national convention. The three-day event will be held at various locations throughout Catawba County and will include historic tours of area sites, a barbecue and dance, a pageant portraying Conrad Yoder, a musical concert, sales of Yoder crafts and wares, an old-fashioned worship service, and the release of a special T-shirt, among other ideas.

Committee chairs announced for the convention include Ted Yoder, publicity, and Harold Yoder, Saturday dinner and dance. Other committee appointments will be named at a later date.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were circulated in printed format. In a tabulation of family statistics, the secretary noted that there were eight births and 15 marriages. Known deaths in the Yoder and Reep families during the last fiscal year were 46.

Contributions to Lenoir-Rhyne College and Zion, Grace and Daniels Lutheran churches were announced. A memorial to the late Norman S. James, a former Yoder president, will be sent to Bethel United Church of Christ. An offering was taken to assist with expenses.

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was sung by everyone as Civil War reenactors from a local unit marched into the room. A temporary camp set up on the church grounds served as headquarters for the Union soldiers.

The talk, "Yoders in the Civil War," was given by Ted Yoder, former family president. He stated that several local clan members sacrificed their lives during the war, including John Abel Yoder and two of his sons as well as Amzi Hawn, who was married to Yoder's daughter.

First-time visitors to the reunion included Margery Yoder Arkansas of Cherokee, Jean Yoder of Hickory and formerly of New York, Marshall Yoder of Charlotte, Carolyn Yoder Dobbs of Fort Worth, Texas, and Steve and Rita Abee of Connelly Springs.

Youngest members of the family were David E.A. Wilfong (4) and his sister Caroline E.C. Wilfong (2). They are the children of Neal and Miriam Wilfong of Cleveland.

Louise Anthony McNeely (86) of Lincolnton and Ralph E. Yoder (81) of Hildebran were the oldest family representatives.

A grandson of William McKinley Yoder, local potter, Steve Abee, showcased a sampling of his handmade pottery, which included a limited-edition jug decorated with a Roman cross in relief. The crock contained a scripture verse on the opposite side. The piece will be donated to the proposed Yoder house planned for construction in Grantsville, Md.

Flowers gracing the parish hall were given to Zion Church in honor of sisters Ruby Bolick and Nina Pitts.

Products produced by the Yoder Popcorn Co. of Indiana were sold. Several types of popcorn were available as well as Yoder Popcorn T-shirts.

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Kennedy after the reading of a quotation from Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address. The singing of the "Yoder Reunion Hymn" was led by Ms. Arkansas, Ms. Kennedy and the Rev. Butler.

YA'LL COME!!

The Yoder Family of North Carolina Invites You to
A 1995 OPEN SESSION
of the Yoder Family in August 1995

The Conrad Yoder family is hosting an OPEN REUNION! All Yoder family descendants (all spellings) are invited to Hickory North Carolina the 11th -13th of August 1995. This event will coincide with the 45th annual reunion of that line. It's planned to be "the largest gathering of Yoders ever in the United States". You will be introduced to the Conrad Yoder family and to the Amish, Mennonite and other Yoder lines, and learn about each other's history and traditions. Events will be centered at the Catawba County Historical Museum and the Zion Lutheran Church. There will be speakers, a Yoder Store stocked with Yoder items for sale (including a special 1995 Yoder Reunion T-shirt), a dramatic presentation of the Conrad Yoder family story, historical tours, displays, banners, a Saturday night doin' complete with vittles, and bluegrass music -- and even an historical Sunday morning service (in period costume).

HICKORY rests in the foothills of the mountains and is within an hour drive of some of the prime vacation spots in the southeast. The immediate area is famous for furniture making, and factory outlets abound. The HICKORY FURNITURE MART is the fourth most popular tourist attraction in the State of North Carolina.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!

For further information Contact: Yoders of North Carolina,
ATTN: Ted Yoder, P O Box 10281, Mountain View Station,
Hickory, North Carolina 28603

Yothers Family Holds 70th Reunion

The Yothers Family from Bucks County held its 70th Reunion Sunday, June 5 at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran picnic grove, Spinnerstown with 26 members present.

The oldest member present was Naomi Yothers, Souderton, 89 years old, while the youngest was James Brian Yothers, 4 years old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Yothers, Souderton.

Hans Joder (John Yoder) was the pioneer ancestor, probably born in Germany about 1680. He purchased 99 acres in Lower Milford Township, (then known as "The Great Swamp") from Joseph Krowden of Trevoise in 1720 for 15 pounds.

The Yoders were Mennonites and John Yoder and his wife, Anna, and son, John Jr., donated the land to the Saucon Mennonite Meeting House, which was erected circa 1738. Many of Hans Yoder's descendants are buried there.

Hans Yoder's son, Casper, moved to Doylestown Township. Casper Yoder sold his farm to his son, Jacob Yoder, who changed his name to Yothers.

All the Bucks County Yothers families are his descendants.

Garrett Benner, Sellersville asked the blessing before the 5p.m. meal at the reunion. The officers are: President Dan Hunsberger, Perkasio; Vice President John M. Hunsberger, Perkasio; Secretary Treasurer Alverna (Yothers) Hunsberger, Apple Butter Road, Perkasio.

There was no reunion held in 1993. The next reunion will be held the first Sunday in June 1995.

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