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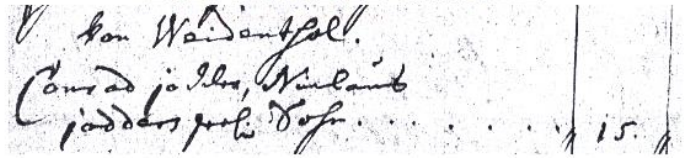
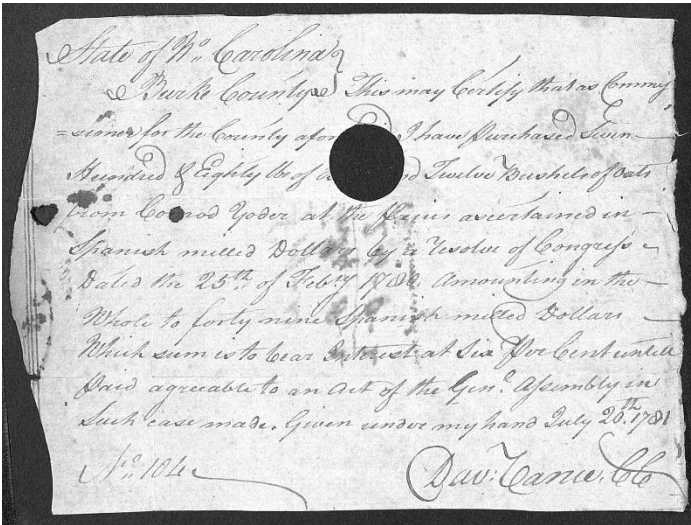
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## AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN NC CONRAD YODER AND NEIGHBORS

## A YEAR CELEBRATING CONRAD YODER



This year marks the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Conrad Yoder, founder of the southern branch of our family. We know this because of the record found in the church records of Mussbach, Germany which shows his confirmation in 1740 (at the age of 15) and describes him as the son of the deceased Niclaus Jodder. The late great historian Dr. Don Yoder reported this in his YNL58 article (Oct 2011), and the image above was obtained by the YNL from the Zentralarchiv der Ev. Kirche der Pfaltz and presented with their permission in YNL61.

So we are dedicating 2025 to Conrad and his family, beginning with the article about the Yoder community and the American Revolution. Look for an article about the History on the NC Yoder Reunions in October- they began in 1949!

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## JACOB YODER (OH146) BIBLE RECORDS DISCOVERED

Die Bibel oder die ganze Heilige Schrift, Philadelphia  
1840, Yoder Family Bible

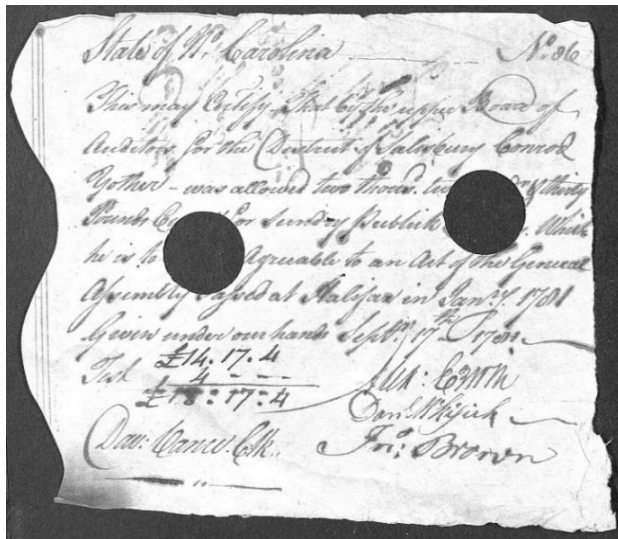


A recent "find" on ebay brought to light a bible containing details of the Jacob Yoder/Mary Sterner family with many dates and details we formerly did not have (marked with yellow). A feature article in the Oct 2007 YNL50 described how Y DNA tests by Yoder volunteers allowed us to identify this Jacob as having been one of the two sons of Peter Yoder (OH14) and his wife Eve Levan. The article also included a chart giving an outline of their children and Yoder grandchildren.

The seller indicates the bible had been purchased in 2023 as a part of an auction lot from a Harrisburg, PA company, but further details on origins are not known. The seller had placed it for sale on ebay not long thereafter where it sat for over year before being "discovered" and purchased by the YNL. A sharp eyed Find A Grave (FAG) contributor spotted it and posted some of the records to related grave posts in August 2023.

As this bible was published in 1840 and all records seem to be in the same hand writing, it seems probable that either this was a replacement for an original family bible or perhaps one of the children duplicated the information from that source into what would become their own family bible.

JACOB YODER RECORDS CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



\*Conrad Yoder/Yother supplies the Patriot Forces-  
July and Sep 1781<sup>(1)</sup>

Transcriptions below...(\*\*\*) = not decipherable)

State of No. Carolina  
Burke County- This may certify that as commissioner for the County aforesaid I have purchased seven hundred & eighty lbs of of \*\*\* and twelve bushels of oats from Conrad Yoder at the \*\*\*\*? Ascertained in Spanish milled Dollars by Resolve of Congress. Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> of Februy 1780 Amounting in the whole to forty nine Spanish milled dollars. Which sum is to bear interest at 6 percent until paid agreeable to an Act of the general Assembly in such case made. Given under my hand July 20<sup>th</sup> 1781.  
No. 104 Dav. ?

