



30 years of the Yoder Newsletter

*A Special Report to the 2012
North Carolina Yoder Reunion*

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A BIT OF HISTORY

All American Yoders whose ancestry is known or suspected trace their lineage to the Joder clan in the canton of Bern in Switzerland. They are a very old family, apparently of Germanic-Swiss stock, yet the name came from St. Theodore (Theodore, Theodulus) a missionary monk who in the fourth century crossed the Alps from Italy to bring the Gospel to the Valais country in southern Switzerland. This patron saint was held in ever greater reverence as time went on, and we hope in forthcoming Newsletters to give more on the story of his life and influence and of St. Joder items and places still existing today.

Joderhusel (Yoder Hill) is a natural fortress on the Emme river in the southern part of the canton of Bern. Since it was so named as far back as anyone can remember and Joders were said to have lived there in the middle ages, researcher Karl Joder of Ludwigshafen-am-Rhein (West Germany) believed the family must have lived there before recorded history. The oldest record he has found is of a later Joder born in Joderhusel in 1260. In 1389 a grandson, Will Joder and his son Rein were among the poorest taxpayers at Muriwil, a town about thirty miles north. Karl Joder is confident that the Joders found later in nearby towns can be traced back to Will...including those of the town of Steffisburg.

Steffisburg, located near Thun south of Bern, is truly the homeland of many American Yoders and in discussing our European origins we shall refer to Steffisburg again and again. Here Joders lived for generations as farmers, brewers, millers and other varying occupations. They were active in the affairs of both church and state and a number of heraldic banners (coats-of-arms) are set in stained glass at the old Steffisburg church, which was the center of a large parish. The town was not only a center for the State Church (Swiss Reformed), but for the Anabaptist sympathizers as well, who believed in the separation of church and state.

As in many instances where people must choose between differing ideas, the Joder family had members on both sides of the religious fence. Many were quite prominent participants in Reformed Church activities, and others were attracted to the Anabaptists.

From Steffisburg, Joders of both groups migrated north at the end of the 17th century and early decades of the 18th. They settled in Housatonic, Appleton, Upper Merion, Lumberton, and Lenoir in the Palatinate of west central Germany. The Anabaptists (known as Swiss Brethren and later Mennonites) the followers of Jacob Amos, soon nearby friends who came to be called "Dolch" fled at the turn of the century for refuge in not only the Palatinate but Alsace-Lorraine as well. Many of the Anabaptist group in particular eventually moved on to America.

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Elsewhere in this newsletter some of these immigrants to the New World are discussed. Although they and their descendants will quite naturally receive the lion's share of attention in subsequent issues of this newsletter, the Joder family has certainly not vanished from the "Old World" countries of today. A 1940 list of Mennonite family names of South Germany showed 34 Joders among six separate congregations. Seven people named Joder, Joder, or Jother were members of French Mennonite churches as of 1951. Descendants of one Steffisburg Joder family are reported to have moved to Rumania and Eastern Europe where they are said to be living still.

In spite of considerable migration, many Joders remain in the ancestral homeland. In a visit to Switzerland in 1980 it was found that five Joders appeared in the Steffisburg phone directory, and six Joders were identified in the phonebook of the capital city of Bern.

Pictured below is a map of Canton Bern, Switzerland. The Aare River separates Thun and Steffisburg and from there east lies the Emmental. The Yoders came from this region. The distance from Steffisburg to Bern is about 20 miles.



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THIRTY YEARS OF THE YODER NEWSLETTER



RACHEL KREIDER AND ESTHER YODER
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Many years ago, as I visited my grandparents' home in Elkhart, Indiana, I read my great-grandfather's copy of Descendants of Jacob Hostetler. It contained only a few paragraphs that talked about my Yoder ancestors. It also told the story of our common ancestor Jacob Hostetler, how he and sons were captured and held prisoner by Indians, and of his escape and return to civilization. One of the most memorable parts for a teenage boy told how the starving Jacob came upon a ripe dead opossum and ate it. From then on, my interest in family history was firmly fixed.

As a newlywed in the early 70's, my job took us to Harrisburg, PA, the state capital. We discovered the state library and the land records bureau. We were able to gather information about the early Yoders of our line. My wife and I were also able to drive over to Somerset County, PA where we did some exploring and research there with the help of several local residents. When the 1976 Bicentennial came around, I put my notes together and shared them with members of my immediate family.

After two children and an overseas assignment in Germany, we found ourselves settled in Battle Creek, Michigan. I had read of a Yoder historian named Rachel Kreider, who had written about the St. Joder Chapel, and who had studied the Yoder family. She and her husband Leonard, a retired chemical researcher with B. F. Goodrich, were in the process of moving from Bluffton, OH to Goshen, Indiana, not too long a drive from us. So I wrote her a letter introducing myself and telling her of my interest in things Yoder. She quickly wrote back explaining that two of her great-grandmothers were sisters of my great-great grandfather Reuben Yoder. He had been the origin point for the Yoder family information collected by her uncle John Weaver. She knew of another Goshen Yoder, a retired teacher and school principal named Ben, with a similar interest in collecting and sharing the Yoder story. Soon after Rachel was settled into their home at the Greencroft retirement community, the three of us sat down at her kitchen table to talk things over.

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WHAT WE KNEW THEN AND WHAT WE KNOW NOW

When we began the Yoder Newsletter in 1983, we were able to stand on the shoulders of many great family historians. Bits of family lore, Bible records, and public documents had come together over the years to paint the pictures of the different Yoder branches. Our readers helped us identify, gather, and begin to share this information. Over the past 30 years, many people have been a part of this work. "Lost records" (that were really there all the time, had we known where to look), have revealed themselves. In the past 59 issues of the Yoder Newsletter, we've been able to share our discoveries and analyses of them. Now seems to be an appropriate time to try to summarize the "facts" which have evolved and give a baseline of what we know (or think we know) today.

In our first issue, we outlined the various branches on the American Yoder tree. Only one of them, the Oley Yoders, was clearly linked to its European origin. Other lines, like those of the Mennonite, Amish, and North Carolina Yoder families, stopped at the water's edge.

WHAT WE KNEW THEN, 1983

Steffisburg Index	Thun Index	Alsace-Lorraine Index	North Carolina Index	Amish Index	Mennonite Index
Oley Yoder Hans Yoder Yod Yoder	Hans Yoder Hans Yoder	Christian Joder Wilhelm Joder	Conrad John Griesmer		

The Oley Valley Yoders, Hans and Yost, (our codes "OH" and "OY") are still recognized as America's "first family" of Yoders, leaving Germany in 1709. Early historical works by Dr. Peter Beriole, a Yoder descendant, give a sketch of the Yoder family, as did the 1886 History of Berks County by Morton L. Montgomery. In 1915, we were pleased to present an article by Dr. Don Yoder in which he described how one of his contacts in Germany, Karl Mitteleidt-Kubaseck, had, sometime after 1914, come upon and provided him with a record from the Schweitzingen Reformed Church that told of Johannes (Hans) Joder and family departing "to the island of Pennsylvania." This was to be the first confirmed link between the American Yoders and the Joder family of Steffisburg, Switzerland. YNL contributing editor Dick Yoder of Bechtelville, PA has researched these Yoders extensively and has contributed much information to the YNL since our early days.



