



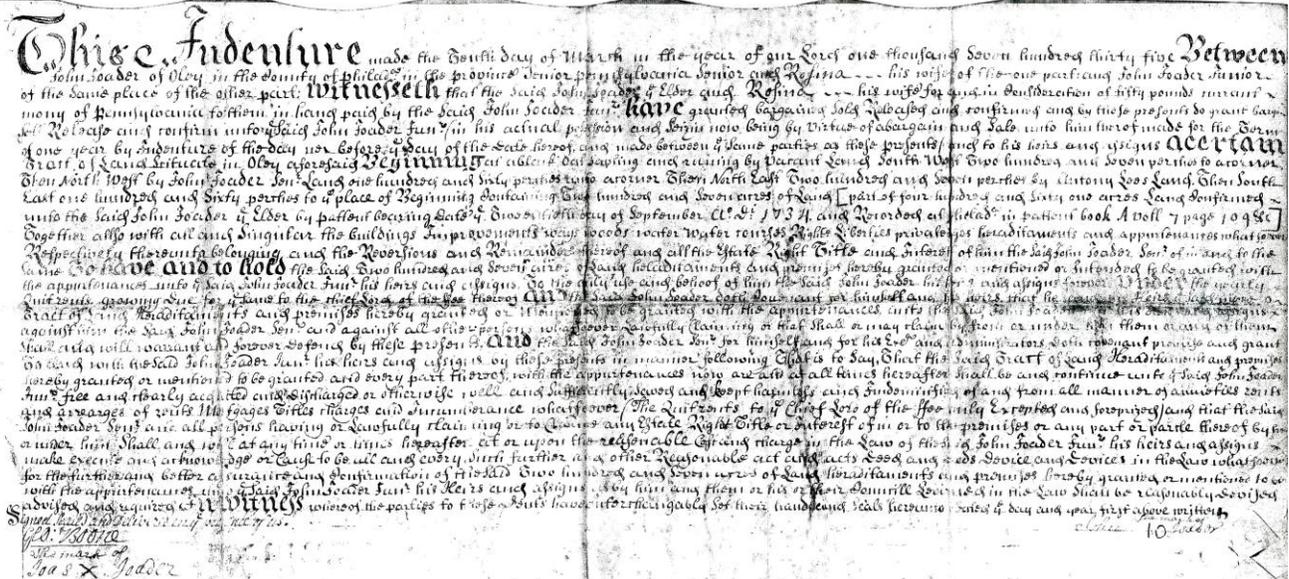
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ORIGINAL YODER INDENTURE DISCOVERED!

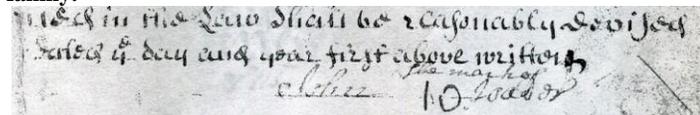
Original of 1735 Indenture Between Hans (OH) and son Hans (OH1)

Adam Yother (Con8) Wife Corrected, And Death Established!

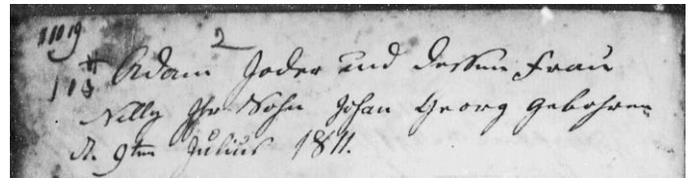
The Hans Yoder (OH) Homestead in Oley Twp, Berks County, PA, which hosted a National Yoder Reunion in 2015 to celebrate 300 years in the same family, is owned jointly by Richard A. Yoder and his niece Constance (Connie) Yoder. At the time the first issue of the Yoder Newsletter was published in 1983, Connie's father Marvin was living on the homestead with his mother Anna (widow of David Nein Yoder). Marvin, a Korean War veteran, passed away in 1992 and his mother Anna in the following year.

Recently Connie found, in the lock box of her step mother, the original copy of a 1735 Indenture from Hans Yoder (OH) (1672-1741) to his son John Jr. (OH1) (1700-1779). Her father, Marvin, had placed it there for safekeeping and its location was forgotten until Connie discovered it. By this indenture, dated 13 March 1735, "John Joader Senr & Rosina his wife" passed along ownership of 207 acres of land to oldest son "John Joader Junr his heirs and assigns". This property was a part of the original 461 acres Hans Yoder acquired on 25 March 1714.

The document is signed by Hans and was witnessed by his brother Yost and by Justice of the Peace George Boone, grandfather of legendary frontiersman Daniel Boone (see YNL67 for article on "Boone-Yoder Connections", Apr. 2016). These signatures (by their "marks") of Hans and Just are the second earliest we have a copy of (the earlier being on the 1720 petition to make Oley a separate township of Philadelphia County- see article in YNL35, April 2000) and they are the earliest appearing on a document still held by the family.



Hans Yoder Mark (IO)
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Adam Joder and his wife Nelly a son John George born 9 July 1811

Anita Nail has been digging into this line for many years, and she is one person who just does not give up! We first reported on the speculated family of Adam, youngest son of Conrad Yoder of North Carolina, in YNL11. This included a variety of "Yothers" of the correct age span who moved from North Carolina into counties of Northern Georgia.