CONRAD AND REVOLUTION- CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

The Yoder Newsletter- Founded 1983 by Ben F Yoder (1913-1992), Chris Yoder & Rachel Kreider (1909-2015)

Chris Yoder, Editor, Saugatuck, MI; Kenneth W. Yoder, Circulation and Mail Manager, Goshen, IN; Paul Yoder, Asst Cir/Mail Mgr. Other Contributors: Emily Coffman Richardson, Denton, Texas; Neal D. Wilfong, Cleveland, NC; and Ann Balderrama, Reading, PA. And our other Goshen area volunteer team members: Titus King, Cheryl Parsons, and our Webmaster team of: Leon Yoder and Chad Yoder of Black Anvil Creative, Shipshewana, IN. (all volunteers)

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Over the past 42 1/2 years, subscriptions have allowed us to support advertising of national reunions, to provide funding for many of the DNA tests, and to pay for new research into Swiss and other records. All of our staff members are volunteers.

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**YODER DATA** (now on a USB stick) - Slowly keeping up with technology! Includes back issues of YNL text, census and county records, family group data and pictures and scanned images. The price for our "Yoder Data on USB" is \$15 (postage included). Send to YNL address in Goshen. (Much of this info is also available free at the YNL Homepage and changes hardly at all.)

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**YNL Consolidated Volumes**

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

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**UPDATED FIND-A-GRAVE COUNTS**

Visit the Find A Grave site at: [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) . As of 8 Feb 2025 the counts for interments were: 23,574 records (an increase of +811 from 8 Aug 2024) for -Yoder; 568 (+18) - Yother; 383 (+11) - Yothers; 321 (+14) - Yotter; 74 (+0) - Yoter; 322 (+11) - Yoders; 86 (+1) - Ioder; 130 (+7) - Joder; 64 (+4) - Jotter; 1 (+0) - Joders; 10 (+1) - Youder; 3 (+0) - Youders; 26 (+7) - Youther; 7 (-1) - Youthers; 7 (+0) - Younder.

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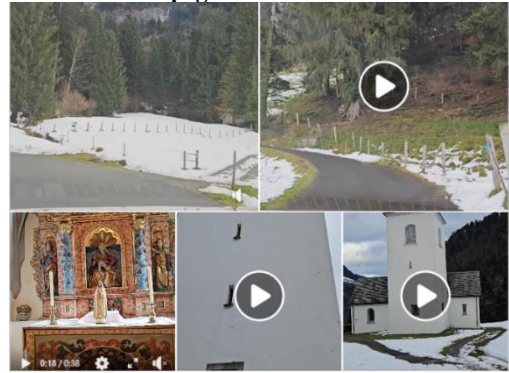
**500TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANABAPTISM**



On 21 January 1525, the first adult baptisms took place in Zurich, laying the foundation for Anabaptism (and our Mennonites and Amish families).

**ST. JODER CHAPEL VIDEOS**

Many thanks to Mark Yoder of Ft Collins, Co for sharing the videos from his visit to the St Joder chapel! See them on the Yoder Newsletter FACEBOOK page.



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**REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION INDEX NAMES A YODER**

Many thanks to Emily Richardson for helping to unravel a mystery from the Revolutionary War Pension files. William Yoder's name is included in the pension index files on the record of a veteran George Hartman, along with an Elizabeth Hartman. Who was this William and how was he connected to the Hartman family? Her subscription to the FOLD3 military record data base has helped us find the answer to these questions!

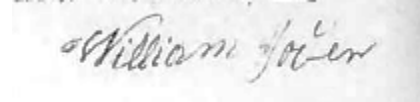
William Yoder (OH1324) (1782-1858) was the son of George Yoder (OH132) (1752-1838) and second wife Maria Weidener. George Hartman (1752-1838) was a long-time tenant on their land.



After Hartman's death, his widow applied for a survivor's pension based on his Revolutionary War Service, and William Yoder was one of the testators who gave statements that they had known Hartman for over 30 years and that it was widely known that he had served in the War, and that he and Elizabeth had lived together as man and wife, having a large family.

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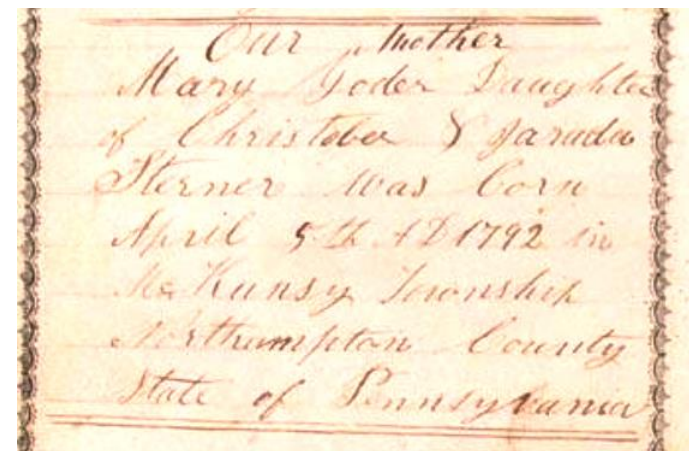
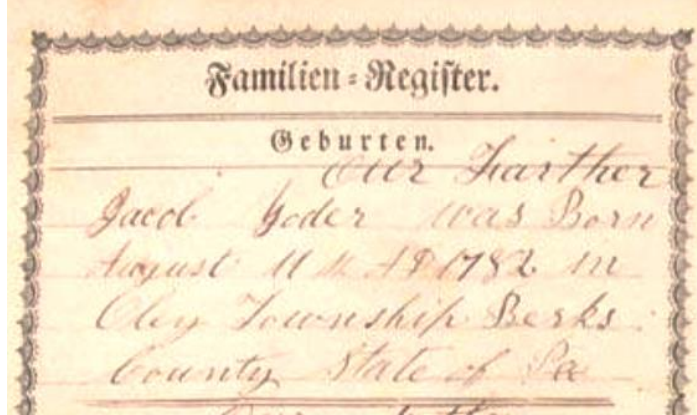


