



Yotter Immigrants to Lee County, Iowa

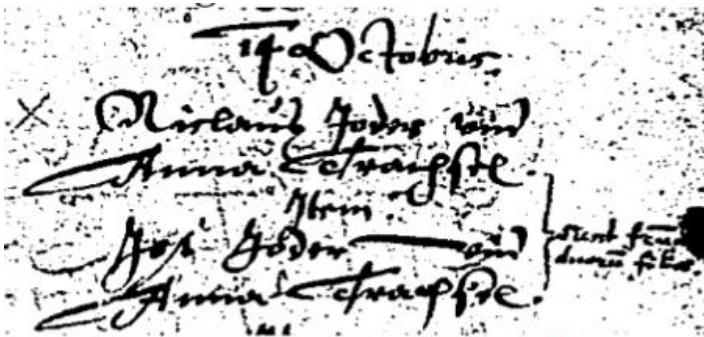
By Donna Meszaros

Christian Joder and his wife Margarete Gerber were Swiss Mennonites who settled in the village of Eppstein in the Palatinate in the early 1700s. A century later some of their descendants immigrated to Lee County, Iowa, where Mennonites had established a community in 1839. Christian Gram (1810-1895), son of Johann Gram and Katharina Jotter (148), was probably the first Jotter descendant to arrive in the area. He came with his family in 1842. In 1852 his sister Veronika (Gram) Lehmann (1807-1880) and her four children joined him. Her husband Johannes and youngest son Daniel had died of cholera on the journey west. The immigrants established Mennonite churches at West Point, Franklin, and Donnellson. After a few decades the congregations began to decline; West Point and Franklin were almost extinct by the late 1800s, when many members moved away or joined other churches. In America some descendants of the Eppstein couple retained Jotter as their surname, while others changed the spelling to Yotter.

Jacob Jotter (120), a great-grandson of Christian and Margarete, was the first of the surname to immigrate to Lee County. He was born at Eppstein in 1804 and arrived with his wife Catherine Roth and five children in 1844. The couple lived for a short time in Keokuk before moving to a farm in Charleston Township and later to West Point. They became members of the German Methodist Episcopal Church. Jacob died 3 November 1864 at West Point and is said to be buried in the cemetery there. After his death the family moved across the Mississippi River to Warsaw, Hancock County, Illinois. Catherine died between 1870 and 1880 and is buried there.

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The Trachsel Wives Found?



JODER-TRACHSEL MARRIAGES OCT. 14, 1643

In YNL69 we announced that the state archives of Canton Bern have been made available on-line so anyone can now see the scanned pages from Steffisburg and other parishes. Joseph Peter Staker, a historian of Tazewell Co, Il., has been doing the most extensive research into the records of various parishes. He traced the Trachsel family to the adjacent parish of Mühlethurnen, eight miles northwest of Steffisburg, and there found two Anna Trachsels born in the appropriate time frame were baptized at Mühlethurnen. Anna Trachsel was baptized Nov. 19, 1620, a daughter of Jacob Trachsel and Anna Däppen. Anna Trachsel was baptized about four months later on March 18, 1621, a daughter of Rūf Trachsel and Salome Lōtscher. He could not determine which Anna married which Joder brother. There is a hint, however.

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Capt. Jacob Yoder's Daughter Tells Family History



THE JACOB YODER HOMESTEAD – Sept 2016

Revolutionary War soldier and adventurer Capt. Jacob Yoder (1758-1832) (OHI13) has been the subject of several articles in the Yoder Newsletter. In YNL3 we told how he was the first man to take a flatboat down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans and we gave an expanded biography in YNL12. In YNL23 we shared photos from the family homestead taken by a YNL subscriber, and in YNL67 we gave details of his family association with that of the famous frontiersman Daniel Boone. We can now publish, for what may be the first time in print, a family sketch written by his daughter Eliza Yoder Poignand. Our thanks go to the archives of the Filson Historical Society in Louisville, KY, for their permission to reproduce this material.

Account of the Yoders given by Mrs. E.Y.P. (Eliza Yoder Poignand-1795 to 1883)

The Yoders left Switzerland, the Canton of Zurich (sic), at the revocations of the Edict of Nantes, There were two brothers, John and Samuel. John married Sarah Schenkle, there children were: Daniel, Martin, Jacob and Barbara. Samuel had no children. Sarah Schenkle had a sister who married a man named Eppler.

Jacob Yoder married Mary Mossman, the daughter of Archibald Mossman and Elizabeth Baird.

Archibald Mossman came from Scotland, they were married in Penna. Elizabeth Baird was the daughter of Thomas Baird and Mary Iack. Mary Iack was the daughter of ___ Iack and Elizabeth Douglas, who was the daughter of James Douglas and Janet Orr ("black haired Douglass").

Elizabeth Baird who married Archibald Mossman had two daughters, Margaret and Mary.

Margaret married William McClure.

Mary married Jacob Yoder at Bardstown in the year 1793. They had two daughters, Eliza and Mary.

Eliza married D. R. Poignard of Mass- their children were Eliza, Mary, Yoder, Louisa, Rozel.

Eliza married G. W. of Louisville and has one son Rozel Weissinger.

Mary Yoder married Mason Brown of Frankfurt, Kentucky, their children were: John Mason, married Mary Preston of Lex.; Margaretta Mason married W. F. Barrett of Louisville; Mary Yoder, married W. T. Scott of Lex., Yoder, died unmarried July 19th 1882; Knox married Adeline Watson of Frankfurt, Eliza Eloise.

Archibald Mossman was killed near Fredericktown, Maryland by 3 redemptionists whom he was walking to his home, they were

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Juliana Yoder, b. Dec. 25, 1780, d. Jun. 7, 1858, bur. Saint Marys Episcopal Church Cemetery, Warwick, Chester County, PA, (Same cemetery as daughter Mary Templin and her husband Isaac)
Wife of unlinked Samuel Yoder- "AW"- believed likely to be OH114

Skylar (center) with Andreas and Maja Joder



"During my time studying abroad, I had the chance to visit my extended Joder family in Zug, Switzerland along with my boyfriend Ben. Andreas and his family showed us around the beautiful city, mountains, and lakes! It was wonderful to experience the culture of a new country while getting to know more about my family".

