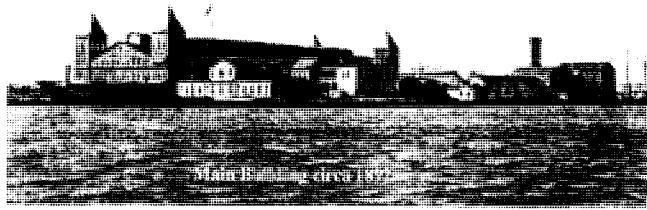




## YODERS AT ELLIS ISLAND



According to the National Park Service, "Between 1892 and 1954, approximately 12 million steerage and third class steamship passengers who entered the United States through the port of New York were legally and medically inspected at Ellis Island. Reopened on September 10, 1990 after a massive restoration, the Main Building on Ellis Island is now a museum dedicated to the history of immigration and the important role this island claimed during the mass migration of humanity in the late 19th and early 20th centuries."

Another important part of this historical center is the data which is available to all through the internet at: <http://www.ellisland.org/>. We've extracted the information regarding all the Yoders shown between 1893 and 1924, and are including them in this edition. For a number of these folks, we have been able to identify their "Yoder ID" number. If our readers can add to these identifications, please send your information along, and we'll update information at the Yoder Homepage for this YNL Issue.

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## MICHAEL YODER -- A NEW MYSTERY?

Thanks to Beulah Stoudt Follmer, a long-time officer of the Berks County Genealogical Society, we have been presented with a valuable clue to early colonial Yoder history! Ms. Follmer was referred to us by Oley Yoder activist Fay Yoder and sent in the following query to run in the October YNL:

*Michael Yoder married Mary Young. They lived in Oley in 1759. Mary was a daughter of John Young of Lancaster County. Mary's sister Barbara was married to Frederick Moyer. Barbara & Frederick Moyer were my 4 X great grandparents. I'd appreciate any information on Michael and Mary Yoder.*

This query interested us in several ways. We previously knew of no Michael Yoder among the Oley Yoder line of that time. The ONLY Michael Yoder in our records for the mid 1700s was a son of "Widow Barbara" Yoder. This Michael Yoder (YR16) is estimated to have been born in Europe about 1730. We wrote back telling her what we know of this fellow. We also mentioned that we had long assumed he was the Michael Yoder who is shown in the Oley township Tax lists as follows:

- 1767 Mich'l Yoder, g.m. no acres 4 horses 3 cattle 3 sheep Tax 15
- 1768 Michael Yoder, miller 1 horse 4 cattle Tax 4

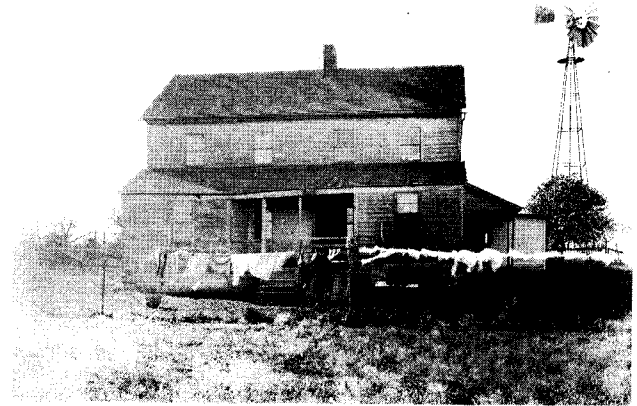
The Amish Michael is known to have later lived in Leacock Twp., Lancaster County as of the 1790 Census, and then moved on to Mifflin County, where he died about 1799. The name of his wife is not known, but the Amish and Amish Mennonite Genealogies shows that his first children were born beginning about 1760.

In response to our quick follow-up Beulah added more information: "*Frederick & Barbara (Young) Moyer.... lived along the Blue Mountain in what is now Upper Bern Twp. They were out making hay on 6/28/1754 when the Indians rushed out of the woods and killed the father and mother. Injured son Frederick and the baby. The baby later died. The neighbors nursed Frederick back to good health. The Indians took the three oldest children along. Johannes Young, the*

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## YODERS OF NAPPANEE

### The Fred L. Yoder Family



Israel Yoder Homestead, est. 1849, Newberry Twp, LaGrange Co., In.

The late Fred L. Yoder was a dedicated student of genealogy. His adopted LDS faith further encouraged a natural interest and he collected a variety of information and photos about his family. Thanks to his widow Dorothy and family friend Harold J. Yoder, we are able to share with our readers some interesting photos from a family with a multiple Yoder ancestry. I would also like to thank Tara A. DePuy of the Nappanee Public Library for adding some local history.

Fred was the son of "double Yoders", Rudolph Yoder and Sarah Yoder. Rudolph, in turn was the son of Yost I. Yoder (1849-1933) (YR125382) and Mattie Stahley, and Sarah was the daughter of Jonas B. Yoder (1843-1927)(YR251141) and Catherine Campbell. The photo which relates to the earliest generation of this line is the one above, which shows the homestead of Yost's father Israel Yoder (1817 Oh-1886) who married in 1845 Veronica Yoder (1823-1905) (YR23b21). By the birth of son Yost they were living in Newberry Twp., LaGrange County, In. By 1860, they had returned to Ohio where they settled near Smithville. The homestead they built stood for over 100 years, until being destroyed by the "Palm Sunday Tornado" which came through northern Indiana on April 11, 1965.

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## A CLUE TO THE IN-LAWS OF TOM MIX?



GRAVESTONE OF Pvt. Edwin E. Yoder, Co. C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pa Cav, at the Rumbarger Cemetery, DuBois, Pa.

In YNL 38, we presented the story of a John Yoder, first husband of Emma (Mix) (Yoder) Swartz, sister of the famed cowboy star. The records we had been able to find at that time did not allow us to identify the ancestry of this John Yoder, who died c1916-17.

Recently, some family items belonging to Emma and her mother were auctioned over the internet. Among these items were a number of deeds to local cemetery plots which had been handed down within the family. One such, measuring 14" x 8", grants a half a lot of ground in the cemetery of John Rumbarger and his wife, Eliza, of DuBois Borough, Clearfield Co., PA to "E. E. Yoder" for \$10.00 on April 28, 1883. The lot was 12' x 16' (192 square feet).

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**The Yoder Newsletter- Founded 1983 by**

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**ORDER THE YODERS OF NC BOOK:** The History of the Yoder Family in North Carolina by Dr. Fred Roy Yoder has been reprinted and is available once more!! Funds raised will be used to restore old Yoder gravestones and up-keep of cemeteries at Churches significant to the Yoder Family and the ancestors of the Author. Price \$25 (postage included). Send checks to: "Yoder Memorial Fund" at: Yoder Family in North Carolina, c/o: Bill Yoder, 2707 Zion Church Rd. Hickory, NC 28602

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**Adam M. Yoder** (believed YR16265)(1837(?)WO-1914 EI) m. 1872 Goshen, Ind. Anna Honderich Mennonite

**Elijah D. Yoder**, photo taken in Lindenville, Oh. He is believed to be YR2611335 (3/30/1866 Charm, OH-3/18/1932) m 3/20/1890 Sarah Miller res. Orrville, OH Mennonite

**Gene E. Yoder Week in Goshen, Indiana**

Mayor Allan Kauffman declared the week beginning 26 June 2004 as "Gene E Yoder Week" in Goshen, Indiana in honor of his retirement as President of the much renowned Greencroft Retirement Community. Thanks to Alpha B. Miller of Goshen for passing along this news!