William's Signature

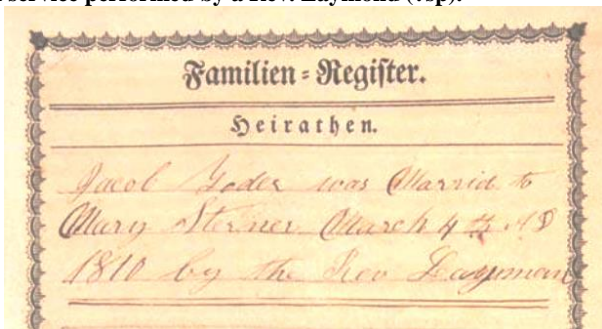
George Hartman is buried in the Oley Cemetery at Spangsville, Berks Co, PA as well as both William and his father George Yoder. Find A Grave records list his military rank as a "Pvt", and shows that he was the son of Phillip and Anna Eva (Frauenfelder) Hartman, and that his wife's name was Elizabeth (Hartline). During the Revolution, he was with Capt Farmingham of NJ regiment in summer of 1776; joined Capt Anderson's company in 5th NJ regiment;. He was in the battles of Springfield and Short Hills and at Monmouth, for "three years or duration of war", serving until the close of the war. NJ, at Brandywine and Germantown in Pa.; was with Gen Sullivan when he went into the Indian country and with Gen. Washington at taking of Cornwallis. George and Elizabeth had 11 children.

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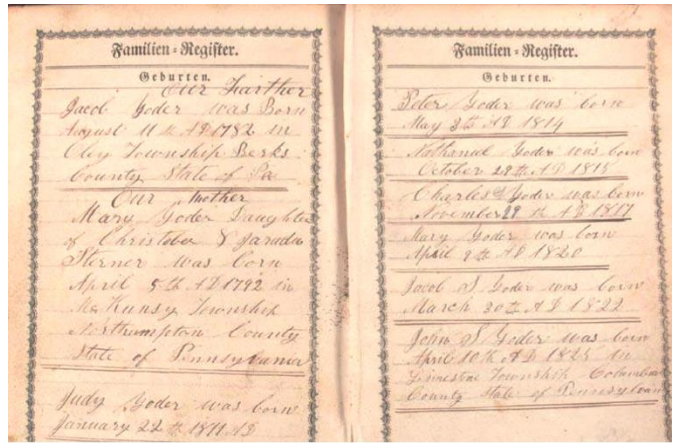
Birth and marriage records for Jacob and Mary include an exact date of birth for Jacob of **Aug. 11, 1782 in Oley Twp. Berks Co** (where parents Peter and Eve would have lived), and for Mary of **Apr 5, 1792 in "McKansy Twp" (sic?) Northampton Co** to "Christober and Jaranda Sterner" (Johann Christopher Sterner Jr 1768-1841 and Catharine 'Gertraud' Christiana Albrecht 1755-1821 both of whom are believed to be buried in the Lewisburg Cemetery, Union Co., PA along with Jacob and daughter Mary.)



In addition a marriage date is given for the couple of **March 4, 1810** with service performed by a Rev. Laymond (?sp).

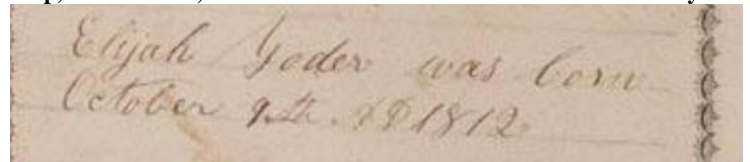


Beginning with Judy (Jude) on Jan. 11, 1811, seven children are listed. She was to marry David Schaffer and apparently died in childbirth Jan 22, 1833, to be buried in the Lewisburg Cemetery where her baby William (Jan 21, 1833-3/24/1833) was to follow her two months later. Her parents and maternal grandparents also rest here. David would marry a second time to Julia Ann Brown, have a large family and was laid to rest in 1880 at the Hartleton Union Church Cemetery, Hartleton, PA.



JUDY (JUDE) YODER SHAFFER

**Elijah**- Oct 9, 1812 - While an earlier references lists a "Elizabeth"- this bible entry as "Elyah"- is more gender uncertain (possibly Elijah?). No further traces of him/her are known. We looked for a matching Jacob Yoder 1820 census record to see what gender and age range for children might reveal, but although there is one in Oley Twp, Berks Co., it does not seem to be for this family.



**Peter** (**May 3, 1814-15 Aug 1890**), eldest son married Eve Best who was born in Lewisburg in 1821. Census records show they had moved to Lamoor in Clinton Co, PA by 1840. Peter purchased 80 acres in Illinois on Jul 10, 1848 for \$100. In 1850 he and family were in Buckeye, Stephenson Co, PA and his occupation is shown as that of a carpenter. Eve died in 1858 and is buried in the Cedarville Cemetery, Stephenson Co, where he still lived in 1860 as a "farmer". A marriage record shows he remarried to Rachel Kuns Jan. 23, 1862 at Jefferson, Green Co, WI (a daughter of David and Eliz Pennacof). We are not sure what happened to Rachel, but there is a record that on Apr. 6, 1866 in Dakota Twp, Stephenson Co, Peter married for a 3rd time to Eliza Ann (Andre) Elliot, a Civil War widow. In 1870, Peter (then age 56) is once more listed as a carpenter, with wife Eliza (age 44) getting mail at Lena, Dakota Twp. With real estate valued at \$1,800. Third wife Eliza, who lived until 1899, was not in the household in 1880 when he is shown in St Clair Co, IL with son Andrew Best Yoder and his wife Addie. Peter died Aug. 15, 1890 near Kirkwood, MO and is buried in the Sturdy Cemetery, Crestwood, St. Louis County, MO. The beautifully colorized photos of Peter and his wife Eve have been posted on Find-A-Grave by descendant Allen Lee Yoder III of Seattle, WA.