-Skylar Yoder (Tulsa, Oklahoma)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Greetings- The April 2018 issue had an interesting article on YRB. Since I descend from Christian, Barbara, and Magdalena I have researched this family. Many Years ago, Karl Joder sent me this record.

Jost Yoder born 21 Dec 1710 Steffisburg (Jakob Joder and Margret Stahly) marr. Anna aus Steffisburg, Children:

1. Anna b. 29 May 1735
2. Veronica b. 29 May 1738 Steffisburg m. Stephan Kurtz [KZB7] Civilstandesamt Steffisburg Regsiter Vol. 6, p. 178)
Test. Peter Joder, Anna Meyer nee Joder, Veronica Spring

Since it seemed unlikely I didn't pursue it further, it also gave the children of KZB7; and said KZB71 Barbara Kurtz m. Christian Zaugg (Zook) [ZK22] born 13 Mar. 1735 Steffisburg, son of Hans Zaugg and Barbara Joder, sorely erroneous.

Pursuing YRB Yost Yoder in the tax list I gathered these here which I couldn't place anywhere else and likely was YRB:

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| 1757 Bethel Twp, Lanc. Co | Jost Jotter "freeman" |
| 1759 Lebanon Twp, Lanc. Co | Yost Yutter |
| 1759 Lebanon Twp, Lanc. Co | Yost Yetter |
| 1759 Lebanon Twp, Lanc. Co. | Yost Yotter |
| 1769 Earl Twp, Lanc. Co. | Joseph Yodder "poor man" |
| 1772 Salisbury Twp, Lanc. Co. | Joseph Youder "inmate" |
| 1773 Salisbury Twp, Lanc. Co. | Jos. Yoder |
| 1779 West Nantmill Twp, Chester | Youst Youder "inmate" |
| 1780 West Nantmill Twp, Chester Co. | Youst Youder "inmate" |
| 1786 Earl Twp, Lanc. Co | Yost Yother "inmate" |
| 1787 Earl Twp Lanc Co | Jost Jotter. |
| 1798 Huntington Co. | Joshua Yoder "window tax" |

In 1787 son Christian YRB1 is first on tax lists in Earl Twp. In 1789 son Isaac is on Earl Twp tax list. One reason I thought Yost Yoder YRB might be the one in the 1798 widow tax is S. Duane Kauffman (Mifflin County Amish and Mennonite Story 1791-1991) thought it might be Issac YRB4 even though Joshua fits more for Jost-Yost etc. Also in his appendix, page 360, it shows four Joseph Yoders- YR257, YR26, plus two different unidentified Joseph (or sometimes Yost) Yoders. One is likely Yost Yoder Jr (YR265) who was single. In 1792 there is a Yost Yoder and a Joseph Yoder "freeman" on Earl Twp tax list, surely YR26 and YR265. YR26 Yost Yoder moved from Caernarvon Twp to Earl Twp. By 1790 census, and when he bought land in 1796 in Mifflin Co. his address was Earl twp.

YR26 Yost is listed in 1762, 1763, and 1764 in Bern Twp, but not in either 1760 or 1765. Since his oldest child was born in 1756; it prompts the question if he was the one listed in 1757-59 in Bethel Twp and Lebanon Twp. In (?) 1751 and 1756 Andrew Holle/Hollo is also on Bethel twp list. It is thought that YR26 Yost was first married to the daughter of Andrew Holly and has two children – 1756 and 1757. (the third child, born 1763, is presumably from Yost's second wife Mary Sieber).

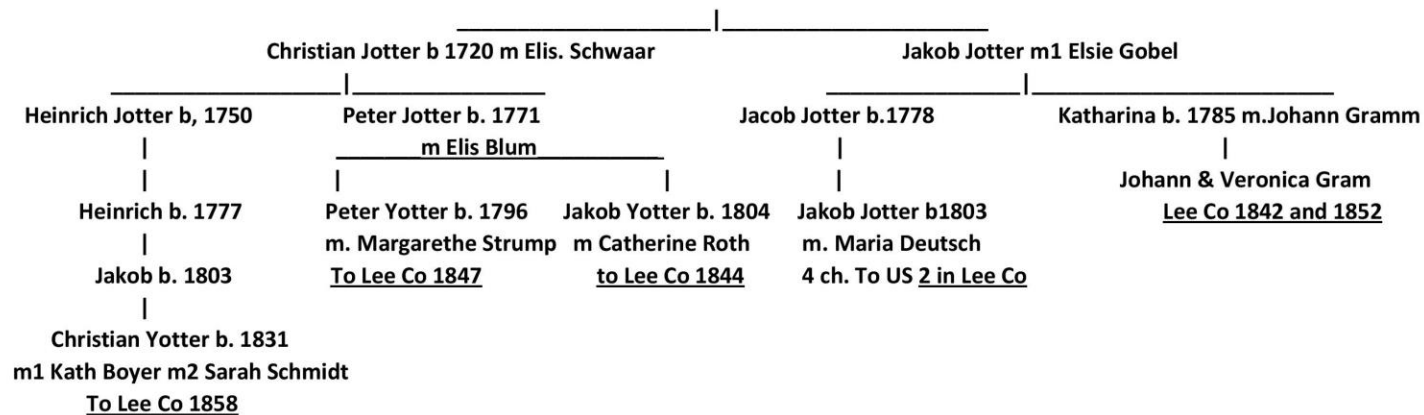
Against this theory is the notation in the 1757 Bethel Twp list that "Jost Jotter" was a freeman (single). Also the 1744 ship list gives his name as "Jost Jotter", like the 1757 tax list.

The YR26 Yost Yoder appears in at least 31 times in the Caernarvon Twp Tax lists between 1769 and 1786. His name is always given as Joseph (or Jos.). This is mostly taken from an article I wrote, printed in the Feb. 2001 issue of THE DIARY.

-John M. Byler, 4570 Yorkland Rd, Taberg, NY 13471

NOTE: John F. Murray has published an update in "Mennonite Family History". He thanks Mr. Byler for his additional information and feels the Holley connection shows YR26 to have likely been the fellow in Bethel, Lebanon, Caernarvon and then Earl Twps, before buying land in Mifflin County in 1796. He holds to his belief that the 1744 immigrant Jost was the father of a Joseph) and Barbara, that he likely died soon after his 1744 arrival, and was the grandfather of the children shown for "Yost Yoder (YRB) The Mystery Man".