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR—**

A review of the Yoders Restaurant in Sarasota, Florida "Food is good...especially the pie. Very "homey" atmosphere...I guess what I'd expect. A much more commercial place down the road..."Der Dutchman" also good but kind of fancy compared to Yoders. Both usually have waiting lists to get in.—Donald Trew" [trewd@hotmail.com](mailto:trewd@hotmail.com)

**A Yoder Disease-** At the age of 19, my Achilles tendons became swollen at various intervals, making walking impossible at times. Later, lumps appeared on the tendons of my knee, elbow, and fingers. During that time, I visited a wide range of physicians, even having the lump on my elbow removed in 1961. In 1974, age 40, I suffered a heart attack. Ten years later, age 50, I had an artery opened with an angioplasty. Worsening angina caused my early retirement, in 1989, and a specialist finally diagnosed my condition as "Sitosterolemia."

My youngest brother died of a heart attack at the age of 17. My father's brother, John A. Yoder (YR2536132), suffered a fatal heart attack at the age of 34. In researching my genealogy, the researchers believe that the defective gene causing Sitosterolemia has come from the Yoder family. My father's (Jacob P. Yoder YR2536131) lineage goes back to the Widow Barbara Yoder, son Christian Yoder (YR2). My mother 's grandmother's lineage (Sarah K Yoder YR 146253) goes back to the Widow Barbara's son Jacob (YR14 or "Strong" Jacob Yoder). In addition, my mother's grandfather's lineage (Siever S. Yoder YR26869) goes back to the Widow Barbara's son Christian Yoder (YR2)

For a person to have Sitosterolemia, a defective gene must come from both parents; therefore, it is conceivable that this rare disease was passed down through this genealogy. My mother's grandfather, Siever S. Yoder (YR26869) died at the age of 32. Could he have died of a heart attack and if so, did he have Sitosterolemia? We'll never know.

My reason for giving this information is in case someone else in this genealogy might have this rare disease and be battling high cholesterol without getting the proper treatment. If you or anyone you know has lesions on tendons or premature heart disease, you can receive help by calling Dr. Robert Shamburek at the National Institutes of Health, (301)496-1500 or writing to him at: Dr. Robert Shamburek, Heart, Lung & Lipid Institute National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892. He can be reached via email at [bob@mdb.nih.gov](mailto:bob@mdb.nih.gov) Tell him you are related to Marian Payne and you'll receive immediate attention!! Thanks!—Marian Y. Payne: (I am 72, mother of a son and 4 daughters, grandmother of 9, earned 2 Master's Degrees, and taught elementary school for 20 years. I am enjoying a full, active and happy retirement. 3130 Lake Terrace Court, Richmond VA 23235, [jampayne@peoplepe.com](mailto:jampayne@peoplepe.com))

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**GENETIC DISEASE-DYSTONIA**

Research group is conducting a study on a neurological condition called dystonia which may have an increased frequency in the Amish/ Mennonite population. Patients experience uncontrollable twisting, repetitive movements or abnormal postures and positions. This little-known movement disorder can affect any part of the body including the arms, legs, trunk, eyelids and even the vocal cords. Contact: Deborah Raymond, MS, CGC, Beth Israel Medical Center, 10 Union Sq E, Ste 5H, New York, NY 10003, Ph: 212-844-8713/888-228-1688, Fax: 212-844-8710, e-mail: [draymond@bethisraelny.org](mailto:draymond@bethisraelny.org)

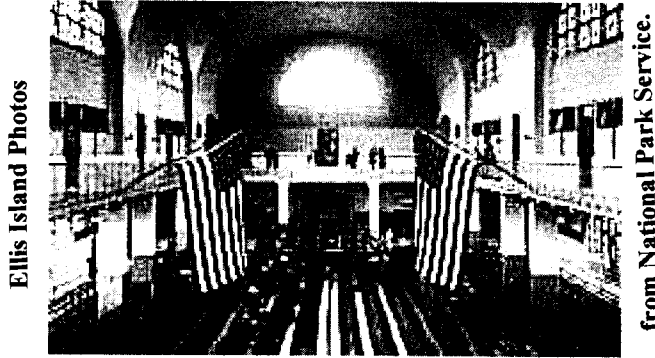
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**GREAT BALTIMORE FIRE - Submitted by Donald Honeywell**

The Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore City currently has a display commemorating the centennial of the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 which devastated over 1,500 buildings and left 140 acres of the central business district of the City in ruins. This fire resulted in the national standardization of fire hose and hydrant fittings as many of the fire companies that responded from other towns and cities could not attach to Baltimore's thread patterns.

The display includes letters from various insurance companies, some of which were bankrupted by the fire. One of these letters is by the American Home Life Insurance Company, 5th & G Streets, NW, Washington, D.C., dated March 1904. The letterhead lists C. T. YODER as Secretary of the Company. (Editors note: Major Charles T. Yoder was the subject of a feature article in YNL 18, Oct. 1991.)

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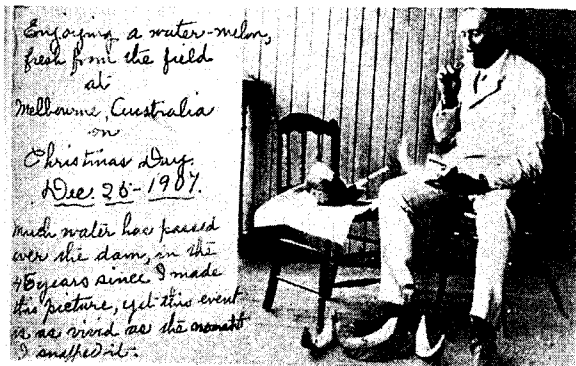


Ellis Island Photos

from National Park Service.

**COMMENTS ON YODER PASSENGERS:**

- Charles F. Yoder (YR12a3214) , a missionary who was featured in YNL 39. "In the service of the Foreign Missionary Society (FMS), Yoder investigated the potential for mission work in Persia (Iran), May-July, 1905. War and uncertain political conditions brought his trip to a premature end. Yoder recommended against sending additional missionaries to Persia." He is shown returning from England in 1905, and then returning from Argentina with his family 1923.
- Sanford C. Yoder, featured in YNL 13, later President of Goshen College, was appointed to the Mennonite Mission Board in 1917 and spent time in Argentina. The Ellis Island records show his arrival from Panama in 1920.
- Christian H. Yoder (YRB1781) moved from Logan Co., Oh to Omaja, Cuba in 1908. His son Dwight appears in 1908 and 1910 and Christian seems to be the 1913 entry- age matches although the Allenville, Pa reference seems off.
- Dr. Peter A. Yoder (YR2337a7) and wife Amelia arrive back from Germany in 1908 after traveling extensively in Europe, Asia, and Australia, studying Agricultural conditions. Dr. Yoder worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. Photo of



*Enjoying a water-melon  
fresh from the field  
at  
Melbourne, Australia  
on  
Christmas Day  
Dec. 25-1907.  
Much water has passed  
over the dam, in the  
46 years since I made  
this picture, yet this event  
is as vivid as the moment  
I snapped it.*

- Dr. Peter Yoder, photo taken by wife Amelia. Her handwriting says: "Enjoying a water-melon, fresh from the field at Melbourne, Australia on Christmas Day Dec. 25-1907. Much water has passed over the dam, in the 46 years since I made this picture, yet this event is as vivid as the moment I snapped it."
- Solomon E. Yoder, arriving at Ellis Island in 1920 and shown as of Belleville, Pa. worked with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) visiting families of German POWs who had worked for the AFSC reconstruction unit in France, and paid them for their service.
- Philip Yoder (YR23413141) and wife Edith are shown arriving from London in 1924. In YNL 24 we mention Philip as a "Champion Cowboy of the World" and member of a Wild West show which traveled to England. The show was organized by his father-in-law Charles Irwin and also played Madison Square Garden.
- Floyd Yoder (YR2337a54) was a volunteer with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) working with displaced families.

