



The Estate Records of Bishop Christian Yoder Sr of the Glades A Somerset County, PA Treasure Trove

The Registrar of Wills office in Somerset, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, contains a veritable treasure trove of original material. For researchers of the Amish Yoder lines which came through that southwestern Pennsylvania county, the records go into great detail of the sales which occurred in settlement of the estates involved. In addition to itemized inventories of what was to be sold, the files also include original sales rosters of who purchased what, and for how much, and notes signed by various parties involved in the settlements.

In this Article, we'll present details from the file of Bishop Christian Yoder Sr (1758-1838) (YR233). At the conclusion we'll give an inventory of the other Yoder holdings in the Registrar's files and information about how you can access these records.

Bishop Christian Yoder Sr was born in Berks County, PA in 1758 ("about October" according to one source). He was the son of immigrant "Schweitzer Christian" Yoder (1728-1816) and his first wife whose name is not known. On December 2, 1773 Schweitzer Christian was issued a warrant for 300 acres of land in what was to become Somerset County. He moved there with his children in 1775. In 1779 Christian, the son, married Magdalana Troyer. That year he is shown in township tax records as owning one horse and one cattle.

His appointment as Bishop of the Glades community in Northern Somerset County occurred between 1783 and 1788. In the words of his son, who was to become Bishop Christian Yoder Jr "He served in his Bishop ministry between 50 and 55 years and died in his eightieth year, on April 29, 1838."

Christian and Magdalana had fourteen children: Magdalana, 1780; Maria, 1781; Abraham, 1782; Joseph, 1784; Yost, 1786; John ("Jannes"), 1788; Christian, 1790; Solomon, 1793; Jacob, 1795; Sarah, 1797; David, 1799; Barbara, 1801; Jonathan, 1803; and Anna, 1808. Yost, Jacob, Sarah, David, and Barbara died young.

The first item in sequence in his Somerset County file is his will.

"Know all men by these present that I Christian Yoder of the Township of Stony Creek in the county of Somerset- Considering the uncertainty of mortal life and being yet of good sound mind and memory, Blessed be the Almighty God for the same, I do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, after my death my body is to be buried in a Christian like manner and the funeral expenses to be paid out of my personal estate- 1st first I give and bequeath to my wife Magdalana the tinplated stove now in the room, one clock, two beds and bedsteads, one corner cupboard, the two chests now in the house and as much household and kitchen furniture as she thinks necessary, and I further give and bequeath to my wife Magdalana all such books, now in my possession as she wants and that my wife Magdalana Yoder is to have and to hold the above mentioned articles during her natural lifetime and after her death my Executor is to make sale thereof as he may think proper and the money thereof to be equally divided among my children or their heirs. 2 It is my will that after my death my Executor to make sale of my personal estate as he may think best & to divide the money equally among my nine children or my heirs. 3 It is my will that the charges made now in my lifetime against my children shall be binding good and firm. 4th It is my will that my Executor shall take money from my acct not to be appraised Estate as much as is necessary to support my wife Magdalana with all such necessaries as she wants and to keep a

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The Ortstuhl Yoder Estate in Steffisburg

In the words of Ottmar Jotter, prominent Joder/Jotter researcher in Germany.. "All who bear the YODER name, wherever they live in the world- Europe- America- Canada - Brazil or elsewhere- as far as their heritage is concerned, they originate from this house!" (See YNL 2 and 5 for articles by Lois Ann Mast and Dr. Don Yoder on the Swiss Yoder Origins)

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Death Of YNL Contributing Editor

We are saddened to announce that YNL contributing editor H. Harold Hartzler passed away on Dec. 9, 1993 at the age of 85. Dr. Hartzler was a 1930 graduate of Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA and received his doctorate in physics from Rutgers University in 1934. He served as professor of mathematics, astronomy and physics at a number of Colleges and Universities. In retirement, he exercised his interest in Amish and Mennonite history contributing articles to many national publications.



H. Harold Hartzler

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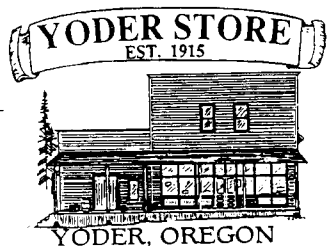
YNL PRICE INFORMATION SSSS

The YNL subscription is on an annual basis and the rate is \$3. As the
YNL is not-for-profit, we have generally been able to offer one or more
bonus issues in each subscription period. BACK ISSUES of the YNL are
\$1 per issue (\$23 for a complete set of issues 1-23). These may be ordered
from the Goshen YNL address.

YODER STORE SHIRTS AND MUGS AVAILABLE

The Yoder Store in Canby, Oregon was founded in 1915.
Insignia T-shirts, Sweatshirts and coffee mugs are all available:

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T-shirts in sizes:

Adult S - M - L - XL \$7.95 each
Youth S-(8) M-(10-12) L-(12-14) \$6.95 each

Sweatshirts in sizes:

Adult S - M - L - XL \$14.95 each
Youth S-(8) M-(10-12) L-(12-14) \$9.95 each

Coffee mugs crafted by a local potter which are dishwasher and
microwave safe: Mugs- \$5 each, Travel Mugs- \$6 each. Shipping in
Continental U S \$3.00 for one item, add \$1 for each additional item
shipped in same package. Order from: Yoder Store, 32441 S. Kropf Rd.,
Canby, OR 97013-9521. Phone (503) 651-2333.