Christian Joder m. Margarete Gerber



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Jacob's children, first five born probably at Eppstein, last two in Lee County:

1. John Jotter, born 15 September 1833, married Elizabeth Strohm on 8 April 1858 in Lee County. She was born 20 May 1839. John and Elizabeth resided in Warsaw, where he was a brick mason. Elizabeth died 25 October 1921 and John on 8 November 1926, both in Warsaw, where they are buried. They had five children, all born in Illinois.
2. Jacob Yotter, born 15 October 1835. He married Anna Carstens in September 1860 at West Point. She was born in 1840 in Ohio. They lived at West Point and Fort Madison. Jacob was a brick mason who built 15 churches and many residences. He served as a blacksmith in the Union Army during the Civil War and later as an alderman in West Point and a street commissioner in Fort Madison. Anna died 3 May 1901 and Jacob on 12 February 1911, both at Fort Madison. They are buried in the Elmwood Cemetery there. They had seven children, all born in Iowa.
3. Mary Yotter, born 29 December 1837. She married Peter Roth 19 January 1858 in Lee County. He was born 24 April 1832 in Bavaria and immigrated to America in 1846. He was a cooper. Peter and Mary lived at West Point but later moved to Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota. They both died at Faribault, Peter on 20 February 1916 and Mary on 16 February 1921. They are buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Fort Madison. They had five children, all born in Iowa.
4. Elizabeth Jotter, born 22 September 1842. She married John B. Ross on 26 March 1862 in Adams County, Illinois. He was born 22 April 1839 in Hesse-Kassel and immigrated to the U.S. in 1857. John was a dry goods merchant in Warsaw, Illinois. About 1887 the family moved to Ellsworth, Kansas where he operated a clothing store. He died 6 April 1913 and Elizabeth on 30 September 1919. They are buried in the Old Ellsworth Cemetery. They had three children, the first born in Iowa, the last two in Illinois.
5. Catherine Jotter, born about 1844. She married Casper Herzog on 2 November 1865 in Hancock County, Illinois. He was born in Germany in May 1839 and immigrated to the United States in 1865. He was a blacksmith and wagon

maker. Catherine died before 1870; on 12 January of that year Casper remarried to Eliza Ross. He died in April 1911 and is buried at Warsaw, Illinois. Catherine had one child Oscar.

6. Anna Jotter, born 29 September 1846. She married, as his second wife, Diedrich Renken on 13 May 1875 in Hancock County, Illinois. He was born 1 April 1834 in Germany. They resided in Hancock County, where Anna died 26 January 1897. Diedrich remarried to Melissa Jane Ritchie on 24 June 1901. He died 20 June 1914. He and Anna are buried in the McGee Cemetery in Hancock County. Ann and Diedrich had six children, all born in Illinois.
7. Peter Yotter, born in November 1852. He married Amelia Bensel on 31 August 1881 in Rice County, Minnesota. She was born in August 1861 in Minnesota. They moved from Faribault to Minneapolis where Peter was a harness maker for a moving and storage company and Amelia operated a grocery store. They later moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Peter died on 24 August 1936 and Amelia on 26 August 1946. They are buried at Lakeview Cemetery in Cheyenne. They had one daughter, Dottie, born in Fairbault, Minnesota.



Peter and Anna Margarethe Jotter (thanks to Peggy Yotter)

Peter Jotter (120), older brother of Jacob, arrived in New Orleans in 1847 on the ship *John Holland* with his wife Anna Margarethe Strupp and three children. Peter was born in

Eppstein on 17 January 1796; his wife was born in May 1808. The family traveled up the Mississippi to Lee County, Iowa, where they settled on a farm in Charleston Township. Peter was naturalized at Keokuk on 30 September 1852. By 1870 they lived in Franklin Township, where Peter died 13 May 1889. He is said to be buried in the Evangelical Cemetery there. Margarethe died 15 October 1899 and is buried in Saint Paul's Cemetery, Otoe County, Nebraska.

Children, born at Eppstein:

1. Margarete Yotter, born 1 January 1830. She married Johann Adam Hopp on 28 April 1848 in Lee County. He was born 14 October 1824 in Mannheim, Germany. They farmed in Charleston Township in Lee County all their lives. Margarete died 15 April 1894 and John on 20 June 1904, both at Charleston. They are buried in the cemetery there. They had four children, all born in Lee county, Iowa.
2. Jacob Yotter, born 21 January 1832. He married Elizabeth Lutz in Lee County on 22 July 1855. She was born in Eppstein about 1834. They farmed in Franklin Township in Lee County until 1874, when they moved to Mazeppa, Wabasha County, Minnesota. They both died there, Jacob on 28 May 1907 and Elizabeth on 30 March 1913. They are buried at Mazeppa.
They had nine children, first eight born in Franklin Township, Lee County, and the last one in Mazeppa, Minnesota.
3. Elizabeth Yotter, born 8 April 1834. She married Wilhelm "William" Brehm about 1856 in Lee County. They farmed in Franklin Township until the 1870s, when they moved to a farm in Spring Creek in Johnson County, Nebraska. Elizabeth died 11 March 1906 and William on 10 August 1910. They are buried in Saint Paul's Cemetery, Otoe County, Nebraska. They had eight children, all born in Lee County, Iowa.

Christian Yotter, a third great-grandson of Christian and Margarete, arrived in Lee County in 1858. He was born in the village of Sembach in the Palatinate on 12 December 1831, the son of Johann Jotter (42), a native of Eppstein, and his wife Agnes Gobels. In 1850 Christian and his younger brother, Heinrich, ages 18 and 16, immigrated to America on the ship *William Tell*. They joined their mother, stepfather, and three of their siblings who had settled in Alden, Erie County, New York in 1846. According to family stories the boys left their homeland to avoid having to serve in the army. Christian married Katherine Boyer in Erie County on 27 March 1854. She was born about 1837 in New York. The couple moved to Franklin, Lee County, Iowa, where many relatives had settled. After being in America for 10 years Christian became a naturalized citizen, taking the oath in the Lee County court on 21 August 1860. Katherine died in January 1862, along with her baby, leaving her husband with two small children.