DR. DON YODER

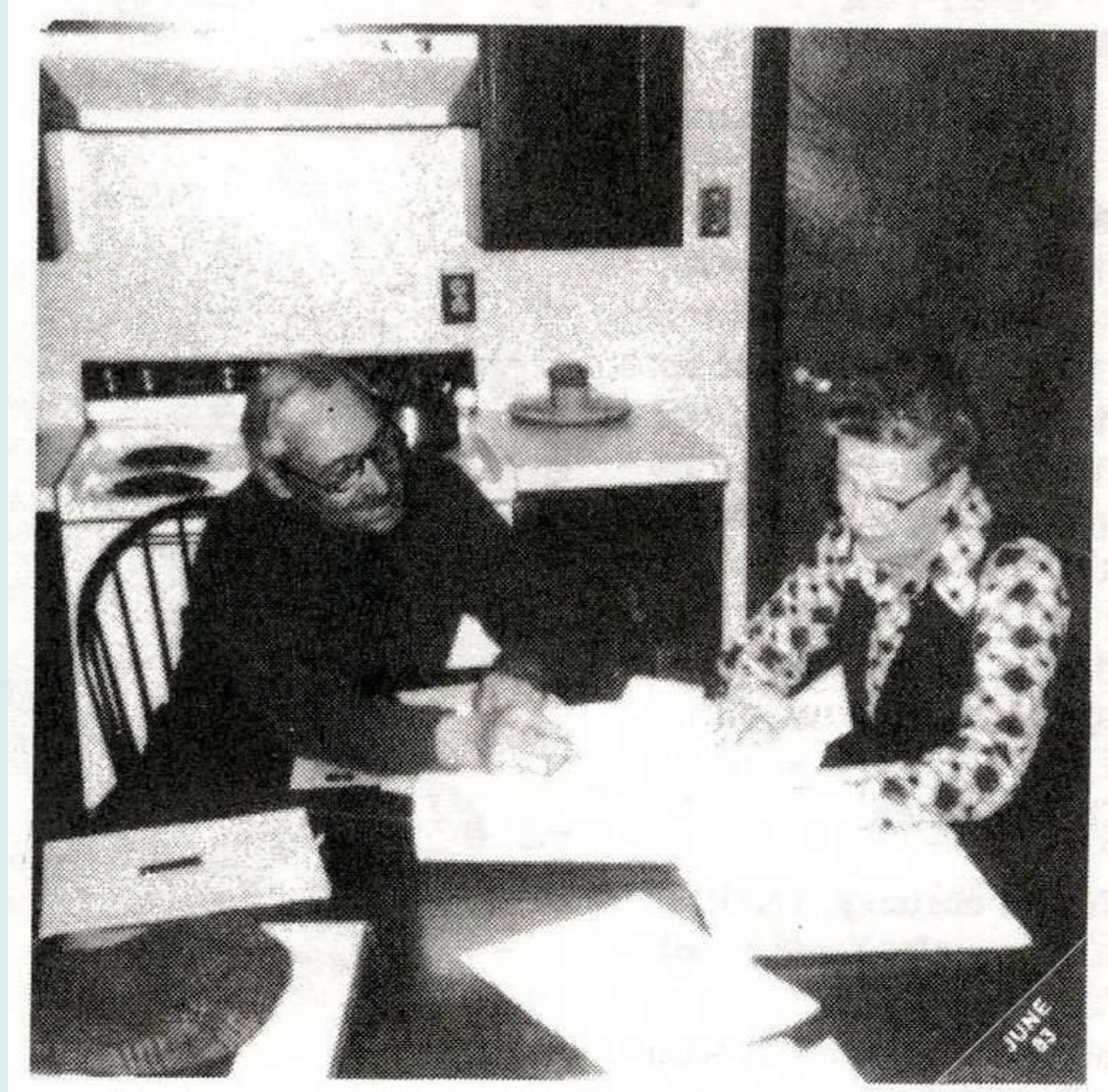


RICHARD H. YODER

German researchers Karl Joder (died 1984) and Omar Jotter traced back their own lines to the town of Steffisburg, Switzerland. They dug through and copied the local church records and also have done extensive research in several German locations. Over time, they compiled their information into books which were photocopied and shared in different versions with their American cousins. They focused their interest on the families of two 17th century Steffisburg Joders: Yost (b. 1607) and Nicolaus (b. 1609). The Oley Yoders, our

WHAT WE KNOW. CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

The Beginnings



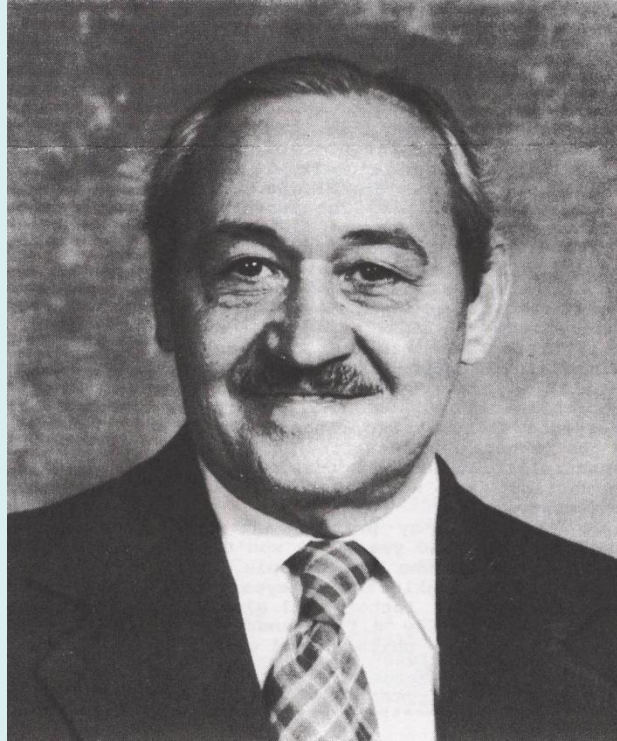
An Introduction to our Staff

Rachel Kreider



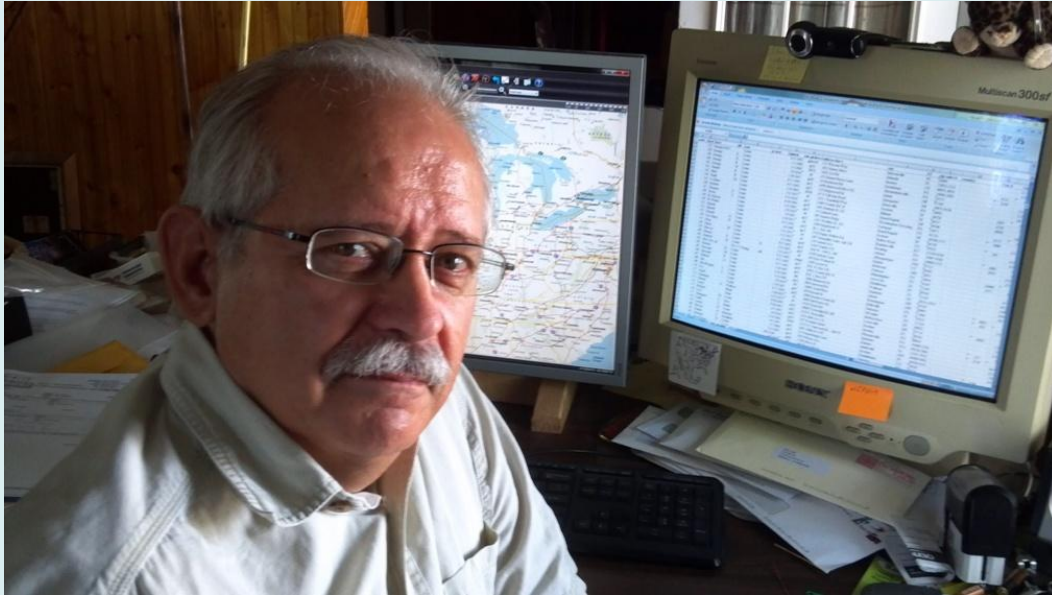
Co-founder and Senior Editor

Ben Yoder (1913-1992)



- Co-founder

John W. Yoder



- Circulation Manager

Esther Yoder



Tribune Photo/GREG SWIERC

Mail Manager

Donald Kauffman



- Webmaster

Origin of the Name

- Historians say: *“the name comes from St. Theodore (Theodorus, Theodulus (Abbrev. “Joder”)) a missionary monk who in the fourth century crossed the Alps from Italy to bring the Gospel to the Valais country in southern Switzerland.”*



St. Joder Chapel



St. Joder
Stamp



Aug. 16th-St. Joder's Day

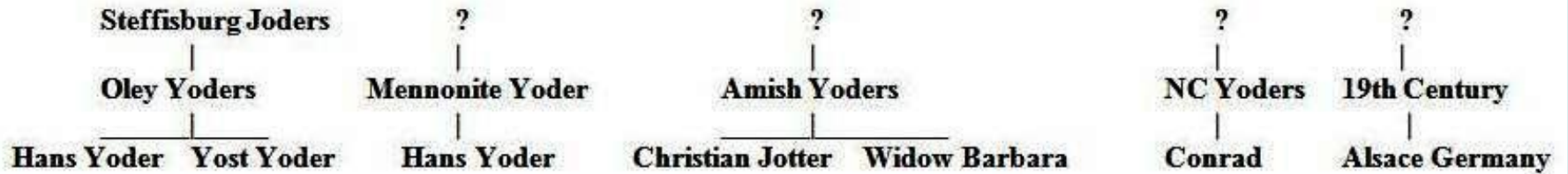
Theodore- Joder

- from the Greek name *Theodōros*, composed of the elements *theos* (god, Greek: θεός) + *dōron* (gift, Greek: δῶρον), meaning:

"gift of God"

The Yoder Newsletter

WHAT WE KNEW THEN- 1983



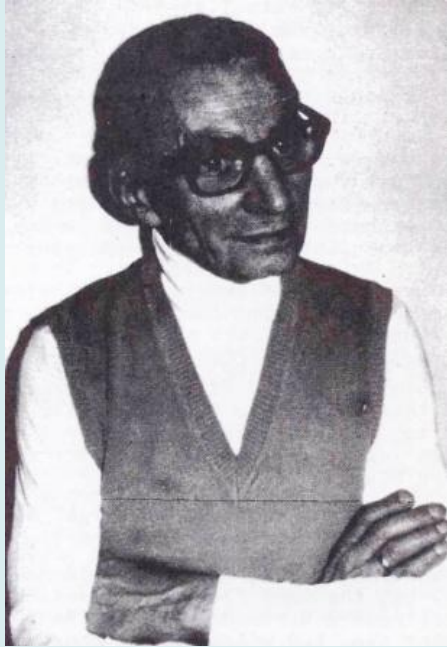
Joders in Switzerland

- “The Swiss encyclopedia (Historisch-biographisches Lexikon der Schweiz) locates this "ancient family" in the village of Steffisberg on the edge of the Oberland ... Joder first appears as a family name in the canton of Bern in the 14th century. At Steffisberg the Joders began to appear in the records as early as 1529 and at Muri slightly later.”