SUMMARY OF OTHER YODER SPELLING VARIATIONS:

COUNT	MAJOR STATES
Yoders 80	34-PA 17-OH 8-WV 10-FL
Joder- 9	
Jotter- 1	
Yotter 134	40-MN 13-NY 10-MO 9-PA 8-IL 8-CA 7-IA
Yoderr- 4	
Yoter- 1	
Yother 170	38-TN 32-AL 29-GA 27-MI 10-TX 8-AR 7-CT
Yothers 140	89-PA 9-OH 9-FL
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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS:

I'd like to thank you for the article on Albert Yoder. Albert was my
great-grandmother's brother. I had heard stories of the uncle who had
stayed out west and his visit(s) home dressed in buckskin. It was exciting
to see a picture of the way he must have actually looked...

Two of the names on the reunion invitation you featured in the last
newsletter looked familiar. Menno and Manasses Yoder. My great-great-
grandmother Martha (Yoder) Yoder had brothers by that name. They
would have been sons of Jacob S Yoder and Mary Ann Plank.

- Melody Duntithan, Elkhart, Indiana

(Editors Note: Rachel Kreider also identified these two folk (sons of
YR23383) as likely candidates. It would have been natural for Allen
Yoder to have this invitation as these folk are from the same family line)

Dear Editors

Somewhere in the newsletter it mentions the Yoder's as being "tight".
You don't know what tight is until you have been around my mother.
She always said she could live on what other people threw away and I
believe it. She's in a nursing home now, makes her bed before breakfast,
and after breakfast she makes up the other two beds in her room. Strong
people!

She descends from Matilda Yoder, John Yoder, Elias Yoder and
Conrad Yoder. Keep up the good work, all us Yoder descendants enjoy
it. -Lula Vaughn, Bunker Hill, IL

ABOUT YODER, WYOMING

As to the town of Yoder (Wyoming) they had several wonderful years.
Then the railroad pulled out and that really left nothing to bring the
ranchers and farmers to town. The consolidated school cares for four
communities. Jess Yoder gave acres to the Union Pacific Railway if they
would build a railroad and a rail center. He wished a roundhouse to be
constructed but they put that in Torrington. Carl Gray, President of the
Union Pacific Railroad, accepted this offer and the name "Yoder" was
given to the town that was built. The Springers wished it to be called
"Springer". One of the Springers wrote a poem saying- "remove the Y
and all you will have is a bad odor". Vowed never to ride on the train. --
Frances Schultz, Torrington, Wyo. (Daughter of Homer Yoder)

A YODER GEOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

We recently have purchased a 70 million name and address directory
on CD-ROM (Compact Disk/Read Only Memory). This has allowed us
to develop some interesting statistical data about the Yoder population
which may be of interest to our readers. These figures are based on folk
who have a telephone number so are likely to exclude our Amish family
members, and also we find that husband and wife are often listed
separately, and the areas of the country covered seem less than complete.
These factors make the counts imperfect, but still somewhat reflective of
the family distribution:

AL- 31	IN-1176	NE- 31	SC- 50
AZ- 141	IA- 347	NV- 16	SD- 8
AR- 5	KN- 206	NH- 6	TN- 79
AS- 13	KY- 58	NJ- 56	TX- 259
CA- 364	LA- 37	NM- 48	UT- 24
CO- 174	ME- 2	NY- 126	VA- 194
CT- 36	MD- 146	NC- 182	VT- 3
DE- 54	MA- 32	ND- 30	WA- 119
FL- 562	MO- 174	OH-1171	WV- 34
GA- 89	MN- 40	OK- 74	WI- 64
HI- 17	MI- 436	OR- 245	WY- 1
ID- 25	MS- 23	PA-1379	
IL 285	MT- 17	RI- 4	

It is interesting to note that there is at least one Yoder shown in EACH
STATE of the Union! (NOTE: The CD-ROM product is "PhoneDisc
USA". Inquiries should be addressed to DAK Industries, Inc., 8200
Remmet Ave., PO Box 7120, Canoga Park, CA 91309-7120

Oley YODER Cemetery book Published

We are pleased to announce the publication of Pleasantville Union Cemetery-A Photographic Review edited by Richard H Yoder of Bechtelsville, PA and published with the support of the Yoder Newsletter.

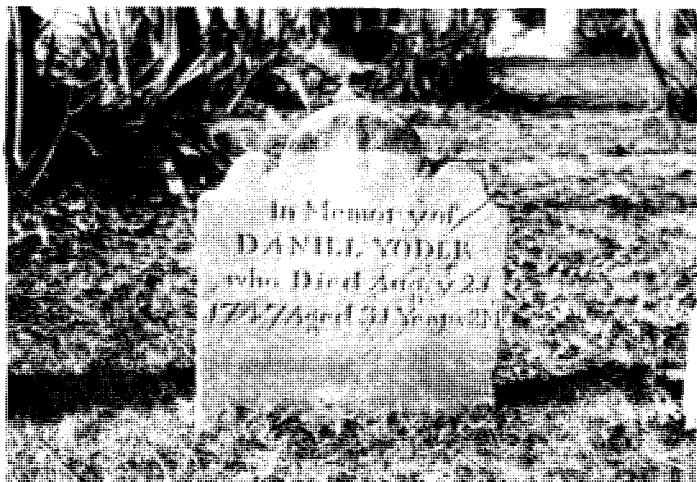
This cemetery marks the earliest known burial place for members of the Yoder family in America. The book includes a full identification of the stones in the cemetery and has dozens of excellent photographs of the individual stones of Yoder occupants. The earliest of these goes back to 1747 and is still legible. This 24 page booklet preserves these stones pictorially, regardless of the subsequent ravages of time and acid rain. It also provide family group information from the YNL files for the Oley families who have members and descendants resting here.



Gate and Drive to the Pleasantville Union Cemetery, Inc.