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 "PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH", the wonderful video which describes the Joder/Yoder history from Switzerland to America is now available on DVD as well as VHS video! Price for either is the same \$25 post paid. Order from Virgil Yoder, 110 Northumberland Rd., Irwin, Pa. 15642. PERFECT to show at your next YODER REUNION!

father of Barbara Moyer and Mary Yoder, declined to be the guardian as he was too old. Michael and Mary Yoder also could not be guardian. Frederick was only two years old when the Indians attacked. ... Johannes Young lived in Lancaster County. Maybe that is why Michael moved to Lancaster Co., if he is the right Michael." The Upper Bern area was around where the "Widow Barbara" and her children had settled.

The actual court document, 7 Jan 1759, relative to Frederick Jr.'s guardianship says: *To James Read Deputy Register for the Probate of Wills and Granting Letters of Administration within the County of Berks.*

*We John Young, GrandFather, by their mother's side, of the Children of Frederick Meyer late of Bern Township yeoman deceased; and Michael Yoder, who intermarried with Mary Young a sister of the said mother; send Greeting—Whereas the said John Young am too old and infirm to do any Business, and I the said Michael Yoder conceive my self and wife both incapable of taking upon us the Administration of the estate of the said Frederick Meyer's estate; which therefore would be a Burthen to any of us; We therefore hereby renounce all right that either of us the said John Young or Michael Yoder may or ought to have, or which the wife of me the said Michael Yoder may or ought to have to the Administration aforesaid; and do so before that the said Administration may be committed to Peter Pricker of Coclico Township yeoman, Principal Creditor of the estate aforesaid. Witness our Hans & Seals this tenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Fifty nine.*

Signed: Johannes Jung, Michal Yoder

By a later document of March 1, 1763, John Young of Lancaster, grandfather of Frederick, petitioned the Orphan's Court of Berks County to appoint a guardian for his grandson. Casper Stump of Tulpehocken Township in Berks County was appointed as guardian. Frederick inherited the homestead, grew to manhood, married Catharina Marshall and had at least 9 children as named and recorded in The Berks County Courthouse "Will Book", Vol. 6, p. 435. Will approved 9 Jan. 1830.

Our Oley Yoder historian, Richard Yoder of Bechtelsville, Pa. reports that he has a record of a "Daniel Joder bapt Jul 16, 1766 s/o Michael Joder & wife with Adam Impotte as witness, Oley Hills Church." This is what is presently known as the "Hill Church" in Pike Twp., Berks County. Members of the Oley Yoder line were later connected with that church. He also found an un attributed notation at the Berks County Historical Society which reports a Michael Yoder m. a Mary Young (daughter of John Young) in 1750.

Either we have a new, previously unknown Michael Yoder of the Oley Yoder families who was born before 1739 (he was married as of 1759) and possibly before 1730 (if the 1750 marriage notation was correct) or we have the name of the wife of YR16! At this point, and due to the unattributed data added by Dick Yoder, we'd be inclined to believe we have a new member of the Oley line. In either event a break through. Can some of our Lancaster County experts find proof of the Young - Michael Yoder links in that county?

Beulah Follmer of Shillington, Pa. and her brother started the annual Stoudt Family Reunion 30 years ago, and it's been held ever since.

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It would appear reasonable to suspect that there would have been a connection between "Edwin" and "John Yoder" for this particular deed to end up in Emma's estate. So we ordered the civil war information for Edwin to see if it would give any hint of him having a son John. Unfortunately this resulted in nothing of value.

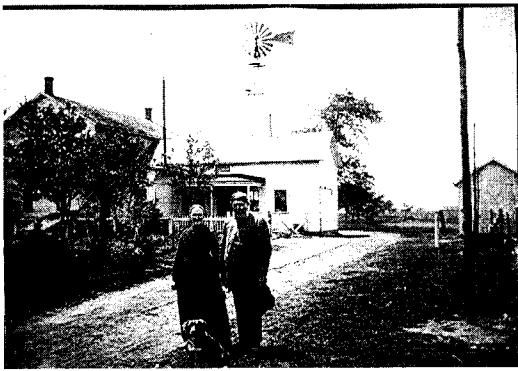
Who was the "Edwin"? A review of the Yoder Pa. census record for 1860 shows an Edwin Yoder as follows:

- Joseph—Yoder—N'mptn—Lower-Nazareth-710-  
name-age-occupation—birth—cmts
- Joseph—61—laborer—Pa—(V)
- Elizabeth-55—
- Edwin—22—carpenter-

Again, unfortunately, this fellow is known as the son of Joseph Yoder and Anna Elizabeth Beisill, and he himself is known to have been buried in the Hope Cem., Hecktown, PA. The mystery continues.

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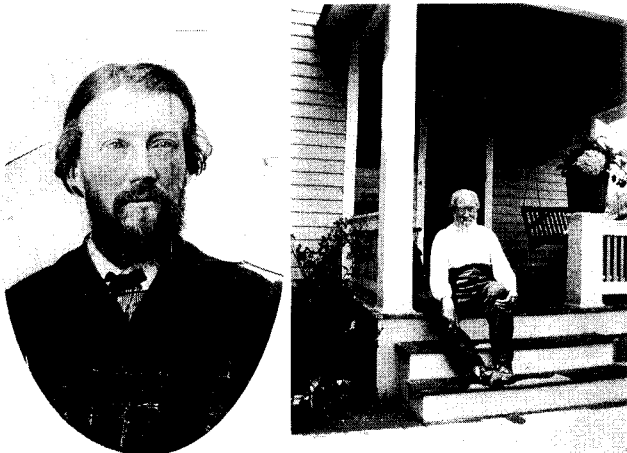
Yost L. and Mattie Yoder



The Yost Yoder Family

In 1880, Yost I. Yoder and his wife lived in Elkhart County, Indiana, with three children. By 1900 they and their 7 younger children lived in Jefferson Twp., Kosciusko County, Indiana. By 1920, they live in Nappanee, Elkhart County, with son Jonas M. in the household.

Sarah Yoder's father Jonas B. Yoder, was born in Mifflin Co., Pa. in 1843. He was the son of Daniel C ("Gypsy Dan") Yoder. By 1869 he was in Wayne County, Oh. and lived there until his death.