One of these was Anita's ancestor Ephraim Yother. In YNL55 she shared research by Mills Yoder Bridges in the NC state archives which found three documents proving that Ephraim was the son of Ellender (Eleanor) Yother, of Macon County, NC. In the MACON COUNTY, NC MINUTES of PLEAS and QUARTER SESSIONS, March 23, 1830, Ephraim (to turn 14 on May 7th) was apprenticed under a bond signed by his mother, listed as a "widow", to Thomas B. Love, Farmer, until the age of 21.

The records of Lincoln County, NC show a marriage bond issued between DANIEL YOTHER and ELENDER DAVIS, dated 24 Feb. 1807. Based on this, Anita went looking for evidence of a Daniel Yoder/Yother who would have fathered her Ephraim.

A big problem was that early NC Yoder researchers like Col. George Yoder, consistently maintained that Conrad's son Daniel married Elizabeth Cline and moved to Indiana. Moreover, early records of Zion Church, Hickory record several children for "Daniel and Elizabeth". Anita has long searched for the actual hand-scribed ADAM YOTHER WIFE- CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

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YNL CONSOLIDATED VOLUMES A PERFECT GIFT!

We have just published the 3rd consolidated volume of Yoder Newsletters (Issues 51 to 75 with an every name index) and it is available thru Amazon Books in BOTH a Color and a Black and White version. Also available are Volume 1 (Issues 1-25) and Volume 2 (Issues 26-50) in soft cover volumes (B&W only). Go to Amazon books and search for "Yoder Newsletter".

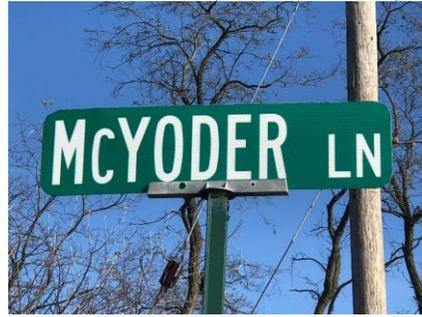
- Vol. 1 (YNL 1-25) - \$16.29 plus postage
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Each group of 25 issues represents 12 1/2 years of Yoder Newsletters. Descendants of Bishop Christian Yoder Sr. (YR233) may also be interested in The Reuben Yoder Family and Its Ancestry - \$15.99 plus postage (also available on Amazon Books).

A BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR "TEDDY"

As a follow-on to the article about J. P. Yoder accompanying Teddy Roosevelt on the 1916 Presidential campaign, Teddys' sister reports how J. P. Yoder determined what gift the newsmen would give to Teddy on his 58th birthday. In her 1921 book "My Brother Theodore Roosevelt", Corinne Roosevelt Robinson, tells of how Yoder went out on the observation platform and casually asked the Colonel if he could borrow his knife. 'Yes--Yoder,' T. R. said, digging into his pocket, 'but I am ashamed of it. The blades are rusty, the handle is cracked. By George, I must get a new one.' And so they got him a new one! See the YNL FACEBOOK page for a more detailed story.

McYoder Lane, Reedsville, PA



Picture and story From Kay Semler of Reedsville, PA Kay's father was John McGonegal Yoder, son of Christ P. Yoder and a grandson of Yost Yoder, who was a son of Roseanna (McGonegal) Yoder ("Rosanna of the Amish"). John was given his great-grandmother's surname as his middle name. He was referred to as "John Mc Yoder" to identify him from all the other others "John Yoders" in the area. Later in life much of his mail was addressed as "McYoder", one word. Kay reports that his farm lane was formally named "McYoder Lane" by another property owner a few years back when 911 addressing was required. (A longer biographical sketch by Kay has been posted on the Yoder Newsletter FACEBOOK site).

Hans Yoder "of Great Swamp" Data Updated!

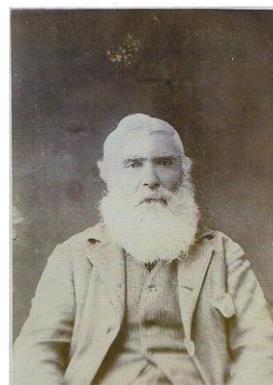
Karolyn Roberts of Urbana Illinois has been gathering data for many years on the descendants of Mennonite Hans Yoder "of Great Swamp" (Family Code "YB"). We have linked to her data under the "non-Amish Yoder" section of the Yoder Webpage, but her host site changed a while back and it could no longer be accessed. We are very pleased to announce that she has provided updated versions of her files and we have added them back to our web site where they can now be found directly under a less extensive descendant file prepared years ago by the YNL. Many thanks to Karolyn for sharing her research!

Content is as follows:

YB-Hans of Great Swamp - Karolyn Roberts – Updated Jan. 2021.

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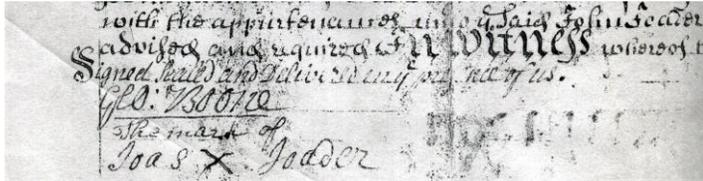
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- Saucon Church Yoder Gravestone Photos



Christian (1838-1913) (YA45) and Elizabeth Mosser Yoder (1847-1932) of Berne, IN

Complements of Michele Kostos Yoder, photos received from her husband's grand-father Woodrow Wilson Yoder (1916-2006).