The Pleasantville Union Cemetery is located in Oley Township, Berks County, PA, approximately 1/8 mile south of the intersection of Covered Bridge Road and Route #73 at Pleasantville.

This was originally a Yoder family cemetery located on the original 461 acres Hans Yoder acquired on 25 March 1714. It remained a private family cemetery until 6 August 1886 when Lydia Yoder, widow of Isaac (OH1452) deeded it to the Pleasantville Cemetery Company with her son Henry S. Yoder being one of the trustees of the company.



In Memory of Daniel Yoder, died 1747 age 31

The deed agreement as taken from Berks Co. Deed Book (Vol 180 Page 456 6 Aug 1886) is excerpted as follows:

"Between Lydia Yoder of Oley Township, Berks Co., and state of Pennsylvania, widow, of the first part and Franklin R. Cleaver, Isaac Angstadt, James Harline and Henry S. Yoder, trustees of the

Pleasantville Cemetery Company of Oley Township, county and state aforesaid of the second part. witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of eighty dollars (\$80.00) of lawful money of the United States of America.

"Beginning at a stone a corner thence N45 1/4 o E 105 ft to a corner, S 44 1/4 o E 270 ft, to a stake a corner S 45 1/4 o W 105 ft to a corner N 44 1/4/ W 270 ft, to place of beginning containing 92 1/2 perches."

The land of the immigrant brothers Hans and Yost adjoined each other. The cemetery lies approximately 450 yards from the Hans cabin and 650 yards from that of Yost.

At one time, there were two other smaller Yoder family cemeteries. One was on the Lloyd Zook farm (Yoder Newsletter #17) and the other on the Jacob Yoder/Maria Keim farm (Yoder Newsletter #16), neither cemetery exists any longer.



John Yost Yoder age 94 (1718-1812)
b 1718 d 1812 Married for 66 yrs

Order: from Richard H Yoder, 47 Bause Road, Bechtelsville, PA 19505.
Price per book is \$6.00 plus \$1.00 for postage and handling.

* YODER CHEMIST RECOGNIZED

* Claude H. Yoder, Charles A Dana
* Professor of Chemistry at Franklin &
* Marshall College, Lancaster, PA., has
* been recognized with the "ACS Award
* for Research at an Undergraduate
* Institution". While his record of publi-
* cations, 86 since 1963, reveals a strong
* research program, perusal of the titles also indicates that Yoder is a
* committed educator. More than 80 undergraduates are listed as co-
* authors of these research papers. Yoder is a founding member of the
* Council on Undergraduate Research. In addition, Mr. Yoder has co-
* authored two textbooks.. and is working on a third.



Yoder

* Claude has been the recipient of numerous research grants... With
* Marcus W. Thompson and Kenneth R. Hess, he has developed
* "ChemGuide", a hypertext computer-assisted instruction program for
* use in general chemistry courses. Yoder received a B.A. degree from
* Franklin & Marshall College in 1962 and a Ph.D. degree from Cornell
* University in 1966. He joined the Franklin & Marshall faculty in 1966.
* (Excerpted with permission from Chemical and Engineering News, Nov.
* 1, 1993, 71 (44), pp 52 and 54.)

* SOME YODER HUMOR- contributed by Ivan I. Miller
* A Yoder got on a bus, sat next to a gentleman. After some time the
* gentleman complained, "I'm stiff from bowling." The reply- "I'm Yoder
* from Middlebury."

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correct account of the same. 5th It is my will that my Executor after my death is to collect all my notes and demands to his best advantage and also my Executor is to pay all my debts and interest if any and to keep a correct account of same and to divide the over plus to my nine children above mentioned. 6th It is further my will that the agreement between John Burndrager and myself is to be binding without addition or subtraction thereto or from the same and to be carried into effect by my said Executor after my death. 7th It is my will that Christian Yoder Junr of Stony Creek Township, Somerset County shall carry my will into affect with as much correctness as possible whom I hereby appoint sole Executor of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made- In witness whereby I have hereunto set my hand and seal the seventh day of February 1838.

Christian Yoder

"Signed Sealed and delivered by the above named Christian Yoder to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereunto- John B. Miller, Abner Yoder, Johannes Burndrager."

*John B. Miller
Abner Yoder
Johannes Burndrager*

The will was Registered on the 3rd of May 1838 with Jacob Kimmel. Registrar, by J.B. Miller and John Burndrager (husband of Christian's youngest daughter Anna).

The following documents relating to the settlement also appear in the file:

- Inventory & Appraisal of the Goods and Chattles of Christian Yoder Decd-- Filed May 29th 1838
- "Vendue List" on the Estate of Christian Yoder decd--Filed 29 Jun 1838 (Sale held 5 Jun at house of Christian Yoder)
- Various receipts for expenses
- "Vendue List" -2nd Estate Sale in 1843,at death of Magdalena -filed 12 Sep 1843 (sale held at house of John Borndrager on 2 Sep 1843)
- Executors Account- filed Feb 6, 1844
- Vouchers- filed 6 Feb 1844
- Administration Account- filed Feb 19, 1844
- Releases from other heirs- dates through 1846

Among the Receipts are several of interest:

- May 3, 1838- J B Miller received 92 cents and John Burndrager got 80 cents for proving the will.
- Jun 6, 1838- David Yoder and Christian Yoder were paid 25 cents for appraising the Personal Property.
- Jun 6, 1838- Benjamin Kimmel was paid \$3 for clerking at the first sale. On Sept 8, 1843 he earned \$1.25 for clerking at the second sale.
- Jun 20, 1838- Solomon Bare received \$2 for "Crying the Sale".
- Jun 23, 1838- Tobias Speicher recd \$3 for Christian's coffin.
- Jun 25, 1838- J B Miller was paid \$1.25 for "clarking the appraisement and writing advertisements".
- Jan 16, 1844- Tobias Speicher was paid \$3 from the estate for "Magdalane"'s coffin.
- Jan. 31, 1843- John Burndrager was paid \$100 for "mentaining the witoiw".