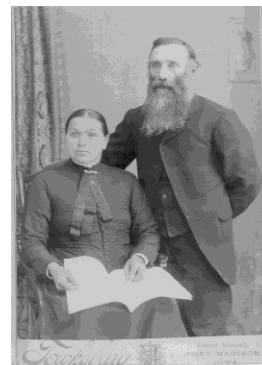
Christian married Sarah Schmitt on 16 March 1862 in Lee County, just two months after Katherine's death. John Carl Krehbiel, a cousin of Christian's father, was the Mennonite minister who married them. Sarah was born on 27 November 1842 in Friesenheim and was christened as Sara Baumgartner on 4 December 1842. The name of her father is not given in the records. Sarah's mother, Katherine Baumgartner, married Heinrich Schmitt in 1844. In 1847 the family came to America on the ship *John Holland*. Peter Jotter and his family were fellow passengers. They landed in New Orleans and probably traveled by steamboat up the Mississippi River to Lee County, Iowa.

Christian and Sarah farmed in Lee and Louisa counties until 1902, when they bought a house in the village of West Point where

Christian died on 14 July 1914. After his death Sarah moved to Mount Pleasant in Henry County, Iowa. She died there on 15 August 1924. They are buried in the West Point City Cemetery.

Children of Christian and Katherine (Boyer) Yotter:

1. Johann Wilhelm (John William) Yotter, born 12 January 1855 in Erie County, New York. He married Margaret Viola Bowers in April 1880 in Louisa County, Iowa. She was born 2 January 1860 in Des Moines County, Iowa. They farmed near Oakville, Louisa County. John died there 13 November 1923 and Margaret on 2 August 1937 at Burlington, Iowa. They are buried in Edwards Cemetery in Louisa County. They had four children, all born in Louisa County.
2. Maria E. (Mary) Yotter, born 21 September 1859 in Franklin Township, Lee County, Iowa. She married Christian Ellenberger, a cabinet maker, on 30 October 1881. He was born 29 February 1852 in Iowa. They resided in West Point, where Christian died on 8 December 1923 and Mary on 19 October 1950. They are buried in the cemetery there. They had no children.
3. Child who died as infant in 1862.



Christian and Sarah (Schmitt) Yotter

Children of Christian and Sarah (Schmitt) Yotter:

1. Heinrich (Henry) Yotter, born 5 December 1862 in West Point Township. He married Olive van Hyning on 10 November 1892. She was born in December 1872 in Iowa. They resided in Woodbury County, Iowa before moving to Yakima, Washington where they were fruit farmers. Henry died 11 May 1923 and Olive on 20 August 1936, both in Yakima. They are buried in Tahoma Cemetery there. They had two children.
2. Anna Katharina Yotter, born 12 February 1864 at West Point. She married, as his second wife, George Kentch on 31 March 1886 at Denmark in Lee County. He was born 1 October 1853 in Lee County. They moved to Willow Springs, Howell County, Missouri in 1898. George died 10 March 1914 and Anna on 9 April 1948, both at Willow Springs, where they are buried. They had nine children.
3. Elizabetha Dorothea "Lizzie" Yotter, born 29 June 1866 at West Point. She married, as his second wife, Samuel Morton Kitchen at Fort Madison on 26 March 1895. They were farmers at Ottawa, Ohio, where Samuel died on 5 January 1912 and Lizzie on 12 November 1913, both of cancer. They were buried in the Harmon Cemetery at Ottawa. Their only daughter, Ethel, was raised by her grandmother Sarah Yotter.
4. Emma V. Yotter, born 2 April 1868 at Oakville, Louisa County. She was a dressmaker and lived most of her life in West Point and Mount Pleasant. In 1960, according to the local newspaper, "she was paid a visit by over 100 members from Mennonite churches throughout the United States. The group was part of

the church delegation which had gathered for observance of the centennial of the organizing of the Mennonite General Conference in this vicinity. Miss Yotter is the only remaining member of the first Mennonite church organized in West Point." Emma died 22 January 1962 at Fort Madison and is buried in the cemetery at West Point.

5. Hannah Yotter, born in Sept. 1869 in Iowa and died by 1880.
- 6... Klara Margaretha "Clara" Yotter, born 14 April 1871 in Franklin Township, Lee County. She was a twin of Sarah. She married Charles Bubb, a farmer, on 19 March 1890 at Fort Madison. He was born 4 December 1861 in Lee County. They both died in West Point Township, Charles on 1 May 1935 and Clara on 15 December 1942. They are buried in the cemetery at West Point. They had five children.
- 7 Sarah Louisa Yotter, born 14 April 1871 in Franklin Twp, Lee County. She was a twin of Clara. She resided in Lee County until 1914, when she moved with her mother, at his death Sarah lived with her brother Charles in Plymouth, Iowa. She contracted small pox and died there 21 February 1925. She is buried at Plymouth.
- 8 Henrietta Yotter, born 21 March 1873 in Iowa and died there 6 December 1876.
- 9 Christian C. "Chris" Yotter, born 8 January 1875 near Oakville, Louisa County, Iowa. As a young man he moved to Woodbury County, Iowa, where he met Sarah L. "Sadie" Malcom. She was born 15 August 1877 at Avoca, Iowa. They were married 1 March 1900 at Lucky Valley, Iowa. After their marriage they farmed at Anthon, Iowa; Clark County, South Dakota; Stevens County, Minnesota; and Wright County, Minnesota. Chris died 29 July 1921 near Waverly, Minnesota and Sadie passed away 10 April 1964 at Albion Center, Minnesota. They are buried at Howard Lake, Minnesota. Eight children, first three born at Anthon, Iowa, later ones in South Dakota and Minnesota:

Jakob Jotter (134), a great-great grandson of Christian and Margarete, was born 19 December 1803 at Eppstein. On 26 May 1827 he was married at Friesenheim to Maria Deutsch. She was born in 1805 at Hemshof, a district of Ludwigshafen am Rhein. Jakob died 28 November 1844 and Maria in 1871. Of their eleven children four—Christian, Elizabeth, Maria, and Abraham—came to the United States. They were all born at Hemshof.