Jonas B Yoder (YR251441), German Baptist, as a young and old man sometime after the death of his wife in 1919 (above) & with his later residence in Green Twp., Wayne County, Ohio. (below)



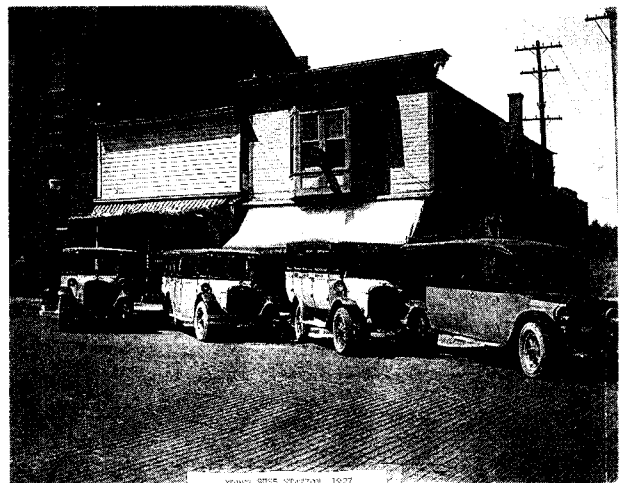
Yost and Mattie were Mennonites and their children were: Israel (5/24/1874-3/24/1875); Fanny (1/10/1876 LI-12/21/1899) m Aaron W Hartman; Christian (7/24/1877-7/18/1964); Elizabeth (4/17/1879-..... ) Amos S Hersberger; Moses I (12/10/1880-12/30/1969); Levi S (5/2/1882-12/18/1908); Rudolph O (11/20/1884-1/7/1969) (father of Fred L.) ; Mahala (10/13/1887 -..... ) m Aaron S Gerig; Jonas M (7/22/1889-3/1/1974); and Angeline Minnie (9/24/1892-..... ) m John McNaughton.

Several of the sons of Yost and Mattie Yoder established businesses in Nappanee. Research by Tara DePuy indicated that the Yoder Brothers Garage was established in 1910. It was the first garage in town. A newspaper article at the time showed the owners to be Israel's sons Christian L. and Moses I. Yoder. A photo on file at the library lists Moses and Jonas as the owners. The oldest city directory at the library was published in 1918. It shows M.I. Yoder as owning the garage and Jonas M. listed as mechanic. They are listed under the section labeled "Bicycles and Motorcycles". In the directories from the 1920s, Yoder Brothers is shown as a "Bicycle Shop", two doors down from "Rapp Brother's Garage". Ms. DePuy indicates: "I found Mose Yoder's obituary ... His obituary did not mention that he owned a garage, but did mention that he owned a bicycle shop. There is also a photograph here at the library that is labeled as the interior of Jonas Yoder's bicycle shop, and it is dated 1915. It appears that the Yoder brothers probably sold the automobile garage sometime before 1918 (when the directory was printed) and maybe before 1915 if the date of the photograph is correct. "

"The information about the bus and taxi service was a little clearer. Mose Yoder purchased the bus line from William Martin of Milford in 1924. According to the November 8<sup>th</sup> 1945 issue of the Nappanee Advance News, The Peoples Rapid Transit Corporation of Kalamazoo, Michigan bought the bus line from Yoder effective November 1, (although later newspaper articles report 1946 as the year he sold it). Either way, Helen Yoder, daughter of Mose Yoder, continued the taxi part of the business after her father sold the bus line. She did not retire until 1989, when she was eighty years old. (Before the bus line sold the phone directory lists the company as Yoder Bus & Cab Company, and after the bus line sold it was listed simply as Yoder cab Company)."



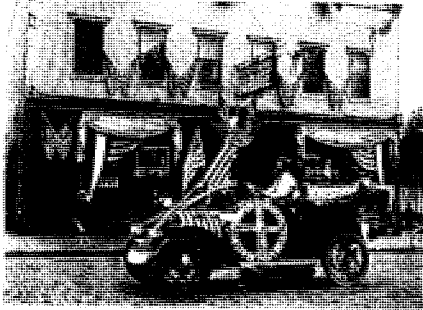
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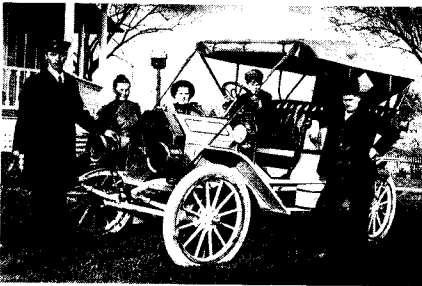
Yoder Bus Station 1927



Christ Yoder Driving a Car



1916 Parade

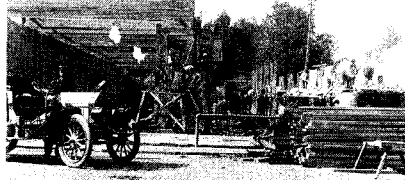


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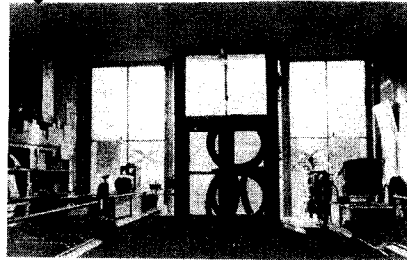
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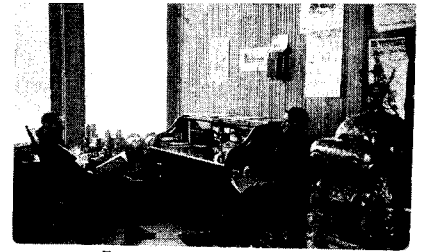
Young Blade drivers- Rudolph (Rudy) Yoder in front center



Yoder Garage- Being Constructed



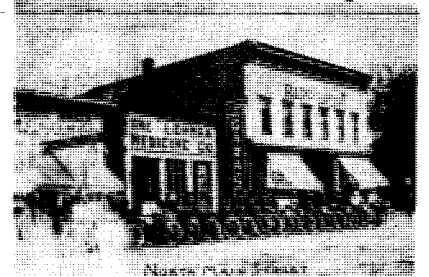
Interior Jonas Yoder Bike Shop 1915



JONAS YODER IN OFFICE (LOWRICK)



Construction of Yoder Garage



YODER BROS BICYCLES LEHMAN MEDICINE RAFF BROS GARAGE

After the Sale of the Garage

Unknown:



This Photo is labeled "Grandpa Christian Yoder 1895" Does anyone recognize this fellow? Fred didn't have a "Grandpa Christian".



Rachel I. Yoder (YR125383) (Sister of Yost I) front right b 12/3/1851 LI m 11/8/1887 Adam K Kurtz (left). (Submitted by John Snyder)

YODER PHOTOS

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**ABE S. YODER (YR257182) REUNION**

It was a weekend rich in fellowship with each other and with the Lord. It was a high point for me to have my extended family gathered at a place that has had such a deep spiritual impact on my life through the years. I so appreciated Sanford's sermon on Sunday morning regarding a godly heritage and the importance of confessing secret sins, keeping roots of bitterness out of our families, etc. so that the blessing that this family has had through the years can continue. Rod Glick's testimony on Sunday morning touched my life as well. We truly do have a great heritage. It is incredibly humbling.

Friday evening was spent visiting with each other. Saturday after breakfast we had family introductions and pictures taken by families. We played a fun icebreaker game... Uncle Noah is still a newlywed after 56 years.... even though Aunt Amanda doesn't think so! We've had a few adventuresome people in our family who have gone white water rafting. The one who came the most distance was Glen and Salome Yoder from Phoenix, AZ!