Steffisburg today- by John W Bieber

European Yoder Research



Karl Joder



Otmar Jotter

Joders in Switzerland

- An apocryphal lineage:

Peter Joder

Caspar b1300 Hutwill

Ulli b. 1340

Heini b. 1363

Jost b. 1387 Steffisburg

Caspar

Caspar

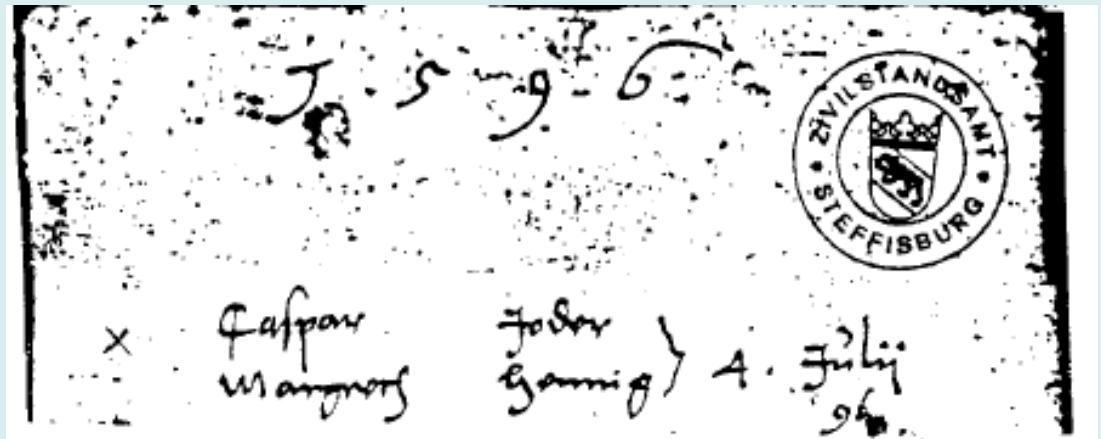
Fredli b. 1488

Balthasar b. 1525

Caspar b. 1548

Caspar Joder b. 1571

m. Margaret Hennig



--|--Caspar-Joder-b-2/24/1571-m-7/4/1596-
Margret-Hennig.

--|-----Peter-----b-6/5/1597

--|-----Heini-----b-10/10/1599

--|-----Margret-----b-2/8/1601

--|-----Niclaus-----b-7/17/1603

--|-----Barbara-----b-9/28/1606

--|-----Jost-----b-11/30/1607

--|-----Nicolaus-----b-3/25/1609

<http://www.yodernewsletter.org/court/stef1.html>

Joders in Switzerland

- The Key Yoder Family

Jost and Niclaus Joder, sons of Caspar Joder and Margret Henning of Steffisburg, Switzerland

Jost Joder (Y6) b 11/20/1607 m. Oct.14, 1642 Anna Trachsel												
Y61	Y62	Y63	Y64	Y65	Y66	Y67	Y68	Y69	Y6a	Y6b	Y6c	
Hans	Anna	Verena	Peter	Jakob	Anna	Barbara	Christian	Anna	Jost	Caspar	Catherin	
b. 4/21/1644	b.4/19/1646	b.9/12/1647	b.1649	b.4/4/1652	b.7/17/1653	b. 10/28/1655	b. 5/10/1657	b.5/1/1659	b. 11/17/1661	b. 5/22/1664	b. 7/8/1666	
m. 7/17/1671	dy	m. N. Rupp	m. 12/13/1684	m. 1/9/1685	dy	m. N. Berger	m. 3/10/1684	m. 12/13/1680	m.1/9/1685	in Weiler	m. 1/9/1685	
Catherine Risser			Stahli (?)	Verena Kaufmann			Barbara Gerber	Christian Blank	Barbara Rupp	Pfaltz	Hans Rupp	
			(5)	(5)			(5)(7)(10)	(5)(6)(8)	(4)(6)	m. ?	(1)(5)(11)	
Niclaus Joder (Y7) b 3/25/1609 m. Oct.14, 1642 Anna Trachsel												
Y71	Y72	Y73	Y74	Y75	Y76	Y77	Y78	Y79	Y7a	Y7b		
Barbara	Anna	Caspar	Adam	Hans	Magdalene	Anneget	Jost	Salomea	Hans	Stini		
b. 3/8/1644	b. 4/13/1645	b. 6/4/1648	b. 7/22/1650	b. 7/22/1650	b. 2/29/1652	b. 4/10/1653	b. 1/13/1655	b. 4/13/1656	b. 2/28/1658	b.8/25/1661		
m. 1/30/1666	m. 1/7/1670	m. 1/7/1670	m. 1/9/1671	dy	m. 4/26/1689	m. 2/10/1673	m. Christina	m. 3/7/1678	m. 3/9/1688			
Hans Rupp	Hans Berger	Anni Zaugg	Barbara Ochsenhein		Peter Meyer	Ulli Risser	Schlecht?	Hans Gerber	Anna Eicher			
			(2)				(12)	(3)(9)				

(Note: "b" Dates are dates of Baptism as recorded in Steffisburg Church records)

(1) Great grandfather of Michael Yoder, 1825 immigrant to Somerset county, PA whose father Samuel wrote in 1806 from Germany to his "Dear Cousins" (YR23 and YR25); (2) parents of Hans and Yost Yoder, Reformed Church settlers to the Oley Valley of Berks Co., PA- first Yoders in America; (3) Labeled as Anabaptist in 1691; (4) suspected as Baptist in 1690; (5) identified in 1690 court records as suspected Anabaptists, could also have been the Jacob Joder who m. Margareth Stahli; (6) Staatsarchiv of Bern record of 7/16/1690 "the government orders the provincial governor of Trachselwald to find out whether the Anabaptists Jost Joder and Christian Blank of Steffisburg as have been reported, are staying in Schangnau and whether they took their capital with them."; (7) The Staatsarchiv of Bern record 4/8/1695 "The Anabaptist Christian Joder of Steffisburg, has left the country. For the property he took along he must pay a 5% fee of 10 lbs(?)"; (8) A Christian Blank was one of the ministers accompanying Jacob Ammann during his tour of 1693 to seek support for his ideas; (9) A Hans Gerber was known to be with Jacob Ammann at Heideksheim, Alsace in 1711; (10) Their son Christian who married Margret Gerber reportedly settled in Eppstein, Germany (see YNL10); (11) Their descendants lived in the Spfalz, Germany, for years felt to be m. 1681 to Verena Stauffer, now in doubt (12) AAMG shows Yost, son of Yost, as married to an Anna Zaugg, and the Yost, son of Nicolas as the one who married Barbara Rupp.

The Joder Families

- Known descent in France and Germany
 - Joders of the German Palatinate
 - Jotters of Eppstein
 - Alsatian Joders