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State of N. Carolina N.26

This may certify that by the upper Board of Auditors for the District of Salisbury Conrad Yother – was allowed two thousand two hundred & thirty pounds \*\*\*\* for sundry Publick \*\*\*\* Which he is to furnish agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly\*\*\* at Halifax in Jan 7, 1781  
Given under our hand Sept 17, 1781.

Conrad Yoder was a Patriot during the American Revolution, supplying equipment to forces fighting the Loyalists. In his book, History of the Yoder Family in North Carolina, Dr. Fred Roy Yoder writes:

*“Conrad Yoder was a Patriot during the Revolutionary War, supporting the American cause for independence. Some of his neighbors remained loyal to Britain, became Tories, and a few of them fought on the side of Britain. But Conrad Yoder stood with two of his close neighbors, Henry Weidner and George Wilfong, as a warm supporter of the struggle for American liberty and independence. He himself was too old to engage in active military service, but he furnished supplies to the militia of North Carolina, valued at 2230 pounds and fifteen shillings-- the equivalent of \$10,704 U. S. money, in what was probably depreciated wartime currency.”*<sup>(2)</sup>

Over 30 applications submitted to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as well as two submitted to the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) by the late Hubert A Yoder of Charlotte, NC (s/o Con3783) cite Conrad’s Patriotic Service as “RENDERED MATERIAL AID, LINCOLN CO”.

When most people think of the Revolutionary War, they don’t think of the Carolinas. They think of events like the Boston Tea Party, Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill, Valley Forge, Trenton, and Yorktown. But just like communities in all colonies subject to the British King, emotions were running high.

Following the Battle of Lexington in Massachusetts on April 19, 1775, 49 county residents gathered at the Tryon County courthouse and issued “the Tryon Resolves”, a declaration of resistance to coercive actions by the British Empire against its North American colonies. Tryon County then included the Conrad Yoder homestead in present day Catawba County. The “resolves” were signed on August 14, 1775, predating the Declaration of Independence by almost 11 months, but stopped short of calling for independence from Britain. They instead supported armed resistance until a resolution with England could be made.

*In the Tryon Resolves:*

*The county residents refer to "the painful necessity of having recourse to arms in defense of our National freedom and constitutional rights, against all invasions;*

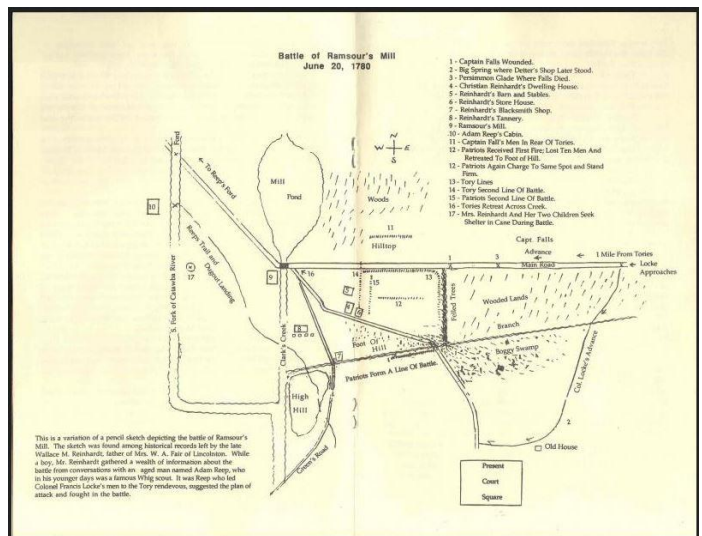
*Vow to take up arms and risk our lives and our fortunes in maintaining the freedom of our country..."*

*The colonists declare they will continue to follow the Continental Congress or Provincial Conventions in defiance of British declarations that these were illegal;*

*The signers warn that force will be met with force until such a time as a "reconciliation" can be made between the colonies and Britain.* <sup>(4)</sup>

In his book, History of the Yoder Family in North Carolina, Fred Roy Yoder writes:

*During the period of the American Revolution (1776-1783) a virtual state of local civil war existed among the white settlers themselves over the issues of the Revolution. The 200 families of the Catawba and South Fork River area were sharply divided as Whigs or Patriots, supporters of the Revolution on one side, and Tories or Loyalists on the other. Henry Weidner and Conrad Yoder were ardent Patriots, supporting the cause of the Revolution. Some of their neighbors were staunch Loyalists, supporters of the British and the King. Early in the conflict, Loyalists hanged a young Patriot, Isaac Wise, near where the city of Newton now stands. In 1777 some of Weidner's and Yoder's close neighbors were compelled to appear in Court at Salisbury and make oath to support the new Revolutionary state government. Only fourteen miles away from Conrad Yoder's place, at Ramsour's Mill, where Lincolnton now stands, a pitched battle was fought in June 1780, between 400 Whig-Patriots and 1100 Tory-Loyalists, and quite a number of men were killed and wounded. A few months later, in October, many young men from the South Fork River area marched to King's Mountain, fifty miles away, and helped defeat the British and Tories under General Ferguson. Both British and American armies marched across the Catawba area a few miles east of the Weidner-Yoder settlement.* <sup>(5)</sup>