The sale lists provide a fascinating picture of the life of Christian and Magdalana, and the names of the purchasers provide a broad cross-section of the Amish and "English" community of the area at that time. Over 170 pieces were itemized at the first sale, and over 150 at the second. The proceeds from the first sale were \$213.55. The second was not totaled, but the figures are much smaller.

Yoder buyers at the sales included the children: David, Joseph, Christian, Jonathan; but also others in the area: Christian Yoder "Dick", Philip Yoder, Elizabeth, Bennedict Yoder, Abner Yoder. Sons

Solomon and Abraham had moved from the area by this time and were not present.

Bringing the most money at the first sale were: A Deerburn Wagon- sold to Joseph Yoder for \$25.10, a Mare and Colt- sold to John Houghstedler for \$40.76, a Cow- sold to Christian Yoder "Dick" for \$16.47, and a copper kettle- sold to George Steele for \$11.40 1/2 cents. Lesser items included a rat trap- 13 cents, a spinning wheel 12 1/2 cents, and a whiskey keg (sold to Christian Yoder "Dick") for 24 cents, a "slead" for 25 1/2 cents, pewter plates - \$1 & a craddle-11 cents (sold to son Jonathan)

Particular items of interest include a number of books sold at the first and second sales. This is in keeping with an educated man with the responsibilities of his religious office. John Borndrager Jr bought about half the books sold at the first sale. One Bible was sold for \$1.01 to John Houghstedler. The second sale, however, seems to also have included valuable family heirlooms. Books sold at the sale following Magdalana's death included:

- Testament to Christian Yoder for 12 1/2 cents
- "Psam book" to Abner Yoder for 60 cents
- Family Bible to Joseph Yoder for \$1.00
- Book of Myrtrers to John Borndrager for \$6.12 1/2cents

The "family bible" seems a particular treasure. Joseph also bought the clock, mentioned in Christian Sr's will. paying \$15.01 . We wonder if these treasures are still in the possession of his descendants today?

In YNL # 14 we had an article about an ancient Martyrs Mirror which included notes and a signature by a "Christian Yoder". We at the YNL feel that it is very possible that this copy is the same book sold to John Borndrager in 1843.

*A List of Property Sold at the Late Dwelling
House of Christian Yoder Deceased June 5- 1838*

Jacob Shamch	1	Stall of Stone houses	37 1/2
Abraham Miller	1	Static	26
Solomon Bare Esq	1	Corn Saw	16
Jacob Shamch	1	Do	16
David Yoder	1	Pitch forks	15
Bible Do	1	Shoofee	15
Bible Do	1	Long forks	40
George Still	1	Spade	50 1/2
Jonathan yoder	1	anvil & hammer	21
John Borndrager Junr	1	Chisels	13
John Myle	1	Rat traps	13
Ditto Do	2	Doore hinges	25
David Yoder	1	Basket with lumber	14
Robert Shoobrich	1	Choppers	10
Joseph yoder	1	Dish	25
Ditto Do	1	ten with hooks	25
Tobias Speicher	2	Jugs	1
Solomon Bare Esq	1	Wedge	26
John Miller	1	Do	32

"Vendue List" on the Estate of Christian Yoder

The final settlement, shows the following payments to the respective heirs:

Magdalena Hostetler	\$233.00
Abraham Yoder	\$144.00
Joseph Yoder	\$233.42
Solomon Yoder	\$188.00
Jonathan Yoder	\$124.36
Christian Yoder (Executor)	\$100.00
	\$1,016.78

Releases filed at that time also show that Anna, wife of John Borndrager, had previously received a settlement of \$578.25, as did Maria, Abraham, and Solomon. The heirs of Magdalena had received \$85.64.

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One final item in the file is a "Rule on the Heirs and legal Representatives of Christian Yoder decd" dated April 29, 1880 . This calls on the heirs to appear in Orphans Court on the first Monday of May to accept or refuse to take the real estate of said deceased at the appraised price. What happened at this hearing, will take some additional research to learn.

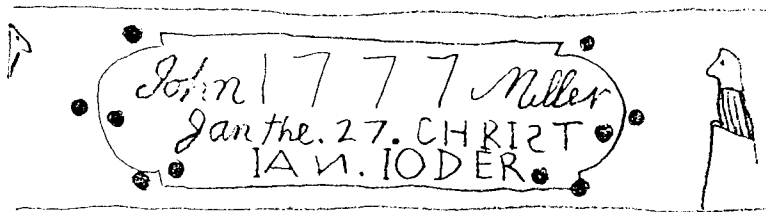
The review we've given is the record of one prominent Yoder in his community. But you can see the breadth of information to be mined from the files of Somerset County. We have mentioned in previous newsletter how a substantial percentage of our readers are descended from "Schweitzer Christian" Yoder. As Bishop Christian was his eldest son, it is natural to assume that some of the key family heirlooms, such as the "Family Bible" and Martyrs Mirror ("Book of Myrtyrs") are likely to have passed down through this line, and reflected in this estate.

SOMERSET COUNTY RECORDS- Linda Jo Berkey is the Register of Wills in Somerset County, PA. Her office is located in a building adjacent to the Courthouse in Somerset which is open from 8:30 to 4:00 Monday through Friday. They have all original papers for the estates files in that office. Wills are kept with the original papers in the estate. Copying charges are a \$5 minimum for a will, probate papers are by the page (50 cents per page).