Paul T. Yoder was next coming from Colorado! Saturday after lunch we had an auction that raised \$4,100 and some odd dollars. Some items of interest were a friendship quilt done by Aunt Mary Peachey that brought \$495 and was bought by her daughter Saloma. Daudy's spittoon, quilts, a bench that was given to Aunt Fronnie by her great-great grandmother (\$100) and an antique butter churn. The highlight was the hymn sing after supper. The acoustics in the conference center just pulled the sing right out of a body! We sang for about an hour and then had special music by Uncle Abe and his sons. We also sang 3 songs in German. Sunday morning was special with my brother-in-law leading the service, Titus Yoder leading the singing and Sanford Yoder speaking. It was a great weekend! Many new friendships were forged and old ones strengthened. You don't want to miss the next one at all! When is it? Second Saturday of June, 2006. Thanks to one and all for making this weekend such a memorable occasion! -reported by Rachel Shetterly [rshetterly@adelphia.net](mailto:rshetterly@adelphia.net)

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**"A NEW ST. JODER STORY"**

Thanks to Ben Yoder, an English teacher and self described "story teller and father of two", we are happy to present a brand new story of St. Joder. Ben cautions "Do not mistake it for anything claiming to be history. I've incorporated some historical details and tried to include some things from the paintings on the walls of St. Joder Kappelle, but it's mostly just my imagination." See the story and references at:

<http://www.yodernewsletter.org/vcards/storymenu.html> You can reach Ben at:  
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ID Number	Name of Passenger	Residence	Year	Age	ethnicity	date arrived	ship name	port	Ethnicity
	Losin Joder	Ungarn	1893	17	Hungarian	6-Jan-1893	Hermann	Bremen, Germany	
	W.A. Yoder		1895	31	England	21-Feb-1895	Majestic	Liverpool, England, UK	
	Eduy Yoder	Hamburg	1898	23	Citizen	6-Jun-1898	Bulgaria	Hamburg, Germany	
	Edward Yoder	Hamburg	1898	22	US Born	24-Feb-1898	Pretoria	Hamburg, Germany	
	Edwin Yoder	Hamburg	1898	22	US Citizen	14-Jan-1898	Pennsylvania	Hamburg, Germany	
	Zuntel Yotter	Blich	1899	40	Austro Hungarian	11-Feb-1899	Kensington	Antwerp, Belgium	
	Daniel Yoder	London	1900	60		30-Sep-00	St. Louis	Southampton, Southamptonshire, England, UK	
	Daniel Yoder	London	1900	69	Russian	30-Sep-00	St. Louis	Southampton, Southamptonshire, England, UK	
	William Yoder	S. Africa	1901	28	U.S.	7-Sep-1901	Philadelphia	Southampton, Southamptonshire, England, UK	
	Christ Joder		1901	66		28-Apr-01	La Bretagne	Le Havre, Seine Inferior, France	A U.S. citizen
	Franz Jotter	...	1904	80	Hungary, German	1-Jun-04	Vaderland	Antwerp, Belgium	
	Marie Jotter	...	1904	0	Hungary, German	1-Jun-04	Vaderland	Antwerp, Belgium	
	Marie Jotter	...	1904	64	Hungary, German	1-Jun-04	Vaderland	Antwerp, Belgium	
	Henry Yoder		1904	36	U. S. citizen	20-Sep-04	Mexico		A U.S. citizen
YR12a3214	Charles F. Yoder		1905	32		7-Jul-06	Majestic	Liverpool, England, UK	A U.S. citizen
	Adlesic Yoder	Croatia	1906	17	Hungary Croatian	16-May-06	Kaiser Wilhelm II	Bremen, Germany	
	Christ Yoder		1906	57	French	12-Aug-06	La Bretagne	Le Havre, Seine Inferior, France	
	Marie Joder		1906		US	11-Sep-06	Nieuw Amsterdam	Boulogne, Pas de Calais, France	A U.S. citizen
	Henry Fredk. Yoder		1906	28	United States Citize	25-Oct-06	Tagus	Colon, Panama	A U.S. citizen
	L. Yoder	Trinidad	1907	33	U.S.A.	23-May-07	Maracas	Grenada	
YB113321	Harry Yoder		1907	35		6-Aug-07	Saratoga	Havana, Cuba	A U.S. citizen
	Lissie Joder		1907		U. S. C.	15-Oct-07	Finland	Cebu, Philippines	A U.S. citizen
	Kata Jotter	Coburg, Germany	1907	32	Germany, German	17-Oct-07	President Lincoln	Cuxhaven, Hamburg, Germany	
	Ahouet Yoder	Tripoli	1908	21	Arabian	17-Sep-08	Nord America	Naples, Campania, Italy	
	Marie Joder	Lausanne, Switz.	1908	49	Swiss, German	26-Sep-08	La Provence	Le Havre, Seine Inferior, France	
?YRB17316	Dwight Yoder		1908		U.S.A.	19-Oct-08	Esperanza	Nassau, New Providence Group, The Bahamas	
YR2337a7	P.A. Yoder		1908	46	U.S.C.	20-Oct-08	Grosser Kurfurst	Bremen, Germany	A U.S. citizen
w/o YR2337a7	Amelia Yoder		1908	44	U.S.C.	20-Oct-08	Grosser Kurfurst	Bremen, Germany	A U.S. citizen
	Forrest L. Yoder		1908	25		11-Nov-08	Magdalena	Colon, Panama	A U.S. citizen
	Marie Yoder		1908	21		11-Nov-08	Magdalena	Colon, Panama	A U.S. citizen
?YB13996	Ulysses G. Yoder		1909	39	Claims U.S.A. Citize	21-Mar-09	Campania	Liverpool, England, UK	A U.S. citizen
	Christian Frd'k Joder	Burgastein, Switz.	1909	28	Switzerland, German	30-May-09	Celtic	Liverpool, England, UK	
	Maria Yotter	Kukmer, Hungary	1909	21	Hungary	24-May-09	Vaderland	Antwerp, Belgium	
YRB17315	Dwight Yoder		1910	23		13-May-10	Merida	Havana, Cuba	A U.S. citizen
YB113321	Harry Yoder		1910	39	U.S. Citizen	2-Aug-10	S. S. Havana	Havana, Cuba	A U.S. citizen
	Marie Joder	Ouchy, Switz.	1910	60	Switzerland	7-Aug-10	La Bretagne	Le Havre, Seine Inferior, France	
	Leroy Joder		1910	30	U S born	25-Oct-10	Europa	Genoa, Liguria, Italy	A U.S. citizen
	Christ Yoder	Canton, Ohio	1910	65	U.S.A.	10-Dec-10	La Lorraine	Le Havre, Seine Inferior, France	A U.S. citizen
?YRB17311	Ella Yoder		1911	39	U.S.Born	11-May-11	Atrato	Antilla, Oriente, Cuba	A U.S. citizen
	Grace Yoder	Quito, Ecuador	1911	1	Ecuador, Sp. Amer	15-Jun-11	Zacapa	Colon, Panama	A U.S. citizen
	Maria Yoder	Quito, Ecuador	1911	28	Ecuador, Sp. Amer	16-Jun-11	Zacapa	Colon, Panama	A U.S. citizen
	Maria Yoder		1911	26	U.S. Citizen	16-Jun-11	Zacapa	Colon, Panama	A U.S. citizen
	Marin Yoder		1911	28	U. S. Citizen (fern)	16-Jun-11	Zacapa	Colon, Panama	A U.S. citizen
	Arnulf Jotter	Pittsburg, USA	1911	28	Germany, German	5-Apr-11	Finland	Antwerp, Belgium	
	John Yoder		1911	21	U.S.A.	9-Nov-11	New York	Southampton, Southamptonshire, England, UK	A U.S. citizen
	Hans Yoder	Buin	1912	20	Swiss	31-May-12	L Aquitaine	Le Havre, Seine Inferior, France	
	Ana Yoder	Ada., Ohio	1913	64		16-Jan-13	Thames	Antilla, Oriente, Cuba	A U.S. citizen
YRB1731	Christien Yoder	Allenville, PA	1913	65	China Chinese	19-Aug-13	Saratoga	Havana, Cuba	A U.S. citizen
	Adolf Yotter	Nenstadt, Germany	1914	33	German	14-Apr-14	Rotterdam	Rotterdam, South Holland, The Netherlands	
	Allen Yoder		1914	39		26-Jun-14	Konig Alibert	Naples, Campania, Italy	A U.S. citizen
	Edward Yoder		1914	21	U.S.A.	26-Jun-14	Philadelphia	San Juan, Porto Rico	A U.S. citizen
	Edna M. Yoder	Allentown	1914	22	U.S.A.	17-Sep-14	Florizet	Saint John's, Newfoundland, Canada	A U.S. citizen
OH1321165	Luther Yoder	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1915	43	US	28-Oct-15	Bermudian	Hamilton, Bermuda	A U.S. citizen
w/OH1321165	Edith Yoder	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1915	40	US	28-Oct-15	Bermudian	Hamilton, Bermuda	A U.S. citizen
	Blanch Yoder		1915	2		23-Dec-15	Almirante	Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama	A U.S. citizen
	Grace Yoder		1915	6		23-Dec-15	Almirante	Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama	A U.S. citizen
	Marie Yoder		1915	26		23-Dec-15	Almirante	Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama	A U.S. citizen
YRB17312	Samuel Joder	Alexander, Ohio	1916	41	American	21-Jun-16	Mexico	Havana, Cuba	
	Norman Yoder	Lancaster, PA	1917	22	American	25-Apr-17	Adriatic	Liverpool, England, UK	
	Ruth Yoder	Harrisburg, PA	1917	25	USA	13-Apr-17	Jalisco	Santiago de Guayaquil, Guayas, A U.S. citizen	
	Marie Ioder	Lausanne, Switz.	1917	61	French, Switzerl.	26-Dec-17	Rochambeau	Bordeaux, Gironde, France	
	Marie Ioder	Lausanne, Switz.	1919	63	German	8-Jul-19	La Savoie	Le Havre, Seine Inferior, France	
YR2337a54	Floyd Yoder	Shipshewana, Ind.	1919	26		10-Dec-19	Noordam	Boulogne, Pas de Calais, France	A U.S. citizen
	John Yoder	New York	1920	28	U.S.	29-Apr-20	Manchuria	Hamburg, Germany	A member of the ship's crew
	John Yoder		1920	27	US, White	10-Jun-20	Manchuria	Hamburg, Germany	A member of the ship's crew
	John Yoder		1920	27	U.S. Citizen, White	23-Jul-20	Manchuria	Hamburg, Germany	A member of the ship's crew
	Lulu Yoder	USA	1920	24	American	31-Dec-20	Caronia	Cherbourg, Manche, France	
YR2341861	Sanford C. Yoder	Kalona, Iowa	1920	40		19-Mar-20	Alianza	Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama	A U.S. citizen
??	Solomon E. Yoder	Belleville, Pa.	1920	27		4-May-20	Leopoldina	Le Havre, Seine Inferior, France	A U.S. citizen
	Thomas McHose Yoder	350 West 55th Street, New York	1920	39		20-Jun-20	Utua	Port Limon, Limon, Costa Rica	A U.S. citizen
	William Yoder	USA	1920	24	American	31-Dec-1920	Caronia	Cherbourg, Manche, France	
	Marie Joder	Lansanne, Switzerland	1920	63	French, Swiss	5-Jun-20	Laplant	Antwerp, Belgium	
	Etta Sarah Yoter	Bahia Brazil	1920	30	Polish	6-Nov-20	Benevente	Bahia, Brazil	
BW	Peter E. Yotter	Freeport, Pa.	1920	53		25-Sep-20	Rotterdam	Rotterdam, South Holland, The Netherlands	A U.S. citizen
?YB1395211	Elmer G. Yoter	McKees Rocks, Penna.	1921	21	U.S.A.	27-Jan-21	Colon	Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama	A U.S. citizen
	Elizabeth Yoder	Buenos Aires, Argentina	1921	3	Argentina, English	22-Apr-21	Crofton Hall	Buenos Aires, Argentina	A U.S. citizen
	Jessie Yoder	Malden, Mass	1921	29		22-Apr-21	Crofton Hall	Buenos Aires, Argentina	A U.S. citizen
	Katherine Yoder	Philadelphia, Pa.	1921	49	American	4-Aug-21	Fort Hamilton	Hamilton, Bermuda	A U.S. citizen
	Charles Yoder		1921	33		12-Dec-1921	Crofton Hall	Buenos Aires, Argentina	A U.S. citizen
AU3	Louise Yoder	Ashland, O.	1922	48		28-Sep-22	Homerick	Southampton, Southamptonshire, England, UK	
YR23374813	Harlan A. Yoder	McPherson, Kansas	1923	21		7-Sep-23	Aquiltania	Southampton, Southamptonshire, England, UK	A U.S. citizen
	Emily Yoder	Topika, Kan.	1923	63	USA	19-Nov-23	San Lorenzo	San Juan, Porto Rico	A U.S. citizen
	Henry Yoder	Topika, Kan.	1923	63	USA	19-Nov-23	San Lorenzo	San Juan, Porto Rico	A U.S. citizen
YR12a3214	Charles F. Yoder	Falls City, Nebraska	1923	50		24-Dec-23	Pan America	Buenos Aires, Argentina	A U.S. citizen
YR12a3214	Eleanor Yoder	Falls City, Nebraska	1923	15		24-Dec-23	Pan America	Buenos Aires, Argentina	A U.S. citizen
YR12a3214	Grace Yoder	Falls City, Nebraska	1923	16		24-Dec-23	Pan America	Buenos Aires, Argentina	A U.S. citizen
YR12a3214	Pearl Yoder	Falls City, Nebraska	1923	47		24-Dec-23	Pan America	Buenos Aires, Argentina	A U.S. citizen
YR12a3214	Robert Yoder	Falls City, Nebraska	1923	11		24-Dec-23	Pan America	Buenos Aires, Argentina	A U.S. citizen
	Dorothy Yoder	Boston, Mass.	1924	25		13-Jan-24	U.S. Army Transport St. Mihiel	Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama	A U.S. citizen
	Mae Yoder	Springfield, Ohio	1924	25		2-Feb-24	Cedric	Liverpool, England, UK	A U.S. citizen
	Lulu Yoder	Cincinnati, Oh.	1924	45		28-Feb-24	Arcadian	Bermuda	A U.S. citizen
YR23413141	Edith Yoder	Cheyenne, Wyoming	1924	26	U.S.Cit.	20-Jul-24	Menominee	London, England, UK	A U.S. citizen
YR23413141	Phillip Yoder	Cheyenne, Wyoming	1924	26	U.S.Cit.	20-Jul-24	Menominee	London, England, UK	A U.S. citizen
	Dorothy B. Yoder	Grand Forks, N.D.	1924	25		8-Sep-24	General W.C. Gorgas	Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama	A U.S. citizen
?YR1772237	Theodore Yoder		1924	19	U. S.	12-Sep-24	Aquiltania	Southampton, Southamptonshire, England, UK	A U.S. citizen
YR2331b1	Bessie Yoder	Washington D.C.	1924	45	U.S.C.	16-Sep-24	Saxony	Cherbourg, Manche, France	A U.S. citizen
?YR2349125	Alice K. Yoder	Brooklyn, N.Y.	1924	38		22-Oct-24	Leviathan	Southampton, Southamptonshire, England, UK	A U.S. citizen
?YB135171	William A. Yoder	Center Valley, PA.	1924	28		18-Nov-24	America	Bremen, Germany	A U.S. citizen
	Lulu A. Yoder	Center Valley, PA.	1924	27		18-Nov-24	America	Bremen, Germany	A U.S. citizen

**WHO CAN IDENTIFY OTHERS AMONG THOSE LISTED ?**

Write the YNL.