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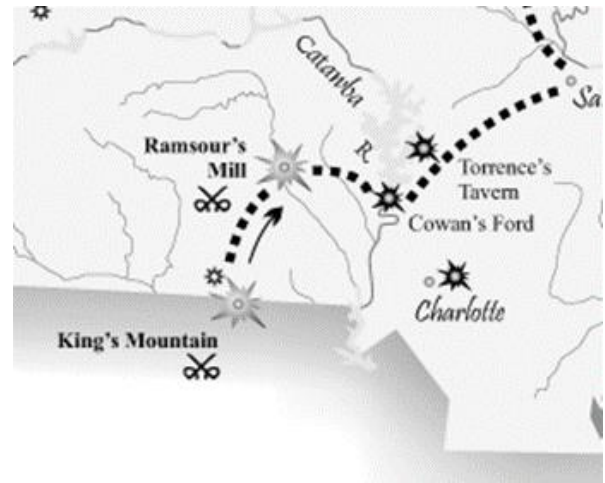
The active fighting in the neighborhood was to mark a turning point in the war after a calamitous Patriot defeat and surrender in Charleston, SC on May 12, 1780. Wikipedia reports:

*The British, following the collapse of their northern strategy in late 1777 and their withdrawal from Philadelphia in 1778, shifted their focus to the North American Southern Colonies. After approximately six weeks of siege, Major General Benjamin Lincoln, commanding the Charleston garrison, surrendered his forces to the British. It was one of the worst American defeats of the war...The British captured some 5,266 prisoners, 311 artillery pieces, 9,178 artillery rounds, 5,916 muskets, 33,000 rounds of ammunition, 15 Regimental colours, 49 ships and 120 boats, plus 376 barrels of flour, and large magazines of rum, rice and indigo.*

*During their surrender the American forces were denied honours of war, leading General George Washington to deny the same to the British during their surrender at the Siege of Yorktown. Washington said, "The same Honors will be granted to the Surrendering Army as were granted to the Garrison of Charles Town."* <sup>(6)</sup>



Siege at Charleston-Surrender May 12th, 1780  
by Alonzo Chappel.



Relative positions of Ramsour's Mill (Jun 20, 1780) and Kings Mountain (Oct 7, 1780). Conrad homestead about 14 miles north, and Cowpens (Jan 17, 1781) a bit further south into South Carolina <sup>(map 10)</sup>. All three were Patriot victories against Loyalist forces and turned the tide on further British advances into the Carolinas. <sup>(11)</sup>

Henry Weidner's son Henry Jr (Whitener) (1752-1811) served as a Captain at the Battle of King's Mountain and another son, Abraham (1754-1780), died at that battle. His daughter Barbara (1756-1840) married John Dellinger, who not only was a signatory of the "Tryon Accords", a member of the Committee of Public Safety of Tryon County (now Catawba), but also a participant in the battles of Ramsour's Mill, King's Mountain, as well as Cowpens. John Dellinger was to remain in service through the end of the Revolution. Their daughter Catherine was to marry Conrad Yoder's second oldest son Jacob (Con2) (1767-1843) and moved with him to Kentucky and on to Indiana around 1814. Conrad's neighbor George Wilfong (1740-1818), also served at King's Mountain and achieved the rank of Major. <sup>(12)(13)</sup>

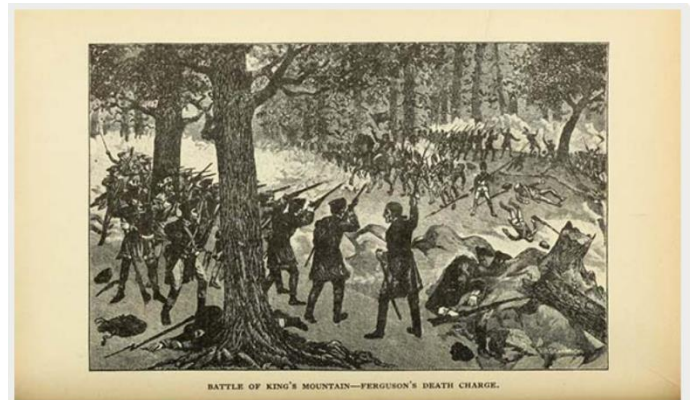
(Note- Major General Benjamin Lincoln (1733 to 1810) – Held prisoner following his May surrender, was later exchanged for the British Major General William Phillips in November 1780, Lincoln returned to Washington's main army. He led a large portion of the Army south from Head of Elk Maryland to Hampton, Virginia, to march to the west to Yorktown where the British were encamped. Lincoln played a major role in the siege of Yorktown and the surrender of Lord Cornwallis on October 19, 1781. Cornwallis plead illness, and so did not attend the surrender ceremony, choosing instead to send his second-in-command, the Irish General Charles O'Hara. General Washington refused to accept Cornwallis' sword from O'Hara, directing O'Hara to present it instead to Lincoln, Washington's own second-in-command. <sup>(8)</sup>

Henry Weidner, a mentor to Conrad who settled in North Carolina first and later is reported to have returned to Pennsylvania and brought Conrad back with him to North Carolina also provided supplies to the Patriot cause. Both he and Conrad had further connections to the war time activities through their children.