The following estates are on file under the Yoder surname:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Joseph 1-1822 ----- | Samuel 8-1872 YR2395 |
| Jacob 6-1829 YR234 | Mary Amanda 61-1873 ---- |
| Henry 13-1829 YR261 | Tobias 91-1880 YR23d1 |
| Jacob 35-1830 YR121 | Adam 4-1884 YR26115 |
| Barbara 5-1833 w2 of | Daniel C 77-1885 YR23448 |
| YR234 | Elizabeth 74-1885 ---- |
| John 8-1836 YR2336 | Joseph 85-1885 YR1217e |
| Yost/Jost 16-1836 YR2365 | Noah D 7-1889 YR234487 |
| Christian 11-1838 YR233 | Joshua 97-1889 YR23959 |
| Jonathan 17-1841 YR233d | Samuel D 78-1892 YR23941 |
| Jonathan 12-1846 YR237 | Mary 28-1895 ----- |
| Christian 32-1846 YR2337 | Jacob Y 24-1894 YR26118 |
| Daniel 33-1849 YR1213 | Tobias 7-1894 YR23341 |
| David D 2-1856 YR2397 | Jacob 46-1896 ---- |
| Stephen 29-1856 YR23441 | Christian 23-1899 YR2611a |
| Frany 29-1856(sic?) | David 45-1899 YR26119 |
| Benedict 55-1856 YR23d7 | Julian 76-1902 YR23951 |
| Jepetta 49-1859 YR23d | Samuel S 115-1903 ---- |
| David J 45-1860 ---- | Amanda 93-1905 ---- |
| Suzanna 67-1866 ---- | Mariah 66-1906 ?w/oYR2378 |
| Yost 11-1871 | |
| Solomon 1-1872 | |

For inquiries by mail, address your order to: Somerset Co. Register of Wills, Orphans' Court Division, P.O. Box 186, Somerset, PA 15501. Phone (814) 445-2096. Please enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope with your request and the \$5 minimum charge.



Inscription Carved into the Head Piece

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Mariah x Hysteller *Abraham Yoder*
mar 18

Maria Abraham

Christians joint *Solomon & Yoder*
mar 18

Christian David

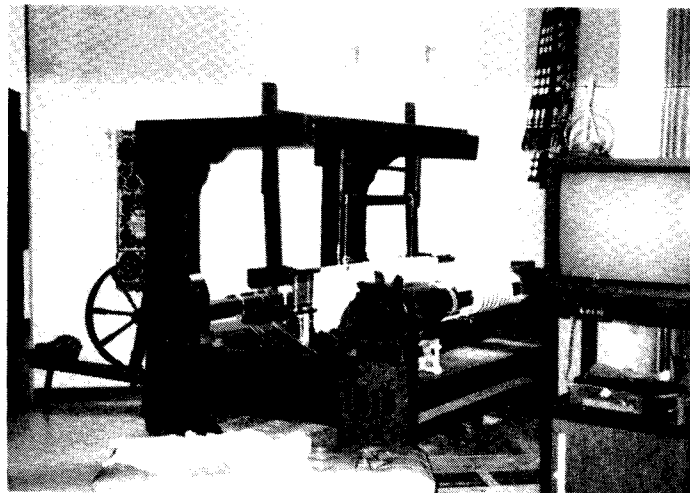
Anna Solomon

Signatures of the children from various documents in file.

"Christian Ioder" Loom-Somerset County Historical Society
 Our feature article gives details of the Somerset County Clerk of Wills Office. If you find yourself in the area, it would be well worth your time to stop by the Somerset County Historical Center on RR2 (phone 814-445-6077).

Among their many items of local history is an old loom which was known to have been purchased at an auction in the middle of the 19th century. The head piece says "John Miller 1777 Jan the 27. CHRISTIAN IODER". This appears to be the same Christian Yoder (YR233) as shown in our feature article. He and his family had moved to Somerset in 1775. Two John Miller's (ML2 and ML22 per Gingerich/Kreider) were also in Somerset county around that time. Building a new loom would have been a natural project for the younger John (b c1752) and Christian Yoder (b 1758) to jointly undertake.

A review of the estate sales of Christian ad his wife Magdalena in 1838 and 1843 show no loom being sold. When their son Christian Jr died, his daughter Elizabeth (later married Samuel Beachy and moved to Indiana) is shown to have paid \$12.00 for a "loom and gears".. a price equivalent to what wagons and cattle brought. Transport to Indiana was not an easy thing in those days. Elizabeth's brother Reuben, is know to have gone by ox-cart, when he took this trip. An item as bulky as a loom couldn't have been spared the space and was doubtlessly left behind in Somerset County. Was this the same loom we see in this photograph?



Christian Yoder/John Miller Loom
 (photo complements of Thomas Olen Yoder, Coroapolis, PA)