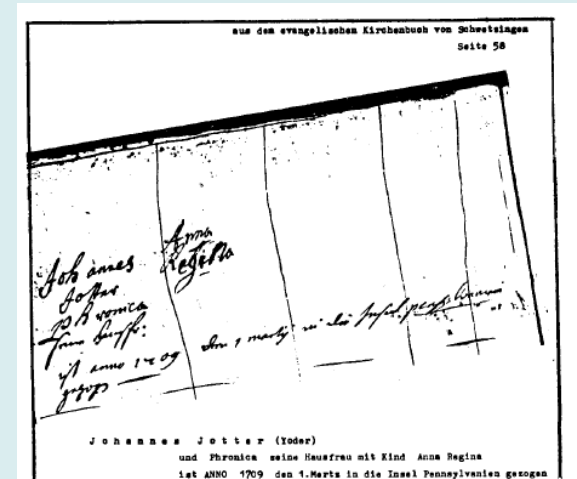
American Yoders



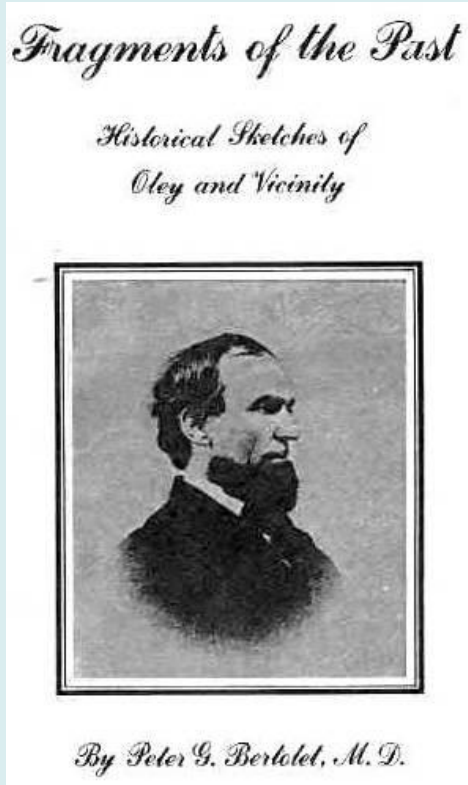
- The “first” Yoders Hans and Yost of the Oley Valley
- The Mennonite Yoder- Hans of Great Swamp
- The Amish Yoders of 1742
- Conrad - The North Carolina Yoders
- Melchior Yoder of Weidenthal
- 19th Century Alsatian and German Immigrants

The Oley Valley Yoders

- Hans b. 1672 Yost b. 1679 in Steffisburg
- Sons of Adam Joder and Barbara Ochsenbein, g-sons of Niclaus Joder
- 1709 Hans Joder leaves Schwetzingen, Germany for “Island of Pennsylvania”
- 1711- Hans in Chester Co., Pa
- 1714- Hans in Oley Twp. Berks Co., Pa.
- Reformed Church



Oley Yoders Researchers



Dr. Don Yoder

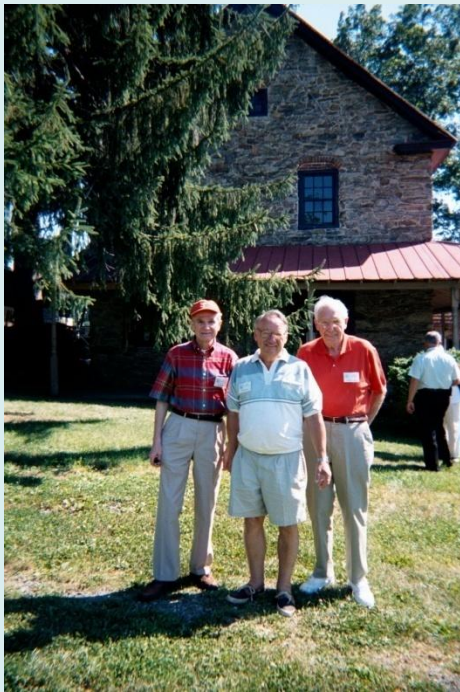


Dick H. Yoder



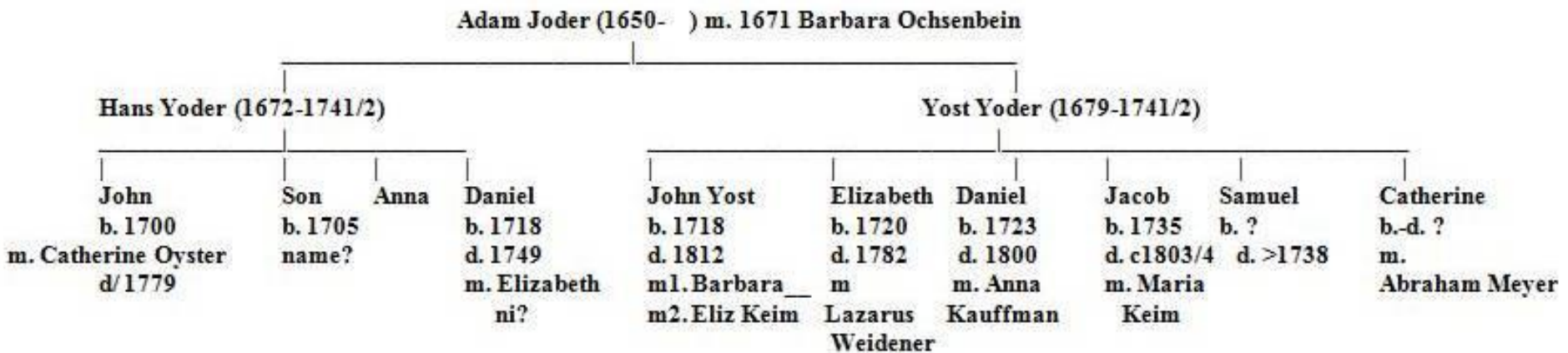
Walter & Mae Moore

Hans and Yost Yoder Family Scenes



The Oley Valley Yoders

Yoders of The Oley Valley



“Hans Yoder of Great Swamp”

- Mennonite Yoder line
- c1717 - Hans Yoder in Bucks County, Pa.
- 1720 - Hans buys land
- c1753 - Hans Yoder dies
- Descendants in Bucks and Lehigh Co, Pa.

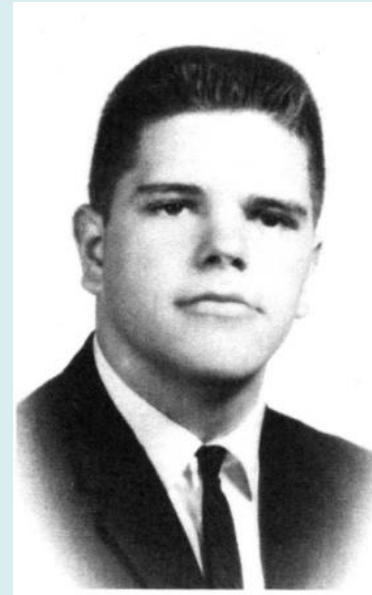


Saucon Mennonite Church
Est. 1735

Mennonite Yoder Researchers



Ken Hottle



- Richard Yothers

Leonard Yoder

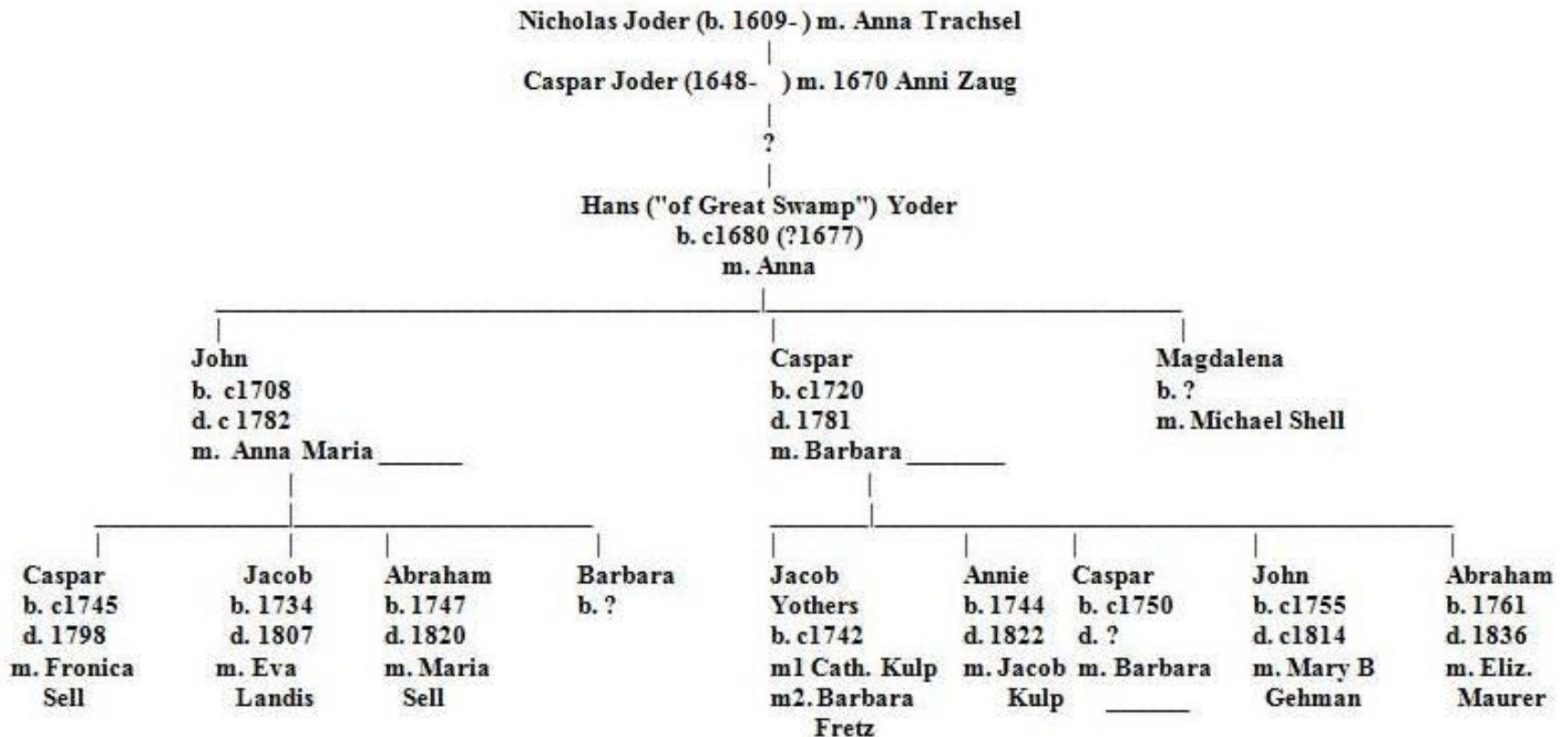
“Hans Yoder of Great Swamp”

