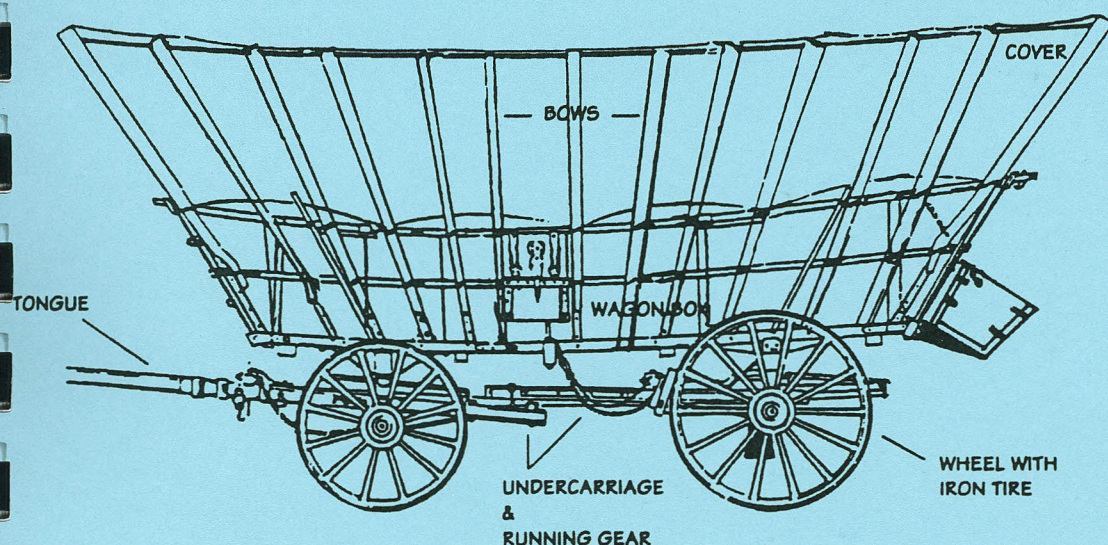


Abraham Blosser Family

Following the Westward Migration

CONESTOGA WAGON



EMIGRANT-FARM WAGON

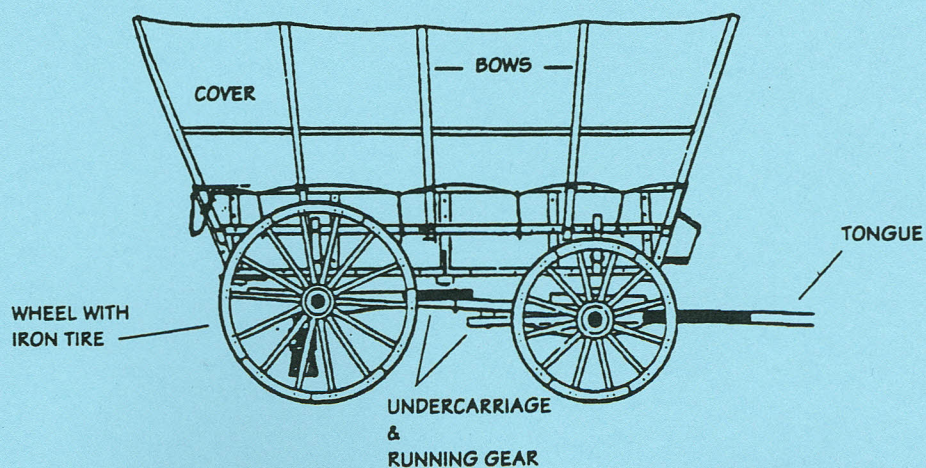


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PREFACE

To trace a family history, genealogists recommend starting with one's immediate family and working back to the immigrant ancestor. In this research, I was interested in learning who was the immigrant ancestor of John Avery Blosser. It has been an intriguing pursuit, from engaging private researchers to visits to and correspondence with historical societies, the Library of Congress, and many family Blosser researchers from Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Utah, Washington, California and Oregon.