- 1 Christian Yotter was born 2 February 1828. He and his sister Mary arrived in New York on the steamship *Vanderbilt* from Bremen on 16 November 1858. Christian was in St. Louis, Missouri by 1861. On 18 October of that year he enlisted as a private in Battery I, Second Regiment, Missouri Light Artillery. He was mustered out on 24 August 1863 at Benton Barracks, Missouri. On 23 February 1864 he enlisted at Keokuk, Iowa as a private in Company D, Seventh Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky on 12 July 1865. By 1885 he was a resident of Donnellson, Lee County, Iowa and was granted an invalid pension of \$8 per month. The amount was raised to \$12 per month in 1891. Christian died 26 February 1892 at Donnellson. He was buried In Keokuk National Cemetery, Keokuk, Iowa. He never married.
- 2 Elisabeth Jotter was born 6 March 1832. She married Jakob Dettweiler on 10 January 1859. He was born 14 August 1832 in Hammerhof, Bavaria. In 1871 they immigrated to Summerfield,

Illinois, where there was a Mennonite community. They resided there until 1874, when they moved to Halstead, Kansas, where Jakob was a farmer and butcher. Elisabeth died 12 Jun 1914 and Jakob on 7 February 1916, both at Halstead. They are buried in the Halstead cemetery. They had 12 children, six of whom died in infancy. They had six children who lived, the first five born in Bavaria, and the last in Kansas in 1877.

- 3 Maria "Mary" Jotter was born 19 December 1836. She arrived in New York with her brother Christian on 16 November 1858 on the steamship *Vanderbilt*. Mary married Johann "John" Pelgen about 1862. He was born about 1836 in Bavaria and by 1861 was working as a cooper in Quincy, Illinois. In 1870 they lived in Keokuk, Lee County, but by 1880 they were residing in St. Louis, Missouri. After a few years they moved to Kansas City. Maria died before 1910 and John before 1920. They had three children, all born in Iowa.
- 4 Abraham C. Jotter was born 23 Mar. 1845 and married Margaret Rab in 1871. Four of their five children died before they immigrated to the U. S. in 1881, accompanied by their surviving son, Otto. They settled in Halstead, Kansas, where Abraham's sister Elizabeth Dettweiler lived. There he worked as a butcher. He was naturalized at Hutchison, Kansas on 18 September 1906. Margaret died 19 Dec. 1908 and Abraham on 14 June 1912, both at Halstead. They are buried in the cemetery there along with their only child Otto who died unmarried.

Editor's note: We first covered the Jotter family of Eppstein in YNL10, Oct. 1987, summarizing the American immigrant Yotters based on information assembled by German family researchers Otmar Jotter and Karl Joder, and American sources. They identified the founding member of this line as a Christian Joder who married a Margarete Gerber, who they believed was the son of Christian Joder and Barbara Gerber- son of Jost Yoder and Anna Trachsel. Y-DNA test results now place this last lineage in question, as none of the Eppstein Yotter/Jotter surname descendant have the "Amish profile" which seems certain to have originated with this Jost. Instead, they share the profile common to the Yoders of the Oley, Mennonite, Conrad, Melchior, and living Steffsburg Joder lines. There are two tests from The Eppstein line - one from the Johann Yotter/Agnes Goebel family and one from the line of the Peter Yotter whose family settled in Kansas City, Mo. Each shares common unique values at DYS 389ii=31 and DYS 449=28. Their common male ancestor is Heinrich Yotter b.1777 m1 to Maria Krehbiel. We are not yet able to spell out the ancestral links of this family to Steffsburg. The article above is edited from a longer version which includes information on more recent family generations and can be found in its entirety at: www.yodernewsletter.org . Also on that site is another article by Mrs. Meszaros which focuses on the family of Johann Jotter and his wife Agnes Gobels. The numbers in parentheses (for example (134)) relate to the ID number in the Jotter/Joder Eppstein summation to be found at:

<http://yodernewsletter.org/court/eppstein.html>

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afterwards hung upon the very scene of their crime, having made free confession. His youngest child Mary (who was born in Baltimore) was 6 months old at the time of his death. His widow went back to her father's home near Chambersburg, Penna where she died leaving Mary 3 years old. Mrs Thomas Baird came to Kentucky in the year 78 or 1782 bringing with her several children, and her two granddaughters Mary and Margaret. She died in Shelby Co., at her son's Thomas Baird.

Jacob Yoder was the youngest child of John Yoder and Sarah Schenkle born in August 1758, the 11th day of the month, in the town of Reading, Penna. He left home when he was 13 years old, entered the Army as a private soldier when 15 years old (sic), served two years. He was in 7 encampments, one of them was the battle of Brandywine, and was at Valley Forge. After the war he was engaged in the "Pack horse trains" taking goods from Philadelphia to Fort Redstone now Brownsville near Pittsburgh. From there he came to the Falls of the Ohio- from thence he went to New Orleans in the first flatboat which ever reached N.O. from there went to Cuba- from Cuba to Phila, and then returned to the west. He traded for several years among the Indians in Indiana and Illinois, then settled in Bardstown Ky about 30 yrs old. Was married at 35. He removed from Bardstown to Spencer Co, where he lived for 28 yrs. And there died on the 7th of April 1832. His wife died 21st of August 1830. The Yoders were Calvinists. The Mossmans, Bairds, etc were Covenanters.

A Sons of the American Revolution claim for a descendant adds "He entered the army as a private in Capt. Charles Robins Co- 6th Battalion of Col. Irs? Heister- Berks Co, Pa Militia. (see roster of Berks Co, PA) ... He was at Valley Forge the winter of 77-78.... He was engaged in several Indian campaigns and in 1794 furnished to each of several regts formed for Genl Waynes Army 50 horses laden with provisions."

Spencer County Kentucky historian Tom Watson, a boyhood friend of the current homestead owner, has featured a number of articles about the family including one in the Apr.27, 2011 The Spencer Magnet, in which he wrote:

On a rise just north of Taylorsville, above the intersecuon of Yoder-Tipton Road and Kentucky 55-155 stands the Jacob Yoder home that was originally called "Beechland," but was renamed "Vaucluse" by Yoder's son-in-law, Frenchman David Roselle Poignand.

Before continuing, it might do well to explain that Vaucluse is pronounced something like VAW-CLOOZ' and Poignand sounds like PAW-YAH' in French, although Spencer Countians most often pronounced it PON'-YERD. Vaucluse was a wine-growing region of France and the Knox Brown family said that it was also the name of Poignand's home in France. Miriam Blackburn Brown, Knox Brown Jr's wife, said there was also a possibility Vaucluse got its name from a horse farm by the same name in the Lexington area.