1735 INDENTURE - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



George Boone Signature and Yost Yoder Mark (X)

The original indenture reads as follows (spellings followed as closely as possible):

This Indenture made the tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred thirty five Between John Joader of Oley in the County of Philadelphia in this province Senior Pennsylvania Senior and Rosina – his wife of the one part and John Joader Junior of the same place of the other part: Witnesseth that the said John Joader ye Elder and Rosina – his wife and in consideration of fifty pounds currant mony of Pennsylvania to them in hand paid by the said John Joader Junr have granted bargained sold released and confirmed and by these present do grant bargain and sell release and confirm unto said John Joader Junr in his actual possession and seizin non being by virtue of a bargain an sale unto him for the term of one year by Indenture of this day nex before ye day of the date hereof, and between & same parties as these presents/ and to his heirs and assigns a certain tract of land situate in Oley aforesaid Beginning at a black oak sapling and running by varant land south five hundred and seven perches to another then North West by John Joader Senr Land one hundred and fifty perches unto another The North East two hundred and seven perches by Anthony Lees Land. Then South East one hundred and sixty perches to a place of Beginning. Containing two hundred and seven acres of Land [part of four hundred and sixty one acres confirmed unto John Joader the Elder by patent bearing date twenty-fifth day September A. D. 1734 and recorded at Philadelphia in patent book A voll 7 page 109 &c]. Together also with all singular the buildings improvements ways woods water course rights liberties priviledges hereditaments (?) and appurtanences whatsoever Respectively thereunto belonging and the Reversions and Remands thereof and all this Estate Right Titles and interests of him the said John Joader Senr of in and to the same to have and to hold the said two hundred and seven acres of Land heraditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned or intended to be granted with the appurtanances unto the said John Joader Junr his heirs and assigns. To his only use and behoof of him the said John Joader his heirs and assigns forever. Under the yearly quit rents growing due for ye same to the chief Lord of the free thereof, and the said John Joader doth covenant for himself and his heirs, that he and his heirs the said piece or Tract of Land hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned to be granted with his appurtanances unto the said John Joader now and at all times hereafter shall be and continue unto ye said John Joader Junr free and clearly discharged or otherwise well and sufficiently saved and kept harmless and indemnified of and from all manner of anuities rents mortgages titles and Incumbrances whatsoever (the quit rents to the Chief Lord of the Free excepted and foreprised) and that the said John Joader Senr and all persons having or Lawfully claiming or to claime any Estate Right Title or interest of in or to these premises or any art or parcel thereof by from or under him Shall and will at any time of times hereafter at or upon the reasonable cost and charge in the Law of the said John Joader Junr. His heirs and assigns make execute and acknowledge or cause to be all and every such further and offer reasonable act and acts deed and deed devices and devices in the Law whatsoever for the furtherance and better assurance and confirmation of this said Two Hundred and seven acres of Land hereditaments and premeses hereby granted or mentioned to be with the appurtanances of the said John Joader Junr his heirs and assigns as by him and theirs or his or their Council Learned in the Law shall be reasonably devised advised and required in WITNESSES whereof the parties to these presents have

interchangeably set their hand and seals hereunto dated ye day and year first above written.

Signed seal and delivered in ye presense of us.

The mark of

Geo. Boone

John IO Joader

The mark of

Joas X Joader

Berks County was not formed until March 11, 1752, from parts of Chester County, Lancaster County, and Philadelphia County. Oley Township, which had finally been established in 1742 was still a part of Philadelphia County in 1735 and the Indenture was originally filed in Philadelphia County “patent book A vol. 7 page 109 &c”. at that time, with the following attestation from Justice of the Peace Boone:

“Received ye day of ye date of ___ written Indenture of ye written named John Joader Junr the sume of fifty pounds being ye consideration mony within mentioned. We say recd by us witnesses ___

“Memorandum ye 13th day of March in ye year of Our Lord 1735 before me George Boone Esq, one of the Justices of the peace for the city and county of Philadelphia came ye within named John Joader Senr & Rosina his wife and brought ye within writing Indented which they acknowledged to be their deed and desired that ye same may be recorded as their deed according to Law and ye said Rosina—being of full age and secretly and apart examined ye contents of ye said writing being first read distinctly unto her willingly consented.

Witness my hand an seal ye day and year above written.

Geo. Boone”

After Berks was established the indenture was again recorded with the Berks County Recorder’s office.

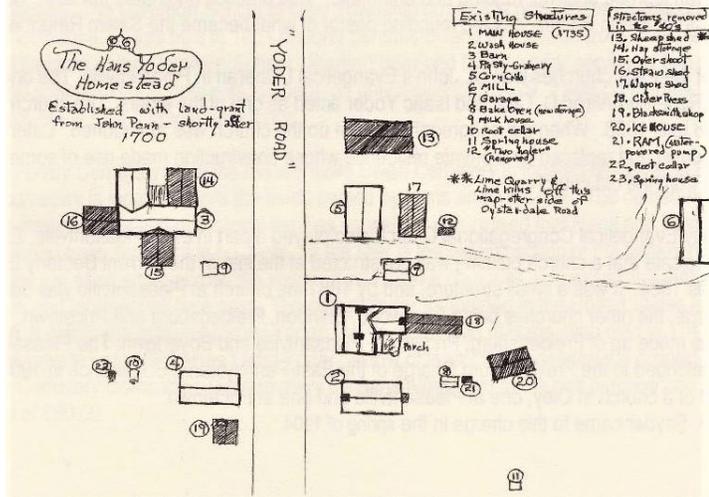
“I do hereby certify that the within written deed and acknowledgement therein endorsed were this day received exactly work for word and figure for ___ in the office for Recording of Deeds in Reading in and for the county of Berks in Record book A vol. 1 page 27 & 28th. Witness my hand ___ the county of Berks this first day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and _____. James Read Recorder (sp?)”