Some researchers had established their Blosser ancestor as Peter I of the ship *Snow Betsy*, who had arrived in America in 1739. He and his family had been documented by S.H. Blosser of Virginia. Tracing each member of that family and consulting with the Eastern Mennonite College Genealogy Library in Harrisonburg, Virginia, personally researching courthouse and family records in Page and Shenandoah County courthouses in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and contacts with living Blossers who claimed Peter I as the ancestor, I concluded that there was no proof that Peter I was our ancestor. Researchers from the Eastern Mennonite College Library concurred, and also suggested that I research the Lancaster County area for Blossers, either of Mennonite or Reformed faith, to find the immigrant ancestor.

This paper represents my best effort to gather together all the documents pursuant to establishing our immigrant Blosser, and my decision that Abraham Blosser, the earliest recorded Blosser settler and a Mennonite of Chester County, Pennsylvania, offered the best possibility for study. He became the focus of this project.

This document is offered as an accumulation of family and historical records with the hope that it will lead to further research and expansion of family lines. It is not offered as a professional genealogical project and is not for sale.

My thanks is extended to the many people who contributed their knowledge of the family to this paper, and to Nik Blosser, my grandson, who gave immeasurable assistance in preparing the final copy.

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August 1997 To John, my husband
who inspired this project
by showing me 5 generations
of previous ancestors by the
name of John Blosser
With Love Betty

THE NAME BLAZER/BLASSER

John Allison Blazer, in his book *Blazer Family*

*Archives*¹ identified seventy variations of the spelling of the family name. The origin of the name is unknown, but "Blaser" first appeared in 1506 in Switzerland. Immigration officers and census-takers spelled names the way they heard them, when neither the immigrant nor bureaucrat could read or write the other's language. It was customary, in such instances, for the immigrant to make a mark (X), acknowledging his name as it sounded. Prior to their immigration, Swiss-Mennonites adopted the names of their home towns as their surnames, i.e. Blas or Blasen. The Blazer/Blaser spoke a German dialect. *See Addendum IV - Village of Blasen*

Blasers were found in both Mennonite and Reformed Swiss families. Inter-marriage occurred between sects as well as with other religions, which makes for interesting research in tracing family lineage.

The spelling of the Blazer/Blaser name often reflected a personal preference or adaptation to the times. i.e. one family who moved to New York State did not want its name associated with a European war and changed the name from "a" to "o", thus spelling the name Blosser.

In old documents one will often note a family name spelled with a "ff", reflecting the German spelling, rather than "ss", as used later.

Naming children was different for the Germans and the Swiss. In the Germanic system, the first son was named after the paternal grandfather, the second son after the maternal grandfather. The first daughter was named after the maternal grandmother, the second daughter after the paternal grandmother, and the third daughter after the mother.²

In the Swiss naming system, the first son was named for either the paternal grandfather or father, in no particular order. Other sons were named for uncles or other relatives. A similar method was used for naming girls. First daughter was named for the maternal grandmother, the second daughter was named for the mother.³

Variations of Blazer/Blosser:

Blazer
Blaser
Blasen
Blasser
Blosser
Blauser
Blaizer
Blazer
Blafser
Blofser
Blessor

SWISS-GERMAN EUROPEAN MENNONITE BACKGROUND

H. S. Eshelman in the *Annals of the Swiss-German Settlers* wrote that as early as 900 AD, strong men began to stand out as champions of religious liberty and the simple gospel against the great Romish Church, the only Christian Church of note at this time. They held fast against fire and sword. About the year 1150 AD, Ralph Waldo renounced the Romish Church and led the Evangelical Christians, who by the hundreds of thousands adhered to him. They held the faith for nearly 400 years more and went like lambs to the slaughter. Then came the Reformation with a greater questioning of the Roman Catholic doctrine and practices. The Brethren (1400-1500), Luther (1517), the Anabaptists (1534), the Mennonites (1535) and Calvin (1541) led the movement to the heart of Europe. The Puritans, Separatists, Presbyterians and Brownists formed circa 1560, followed by the Polish Unitarians circa 1600, Friends and George Fox circa 1670, and finally John Wesley in 1738.