\*\*\*\*\*Queries\*\*\*\*\*

The YNL will publish Yoder related inquiries or exchanges at no charge. Please limit as possible to include a full return address. All inquiries are checked against our records to see if we can help too. If you receive added info, please share it with the YNL for our files. Send Queries to: Chris Yoder, 551 S. Maple St., Saugatuck, Mi 49453 or email at [cnyder@tds.net](mailto:cnyder@tds.net).

SMITHVILLE, OHIO YODERS??? I Would be interested in corresponding by email or letter with any Yoders in the Wooster-Smithville, OH area. My email address is [tsyoder@verizon.net](mailto:tsyoder@verizon.net) and my mailing address is 10 Hickory Crossing, Argyle, TX 76226



Jacob Shurtle Yoder Family picture (code B4).. Standing: Ida Yoder Dietrich, Frederick Yoder, Minnie Yoder Wagner, Amy Yoder Blatt. Seated: Helen Yoder Leshner, Jacob S. Yoder (father), Robert Yoder, Howard J. Yoder, Maria Fisher Yoder (mother), Sarah M. Yoder- contributed by Ms. Saranna Miller, Marietta, Pa.



THE JONAS YODER FAMILY OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PA. Jonas Yoder (YR2395b) (6/18/1844-6/17/1917) m 5/3/1866 Mary Zerfoss (. 1847 P-7/30/1925) both are buried at the Rayman Cem, Church of Brethren. TOP ROW: Hiram; Elizabeth "Lizzie" Pyle; Samuel; Julia Ann Rayman, Cyrus; William, Joseph. MIDDLE ROW: Sarah "Sally or Sadie" Zerfoss; Kathern "Katie" Pile; Jonas (father) Yoder; Mary Zerfoss (mother) Yoder; BOTTOM ROW: Cora Zerfoss, Harry. - Contributed by Elwood D. Yoder, Friedens, Pa. (Note: In YNL 41- we ran an item on "YODER CIVIL WAR DIARY ON INTERNET" which described the diary of a "Jonah Yoder" which can be found in an internet collection at: <http://www.iath.virginia.edu/vshadow2/cwdiariesbrowse.html> . Jonah fought in the cavalry of the 16th Pennsylvania Regiment. His diary begins in camp at Potomac Roads and follows his regiment's movement throughout Northern Virginia in 1863. We speculated that this fellow could have been the Jonas above, but Elwood makes clear that they were two different individuals. "Jonas" of Somerset Co., PA enrolled on 5 Aug 1862 in Co. D. 133<sup>rd</sup> Regmt of the Pa. Volunteers.

AN UPDATE ON JOYCELYN YODER-YNL 43

(Commenting on the feature article in the last YNL)

My grandfather, Jocelyn Paul Yoder, was something of a character, and he is in the Who's Who for 1950 or so. I haven't been able to access the source to see what it says. He was a newspaperman and publicist. He directed publicity for George Merrick when Merrick was building Coral Gables, Fla., one of the first planned communities, I think. My wife & I took Mom there last year to see the house where they lived in the late 20s. The area is still very upscale. My grandfather was also one of the charter members of the National Press Club in Washington. There is a group picture of him with Harry Truman.

Re the pictures you sent: I knew Bertha as a stern woman. We visited her and her husband, Karl Werthner, a German immigrant somewhat younger than she was, at their home in Washington DC. I'm pretty sure it was the house in which Josh & Phoebe lived when they were alive. Bertha married late, about 50, I think, and lived to be 92. There were no children in that marriage, of course.

Barb Kissell has transcribed many pages of Josh's diaries, pages of his account ledgers and even love letters he wrote to Phoebe, which were found in her mother's effects. Barb's grandmother was the Marion Yoder in the picture I sent you. Josh was apparently born in Berlin, Ohio and was about 12 years younger than Samuel. I suspect that he was raised by siblings or relatives since his father Yost died when he was 2. He taught school in Berlin, according to his diary, then for some reason went to Neosho, Mo., where he met Phoebe. He taught there, worked in a general store and even tried selling sewing machines. His diaries give an interesting view of life in small towns in the 1860s & 70s, I think. I'm hoping that Barb will want to share some of that info. By the way, she is ok with the credits on the picture.

By the way, Barb also has handwritten affidavits affirming that Phoebe's father, David Tallman, was an "approved preacher of the gospel among us, the United Brethren in Christ, so long as his department corresponds with the gospel." Dated 20th day of Sep 1851. The U B in C is, I think, a sort of a splinter group of the Amish, though I don't know anything about its background. You probably know a lot more about it. - Paul Sangster, Flagstaff, AZ [sangster@direcway.com](mailto:sangster@direcway.com)

COVERED BRIDGE DEDICATION

Saturday, June 12 arrived as a gorgeous day and thousands of people turned out to rededicate the Pleasantville Covered bridge which was built on a portion of the original 461-acre land parcel of Hans Yoder, purchased in 1714. The day began with a fishing rodeo for the children at a nearby creek. By 8:00 AM the place was abuzz with many vendors setting up their stands for business. The actual dedication of the bridge was held at 11:00 AM with several local dignitaries in attendance. Helicopter rides over the area were offered and were a big hit Yuengling Brewery (the oldest brewery in the USA) is celebrating their 150th anniversary this year and they had their hitch of Percherons there for photographing.

Richard Yoder gave talks and dousing demonstrations at the Yoder cemetery. He also had his book about the cemetery for sale. Fred Moll sold a book he compiled with dialog and photos of the rebuilding of the bridge week by week. There was a strawberry festival at a nearby church. A wagon was available to take you and bring you back. People were taking the wagon ride long after the strawberry festival was over.

They had game, rides and pony rides for the children. There was a commemorative stamp for the day which was available for purchase. Many food stands and vendors were there. The Oley Yoder Heritage Association (OYHA) had a vending stand and sold the wooden blocks, T-shirts and sweatshirts featuring a picture of the bridge on them. Many nice items were chanced off throughout the day. A group of local church women made a quilt featuring pictures of local places of interest including the bridge on it. Several of the squares were made by one of the OYHA members. It was auctioned in the afternoon and sold for \$4,800.00. It was bought by two of the OYHA members. The proceeds went to the Oley High School scholarship fund.

The festivities concluded with a great fireworks display at dark. It was a very busy and rewarding day. We still have some T-shirts and sweat shirts available for sale with a picture of the bridge on them. If interested contact me at my email address for sizes and price. Sincerely, Phyllis Yoder, OYHA, [PrY884@aol.com](mailto:PrY884@aol.com)

## The 54th NC Yoder Reunion

The NC Yoder family celebrated its 54th annual reunion on Sunday, August 8, 2004, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church south of Hickory. A table blessing and invocation was offered by the host pastor, the Rev. John N. Woodard. An abundant offering of homemade delicacies was set before the 105 guests in the church parish hall. After lunch reunion president Albert F. Yoder of Conover convened the annual business meeting. He recognized first time attendees Mike Sain of Hildebran and the Karl Yoder Shuford family from Christiansburg, VA.

Ovelia Yoder Phelps, 91, of Hickory was the oldest person attending the reunion. MacKenzie Aaron Yoder, 14 months, was the youngest guest. He is the son of Frank Lee Yoder, Jr., of Sanford, and the late Amy Davis Yoder. Guests from out of town included Ray Yount of LaVale, MD and Jack and Phyllis Yoder, of Orlando, FL.