- Discovery from Estate Records
 - Caspar Joder (1648-by1712) m. 1670 Anni Zaug...some of the children in Steffisburg and some in The Palatinate or Alsace, and *“Hans Joder.... about 40 years old, is in some foreign country, moreover it is not known if he is alive”*
 - This Hans was born 10/7/1677

Mennonite Yoder Line

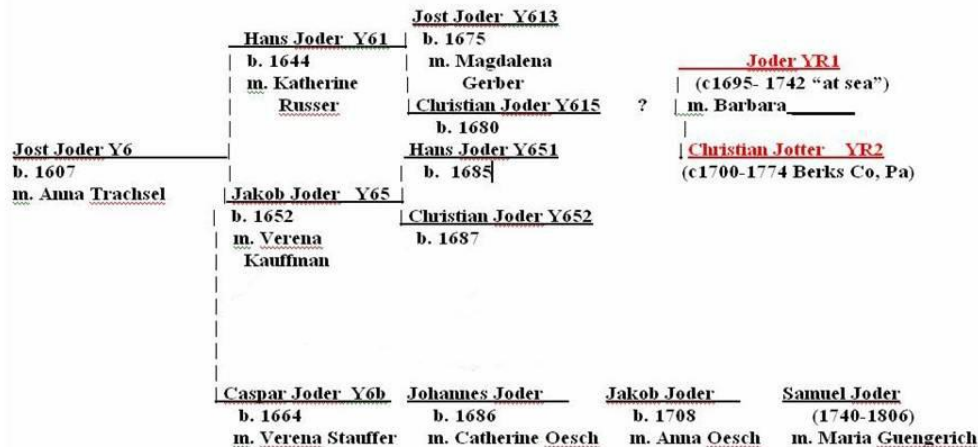
“Hans Yoder of Great Swamp”

Mennonite Yoder Line



The 1700s Amish Yoders

- Families of Christian YR2 and _____ Jotter (YR1) (husband of “Widow Barbara”) Arrived on “Francis and Elizabeth” from Rotterdam, Sept. 21, 1742
- Settled in Berks County
- Speculated descent from Jost Joder b. 1607
- Yost Yoder (YRB) by 1761



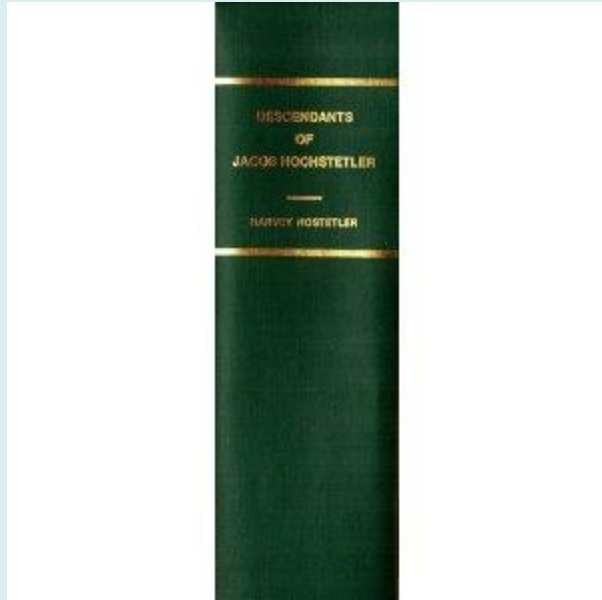
Freies Volk
für ob + jeder

Freies Land

p Francis and Elizabeth, September 21, 1742,
List 94 C



Amish Yoder Researchers



- Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler, 1912, by Harvey Hostetler
- many others
- Amish and Amish Mennonite Genealogies, 1986, by Gingreich/Kreider

Amish Yoders Scenes



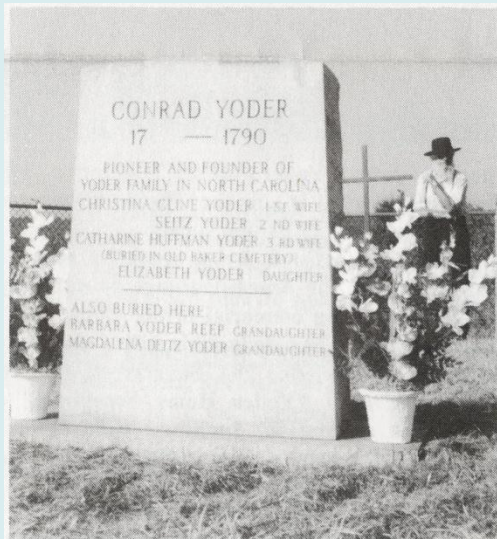
**Northkill Amish Congregation
Cemetery, Berks Co., Pa**

**YR23- “Schweitzer Christian” Yoder
Homestead, Berks Co. Pa.**



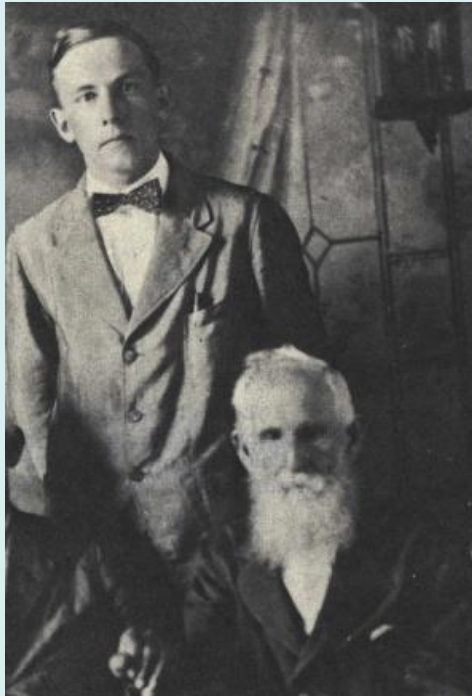
Conrad Yoder of North Carolina

- Reportedly arrives in Pa. 1746
- To North Carolina with Henry Weidner, 1753
- 1763 Buys 200 acres of land
- Dies 1790



Gerald M. Yoder presents a check for the Yoder House to
Kenneth L. , Gerald A., and Esther Yoder

Conrad Yoder Researchers



**Fred Roy Yoder
&
Col. George Yoder**



Hubert Yoder



Anne McAllister

Conrad Yoder of North Carolina

CONRAD YODER of Hickory, NC

Conrad Yoder m1 1763 Christina Cline (-c1771)
 (1725 -Apr or May 1790) m2 1773 Miss Sietz (-c1774)
 m3 1774 Catherine Huffman (-)

Con1	Con2	Con3	Con4	Con5	Con6	Con7	Con8
John	Jacob	David	Elizabeth	Elias	Daniel	Catherine	Adam
b 10/26/1764	b 12/13/1767	b 4/3/1770	b 4/14/1776	b 10/31/1777	b 6/18/1780	b 12/21/1782	b 6/23/1785
m Mary Reep	m Catherine	m Barbara	died young	m Utila Hahn	m Elizabeth	m John Baker	m Sally Davis
d 12/29/1835 NC	d 1854 In	d 7/14/1864 NC		d 1817 In	d In	d 8/3/1867	d

The Mussbach Confirmation Record!