Differences lay in such areas as stressing the independent study of the scriptures and acceptance of the Biblical scripture only as authority, lay preaching, the experience of conversion, rejecting infant baptism, refusal to bear arms or take oaths. They also had concern for human beings, their values, capabilities and achievements.

Menno Simon held to the Waldenscon beliefs, especially to the doctrine of non-resistance, and his followers became the prey of governments, and those of the militant faiths. But neither fire, sword, drowning or imprisonment could turn them from their convictions. While Bern, Zurich and other cities exterminated them, they multiplied and were found by the thousands everywhere.

Many sects sprang up in England and the Continent, Lutheran, Reformed, Puritans, Anabaptists, Mennonites, Baptists, Mormons, and Quakers during the 17th century. Eshelman wrote

The movement was brought on by the wretchedness, suffering and the stiff formalism into which the Church had fallen. The comfort and satisfaction that could not be found in the Church and state were sought for in personal communion with the Holy Spirit. They obtained government favor in Holland in 1575 and thus beheld the "Golden Glow of the West" gravitating there at the close of nearly 200 years of suffering, and holding onto their faith in all its purity.⁴

William Penn, an Englishman, became a Quaker and was filled with missionary zeal. As early as 1655 he and several friends, among whom was George Fox, traveled to Germany and Holland with the purpose of organizing Quakers and extending their

Menno Simon founded the Mennonite Faith in 1535.

principles. They visited a little band of Quakers which had held together there for twenty years. William Penn and his friends were warmly received.

It was said that religion was "brought from the head to the heart." The movement spread like a "tidal wave" over Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, and England.⁵

Eshelman mentioned a list of prisoners who were captured 12 January, 1709 among whom was Nicholas Blaser of Lauperawyl. Listed in jail in Berne on 27 July 1710 was Peter Blaser answering a letter of consolation for 52 prisoners in the "Island" prison at Berne from the General Assembly in Berne dated 8 January 1711. Mention was made, also, of travel expenses being paid to Peter Blaser to go to the judicial district of Trachelwald and Summerswald to induce Baptists to emigrate. A Peter Blaser of Lauperswayl was listed on 23 July 1711 as having escaped from one of the ships at Basil en route to Holland. From 1711 on, more emigrations followed but the persecutions did not cease.⁶

THE EVOLVING MENNONITE CULTURE IN AMERICA

Donald B. Kraybill wrote the following in the *Mirror*, a Lancaster Historical Society Newsletter for October 1995, which illuminates our understanding of the Mennonite Culture as it adapted to the American culture⁷:

Nonresistance has been a central tenant of the Mennonite faith over the years. In recent times a growing emphasis has been placed on peacemaking and more active participation in the political order among some groups of Mennonites. Mennonites for many years lived in rural communities outside the cultural mainstream. A doctrinal belief in separation from the world forged by years of persecution in Europe, has made many Mennonites wary of a full embrace of the larger social order.

Beyond rejection of military service, the ethic of non-resistance frowned on political participation and sought to avoid conflict and the use of law in personal and economic relations. The sectarian impulse to create a separate community anchored on the values of humility and non-resistance was partially realized in farming communities that characterized much of the Mennonite experience until the mid-twentieth century.

Industrialization and World War II uprooted Mennonites from rural homesteads and led them into higher education, professions, and worldwide service activities. Modernization made a dramatic impact on the mode and style of Mennonite peacemaking. In the mid 1950's, the quiet and meek of the land began debating their responsibilities in the larger social order. Some became activists in the 1960s and 1970s during the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War. Others entered public life and became active in politics. Many agents of change helped to forge new understandings of peacemaking as modernization made its impact on a traditional religious minority.

At times Mennonites have been esteemed as peacemakers who chart the paths of virtue; at other times they have been despised as social parasites unwilling to bear their share of the national defense. Nevertheless, in their nearly 500 years of history, peacemaking has been central to Mennonite self understanding and public identity.