PENNSYLVANIA Patent Information (continued from last issue)

vol	date of patent	page	patentee	acres	perches	Warrentee	Name of tract	date of warrent	County
14	11 Jun 1817	632	George Yoder	130	117	Martin Walborn		7 Oct 1784	Schuylkill
14	11 Jun 1817	636	Jacob Yoder	2	104	Jacob Yoder		31 Mar 1817	Mifflin
15	21 Feb 1818	332	George Yoder Jr	69	20	George Yoder Jr		31 May 1816	Schuylkill
16	8 Feb 1817	19	Yost Yoder	283	---	Wm Smith		1 Mar 1785	Somerset
18	2 Apr 1820	82	Joseph Yoder	35	---	Joseph Yoder		13 Mar 1811	Somerset
24	19 Dec 1825	105	Christian Yoder	61	40	Christian Yoder		29 Mar 1826	Somerset
28	15 Dec 1835	333	Casper Yoder	98	50	Joseph Grodon		20 Feb 1715	Bucks
35	16 Dec 1835	257	David Yoder Jr	50	102	David Yoder Jr		16 Dec 1833	Cambria
36	25 Mar 1836	12	David Yoder	32	20	David Yoder Jr		16 Dec 1835	Cambria
39	? ? 1838	464	Daniel Yothers	80	71	Daniel Yothers		31 Jan 1834	Centre
40	8 Mar 1839	439	Joseph Yoder Jr	57	97	Joseph Yoder Jr		14 May 1816	Centre
40	19 Apr 1839	440	Joseph Yoder Jr	101	80	Wm Gilston		6 Nov 1788	Juniata
40	19 Apr 1839	463	Joseph Yoder Jr	237	104	John & Wm Graham Geo. Armstrong		1752/1762	Juniata
42	24 Jan 1840	1	John Yoder	32	4	Marvin Lemar Joseph Howell?		1 Aug 1776 3 Nov 1776	Mifflin
43	30 May 1840	172	John Yoder	51	118	John McAllister		24 Jun 1814	Mifflin now Jun.
44	10 Mar 1843	14	Christian Yoder	84	107	Thomas Turbett William Harris Christian Yoder		21 Mar 1793 1 Apr 1794 3 May 1792 13 Dec 1841	Juniata
44	11 Mar 1842	16	Jacob Yoder	19	35	John Christy		21 Nov 1766	Juniata
44	11 Mar 1842	17	Christian Yoder	29	145	Wm Rennison		3 Apr 1767	Juniata
44	28 Mar 1842	78	Joseph Yoder Jr	100	139	David Ream		19 Apr 1767	Juniata
45	11 Mar 1844	145	Joseph J Yoder	123	---	Geo. Bitner & Joseph J Yoder		9 Mar 1815 3 Jan 1844	Somerset
45	18 Apr 1844	183	Peter & Gideon Exec Michael Yoder heirs	101	70	Michael Yoder		4 Feb 1794	Mifflin
47	15 Mar 1849	138	George Yoter et al	234	117	Geo.Yoter et al		14 Mar 1849	Venango
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49	15 Mar 1853	427	Jacob Yoder	191	53	Jacob Yoder & Thomas Stewart		27 Jan 1853	Juniata
50	9 Jan 1854	630	Joseph Yoder (in trust)	43	40	Joseph Yoder		25 May 1853	Juniata
51	6 Jun 1854	177	David C. Yoder	5	131	David C Yoder		29 Nov 1853	Somerset
"	21 Mar 1855	388	Benjamin Yoder	135	36	Benjamin Yoder		11 Apr 1849	Juniata
54	13 Jul 1861	388	Samuel Yoder	6	165	John Bug		4 Sep 1813	Union
"	4 Aug 1863	609	Abner Yoder	27	188	Michael Brackley		29 Oct 1845	Somerset
"	5 Feb 1864	713	David Yothers	96	111.7	David Yothers		19 Jul 1861	Luzerne
58	28 Jun 1865	412	David Yothers	79	100	David Yothers		1 Feb 1865	Luzerne
61	23 Aug 1866	323	Joseph Yoder	65	112	Joseph Yoder		9 May 1849	Cambria
62	14 Jan 1868	246	Daniel & Hetty Yotter et al	418	71	Bernard Gratz		24 Dec 1792	Centre
64	29 Oct 1869	221	Tobias Yoder	99	112	James C McLanahan		10 Sep 1832	Somerset
"	"	222	Moses Yoder	86	27	Moses W Yoder		23 Sep 1869	Somerset
65	18 Mar 1870	531	David Yothers et al	95	--	John Weiser		26 Jan 1773	Schuylkill
70	20 Nov 1871	56	John W Yothers et al	400	150	Thomas Sevrany?		29 Jan 1779	McKean
"	"	60	"	400	150	Jacob Cardiff		29 Jan 1779	McKean
"	3 Jan 1872	179	David Yoder	166	80	John Mulligan		12 Dec 1785	Union
"	15 Nov 1872	529	Lydia Yoder et al	51	104	Nicholas Kaghelriser et al		11 Feb 1742	Berks
"	"	531	"	41	134	Jacob Judge		28 Feb 1759	Berks
72	14 Jan 1874	474	Joseph Yoder heirs	92	56	Samuel Brown		24 Jun 1755	Mifflin
73	22 May 1875	237	Andrew Yoder	55	6	Andrew Yoder		5 Jan 1875	Schuylkill
"	11 Aug 1875	283	John W Yothers	412	15	John Hister?		17 Nov 1787	Monroe
74	12 Oct 1880	231	Moses Yoder and Theodore F Zimmerman et al	3	91	Moses Yoder & Theodore F Zimmerman		17 Aug 1880	Somerset
79	20 Dec 1940	364	John D Yoder	86	90	Michael H Weaver		2 Dec 1829	Mifflin

Genealogical Library Guide by John Heisey provides information about 402 libraries in PA. Great aid for genealogist. \$6.50 plus \$2 shipping from: Olde Springfield Shoppe, 10 West Main St, P.O. Box 171, Elverson, PA 19520-0171. (610) 286-0258

QUERIES

Want Info on my g-grandfather **SIMON REINER YODER** and his ancestry. He was born 9-14-1849 d 9-19-1897. He lived and raised a family in Hegins, Schuylkill Co, PA. His mother was Esther Reiner of Ashland, PA. He married Alice May Warfield. Please reply to Timothy H. Knauer, 218 West Miner St., West Chester, PA 19382

WHEN DID CONRAD YODER GO TO NORTH CAROLINA?