By this indenture, 63 year old (OH) and his second wife Anna Rosina LeDee (the step mother of John Jr) gave Hans’ oldest son John (1700-1779) (OH1) the northwestern half of his original 461 acres of land.



HOMESTEAD AT 13 YODER RD.

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OLEY HOMESTEAD MAP FROM REUNION TOUR BOOK

In the will of Hans Yoder written Jun 17, 1739, he makes son John and widow Rosina his executors. Hans died by 1741 and the will filed with the Philadelphia court reads as follows:

“On the fourteenth Day of January 1741/2 then personally appeared Sam Guldin, Abraham Eshmann two of the Witnesses to the within written Will on their affirmation respectively did Declare they said heard John Jodder the Testament within mentioned sign seal Publish of Declares the same will to be his Last Will and Testament that at the doing thereof he was of sound mind memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge”

The will specifies (original spellings followed as accurately as possible):

In the Name of God, Amen. the Seventeenth Day of June in the Year of our Lord, 1739. I John Jodder of Oley in the County of Philadelphia, yeomen being pretty old and weak in body but of perfect mind and ----- and Thanks be given unto God, Therefor calling into Mind of ----- of by Body and Knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to dye, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament. That is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it; and for my Body, I recomend it to the Earth, to be buried in a Christian like and decent Manner, at the Descretion of my Executor, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the same again to the mighty Power of God. And as touching this worthy Estate, werewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

Imprimis. It is my Will and I do Order that in first Place, all my just Debts and Funeral Charges to be paid and satisfied.

Item. I give them and bequeath unto John Yodder by well beloved son, the Sum of fifty pounds -----Lawful Money of Pennsylvania which Shall be taken out of my Estate before anything is printed, Them the thousand acres of Land which he has in Possession now to have and to hold for Him and his Heirs for ever, and every thing what give Him Since he is married Shall be within. and to Barbara Yodder his wife I give a middlin Mare four or five year old.

Item. I will and do order that after my Deceas My Plantation, Land and all my goods real and Personal Shall be prized and My Dearly well beloved Wife Anna Rosina Shall have ten pound in cash Money of Pennsylvania and -----with Par-----t all---my Estate ---a Remainder to Daniel Yoder my beloved son.

Item. I give and devise to my well beloved Son Daniel Yodder my Plantation and Land belonging to it for Him and His Heirs for ever.

Item. I will and I do order that my Sone Daniel shall permit and give his Modder a Room in his house or to buy to an other House upon the Plantation so long she lives and is unmarried and for her life he is to plow an Acre of Land every year.

I likewise constitue; macke and ordain My well beloved Wife Anna Rosina and my Son John Yodder my only and Sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. And I do hereby utterly Disallow, revoke, and Disanull all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies and Estates be me in any Ways before this time named, Willed and Bequeathed. Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my Least Will and Testament. In Wittness whereof I have hereunto let my hand and Seal, the Day and Year above.

Signed, Sealed, Published, pronounced and --- by the John Jodder as his least will and Testament in the Presences of
 Abraham Eshmann
 Abraham Levein
 Samuel Guldin
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The will itself has two specific mentions of real estate, one relative to son John, which seems to mention other lands John owned where were not addressed in the 1735 Indenture (1000 acres vs 207 acres):

Item. I give them and bequeath unto John Yodder by well beloved son, the Sum of fifty pounds -----Lawful Money of Pennsylvania which Shall be tacken out of my Estate before anything is printed, Them the thousand acres of Land which he has in Possession now to have and to hold for Him and his Heirs forever, and everything what give Him

And the other relative to his widow and his son by her Daniel:

Item. I give and devise to my well beloved Son Daniel Yodder my Plantation and Land belonging to it for Him and His Heirs for ever.

Item. I will and I do order that my Sone Daniel shall permit and give his Modder a Room in his house or to buy to an other House upon the Plantation so long she lives and is unmarried and for her life he is to plow an Acre of Land every year.

Along with this filing was an

Inventory of John Joaders Estate
 Prized the Fourth Day of Jan, 1741/2

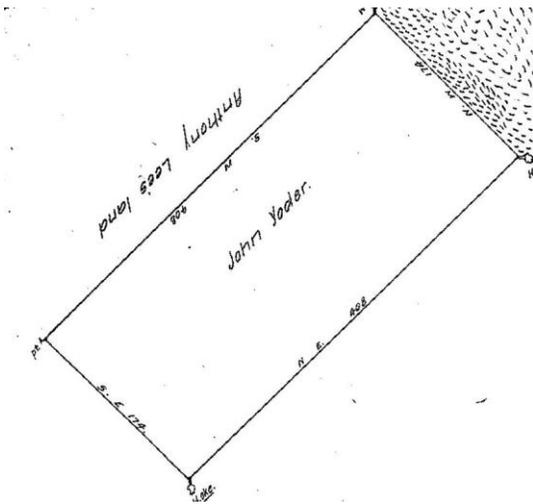
The full details of property and its evaluation may be discussed in a subsequent article, but most relevant to the real estate was the entry on real estate:

The Plantation of 244 acres ---- 275 0

This 244 acres, valued at 275 British pounds represented the portion of the estate remaining after the 1735 indenture transferring the other half of his land to oldest son John. When the full accounting of the estate was filed on Sept. 5, 1748 (*From Registry of Wills of Philadelphia 245, F268*)

The Realle Estate is appraised in the Inv at 275. But that is willed away to Dan. under certain restrictions in behalf of his widdow as he willed is here ommitted in the generall Charge.