V. von Weidenhof.
Conrad jodler, Kurland
jodlers, jodler Hof. 15.

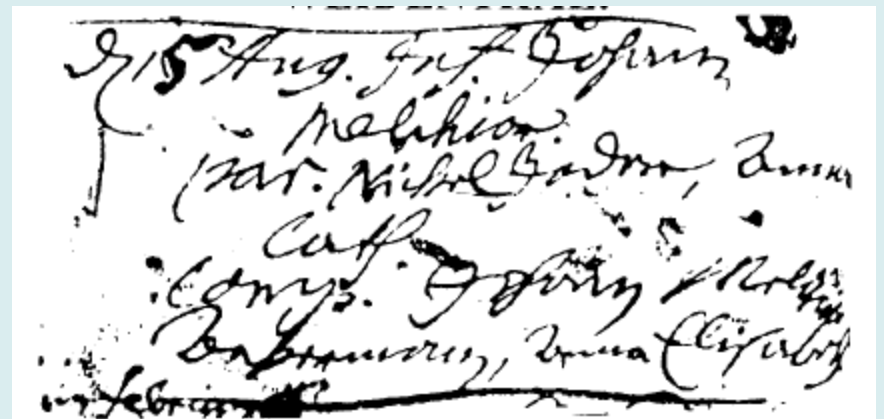
2. JOHN YODER (3) 1795-1870 (CON11)

Yoders of NC- Book Update

- New Forward by Dr. Don Yoder
- Original text OCR'd
- Collected Updates need to be added/formated
- Need a project manager and typing/research volunteers
- Need for Census review, further data collection

Melchior Yoder of Weidenthal

- Born to a Niklaus Joder in Germany
8/15/1736
- Naturalized in Pa., 1765
- His family corresponded in 1774 with
Conrad Yoder in NC!
- 1796 to Snyder Co, Pa.
- Dies in 1820 in Union Co., Pa



A fragment of a handwritten cursive letter, likely from the 18th century. The text is written in dark ink on a light background. The visible text includes: "15 Aug. 1774", "Melchior", "Mr. Niklaus Joder, Amherst", "Ct.", "Conrad Yoder", "Union Co. Pa.", and "in February". The handwriting is fluid and characteristic of the period.

Researchers of Melchior Yoder



**Dorothy Yoder
Coffman**



Carl Yoders



Donald Honeywell

19th Century Alsatian Yoder Immigrants

ALSATIAN JODER IMMIGRANTS TO THE U.S

Jost Joder b. 11/20/1607 m. Oct.14, 1642 Anna Trachsel of Steffisburg

Hans Joder m. 7/17/1871 Catherine Risser

Caspar Joder m. 1/21/1681 Verena Stauffer

Jost Joder m.
m1. Magdalena Gerber
m2. Madeleine Reiss

Joders in the Pfaltz
(1)

Christian Joder m.
Anna Marie Klaus
(2)

Hans Joder
(3)

Christian Joder m.
b. 1707 d. 1795 Belfort
Anne Hchstetler

Hans Joder b. 1714
res. Grand Charmont b. 1717 d. 1793 Etohon
m. Freni Zimmerman Anneli Kropf

Christain Joder m.
b. 1732 ---?---
Elizabeth Gunt

Christian Joder
b. c1734
Anne Gerig

?same

?

Madeleine Joder m.
Joahunes Liechty

Jean
m.

s/o Hans Y & Verni Z.

Yost Joder b. 1753
m. Eliz. Guemann

-----?--

Jean Joder b. 1750 m.
Catherine Klopfenstein

Christ Joder b. 1750 m.
Elizabeth Lehman

Jacques Joder b. 1761 m.
Marie Anne Guemann

Joseph Joder b. 1750
Marie Stuckey

Christ Joder
Elizabeth Klopfenstein

Joseph of Monbéliard
Anne Stuckey

Joseph Yoder
b. 1790
m. 1818 Essert m. 1810
Barbara Weiss

Christian Yoder
b. 1789
m. 1810 Mezie
Catherine Klopfenstein

Christ Joder m.
b. 8/6/1796 Charmois
m. 12/23/1822 Dantjutin

Mariah Joder
b. 11/25/1790 Belfort
m. 1822 Pfastatt

-Europe/US data divide-

Jean Yoder
b. 1795 Steinbach
m. 1821 Hirtzbach
Marie Conrad Barbara Liechty

Jacques Yoder
b. 1779 Grandvillars
m. 1829 Belfort
Anna Klopfenstein

Joseph Yoder
b. 1808 Belfort
Monbéliard

Michael Yoder
b. 9/26/1825

YA1
Capt. Joseph Yoder
m. Barbara Weiss
Stark Co. OH

?YA7
Christian Yoder
Stark Co. OH
b. c1787 m1.?
M2. Anne

YA3
Christian Yoder
b. c1896 Gy
Wayne Co. OH.

w/o YA3
m Maria Yoder
b. 1790 Gy

?YA4
Jonathan Yoder
b. 5/11/1795 Fr
m. Mary Schunucker
Adams Co. IN

YA8
Jacob Yoder
m. Barbara
Stark Co. OH

YA5
Joseph Yoder
b. 6/5/1807 Belfort
m. 10/5/1829
Anna Klopenstine

YA6
Michael Yoder
b. 1825
m. 5/8/1849 Fr
Francis Roth

19th Century German Yoder Immigrants

YOTTERS FROM EPPSTEIN

Christian Joder (1687 Steffisburg – Eppstein)

m. Margarete Gerber

Christian Jotter (1720-1799) m. Elisabeth Schwaar

Heinrich Jotter (1750-1828) Eppstein
m1. Maria Krehbiel m2. Veronica Rohrer

Peter Jotter (1771-1843)
m. Elisabeth Blum, Eppstein

Heinrich Jotter (1777-1848)
M1. Maria Krehbiel, 1803

Peter Jotter
(1796->1870 West Point, Ia)
m. Marg. Strupp

Jacob Yotter
(1804-)
Lee Co., Ia)
m. Catherine

Christian Jotter (1804-)
m. Anna Rohrer

Johann Jotter (1803-1838)
h2. Agnes Gobel

Johannes Jotter
(1836-c1879 Galizen)
m. Barbara Streffler

Christian Yotter
(1831-1914 Lee Co, Ia)
m1. Kath. Boyer
m2 Sarah Schmidt

Heinrich Yoder
(1833-1925 Alden, NY)
m. Eva Alden

Petter Yotter
(1865-1934)
m. Elis. Steinmetz
Kansas City

Jacob
(1866-)
to US

Katherine
(1875-)
to US

Bavarian Yoders

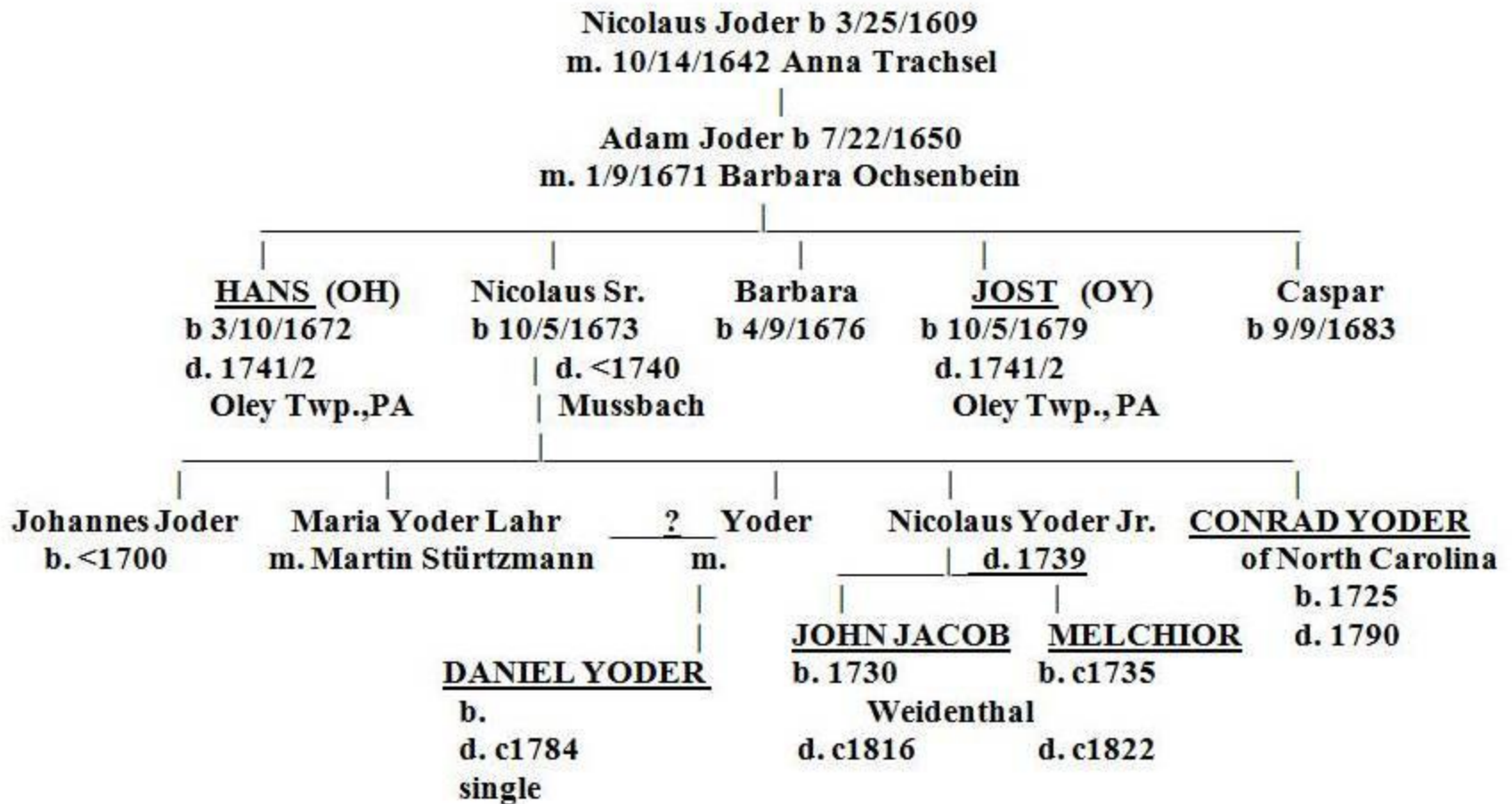
- John Yoder to Wayne Co, Oh by 1820
- Michael Yoder (YRC) 1825
- Joseph Ioder, Bureau Co, Ill. 1836
- Jacob Yoder, Ill. 1866