The book *Counting Kindred* by Christian Deppin presents a history of Christian Ruchty and collateral family lines. On page 226 of this volume, it mentions that after Henry Weidner first went to North Carolina he returned to Pennsylvania and on "one return trip brought a wife Mary Mull and a youth Conrad Yoder- ancestors of a large and esteemed posterity."

Richard H Yoder of Bechtelsville checked with Helen Weidner in Reading (a historian of the Weidner family), who said that Henry Weidner was from the Epharts area in Berks County and had been disowned by his mother since he would not stay on the farm. He was rather "footloose". He married Mary Mull in 1748, and if the above statement is correct, that may have been the year Conrad Yoder joined the growing community of ex-Pennsylvanians in North Carolina.

*****QUERIES*****

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

Want names of grandchildren of Jacob S Yoder (s/o Solomon Y and Elizabeth Gindelsperger) and Mary Ann Plank of Elkhart County, In. Their children include Rebecca, Elizabeth, Martha, Mary, John J., Manasses, Cornelius, Adam, David J, Peter T, Lydia, Menno J, and Solomon. Please reply: Melody Dunithan, 339 W Garfield Ave, Elkhart, IN 46516.

Would like more information on husband of Widow Barbara Yoder. Have heard somewhere that his first name could have been Jacob. Can anyone confirm or deny? Would like to hear any stories or sources on this family. Please reply -- Melody Dunithan, 339 W Garfield Ave, Elkhart, IN 46516.

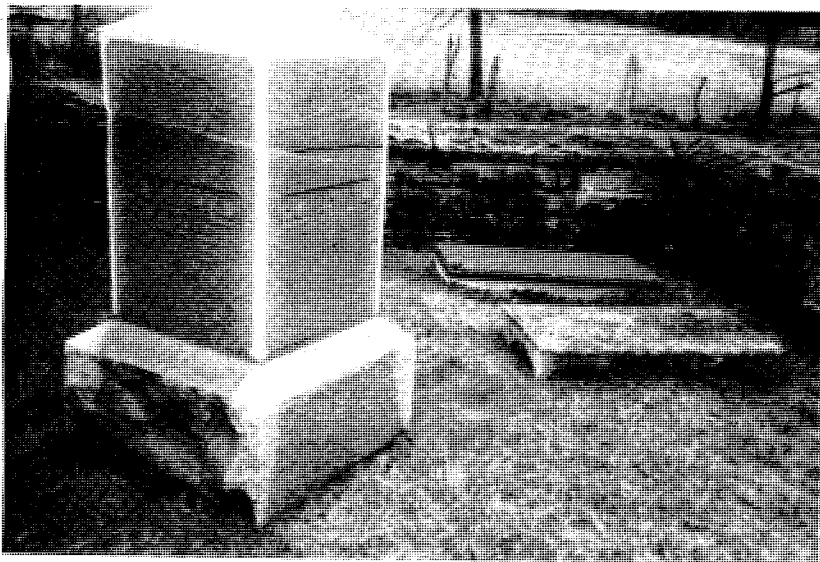
Want information on Yeaters/ Yoders who married into Deirdorff family. Anyone researching this Pennsylvania connection, please contact Edward P Yeater, 2433 Lauren Dr S W, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404-3723

For information on the Yeater-Yater-Yetter-Yeatter family association, also contact Edward at the address above.

Looking for descendants of Ezra Yoder (YRB1115) and Harriett Briscoe. Ezra b 1841 PA and d 1893 in Guthrie, OK. Had following children: Edith May Barnes (once lived Covington, KY); Anna Josephine Weber; Louise Margaret Bennett; Samuel Sankey Yoder (once lived Los Angeles). Edith and Josie were both officers with the Salvation Army. Louise and Sankey once lived in Lawrence, KN. Any family who read this, please contact: Mabel V Brunk, 1325 Greencroft Dr #347, Goshen, IN 46526.

PHOTOS FROM THE CAPT. JACOB YODER CEMETERY

Thanks to Charlotte Nedros of Taylorsville, KY for these recent photos taken at the cemetery of Rev. War soldier Jacob Yoder (1758-1832). The YNL featured this gentleman and his Spencer Co, KY homestead on pages 6 and 7 of Issue #12 (Oct 1988). The close-up shows the stone of one of Jacob's daughters (Eliza who married David Poignard in 1824). At the rear of the second photo, the iron tablet memorializing Capt Jacob can be seen.



Information wanted on descendants of George W Yoders and Elizabeth Zehring Pendleberry of Greene County, PA. Reply to: Wilson Zaring, 2208 Meadow Valley, Champaign, IL 61821.

Second Edition of
Yoder Family Information on Disk

We are pleased to announce the availability of a second edition of Yoder family data on IBM compatible disk. This 1994 Edition of "Yoder Family Information" includes almost 500,000 characters of new information not previously published in this form. It also includes updates for selected files from the 1992 edition which have been added to varying extents (thirteen files, affected by a total of 18,000 added characters of information).