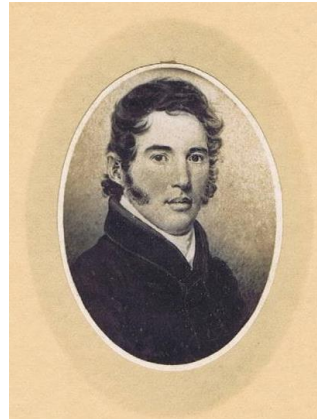
Yoder named the place "Beechland" because of the large number of beech trees on his property, especially along Wolf Run Creek that empties into Brashears Creek.

Yoder was a captain for our side during the American Revolution. His grandparents were Swiss and his parents were Dutch immigrants to this country. Jacob Yoder made a name for himself by taking the first load of trade goods down the Mississippi River to New Orleans on a flatboat. In 1785, Yoder settled in Bardstown where he married Mary Mossman in 1793, but he learned that village life was not what he wanted and decided to become a farmer. He bought 4,000 acres of Shelby County land on the northeast side of Brashears Creek and in 1803, began construction of a two-story, 13-room house. The acreage was part of the territory out of which Spencer County was formed in 1824. Clay taken from the hole dug for the basement of Yoder's house was used to make the bricks that became the walls of the structure. The project kept Yoder's many slaves busy for three years.

The Yoder's first daughter, Elizabeth, was 10-years-old when the house was built and their second daughter, Mary, was born there in

1810. Mary Mossman Yoder died in 1830 and Jacob met his maker April 7, 1832. The first iron grave tablet west of the Alleghenies was sent from Cincinnati by Yoder's friend, Captain Joseph Pierce, and placed over Yoder's burial site in the family cemetery that is visible from Kentucky 55-155 at Yoder-Tipton Road. The cemetery is surrounded by a stone wall. A single marker on the hillside just below it is dedicated to the many slaves who lived, worked and died at Vaucluse. There are estimates of as many as 100 slave burials on the hillside.

Elizabeth Yoder married Frenchman David Rozel Poignand of Boston, Mass., and continued to call the house "Beechland". It isn't known exactly when Poignand changed the name of "Beechland" to "Vaucluse," but Jacob Yoder apparently did not approve of his daughter's marriage to the Frenchman nor the name change for his home. The family story is that the old captain sat on the back porch and whittled while the ceremony was being conducted inside the house.



DAVID ROZEL POIGNAND
HUSBAND OF CAPT. JACOB'S
DAUGHTER



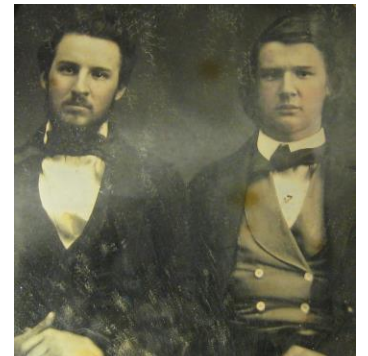
Eliza Poignand Weissinger (1824-1896)

Capt. Jacob's granddaughter
(family photo credits to Liberty Hall Historic Site Collections, Frankfurt, KY)

Jacob and Mary Yoder's daughter, Mary (b. Jan. 26, 1810; d. March 15, 1881), married Mason Brown, who distinguished himself as a lawyer and judge. Mason and Mary Brown were the parents of Knox Brown, who married Adeline "Addie" Crittenden Watson of Frankfort, the granddaughter of Gen. Green Clay, who was the father of Cassius Clay of Whitehall.



Mary Yoder Brown (1810-1881)
Cabinet Card Photograph, ca. 1875



LtoR- Yoder Poignand (1834-1908)

Capt. Jacob's daughter & John Mason Brown (1837-1890)
(family photo credits to Liberty Hall Historic Site Collections)

Knox Brown was the grandson of John Brown, Kentucky's first senator. Knox Brown and Addie bought Vaucluse and moved in during 1906 when their son Knox Brown Jr. was 12. Knox Brown Jr., who was born July 19, 1884, and died Nov. 23, 1970, was the great grandson of Jacob Yoder. He married Miriam Blackburn July 9, 1938. She

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continued to live at Vacluse and died April 30, 1983. Knox Brown Jr. and Miriam were the parents of a boy and a girl. Joe Brown and his sister Mary Jane (Marcum) grew up in Vacluse. Joe is a U.S. attorney in Nashville and teaches law at Vanderbilt.

Yoder Poignand never married and was living at the Spencer House in Taylorsville. Shortly before his death, he had given the knoll property to the citizens of Taylorsville if they would promise to build a school on top of the natural formation. Resident John Speed challenged Yoder Poignand to put the offer in writing, and he did. The school was named after Poignand. And if you wonder what happened to Yoder Poignand – he was killed by a train at the Main Street crossing in Taylorsville Aug. 28, 1908, at the age of 74.

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Another Trachsel marriage found in Steffisburg records had taken place less than three months earlier. Abraham Trachsel married Madlen Werdtmüller July 18, 1642. The entry said he was von Kilchdorff - from Kirchdorf, which at the time was in Mühlethurnen parish. Abraham was a witness to the baptism of Jacob Joder, a son of Jost Joder and Anna Trachsel, at Steffisburg April 4, 1652. Abraham died at Steffisburg Sept. 12, 1703, described in the Totenrodel as ein Schmid (blacksmith). In addition, one of the witnesses at the baptism of Nicolaus and Anna's son Jost on Jan. 13, 1655 was Melcher Drachsel (a variation of Trachsel). He may have been the Melchior Drachsel baptized at Mühlethurnen Sept. 17, 1615. His father was named as Ruff Drachsel, but his mother was not named. So perhaps the Anna who married Nicolaus Joder was a daughter of Ruff and the one married to Jost Joder the daughter of Jacob Trachsel and Anna Däppen. Mr. Staker has updated his on-line article "Amish Mennonites in Tazewell County, Illinois" with the results of his extensive reviews and analysis and it may be found on the web site of the Tazewell County Gen. & Hist. Society (TCGHS) at: <https://www.tcghs.org/AmishPart3.pdf>

THE YODER "BIG 500" YDNA TEST

Family Tree DNA has recently introduced a new YDNA test which evaluates 500 markers on the Y-DNA chromosome (as opposed to the 111 maximum we've tested before). Members of the Carpenter (in Steffisburg "Zimmerman") and Martin families have noted before a similarity between our Y profiles and Darvin Martin, an expert in such matters encouraged us to upgrade a Yoder test. I'd like to thank Joe Yoder, past President of the Oley Yoder Heritage association, for allowing us to upgrade his test. Mr. Martin's analysis follows (somewhat technical, but hope you get the basics):

DNA links between the Swiss Yoder, Martin and Zimmerman families - By Darvin L. Martin

Back in 2012, as the Yoder DNA Project was expanding, we had determined that the Swiss Yoder, Martin and Zimmerman/Carpenter families shared a close Y-DNA profile. The Zimmerman lineage found a common connection to a Carpenter family that immigrated from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to Lincoln County, North Carolina in the 1770s. Here the Zimmerman name was anglicized to Carpenter.