Summary of Yoder Immigrants

("A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME": Yoder, Yoders, Yother, Yothers, Youther, Yotter, Jotter, Joder, Ioder, Yoter, Yetter)

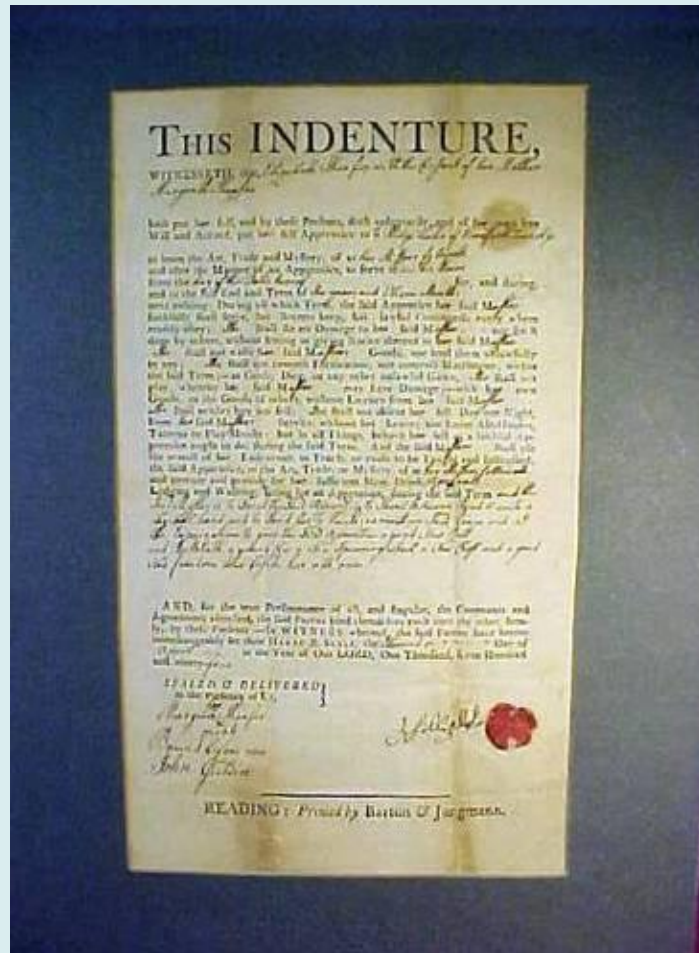
Oley Valley Yoders	Hans of Great Swamp	Amish Yoders	Conrad Yoder in N. C.	Melchior Yoder	Alsatian Yoders	German Yoders	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1672 & 1679 Hans (OH)* & Jost (OY)* b. Steffisburg, Swiz. - 1709 Hans Joder leaves Schwetzingen, Gy - 1711- Hans in Chester Co, Pa - 1714- Hans in Oley Twp, Berks Co, Pa - 1720- Hans & Jost sign township petition - 1741/2 Hans & Jost both die - 1777-8- Jacob Yoder -Rev. War - 1782- Jacob Yoder- 1st Flat Boat down Miss.- New Orleans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - c1717 Hans Yoder (YB) in Great Swamp, Bucks Co, Pa - Hans Yoder buys land 1720 - Jacob Yothers b1742 - c1753 Hans Yoder dies - 1817 John Yoder to Leetonia, Oh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1742 "Widow Barbara " & Christian Yotter families arrive (YR1 & 2) on "Francis & Elizabeth" - 1776 Yoders to Somerset Co, Pa - Yost Yoder (YRB) - 1790 Yoders to Mifflin Co, Pa - 1810s Yoders to Oh - Michael (YRC)*- 1825 to Somerset Co,Pa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conrad Yoder (Con) arrives 1746/1751, Berks Co, Pa - To NC with Henry Weidner - c1753/63 - 1763 Conrad buys 200 acres in NC - Conrad Yoder dies 1790 - 1812 gsons in War - c1815 sons Jacob & Elias to Ind. - 1817 Elias dies - 1820 son Adam - Haywood Co, NC - 1830s Yother/ Yoder line in Ga. - desc. in Confed. Army 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1765 Melchior Yoder (M) naturalized - 1774 taxed Hatfield Twp Montgomery Co - 1784 cousin Daniel Yoder dies - to 1796 Snyder Co, Pa - 1810 Jacob Yoders to Greene Co, Pa - Melchior Yoder dies 1820, Union Co, Pa - c1818 Yoders to Pickaway Co, Oh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capt. Jos.Yoder- 1825 -Stark Co, Oh (YA1)* - Christian Yoder- 1828-Wayne Co, Oh (YA3)* - Christian Yotter c1833-Stark Co, Oh (YA7) ?* - Joseph Yoder- 1833 (YA5)?* - Jacob Yoder- (YA8)* 1840 Stark Co, Oh - Jonathan Yoder- 1845 to NY - John Yoder- c1855 Williams Co, Oh (YA9)* - Michael Yoder- 1856- Fulton Co, Oh (YA6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Yoder, Wayne Co, Oh < 1820 (AX) - Joseph Ioder- 1836 to (D) NY/Bureau Co,Il - Petter Jotter-by 1840 Butler Co, Oh (AZ) - Christian & Henry Yotter - 1850 NY,la (AQ)* - Yotters - to W. Point, la (AP,AM, AO)* - Jacob Yoder c1866 to Il (AG) - Peter Yotter- Galizien to Neb.- by 1900 (AN4)* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jacob Yoder- (AL) 1753 on "Queen of Denmark" - 1764 Daniel Yoder, York Co, Pa (AF) - Daniel Yothers, Centre Co, Pa (F) - Jost Jotter-Pa, NJ (BZ) - ?Johannes Jacob Yeater (CG) (Yoder)- 1747
Pa- Berks, Sch., other Cos; Ky	Bucks, Lehigh Cos,Pa;Oh;In, Ne,	Pa, Oh, In, Ia, Ks, elsewhere	NC, Ga, In, Mo, Ok, Tx	Pa, Oh, In, Mt	NY, Ia, Oh	NY, Ia, Il, Ks, Oh	Misc.
Yoder, Yoter, Yetter	Yoder, Yothers	Yoder, Joder, Yotter	Yoder, Yother, Youther	Yoder, Yotter, Yoders	Yoder, Yotter	Yoder, Yotter, Jotter, Ioder	
YNL1,5,9,12,14,23, 32, 33, 35	YNL1, 3,12,17	YNL1,2,9,18,30	YNL1,3,4,10,15,16	YNL3, 16, 24, 26, 29, 33	YNL1,4,5,7,26, 27,28	YNL4,5,10	YNL29

The Conrad-Melchior Discovery



Other heirs and cousins of Daniel: Philip Lahr, Elizabeth Lahr w/o David Schultze, John George Lahr, Johannes Hirstein, Magdalena Lahr Rauch

Philip Lahr



His Signature

Yoder Populations in the US

WHERE WE LIVE

1990 CENSUS

- was 1,118th most common name
- Approx 35,000 of us (.011% of US Pop)



YODER SURNAME

Name	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1920	1930
YODER	23	36	56	91	130	152	409	2652	11,719
YOTHER		1			2		12	66	274
YODERS						2	8	58	256
YOTTER	12		2	7	6	4	5	61	201
YOTHERS					1	6	7	54	195
IODER		2						16	35
YOTER			4	10	4	17	11	8	23
JODER		8	1			1	1	6	22
YOUTHER								2	21
JOTTER							3	9	14
YODDER	2		2		5	19	51	10	8
IOTER									1

HOW WE HAVE GROWN (NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN CENSUS)