PENNSYLVANIA SETTLEMENTS

In 1651 some emigrants had arrived in Germantown, PA but we have no other information about them. In 1672, 700 Swiss Mennonites from Berne had been offered free transportation down the Rhine River and permission to take their families with them on the condition that they never return to Switzerland. There is no further information about them.

In 1681 the Penn brothers, William, Thomas and John, had received 25,000 acres between New Jersey and Maryland from King Charles II of England in payment for a debt owed their father. They immediately set out to attract colonists to America to carry out their "Holy Experiment", a state in which religious and political freedoms would be granted to all, by traveling and sending letters and emissaries throughout Europe.

Old tradition forbade emigration, which was considered desertion, punishable by death and loss of property, land, and home rights. However, floods of emigrants finally became a problem for governments. Governments saw an opportunity with emigration to rid themselves of the classes of people who could undermine the foundations of civil government: the homeless or squatters and those who refused to bear arms or hold office. Baptists, Anabaptists and Mennonites fell into the latter category. The Swiss Mennonites were thought to be the most intractable of people. The German government made an attempt to escort a large group of them to Holland and England, but failed to get the cooperation of the Dutch and English governments.⁸ The Dutch government also attempted in 1710 to find places for the Mennonites in Prussia and Burgundy, but failed to get the cooperation of the Baptists or Mennonites.

Beginning in 1683, Germany established colonies in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Louisiana, North and South Carolina, Maine and Nova Scotia. These colonies did not influence the character of the respective states because the percentage of German people to the general population was small. England encouraged Germans to migrate to Virginia ca. 1709.

German and Swiss migrations to Pennsylvania did have a profound effect upon the kind of government which evolved due to the large percentage of the population having come from Germanic counties, and the Quaker/Mennonite religious influence. Mennonites and Anabaptists, having had a similar common experience, had always been congenial and continued to intermingle when they migrated.⁹

The first settlement in Pennsylvania was established with thirteen German Mennonite families on 6 October 1683 by Francis Daniel Pastorius, agent for the Frankfort Company of Germany. William Penn and Pastorius knew each other and Penn was in Germantown when Pastorius and the colonists founded it. Under Pastorius' supervision, the settlers cleared the land, built houses, and established a prosperous community. Germantown was separated

See Map 1 on p 54: "Religious Settlements in Pennsylvania Established In or Before 1730"

from Philadelphia by primeval forests, broken only by a bridle path. Letters reaching the homeland told of the prosperous community they had founded and encouraged others to follow to America. In less than five years fifty homes had been erected.

The beginnings of a second settlement took place through the efforts of Dutch Ambassador to Berne, John Ludwig Runckel. He organized 37 Swiss Brethren in Switzerland to attend a General Assembly in Holland to formulate plans to ship the persecuted Swiss Anabaptists to Holland. After much fear, distrust, and defections, four ships finally departed for Holland in July 1711. The group was given free transportation, permitted to sell their property, and take their families with them, provided they promised never to return to Switzerland. The group was made up of 150 children, 89-90 women, and 80-90 men. They paid their own way and were domiciled in many towns in Holland. In 1709 they were given permission to migrate to America. All German and Swiss migrations had to be sanctioned by the Dutch government. The first stop en route was London.¹⁰

On 24 June 1710, Swiss Palatines Hans and Christian Herr, Martin Milei, Hans Funk, Jacob Miller, and Martin Kundig left London and arrived in Philadelphia in September 1710. They stayed briefly in Germantown. In October 1710, they received a patent for 10,000 acres on the Pequa Creek, Conestoga (Chester County) from William & Thomas Penn made out in the names of Hans Herr and Martin Kundig, agents for their countrymen. After the first settlers had become established, Martin Kundig was given permission to return to Germany and Switzerland to induce others who wished to "share their fortune" in the new settlement and join them in Pennsylvania. Kundig and Herr took up additional small parcels of farming land which they sold to countrymen.