Conrad's oldest son John (Con2) (1764-1835) almost fought at King's Mountain. Fred Roy Yoder's book reports:

*John Yoder was 16 years old when the battle of King's Mountain of the American Revolution was fought in October, 1780 {Oct 7}. He volunteered his services for this battle and was, according to tradition, among those who gathered at the home of Henry Weidner to make ready to join forces from the area already in the field. But, being only 16 years old, he was told by his elders that he was too young to go to war. The folk tradition about his being rejected for battle, which has come down through the years, is that he was told by his older neighbor volunteers "to go back home and eat a few more pots of mush before he went to war." <sup>(9)</sup>*

Four months earlier, the young lady who was to become John's bride in 1790, Mary Barbara Reep, then a child, heard the first shots fired in the battle of Ramsour's Mill, only about a mile from her home. No British soldiers were involved. This battle was fought between Loyalists or Tories on one side, and Whigs or Patriots, on the other. Neighbors from the same community and county fought against each other. Loyalist forces numbering 1300 militia members were routed by Patriots 1/3<sup>rd</sup> their number and driven southward into South Carolina. <sup>(10)</sup>



Depiction of the Battle of King's Mountain, "Ferguson's Death Charge", from Lyman Draper's 1929 history "King's Mountain and it's heroes". Published by Dauber & Pine, New York. (Originally published 1881 by P.G. Thompson, Cincinnati)

At King's Mountain, referred to as "the war's largest all-American fight", 900 patriots (including John Crockett, father of the fabled Davy Crockett) defeated a Loyalist militia of 1105. The result was 28 dead and 62 wounded on the patriot side, and 290 dead, 163 wounded and 668 captured Loyalists. <sup>(14)</sup> Despite what Fred Yoder wrote in his 1970 book on the History of the North Carolina Yoders, in 1954 A History of Catawba County was published by Charles Jefferson Preslar which includes among the those fighting at King's Mountain not only the two sons of Henry Weidner, but ALSO CONRAD YODER himself! <sup>(15)</sup>

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The Battle at Cowpens, Jan. 17, 1781, was another Patriot victory, considered the turning point of the war in the South and this time against British regulars, including the infamous Blaize Tarleton. At Cowpens, 1115 British and Loyalist forces faced about 1900 patriots with 15 Patriots killed, 124 wounded. 110 British forces were killed, 229 wounded, and 629 captured. <sup>(16)</sup>



Abraham Whitener <sup>(17)</sup> Henry Whitener Jr  
-Robinson Cem., Newton, NC Whitener Cem., Marquand, MO

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17) Find a grave references for Henry Weidner’s sons Abraham and Henry Whitener Jr.

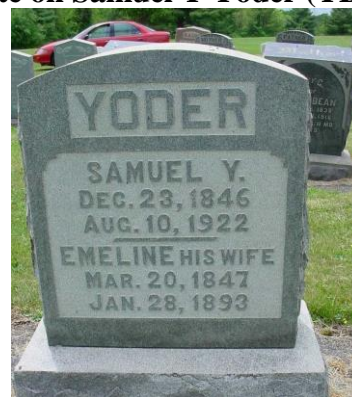
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 This year we will be celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Conrad Yoder, founder of our southern branch of Yoder family members, with a National Reunion to be hosted in October by the Yoder family of North Carolina. Next year will be the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America’s Declaration of Independence - our “Semiquincentennial”. It seems very appropriate to present an article looking at the involvements of Patriot Conrad Yoder and his neighbors during this challenging period of American history!  
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**MENNO YODER BARN FEATURED ON “ROUND BARNS” FACEBOOK PAGE**



The twelve sided cement barn built in 1908 by Menno Yoder (YR2337a5) (1863-1952) just west of Shipshewana, IN was recently highlighted in a post on the “Round Barns of America” FACEBOOK page. We published a feature article on it to celebrate its centennial in YNL53 (April 2009). The property remained in the family until 2020 at which time it was sold at public auction.  
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**Update on Samuel Y Yoder (YB13922)**



Thanks so much to the efforts of Berks Co., PA researcher Ann Balderrama for her work in figuring out the details of this family!  
 YB13922- Samuel Y. Yoder (23 December 1946-10 August 1922) bur. Blooming Glen Mennonite Cemetery, Bucks Co., Pa) m. Emeline Yoder Landis (20 March 1847 -28 January 1893). Samuel was a farmer until he moved to Philadelphia where he became a grocer. The listing of his 12 children is now available on the YNL web (we previously only knew of 7) site at: <https://yodernewsletter.org/nonamish/ybhans.html>



Peter Yoder



Eve Best Yoder

A published obituary has been found as follows:

*Peter Yoder—Died at the residence of his son Mr. Levi Yoder near Kirkwood, Mo., Tuesday, Aug 15th, 1890, Mr. Peter Yoder in the 79th year of his age. The deceased was the father of Mr. Andrew Yoder who resides on West Main Street this city (Belleville, Ill.) and was a gentleman who was highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him. He was born in Pennsylvania, May 3rd, 1814 but for a number of years had been residing in northern Illinois, (Stephenson County). About ten years ago he went to reside with his son Mr. Levi Yoder at his home about two miles south of Kirkwood, where he continued to reside until his demise. He had been in feeble health for some time, where he continued until his demise. He had been in feeble health with asthma and heart disease. He leaves surviving two sons and eight grandchildren. The funeral took place on Thursday the 17th last. The services were conducted by Rev F B Sheets Rector of the Episcopal Church. The remains being interred in the family burial ground on the old Sturdy farm south of Kirkwood.*

Nathaniel – (Oct 10, 1815 – Jan 11, 1902), married Mary Fisher (Dec 8, 1825-Feb 7, 1896) by 1850- In that census he (age 35) and wife Mary (25) (who had been “married within one year”) lived in the household of his parents in E Buffalo Twp, Union Co, PA along with younger brother John. His occupation is shown as “laborer”. In 1860 they are shown with four children and a Winfield post office in Union Twp, Union Co, as a farmer. In 1870 still a farmer and 4 kids, now in Limestone, Union Co, Pa. In 1880 only youngest daughter Emma was at home and they had moved to New Berlin, PA. In 1900 84 year old Nathaniel was a widower boarding with Isaac and Mary Bolger (sp?). Nathaniel and his wife are both buried in the New Berlin Cemetery.