Martin and Yoder had matched 63/67 STR markers tested, and when expanded to 111 markers, the closest match between these surnames was 103/111. Carpenter and Yoder had matched 62/67 STR markers tested, and when likewise expanded, the closest match between these respective surnames was 101/111. Typically, any STR matches above 90% across all markers tested indicates a common ancestor within a genealogical time frame—within the time of the establishment of surnames—in our case, Alpine Europe, 600 to 900 years ago. It quickly became obvious that these three surnames, found among Mennonite and Amish families today, descended from a common paternal ancestor in Medieval Europe, perhaps just prior to the time that the surnames themselves became standardized.

More testing was needed to sort out these details, but in 2012 the specific testing required had not yet existed. All three families share a

common distinctive SNP named Z190, but that SNP was not uniquely Swiss and also existed in a few families from the British Isles, the Netherlands, Germany and Finland. SNP Z190 appears to have originated in a male living on the southern shores of the Baltic Sea between 2,000 and 2,500 years ago. Some descendants migrated to the British Isles as part of the migration of the Angles and Jutes in the 5th century A.D. Perhaps a bit earlier one adventurous male descendant found his way to the north shore of the Baltic Sea and settled in what ultimately became Finland. And other descendants swept south across the fortifications of the Roman Empire as the Germanic tribes of Alemanni, Suebi, and Marcomanni invaded and settled among the Celts of Alpine Europe, in what is today western Switzerland. The one who moved south are our paternal ancestors.

Since 2012, many Y-DNA descendants from SNP Z190 have been categorized, further fracturing this group into more than a hundred newly named distinctive SNPs, downstream and more recent than the original analyses. The British Isles component has multiple layers, but all seem to descend from the Angle/Jute migration stated above. Our particular Swiss branch descends from a subset of Z190 defined as SNP Y7280, which formed in the Kingdom of Burgundy (what is now western Switzerland) sometime around 600 A.D.

Within SNP Y7280 there are six surnames so far represented: Yoder, Martin, Zimmerman/Carpenter, Foeller, Tomme and Braun/Brown. Five of these have now done extensive testing and we can further categorize them into their respective lineages. The Braun/Brown family as not yet completed their testing. Of those tested, all form the same subset within SNP Y7280 until about 30 generations ago (1000 A.D.), and then the Zimmerman lineage diverges from the rest, following their own SNP, labeled as A10757. The other families of interest follow SNP Y29666. Our genealogies show both the Zimmerman and Yoder families living in the village of Steffisburg, only a mile or two up the hill from the ancient Medieval city of Thun, in the 1600s. It seems obvious these families lived in or around the fortified city of Thun at least since 1000 A.D.

Sometime around 1200 A.D., three new branches of the family emerge. The Jordi/Joder/Yoder, Foeller, and Marti/Martin/Tomme YDNA lineages diverge at that time, probably also all in or near Thun. The Anabaptist Martins are traced to the village of Hinterfultigen, up on the hillside about 15 miles northwest of Thun in the late 1500s. On a clear day from a certain vantage point along the road near the Martins, one can see the town of Thun nested along the lake below. The families of Martin and Tomme appear to diverge as recently as the 1300s in the foothills to the west of Thun.

Note that the surnames Martin, Yoder and Tomme all have been found in these localities in distinctive Romanized forms—Marti, Jordi and Tomi. These names are derived from St. Martin, St. Theodore, and St. Thomas, and assume the "i" ending to signify "tribe of" the respective revered saint in question. These surnames were likely given either when these ancestors became Christian or when the Catholic Church collectively assumed much oversight within the region.

We have a lot of data yet to sort through, and could always use more testers to fine-tune these events even further. We are particularly interested in early branches of these families not yet represented. For anyone interested in further testing please contact Chris Yoder (cyoder@tds.net) or Darvin Martin (dldmartin34@frontiernet.net).

*****Queries*****

The YNL invites Yoder related inquiries or exchanges. Send in to cyoder@tds.net or snailmail to Chris Yoder, 551 S. Maple St, Saugatuck, MI 49453

Charlotte Yoder b. circa 1815, married Adam Abraham Swiler of Juniata Co, PA. Had children: Anna Mary, Elizabeth Ann, Melissa Jane, Sarah Catherine, and Thomas. POSSIBLY the daughter of Samuel and Julianna Yoder of Lancaster Co, PA (our unlinked code AW- who we believe MAY be OH114). Reply to: Alexandra Florimonte, email: alex.florimonte@gmail.com