President Yoder expressed sadness at the death of the following persons who were especially dear to the local family: Harry O. Gallimore, Jr., Gerald M. Yoder, Amy D. Yoder, Ruby Yoder Bolick, and Sarah Helen Yoder. The clan secretary submitted a record of more than 150 deaths with pertinence to the Yoder and Reep families nationwide.

Secretary Neal D. Wilfong of Cleveland offered the minutes for the August, 2003 reunion. The report was accepted as given. The treasurer reported that an offering of \$367.40 was collected. Thirty dollars (\$30.00) resulted from the sale of Yoder crest polo shirts and \$75.00 was received in special donations. The current balance in the reunion treasury is \$1926.70. The group accepted the report tendered by Benelia Yoder Reese, of Newton.

The hall was decorated with Yoder-related exhibits on loan from Ted M. Yoder, Michael B. Huffman, Regina Yoder Hoyle, Neal D. Wilfong, W. A. "Bill" Yoder, and Ray Yount. Also on display was the

precious German Bible of family patriarch Conrad Yoder and memorabilia from the late Col. George M. Yoder (1826-1920), Catawba County's first historian.

W.A. "Bill" Yoder of Hickory spoke briefly about the proposed NC Yoder family history revision project. Information is still being collected. Chris Yoder of Battle Creek, MI will serve as the general editor. CD Roms with the most current family data are available at no cost. The Yoder book fund account has a balance of \$1286.55.

President Yoder thanked Bill Yoder for his continued interest in mowing the Conrad Yoder family cemetery. Neal Wilfong was thanked for conducting the informal worship service on August 7, 2004 at the hilltop burying ground. A selection of scripture from Psalm 128 was read followed by a prayer. *Ein Feste Burg* was sung in German by Wilfong assisted by Ted Yoder. Fourteen persons attended the evening service.

Ray Yount spoke about the Yoder House project in Grantsville, MD. He detailed how ground was broken for the museum in 1995. The house typical of 17th century European post and beam dwellings is now virtually complete. A modern lighting system remains to be installed. The Yoder House is set to open officially on October 19, 2006 at the next scheduled National Yoder reunion. Yount encouraged the NC group to join the Yoder House Association.

The Rev. J. Larry Yoder of Newton offered a report on the restoration of the Grace Union Church. A legacy of more than \$50,000 a number of years ago helped to cover the first phase of the restoration. The windows were extended five courses in height and the original double front entrances were recreated to undo an early 1940's remodeling effort. A sidewalk was built on the south side of the building to protect the foundation from water damage and a ca. 1940 chimney was eliminated to return the historic sanctuary to its 1858 appearance. Interior restoration is yet to occur. Yoder estimated that at least \$40,000 is

needed to complete the project.

Dr. Larry Yoder invited the public to the annual Homecoming service at Grace Lutheran Church in Newton set for Sunday, August 22.

Jimmy D. Yoder of Newton presented a slate of officers to lead the NC family the next three years. The Board of Directors offered in nomination Phillip Yoder of Newton as president Sarah Yoder Coffey of Hildebran, Neal D. Wilfong of Cleveland, and Benelia Yoder Reese of Newton were proposed for reelection to their posts as vice-president, secretary, and treasurer respectively. The reunion voted to elect the slate as offered. W. A. "Bill" Yoder, Regina Yoder Hoyle, and Albert F. Yoder were elected as additional members of the Yoder Board to work with Jimmy Yoder, Larry Yoder, Rachael Hahn Kennedy, and Ted Yoder.

A proposal to hold the Yoder reunion every other year was defeated as well as a suggestion to change the date of the annual reunion to some time other than the second Sunday in August.

Ted Yoder expressed his family's appreciation to the many Yoder cousins who attended the memorial service for his father, the late Gerald M. Yoder, at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Hickory on August 8, 2003. Ted talked about a historical four-wheeled jaunt that he and the clan secretary conducted prior to the Saturday evening memorial service. The duo visited several cemeteries, including the beautifully maintained Thessalonica Baptist cemetery, and several house sites associated with the Wilfong family.

One of those farms is slated for demolition to make way for an expansion to the Catawba County landfill.

A closing prayer was expressed by Dr. J. Larry Yoder. Ted Yoder supervised the cleaning up of the Zion facility. Respectfully submitted, Neal D. Wilfong, secretary.

## MABEL YODER TURNS 100



Mabel Yoder, who was born Aug. 7, 1904, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in a party held in the the nursing wing at the Mennonite Home, Albany, Oregon. Mabel is the daughter of Daniel D. Yoder (YR1253525) & Drusilla Miller. A big fan of Mickey Mouse, she was born 24 years before Mickey made his 1928 debut. About three years ago she finally got to meet Mickey at his home in Anaheim. Yoder, has lived for the past 19 years at the Mennonite Home. The assisted living facility, along with the Oregon Alliance of Senior and Health Services and an organization called Second Wind Dreams, worked together to send Yoder and two companions to Disneyland. An article published at that time in Albany Herald described her as "The Mennonite Mouseketter" and quotes her as saying "It was a dream come true," Yoder said. "I didn't think I would ever get to go."

Born in Iowa and raised in Kansas, Yoder came to Oregon with her family when she was 16, settling in McMinnville. "My dad loved the West; he loved Oregon," she said. "My father was always interested in the future. He was an Amish man but he was too future-minded for them so we became Mennonite." Yoder's formal education had ended after the eighth grade. She never married or had children and spent her working life as a nanny and housekeeper.

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## GOSHEN NEWS FEATURES YNL EDITOR

The May 2, 2004 issue of the Goshen News featured our Editor Emeritus Rachel Kreider, 94 years young. Rachel's genealogical work and co-authorship of the classic Amish and Amish Mennonite Genealogies (AAMG) were highlighted. "I think when I started with genealogy it was connected to an interest about my family," Kreider said. "As I got older, it became more like solving a puzzle."



News Photo by Tara Kitchen

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**YODER PASSINGS:**  
--- Rudolph H. Yoder (YRB171544)- 72, of Springfield Ohio, died in St. John's Center Friday, March 26, 2004 following a lengthy illness. He was born May 9, 1931 in Tedrow, Ohio the son of Rudolph H. and Normal V. (Harden) Yoder, Sr.  
--- Norman S. Yoder, 81, of Cumberland, died suddenly, at the Pinto Mennonite Church with all his family on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004. Born Jan. 11, 1923, in Cumberland, he was the son of the late Norman S. Yoder Sr. (YR121736) and the late Anna (Yoder) Yoder.  
--- Henry Edward Yoder (YR2611924c), age 85, of Goshen, Ind. died June 16, 2004 at home. Beloved husband of YNL staff member Esther, Henry was born on Aug. 13, 1918, in Grantsville, Md., to Ed M. and Anna (Beachy) Yoder.

## CORRECTION ON IRA YODER ID.

Thanks to Alan Adrianson ([AAdrianson@aol.com](mailto:AAdrianson@aol.com)) for correcting our identification of Ira Yoder's photo. We ran the photo in YNL41 and an identity was reported in YNL43. "he was my great grandmother Cora Ellen (Yoder) Harper-Dawson's, (YR2354461), brother. I am writing to correct the info of his parents, listed in the article. Ira Yoder, (YR2354462), was the son of Moses Yoder, (YR235446), and Rebecca Eash, and his father died when he was about a year old, and his mother married Noah Schrock, her second husband.."