Charles Sterner Yoder– (Nov 29, 1817 (said by family to have been in Oley Twp, Berks Co) –Aug 10, 1895) shown from 1850 to 1870 with wife Mary Ann Brown (d/o John Wm and Magdalene Brown) in Lewisburg, a carpenter by trade in 1850 and 60 and farmer in 1870. At age 45 he enlisted as a private on Sep 12, 1862 and served as a

private. His real estate value in 1870 was shown as \$6,000. In 1880 he was back to being a carpenter, then living in Derry, Montour Co, PA. The family subsequently moved to Morton, Sedgewick Co, KS where he and Mary both died in 1895 and are buried in the Pioneer Cemetery at Cheney, Ks.

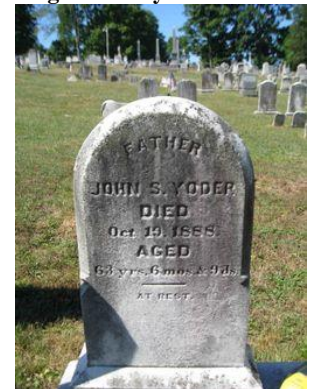


Mary A Yoder Penny (Apr. 9, 1820-Feb 6, 1903) married Arthur J Penny (1802 Ireland-Aug 28, 1868 Lewisburg). The 1860 census lists Mary twice, once in a Jul. 16th enumeration living in E. Buffalo Twp, Union Co with her parents and two youngest children, and once in a July 25<sup>th</sup> enumeration with her husband and all children listed in Louisville, Stark Co, OH. Perhaps the family moved incrementally about this time. In Ohio Arthur’s occupation was listed as “medicine”. While some of the children remained in the west, both Mary and A. J. were to be buried with her parents in the Lewisburg Cemetery.



Jacob S- (Mar 29, 1822 – Aug 23, 1881) married first to Sarah L. \_\_\_\_\_ who died Feb 7, 1857, and next to Margaret Catherine Kohler (Feb 2, 1828- Jul 2, 1918). He and Margaret are both buried in the cemetery in New Berlin, PA. He had two children by Sarah and at least five by Margaret. Jacob was a Civil War veteran serving as a private from 3/3/1865 to 8/24/1865 in Co I 192nd Reg PV.

John S (Apr 10, 1825–Oct 19, 1888) married Elizabeth Dunkelberger (Jul 30, 1822-Oct 15, 1895). They had three sons born from 1879 to 1885. Both are buried in the Lewisburg Cemetery.



Jacob S, Lewisburg Cem, and John S Yoder, New Berlin Cem.  
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## PASSINGS



-Ted Yoder, 70, Hickory, NC died Sep 11, 2024 after a prolonged illness. He was the son of Gerald (s/o Con14225) and Maynell (Burriss) Yoder. As his father before him, he was a stalwart leader and story teller for decades of the Yoder Family of North Carolina. If you attended a Yoder Family Reunion, chances are you heard one of his annual family history talks. He

would often comment that as the name Yoder comes from the Greek 'Theodorus' (Theos- meaning God and doron meaning gift), "God's gift", that as "Theodore Yoder" he was a "double gift." He will be greatly missed.

-Wayne Yoder Jr., 55, of Wautoma, WI, died Aug. 10, 2024. He was the born in Hazelton, IA to Wayne J. and Amanda (Helmuth) Yoder.

-Enos J. Yoder, 86, of Reedsville, PA died June 23, 2024. He was the son of David J. (s/o YR253c22) and Elsie M. (Kurtz)- Yoder.

- Martin R. Yoder, 75, of LaGrange Co., IN, died July 11, 2024. He was the son of Andrew (s/o YR2612a39) and Elva (Miller) Yoder.

-Rosa A. Yoder, 95, of Goshen, IN, died Aug. 6, 2024. She was the daughter of Andy I. (YR2612a39) and Lizzie (Yoder) Yoder.

- Vernon A. Yoder, 98, of Warren, OH died Aug. 27, 2024. He was the son of Allen (s/o YR2611924) and Lizzie (Tice) Yoder in Springs, PA.

- Ralph Daniel Yoder age 92, of Ames, Iowa died Sep. 4, 2024, He was the son of Daniel (YR2611626) and Elsie (Conrad) Yoder.

-Larry "Skip" R. Yoder, 73, of Middlefield, Ohio, died \_\_\_\_\_. He was born as one of nine children to Roman (s/oYR1253586) and Mary (Gingerich) Yoder.

- Andrew Duane Yoder, 88, of Mission, Texas, died Aug. 19, 2024. He was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Yoder) Yoder.

- Martin R. Yoder, 75, of LaGrange Co, IN, died Jul. 11, 2024. He was the son of Andrew and Elva (Miller) Yoder.

- Wayne K. Yoder, 98, of Elkhart, IN, died Aug. 19, 2024. He was the son of Ray A. (YR23383a2) and Virginia M. (Yoder) Yoder.