YODER PASSINGS

- Ethel Irene Yoder, 86, Sept. 7, 2017 at Louisville, Ky. daughter of Horace Cleveland "Clevie" Yoder (M6613) and Stella Frances Massey. She serving in the United States Air Force, Cryptic Division during the Korean War.
- John A. Yoder, 72, of LaGrange, IN died Feb. 17, 2018. He was the son of Andrew A. (YR23443476) and Clara J. (Miller) Yoder.
- Otis J Yoder, 85, of Kalona, IA died July 4, 2018. He was the son of John S (YR1257975) and Ada (Smucker) Yoder of Milford, IN.
- William A. Yoder "Willie" 86, Sarasota, FL died June 18, 2018. Son of Simon (son of YR125358) and Sevilla Yoder, Burton, Ohio.
- Terry D. Yoder, DPM, of Taos, New Mexico, died June 22, 2018. He was the son of Hal (son of YR2512461) and Marty (Dozier) Yoder.
- Dale E. Yoder of Fairbanks, Alaska passed away May 31, 2018. He was the son of Edward and Velma Yoder of Vale SD. (Edward was the adopted son of Frank A (Con6143) Yoder and Alice Goodwin.
- Warren J. Yoder, 94, of Belleville, PA died Feb. 2, 2018. He was the son of the late Samuel M. (YR1284143) and Ruth (Byler) Yoder.
- Simon A. Yoder, 86, of Paris, TN died July 7, 2018. Born in Dover, Del., to Alvin N. (son of YR2611925) and Ida W. Byler Yoder.
- Alice Kendall Yoder, 96, of Kaneohe, Hawaii died June 14th 2018. Born in Kenya to missionary parents she married Paul E Yoder, son of Clarence H (YR1464711) and Hazel Paulmer.
- Omar Ivan Yoder, 90, of Covington, OH died May 13, 2018. He was born to the late Rufus (YR1213723) and Berla (Boone) Yoder.
- Daniel James Yoder, Sr., 78, of Accident, MD, died June 6, 2018. He was the son of Henry (YR 12577513) and Sadie (Beachy) Yoder.
- Harold K Yoder Sr., 79, of Portage, OH passed away May 5, 2018. Son of Rev. Truman J. (son of YA455) and Pearl Bateson Yoder.
- Galen C. Yoder, 63, of Troy, PA passed away Mar. 23, 2018. He was the son of Clyde Yoder and the late Lydia (Detweiler) Yoder.
- Thomas John Yoder, 81, of South Bend, IN died Dec. 31, 2015. He was the son of Devere and Lois (Baer) Yoder. Devere took the name Yoder from his mother's second husband Clyde Yoder (YA149).
- Leila "Lee" Mae (Yoder) Stroeh, 95, of La Crosse, WI died Jan. 6, 2018. Daughter of Cornelius H. (YR1213412) and Eugena Yoder.
- John James Yoder, died Mar. 21, 2018 in Colorado. He was born to Orman Glen (YR1464b13) and Mary Katherine (O'Connell) Yoder.
- Tobias B. Yoder, 97, of Topeka, IN died Mar. 16, 2018 in Goshen. Born to Benedict T. (YR2344275) and Mary Ann (Bontrager) Yoder.

PA BRIDGE NAMED FOR YODER



TSgt Abner Yoder was a 26 year old aircraft mechanic and crew chief in the 405th Bomb Squadron, 38th Bomb Group in the Army Air Corps. He entered service in July 1941, completed training in Jackson, Mississippi, and was transferred to Australia in February 1942 to support the war effort. He became a combat crew member on the B-25s and by October 1943, he had met an Australian woman and planned to get married. He died in a plane crash on Feb. 17,

1944, in New Guinea. Nephew Tim Conrad writes "As they were planning to land, another aircraft was planning to land from the opposite direction. As the pilot tried to execute a go-around, their aircraft fell off to one side and crashed in the jungle. Abner and the rest of the crew were killed," "The Yoder family had Abner buried at the Manila American Cemetery in Manila so he could be close to his wartime buddies." On Aug. 26, 2018 a ceremony was held to name a bridge for him in Pittman, PA. Photo by Tim Conrad.

We are sorry to announce that Nancy Hartman, 77, of Rising City, NE died Jun. 7, 2018. Her research (1st mentioned in YNL4) into the George Yoder line, along with that of Carolyn Sheridan, culminated in the identification of him as the unlinked YR1271 appearing in AAMG! See YNL45 article which appeared in April 2005.

GENETIC DISEASE

IN STRONG JACOB (YR14) LINE

Years ago we heard that there was a genetic disease which had been traced to a Yoder line of descent, and tried to learn more from John's Hopkins University School of Medicine, to no avail. Now, thanks to Tazewell County, Illinois historian and researcher Joe Staker, we have been able to track down the 1965 study which provides details of this finding.

In 1963, Bowman and Procopio reported pyruvate kinase deficient hemolytic anemia (PK deficiency) was occurring among the Amish living mainly in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. This is a type of enzyme deficiency, and can be fatal between ages one and three years, if untreated by a splenectomy. All parents of affected Amish children trace back to a single common ancestral pair ("Strong Jacob" and his wife Anna), one of whom can be presumed to have carried the gene. The trait is a recessive one and the disease appears when both parents have inherited the gene for this condition and EACH has passed along that recessive gene to the child.

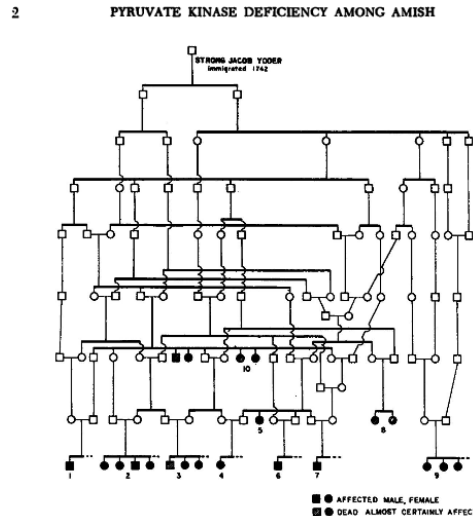


FIG. 1. The pedigree. Several changes from the pedigree given as Fig. 2 by Bowman and Procopio (1963) have been made because of new information or new births.

The article reporting on this study appeared in AMERICAN JOURNAL OF HUMAN GENETICS, VOL. 17, No. 1 (JANUARY), 1965 and found in its entirety at the link below.

<https://europepmc.org/backend/ptpmrender.fcgi?accid=PMC1932592&blobtype=pdf>

A REPORT OF THE HOUSE OF YODER



The parade of visitors during my week volunteering at "House of Yoder" confirmed something fun: People are interested in Yoders! Two consistent themes came through as I welcomed guests: "You're really a Yoder?!" and "But you don't look Amish!" This included visitors from

Italy and France, as well as all over the USA! We really do come in all shapes and sizes and dress codes and backgrounds! But the most important and most encouraging lesson I learned telling "our" story over and over again is that no matter where we're from, no matter what genealogical line we're a part of, if you're a Yoder, you're family! We really are everywhere...and what a journey we've had getting here! Does any Yoder stay home? My own path from Conrad Yoder of North Carolina to my son, Sam, has been a wild, winding, cross-Continental, cross-country journey. And I'm forever grateful that my own story now includes "House of Yoder" and the incredibly dedicated Yoders in that area who keep the story alive. If you haven't visited — do! If you haven't yet volunteered a week — do! You won't be disappointed. - Steve Yoder, Elgin, Illinois