In summary—at the time of his death, Hans (OH) had already given the northeast half of his original 461 acre property to oldest son John and his will gives the balance of his land to son Daniel with whom the widow Rosina is to reside.



HANS (OH) YODER PROPERTY (1714 Survey)

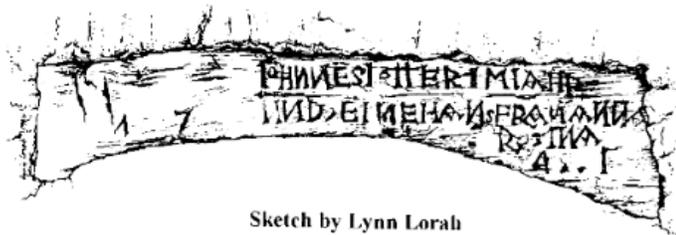
The land was originally laid out as 415 acres on Jan 25, 1714 and the warrant returned Jan 27, 1714. A 1734 survey, perhaps in preparation for the Indenture to son John, reported the property as approximately 420 acres with an adjacent 41 acres added by warrant dated Jan. 24, 1733 (totaling the 461 acres mentioned above). Converting the measurement on the larger parcel of “perches” to miles reveals its approximate size to have been .5438 Miles by 1.275 miles in size. Local historian Dick Yoder of Bechtelsville has reported that Hans’ (OH) original log home was across Yoder Road from the site of the present residence (see homestead map from the reunion tour book).

In the April 2020 article “Johannes Jotter of Mussbach Nephew of Hans and Yost” we discuss the complicated manner by which John (OH1) obtained the rights to Daniels property in 1771. The German document spells out that of the 461 acres owned by Hans, he “had left the northeasterly half to his son Johannes Jotter from his first marriage, and determined that the southwestern half of the land to his son from his second marriage, Daniel Jotter.” (emphasis added)

And “And after the aforementioned Daniel Jotter should die without will and legal issue about 1747 but leave behind his own mother and widow still living, These women should enjoy during their lifetime income and rights from this land”

The YNL75 article makes clear that the SW portion of the Hans the immigrant (OH) property was willed to son Daniel who was to care for the widow Anna Rosina.

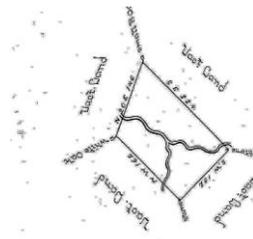
In an April 1997 article (YNL 29), entitled “Ancient Inscription Found in Hans Yoder House”, we describe a carved inscription which was found on a lintel into the older section of a home found on the property which would have been given to Daniel. The inscription reads “Johannes Jotter in the Year and his wife Anna Rosina 1741”. Opinions differed over whether this section of the home was really built in 1741, or if the lintel was reused in a later reconstruction, but it certainly provided us a clue to what was happening on what was to be the Daniel Yoder portion of the property.



Sketch by Lynn Lorah

"JOHANNES JOTTER IM JAHRE UND EINE HAUSFRAU ANNA ROSINA 1741"

The 1737 survey of Daniel’s property shows 150 acres as follows:



By Virtue of a Warrant from the Proprietaries dated the 16 day of February 1731 Surveyed the 15th day of October 1733 to Daniel Yoder the above described tract of land Situate on a Branch of Manatamy Creek in the County of Philadelphia Containing One Hundred & Fifty acres with several Allowances of Six P. Surveyed by Edw: Seull

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An Indenture recorded 30 Mar 1772 explains what later happened to this property. Not long after the death of Daniel (Aug. 21, 1747), his widow Elizabeth remarried to Matthias Hollenbach (Oct. 2, 1750), a widower also of Oley Township. John, brother of Daniel, was considered Daniels’ “heir at law” and he did “bargain and agree with the said Matthias Hollenbach and Elizabeth his wife for her part right and inheritance of in and to all the real estate of the said Daniel Yoder” and the property was conveyed to him by indenture dated 14 Apr 1760.

By indenture dated 21 Feb 1767 John (OH1) and his wife Barbara transferred ownership of this parcel (then described as 168 acres) to their son Peter, and “to remove some doubts which arose concerning the validity of the said John Yoder’s title” the deed was obtained in 1771 from Johannes Yoder in Germany as described in the article featured in YNL75.

The Daniel Yoder home, located at 92 Covered Bridge Road, Oley, PA, was described as follows when last placed for sale in 2012:

This place in ancient, at least in American context. Built in 1782 on a farmstead established in 1714 on the banks of the Manatamy, the Yoder house is massively built of stone and timber. It is as plumb and square as the day it was built. The exterior is notable for the rose colored scribed stucco and the steeply pitched roof. Thankfully, the interior is largely untouched, un-fooled-around with. Original hardware, doors, floors, windows, etc. Remain. With a number of early outbuildings, the property is an artifact in its own right. The setting on the creek affords privacy, a spectacular view of the covered bridge and enormous sycamore and silver maple trees.The property, located near the covered bridge, has been described as “the John Yoder Jr. house”

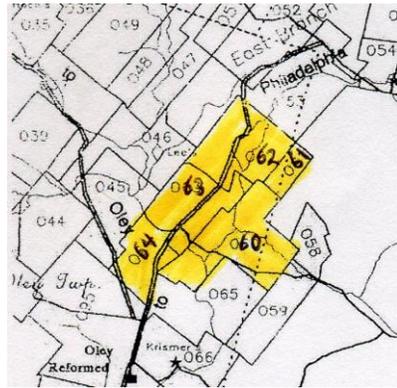


Painting by Local Artist Dan Fleck
Image Provided by Richard A. Yoder

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92 COVERED BRIDGE ROAD



1775- 60=JOHANN JOST JODER (OY1), 61 and 63= PETER JODER (OH14), 62= DANIEL YODER (OH111), 64=JERG (GEORGE) JODER (OH132)

The house near the covered bridge has been referred to as the "John Yoder Jr House", and for a period of time between 1760 and 1767 he (OH1) did own it, before deeding the property to son Peter..