- Fred Lee Yoder Jr., 72, of Etowah, TN, passed away Aug. 28, 2024. He was the son of Fred and Inez Yoder (Con393 family).

- Bonnie Faye Yoder Wright was born February 19, 1934, to Claude James "Boss" Ryan and Clemmie May Lewis Ryan in Yale, Oklahoma. She departed this life on September 2, 2024, in Florida at the age of 90 years.

-Marlin S. Yoder, 87, Hollsopple, PA, died Mar. 22, 2024. Son of Ammon S. Yoder (YR234491b) and Elda (Kaufman) Yoder.

-Shirley (Yoder) Swain, 91, Richland, PA, died Jul. 14, 2024. She was the daughter of Clair M (OH1333424) and Mercedes (Detandt) Yoder. Clair was a son of Ulysses Grant Yoder (6/18/1865 Shamokin, Pa-10/10/1920) and Amanda Armenta (Lucas) Yoder.

- James "Dale" Yoder, 89,-Lake Worth, FL, died Dec. 4, 2024. He was the son of Lloyd and Viola (Sell) Yoder (see YNL74 for article on the "Yoder House".

- Eldon Lee Yoder of Madison, VA, died Jan. 10, 2025. He was the son of J. Elmer (s/o YR23443344) and Amanda (Hochstetler) Yoder.

- Andrew A. "Junior" Yoder, age 74, Gnadenhutten, OH, died Jan. 21, 2025. He was the son of Andrew A. (YR1253c618) and Lizzie Ann Miller Yoder.

- Nolan W. Yoder, age 94, of Orrville, OH, died Jan. 16, 2025. He was the son of Amos (YR23412422) and Anna (Hochstetler) Yoder.

- Clifford Wendell Yoder, 83, of Altavista, VA, died Jan. 9, 2025. He was the son of Menno (s/o YR2612a12) and Anna Yoder.

- Robert E. Yoder, 67, of Butler, IN died Jan. 2, 2025. He was the son of Robert E. (s/o YR2511g25) and Ima Jean M. (Hankey) Yoder.

-Ralph S. Yoder, Sr., 91, of Coopersburg, PA, died Jan. 4, 2025. He was the son of William (YB135134) and Emma E. (Moatz) Yoder.

-Jonas M. Yoder, 85, Oakland, MD, died Jan. 2, 2025. He was the son of Milo Yoder (YR2611975) and Ada Yoder (Miller).

-Clarence "C.T." Yoder, 89, Goshen, IN, died Dec.7, 2024. He was the son of Tobias A. (YR2344785) and Ada (Mast) Yoder.



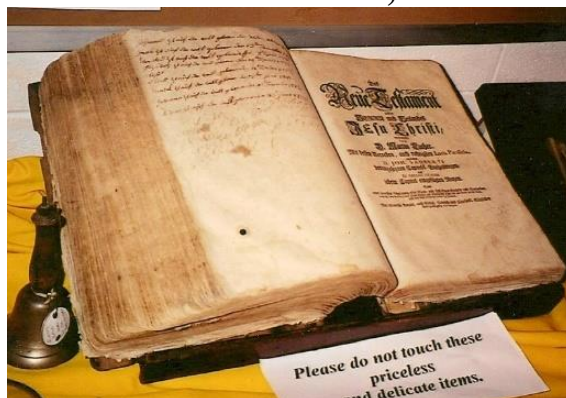
-Virgil Edward Yoder, 92, of Greensburg, PA, died Nov. 27, 2024. He was the son of Edward (YR2617271) and Estie (Miller) Yoder. His genealogy research took him to photograph Yoder family landmarks throughout Europe. He and wife Rita shared his video program of these sites at several of the early National Yoder Reunions and made copies available for sale.

-Emanuel W. Yoder, 88 of Belvidere, TN died Nov. 9, 2024. He was the son of Wesley (YR2617271) and Mary (Weaver) Yoder.

-Jean Carmen Yoder, 83, of Hickory, NC, died Jan. 7, 2025. She was the daughter of Richard Enloe Yoder (s/o Con1416).

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## CONRAD YODER 300 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN NC OCTOBER 23-26, 2025



Conrad Yoder Bible

"Come on down and celebrate with us the 300th anniversary of our own Conrad Yoder's birthdate and learn how Dr. Don Yoder discovered the link to all of our Yoder lines from Melchior to Conrad and their move during the 1700s from Steffisburg, Switzerland to America. At the old Courthouse Museum, hear Chris Yoder, Emily Coffman Richardson, and other noted genealogists and historians describe the fascinating accounts of how Yoders fought wars, lived and survived with other Europeans and the Catawba and Cherokee Natives. View the Conrad Yoder Bible. Spend the day on Saturday at Hart Square Village, the nation's largest collection of historic log cabins [www.hartsquare.com](http://www.hartsquare.com) . Worship together at our sacred Pennsylvania Deutsch vintage candlelight vespers. Wear your new Yoder shirt(s) as you enjoy our Southern hospitality, cooking, bluegrass music, dancing, storytellin' and visiting other historic sites, beautiful autumn countryside and weather, and the Blue Ridge Mountains along the way. The weekend will be a truly Southern experience, exciting, Yoder informative, and just a great time together, again including some popular things that we did previously in the Nationals and adding some new activities and sites. Come on down, bring your family. Have fun while teaching them our Swiss-American culture and heritage (with a Southern accent)!"- To be added to the reunion mailing list contact President Rachael Kennedy, 704-467-2272, or email: [rachaelkennedy466@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelkennedy466@gmail.com) .