Yoder Populations in the US 2000 Population-US Census

name	rank	count	prop100k	cum_prop100k	pctwhite	pctblack	pctapi	pctaian	pct2prace	pcthispanic
YODER	707	44245	16.4	36514.65	98.11	0.14	0.18	0.18	0.71	
YOTHER	30552	721	0.27	78806.54	93.62	(S)	(S)	2.64	1.94	
YOTHERS	52935	367	0.14	83032.17	98.09	(S)	(S)	0	(S)	(S)
YOTTER	58130	327	0.12	83700.24	95.72	0	(S)	(S)	(S)	2.75
YODERS	64750	287	0.11	84456.76	97.56	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)

Other spellings – less than 100

**YODER- As of 2000-
707th most common name, over 44,000**

National Yoder Reunions

- Yoders of NC (1995,2000, 2012)
- Oley Yoders (1996, 2001)
- Yoder House, Grantsville (2006)



1995 NC National Reunion

NORTH CAROLINA YODERS HOST WONDERFUL GATHERING - "YNC IN Y2K"



Family Gathers Around Conrad Yoder Marker



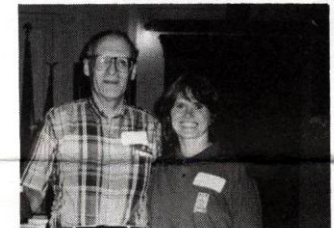
While Yoders enjoyed a barbecue supper on the east side of the Catawba County Courthouse, the travelling Vietnam Wall was on the west side... bearing the names of Bruce A. Yoder, Larry E. Yoder, James S. Yoder.



Dr. J. Larry Yoder, Mrs. Barton, Edith Godfrey, Mrs. Dr. Yoder, Eva Mae Crist, Mrs. and Mr. Marvin J. Yoder, Mrs. Clement Hahn, Evelyn Buchholtz



Ted Yoder and sister Joyce Cockman



Virgil Yoder with Yoder Family of NC President, Rachel Hahn Kennedy

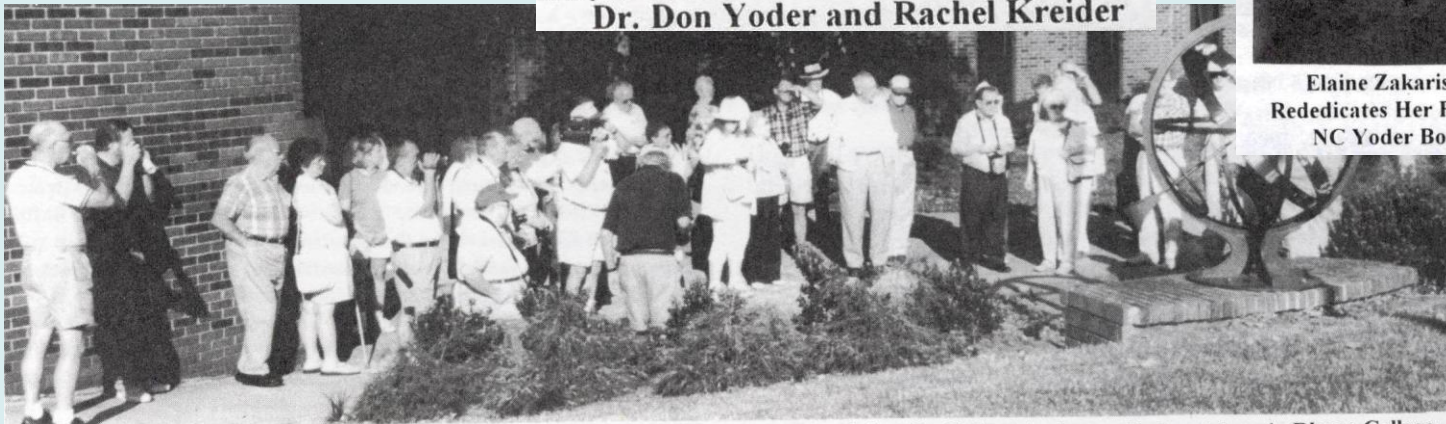
2000 NC National Reunion



Dr. Don Yoder and Rachel Kreider



**Elaine Zakarison
Rededicates Her Father's
NC Yoder Book**




Memorial to Dr. Robert Anderson Yoder at Lenoir-Rhyne College

2014 – 300th Anniversary of Hans Yoder Homestead



Oley Yoders- Berks Co., PA

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Jan. 5, 2008 -- [New Project in the works: Yoders in "Find a Grave"](#) - use the site to help document your family -- 2,171 Yoder's posted there now. This number will increase as more volunteers get involved!


GOTO: [www.findagrave.com](#) and use the search box in the right column to search 20,000 grave records for "Yoder" or any other surname or location. This is much more than a YODER site, but Editor Chris is hoping to use "Find A Grave" to add another tool to our Yoder-family-researcher's toolkit.

Contact: Chris Yoder, Editor - YNL ——— about content and information on this website
 Contact: Don Kauffman, Webster ——— about technical matters concerning this website

NOTE: Editor Chris Yoder's email address has changed on June 30, 2004. It is now:

cyoder@tds.net

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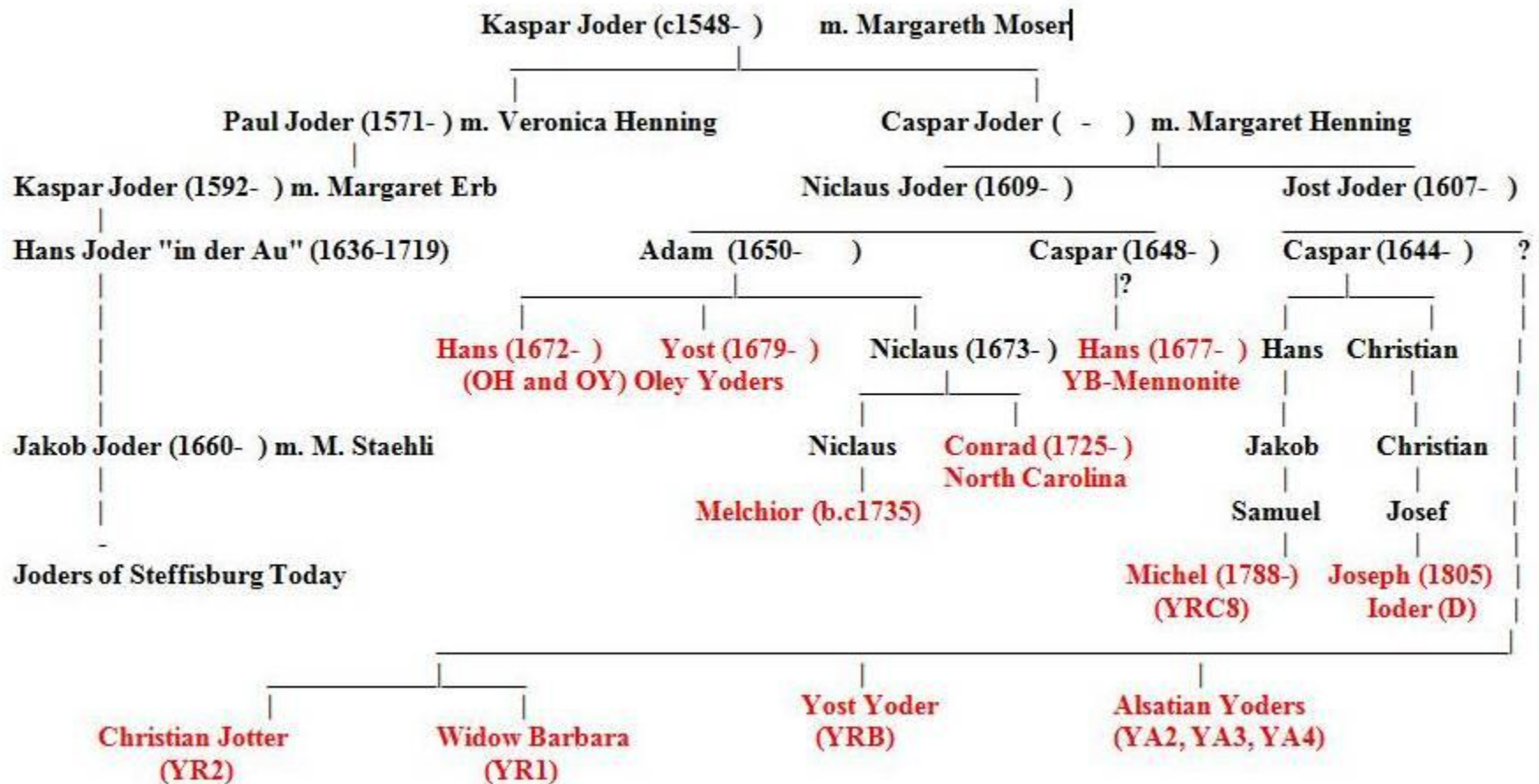


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