The driving distance between the two properties is .7 miles (a 2 minute drive). The remaining Homestead property is on the north side of Pleasantville (13 Yoder Road) and contains 95 acres of land in two adjoining parcels. The Covered Bridge property now contains a bit over 26 acres.



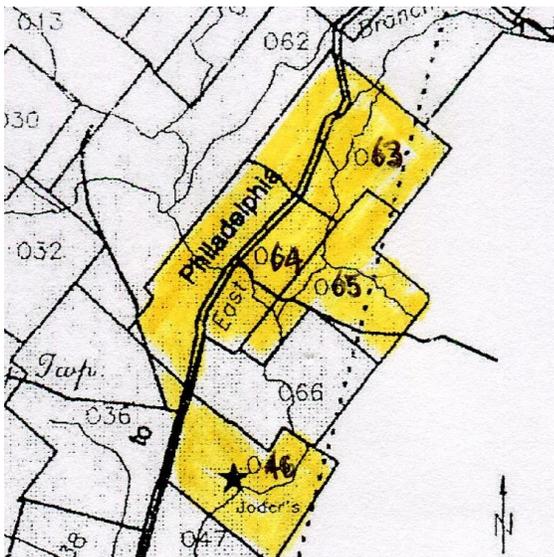
Peter Ioder 1782 datestone in the gable end of the hall and parlor addition- photo provided by Tom Stokes



1725- 15=HANS YODER, 30=YOST YODER



From the Current Berks County Land Records



1750- 063 and 46=JOHANNES JODER (OH1) , 64= DANIEL JODER (OH4), 65=JOHAN JOST JODER (OY1)

In 1750 John Yoder sold his 1/3 ownership of the Oley Forge Property (46 above) to son-in-law John Leshner. By deeds recorded between 1767 and 1772 John Yoder (OH1) and wife Barbara deeded parcels of his land to sons John (OH11), Peter (OH14) and Samuel (OH13). For family data go to the YNL web site at <http://vodernewsletter.org/nonamish/olevhan1.html> .

We are faced with some questions. Was the house by the covered bridge being built by Hans during his final illness to be the home of his widow and married son Daniel? Hans must have died no later than early January of 1741, which does not give much time in the year to have actually completed anything. As Hans transferred the northeast half of his land to son John in 1735, where did he and his second wife and son Daniel live after that time? The warrant and resulting survey for Daniel were dated 1737 and 1739 respectively. Were they still living in the original homestead on John's property or had they moved to the other half of the land which he retained until his death? Hans (OH) was 63 at the time he transferred half of his property to son John and 65 when he initiated the warrant to have the balance surveyed for son Daniel.

(For 25 beautiful pictures of inside and outside the covered bridge house google "92 Covered Bridge Road, Oley" and visit the redfin.com or realtor.com sites)

MANY THANKS TO DAVID BENSINGER of the Berks County Genealogical Society (BCGS) for providing the Oley Township property maps for 1725, 1750 and 1775 used in this article, to Ann Balderrama for facilitating this, and to Tom Stokes whose parents now own the home on Covered Bridge Road, tnstokes11@gmail.com *****

ADAM YOTHER WIFE- CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1
 records from that church to see if there was a transcription error-
 where “Eleanor” was misread as “Elizabeth”..

She recently succeeded in finding a copy of the actual. THERE WAS A TRANSCRIPTION ERROR... but not the one she was expecting! Daniel and “Elizabeth” did have children, but Adam’s wife (long misread as “Sally” and cited as such years ago in an article in “Catawba Cousins”) is clearly “Nelly” (a nickname for Ellender/Eleanor). This was further confirmed by German script expert, and YNL consultant, Bruce Stahly. The Zion records show that Adam and Nelly had a son John George born Jul 9, 1811 and another son Adam, born Dec. 12, 1813. Census records also seem to support that there was an older son, named David (perhaps named after Adam’s older brother) born about 1807 and married in Haywood Co, NC on Apr. 5, 1826 to Fanney Guilliams. In the 1830 Macon Co, NC census, David was living next door to his widowed mother and siblings with a wife and children of his own.

Daniel and Elizabeth appear to have had four children by 1810, possibly one as early as 1800 or 1801. Oldest child Absolom (Absolom) Yoder died Jul. 2, 1870 in Davis Co., IA "in 70th yr". So it seems obvious that Daniel did not marry Ellender Davis in 1807 – perhaps he signed the bond for his younger brother?

Despite what the marriage bond listed, it seems certain that Ellender’s husband and Ephraim’s father was Adam (Con8), and as she was a widow by 1830 we can now say Adam had died by that date! (although you will see unsourced claims in many trees on ancestry.com that he died in Tennessee on 14 Jul 1864). Coincidentally (?) David Yoder, third son of Conrad Yoder, who was born April 3, 1770, actually DID die July 14, 1864..... but he was not Adam!