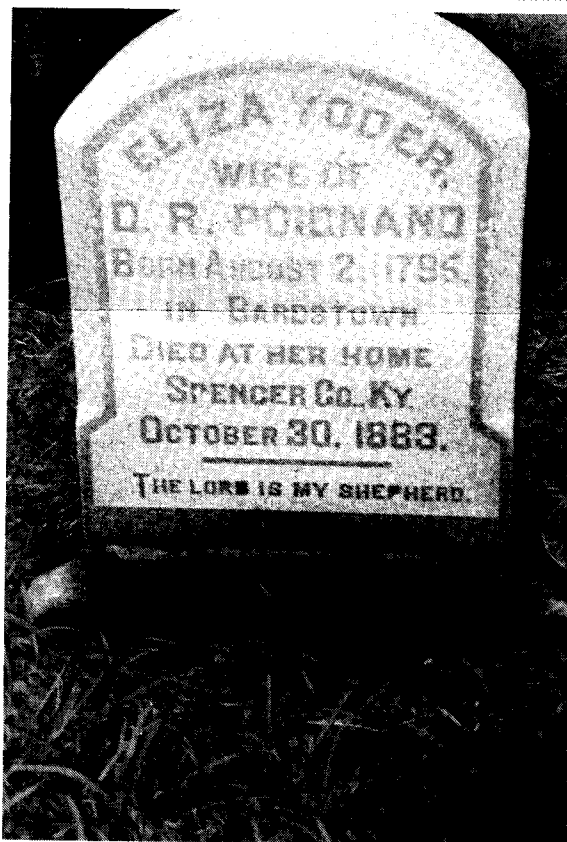
Several individuals deserve special acknowledgment for their contributions to the new data. Thanks to Dorothy Yoder Coffman of Malvern, PA for preparing the spousal index. This index covers the Yoder mates in the family groups identified as of the 1992 Edition (the index is current as of that issue- it does not include any additions included in the 1994 update).

Also included is Pennsylvania Yoder information collected by Richard H Yoder of Bechtelsville, PA : Patent, Warrant, Orphans Court, Court House, Pastor, Cemetery and Church records. Berks County is covered extensively. Additional data is included from Schuylkill, Northumberland, Union, Northampton, Lancaster, Lehigh, and Columbia counties.

From Steffisburg, Switzerland comes Birth and Marriage records collected by the late Karl Joder and his fellow researcher Ottmar Jotter from the official registry of the village. This includes all Yoders mentioned in these records from 1551 through 1756.

For price information , write John W Yoder with your format requirements (5 1/4 or 3 1/2 inch disk).

John W Yoder 57 195 County Rd 35 Middlebury IN 465 40



Yoder Poem Appears in "New Yorker"

"Freundschaft", an interesting poem by Julia Kasdorf, appeared in the Jun 8, 1992 issue of the "New Yorker" magazine. The poem is centered around a Yoder Reunion.

BOOKS BY YODER AUTHORS

Sarah of the Boarder Wars, by James D Yoder. This work of historical fiction portrays the impact of the Civil War times on the peaceful Mennonite and Amish communities of central Missouri. The book joins his earlier work The Yoder Outsiders which grew out of his boyhood experiences in Cass County, Missouri. Paperback 186pp. \$9.95. (order from Faith and Life Press, 718 Main, Box 347, Newton, KS 67114 or call Toll free (800) 743-2484.)

Too Many Crooks Spoil the Broth, by Tammy Myers. This humorous murder mystery by a Yoder descendant takes place at the fictional PennDutch Inn, and features a Yoder heronie-- proprietor Magdalena Yoder! Available from Doubleday, 256pp hardcover, \$17.

Internationally know photographer Doyle Yoder is the author of America's Amish Country, featuring 313 color photographs from across the United States. Available for \$24.95 from: America's Country Publications, P.O. Box 424, Berlin, OH 44610.



YODER FAMILY CREST

Based on information provided in YNL #10, Dr. Hatten Yoder Jr had this beautiful reproduction made of the 1636 crest of Hans Joder of Steffisburg, Switzerland. It now hangs on the door of his study. Mr. Stephen Erb, a wood carver in Intercourse, PA did this 18 inch work of art. Hatten reports that the model for the design was "Pelicanus onocrotalus" (the Old World Pelican).

Reprint Available of 1923 JOHANN MARTIN BONTRAGER book by John E Bontrager & Sons. Eight new pages of Bontrager information from Switzerland. Hardback. \$15 plus \$1 post & handling. Dan A Hochstetler, 4185-S 500W, Topeka, IN 46571 (many Yoders included).



Bessie's grandparents were Jonas Yoder (YR2395b) & Mary Zerfus. Thanks to Elwood Yoder- Friedens, PA -for this clipping. *****

Davidsville woman, 100, still voting

Bessie Eash, a 100-year-old resident of Davidsville, still visits the polls on Election Day. She has been voting since the early 1920s. In 1987 she received a 50-year perfect voting attendance certificate. She hasn't missed a year since then. She will be 101 at the end of December. (Photo by Nan Temyer)

COUNTY HIGHWAY MAPS AVAILABLE

We have learned that the Departments of Transportation (DOT) in each state is required by Federal law to have detailed county maps available for public sale. These maps, identifying features such as cemeteries, roads and township boundaries, can be very useful for family historians. Write to your state DOT. (Penna. county maps- 36" x 49"- can be had for \$2.50 (add 6% within PA for sales tax) from: PA DOT, P.O. Box 2028, Harrisburg, PA 17105)

What Do You Have to Contribute???

The Yoder Newsletter is YOUR family newsletter!! Your contributions are always welcome. We encourage you to send in information to our archives... suggestions for stories, clippings you've seen regarding Yoders, copies of your family Bible records or old family papers or letters. Write Chris Yoder at: Unit 61306 Box 56, APO AE 09803-1306

WARNING

Over the years, we have issued periodic warnings to our readers about some of the professional firms which sell "family" information. The most recent is a plan to do a Who's Who of Yoders asking folk to contribute their own biographical information and then buy the book when it's ready. There is nothing wrong with this as long as you know what you are getting. "Forewarned is Forearmed".