Anita has identified Ellender’s father as Allen Davis with the following reference: LINCOLN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA WILL ABSTRACTS, 1779-1910, by Miles Philbeck, Jr. and Grace Turner, (1986). Allen’s will cites “Elliner” as his second daughter and shows her husband Adam “Yoder” as sharing the role of executor with the widow.

“ALLEN DAVIS, 28 October 1807, January 1809. Wife: AN SUSANNH. Children: NANCY DAVIS, GEORGE DAVIS, ALEN DAVIS, MARAY MAGLIN DAVIS, LISABETH DAVIS, SARAH (oldest daughter), ELLINER (second daughter). Exec. ADAM YODER, my wife. WIT: THOMAS THOMPSON, JAMES CHITWOOD.”

The 1810 Lincoln Co., NC census shows Adam still using the spelling “Yoder”. He is “Yother” by 1820 in Haywood Co, NC. Ellender’s older sister Sarah (aka “Sally”) married Richard Johnson in 1800.

UPDATED FIND-A-GRAVE COUNTS



Joseph “Stiller” Yoder (YR2345)
 Birth 7 Apr 1814
 Death 1886 (aged 71–72)

Burial Flatwood Cemetery
 Accident, MD

Visit the Find A Grave site at: www.findagrave.com. As of 7 Feb 2021 the counts for interments were: 21,208 records (an increase of +1347 from 11 Aug 2019) –Yoder; (For the rest the increase is from 9 Feb 2020) 531 (+14) – Yother; 343 (+7) – Yothers; 300 (+9) – Yotter; 73 (+1) – Yoter; 308 (+8) – Yoders; 79 (+1) – Ioder; 109 (+16) – Joder; 52 (+2) - Jotter; 1 (+0) – Joders; 11 (+1) - Youder; 3- (+0) - Youders; 26 -(+8) - Youther; 8 (+0) - Youthers; 5 (+2) – Younder. (Note-there was a typo on Yoder count for 9 Feb 2020 so we had to go back one issue for that number).

New Year Donation to the House of Yoder?



(Most of the trees are now gone, but all repairs are finished)

In early spring, storm damage to Spruce Village (including the roof of and trees surrounding the House of Yoder (HOY)) delayed opening for visitors. Then the covid impacts hit and as a result the HOY only had 2 active host weeks this summer. So finances are very thin. Any Christmas/Year End donations would be greatly appreciated. The Penn Alps restaurant (there at Spruce Forest Village) held Christmas at Penn Alps (instead of the village) the weekend of Dec 4 and 5. HOY was open, handing out popcorn as is the usual thing for them to do. If you would like to help them with their finances into the New Year, send a donation to: House of Yoder, % Mayla Yoder, 2274 Salco Road Berlin, PA 15530.



A very young Dr. Don Yoder Visits His German Cousins- 1950
 From Left to Right– German Joder researcher Karl Joder, Heinz Joder, Emil Joder, Mari Joder, Fritz Joder and Dr. Don Yoder “on the bridge to the NeüMuhle entrance”

Shelli Yoder Wins State Senate Seat



Former Miss Indiana and congressional candidate Shelli Yoder (YR2344338132) of Bloomington, IN won a state senate seat in the Nov. 2020 general election, running unopposed as the Democrat candidate in Senate district 40. Shelli was first covered in YNL21 after being chosen Miss Indiana, and has been mentioned several times during her unsuccessful congressional campaigns.

In the same election Martha Yoder (R) lost an Ohio state House race to a Democratic incumbent in the Youngstown area by just over 300 votes out of over 46,000 cast. In Hawaii District 15, Steve Yoder (R) lost to the incumbent in a heavily Democratic district.

YODER PASSINGS



-Levi Merrill Yoder (YB1395344), 91, of Franconia, PA, died Aug. 15, 2020. He was the son of Levi M. and Martha (Henry) Yoder. Merrill and his late wife Martha were hosts at the House of Yoder for many years and he and his son Brian built and installed windows and several pieces of furniture at the house.

-Gene D. "Dutch" Yoder, 86, of Sinking Spring, PA, died Oct. 17, 2020. He was the son of Scott H. Yoder (AR21a) and Myrtle M. (Seidel) Yoder.

-William Howard (Bill) Yoder, Little Egg Harbor, N.J. died Apr. 5, 2020. He was the son of Howard Ross Yoder (son of YR1424221) and Margurite (Redden) Yoder.

-Geraldine R. (Yoder) Sechler, 103, Tipton, PA died Oct. 16, 2020. She was the daughter of William and Jennie (Weida) Yoder.

-Carl Edwin Yoder, 89, Wilton, Ct. died Apr. 28, 2018. He was the son of Leonard Arner Yoder (YB1372b1) and Edythe Bollinger Yoder. Carl attended several of the National Yoder Reunions.

-Elwood Yoder, 86, died in Florida Apr. 26, 1915. Son of Roy S. and Sallie (Troup) Yoder (OH1331ba).

-Bruce Allen Yoder, 60, died in Florida Sep 5, 2015. Son of Elwood A Yoder (OH1331bb3) and Henrietta Davis.

-Dean L. Yoder, age 90, died Oct. 26, 2020, Warsaw, MO. Dean was the son of Roy (s/o YR239b61) and Irene (Slaubaugh) Yoder.

-Noah S. Yoder, age 85 of Guthrie, KY died Oct. 19, 2020. He was the son of Simon M. (YR26115277) Yoder and Katie Miller Yoder.

-Zayda Cannon Yoder, 91, of Henderson, NC and formerly of Summerville, S.C. died Oct. 25, 2020. She was the widow of William Malcolm Yoder (s/o Con37c6).

-Chris A. Yoder, 85, of Shipshewana, died Oct. 13, 2020. He was the son of Amos J. (YR23449a6) and Katie (Hochstetler) Yoder.

-Margaret "Jean" (Yoder) Baker, 80, of Columbiana, Ohio, died Oct. 4, 2020. Jean was the daughter of Merle (s/o YR235683) and Martha (Smith) Yoder.

-Jonas A. Yoder, 94, Jamesport, Missouri, died Oct. 22, 2020. He was the son of Henry B. (YR2612687) and Esther (Beachy) Yoder.

-Peggy A. Yoder Hatcher, 83, of Bellefontaine, OH died Oct. 24, 2020. She was the daughter of Lloyd & Lodessa "Dixie" (Yoder) Predmore.

-Russell L. Yoder (AR2192), 94, of Ephrata, PA died Nov. 14, 2020. He was the son of Milton H. (AR219) and Laura (Lamm) Yoder.

-Owen Edward Yoder, age 79, Pratts, Va., died Jan. 3, 2021. Son of J. Elmer (s/o YR2612683) and Amanda (Hochstetler) Yoder.



-Nancy A. Yoder, 90, of Lower Alsace Township, Berks Co, PA died Dec. 19, 2020. She was a daughter to the late Stephen (OY43321*14) and Viola (Rapp) Yoder. She was founding member and longtime secretary of the Oley Yoder Heritage Association.

-Donald Ray Yoder, 72, Bloomington, IN. died Dec. 26, 2020. He was the son of Elmer Jacob Jr (s/o YB1345331) & Fern Edith (Weaver) Yoder.

-Ervin A. Yoder, 84 of Arthur, IL died Dec. 22, 2020. He was a son of Abe D. (YR2611687) and Amanda (Helmuth) Yoder. He was involved in preserving the house that his great grandfather (Moses Yoder) built when he settled in Arthur in 1860. The home preservation is part of the Illinois Amish Heritage Center.

-Raymond L. Yoder, age 75, of Donna, TX died Dec. 22, 2020. He was the son of Calvin C. (g/s of YR261138) and Fannie (Mast) Yoder.

-Clarence Ray Yoder, 83, of Jones, MI died Dec. 29, 2020. He was the son of Andrew J. (s/o Joseph E. G. Yoder) & Katie (Schrock) Yoder.

-Glenn J. Yoder, 82, Elkhart, IN died Jan. 3, 2021. He was the son of Jonas (YR125328c) & Barbara (Schmucker) Yoder.

-Lola (Kehr) Yoder, 99, Afton, MN, formerly of Elkhart Co, IN., died Jan. 4, 2021. Widow of Leland Dewitt "Bud" Yoder (grandson of YRB1782). In her life, she met Amelia Earhart, watched the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor and developed a nationally recognized flock of purebred Suffolk sheep.

-Herbert Lee Yoder, 91, Washington, IA. Died Jan. 5, 2021. He was the son of D. Leonard (YR1462939) and Mollie (Kauffman) Yoder.

-Coleen Beverly (Yoder) Mankey, 91, Decatur, IN died Jan. 19, 2021. She was the daughter of Theodore 'Ted' (s/o YA458) and Edith Pearl (Campbell) Yoder.

-Alice Margaret (Yoder) Smith, 101, Orbisonia, PA died Jan. 16, 2021. She was a daughter of Franklin (YR177128) and Nannie (Renninger) Yoder.

-Daniel F. Yoder, 98, McAlisterville, PA. Died Jan. 11, 2021. He was the son of the Daniel L. (YR2571311) and Elsie L. (Yoder) (YR25143a1) Yoder.

-Joe D. Yoder, 89, of Anderson IN, died Jan. 3, 2021. He was the son of Dan (son of YR2612a) and Saloma (Wengerd) Yoder.

-Edward J. Yoder, 54, Navarre, OH died Jan. 12, 2021. He was the son of Jacob A. (son of YR261263b) and Fannie J. (Gingerich) Yoder.

-Katie Yoder Miller, 92, of Westfield, IN, died Feb. 6, 2021. She was the daughter of Dan (son of YR2611332) & Dena (Mast) Yoder and wife of Willis Miller.



-Paul T. Yoder, 79, of Philipsburg, PA died Feb. 2, 2021. He was the son of Moses Aaron (s/o YR257182) and Katherine "Katie B." (Yoder) (d/o YR128417) Yoder and a long-time YNL supporter and correspondent.

The Bishop Christian Yoder Jr Barn



In YNL76 we shared a photo of the Somerset Co., PA. Bishop Christian Yoder Jr (YR2337) barn damaged by April 2020 storms, which removed parts of the roof. Thanks to Mayla Yoder of the House of Yoder for providing further details of what has happened to the structure. Pat Navarro of Pittsburgh bought the building and had it carefully disassembled to be rebuilt close to the "Rails to Trails" in Markleton, PA. The picture above shows the remaining stone walls which are to be reclaimed for the new building site. Historians believe the barn was built around the 1830-40 timeframe and was one of only five barns of the design constructed in Somerset County... only two of which will soon exist. More details about this homestead and the barn were presented in YNL39 & 49.