See Map 2 on p 55: "Various Boundary Lines of Pennsylvania Established Before 1792"

Simultaneously, William Penn's "Holy Experiment" in government was attracting settlers seeking religious and political freedom. Land warrants reflect that many settlers purchased their property in the Pequa Creek area from William Penn's agents.¹¹

Richard Warren Davis writing in the January and April 1996 issues of *Mennonite Family History* states that after the first 363 settlers arrived, he could document, from ship records he was able to locate, only about 300 immigrant arrivals between 1718 and 1725. Settlements were established at Skippack and Salford Townships in Montgomery County, Conestoga and Coventry Townships in Chester County. Settlements also pushed west penetrating 30-70 miles into the wilderness.¹²

It is estimated that from 15,000-20,000 Germans and Swiss had arrived in America by 1727. Between that time and 1754, approximately 32,000 more arrived. With the natural increase in families, the population probably numbered 110,000 by 1754.¹³

Ships captains were not required to keep lists until 1727. Therefore, genealogists have had to rely on tax lists, town records, naturalization records and personal letters to approximate settler arrivals. Children and people under twenty-one years of age were not permitted to purchase land or marry. They were usually not listed separately on bureaucratic records. Single persons were listed as "freemen."

At first, the flux of immigrants called forth negative public attention, but finding that these harmless people were a great source of benefit to the country, the objections of those in public office were withdrawn. However the large influx of foreigners from 1717 on led to the adoption of a resolution requiring masters of ships to keep lists of persons, their occupations and where they came from, and it required foreigners to sign a declaration of allegiance to the King of Great Britain and fidelity to the Proprietary of Pennsylvania. The first oath was taken on 21 September 1727 by 109 different Palatines.¹⁴

Palatines: residents of an area in southwestern Germany and northeastern France called the Palatinate.

Among the earliest settlers of Conestoga Township, Chester County listed by Mr. Davis was Abraham Blasser who appeared on the tax list in 1722 in Conestoga Twp..¹⁵ However, records further show that he had applied for a land warrant for 153 acres of land on the Pequa River in 1716 but which was not recorded until 4 March 1739/40.

Other early settlers with the Blasser name in Lancaster County were: Christian Blasser and his wife Anna Gertrude who arrived on the ship *Pink Mary* from Dublin into Philadelphia on Sept. 29, 1733. With them were their children: John Adam (13-1/2), Catherine (11-1/2), Maria Magdalena (9-1/2), Hans Martz (6-1/2), Nicholas (3-1/2) and Anna Margaretha (2). Christian's will recorded in Lancaster County, PA in 1749 named Peter Blasser as the guardian for Gertrude, and Matthias as the guardian for Catherine. Neither children's nor wife's names were recorded.

See Map 3 on p 56: "View of the Country round Lancaster in 1730"

Donegal Twp., Lancaster County listed Christian, Peter and Matthias Blasser on the 1750 tax rolls. Baptism of the children of these families was printed in the "Historical Sketch of the Christ Reformed Church of Elizabethtown, PA" by H.E. Reem (1933). Since Abraham Blaser was a Mennonite there would be no record of baptisms for his children.

Another Mennonite Peter Blaser (Blozer) was listed on the passenger list for the ship *Snow Betsy* in 1739. This family was well documented by S.H. Blosser in "Genealogical History of the Blosser Family as Known in America." They settled in York County and migrated to Page County, Virginia during the Revolutionary War. One son, John, remained in Shrewsbury Twp. in York County.

THE CONSTELLATION THEORY

We are familiar with the term "constellation" as it applies to a configuration of stars in structurally or systematically related groups.

Genealogists apply the theory to determine human relationships in an area or several areas. Finding names, dates, and places coinciding with those of another area, a researcher can be quite certain that one is dealing with the same family. This is particularly helpful with early immigrants where official records are difficult to find, or are nonexistent.

In researching the Blasser family, a number of professionally certified researchers in Lancaster County, York County, and Fayette County, Pennsylvania have found deeds, wills, land records, and used the constellation theory to establish the relationships in the Blasser family¹⁶. In this project it is being employed to discover the lineage of John Blasser and Catherine Beery Blasser of Manchester Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and Fayette County, Pennsylvania and their descendants recorded in subsequent chapters of this genealogy.

BLASSERS IN CHESTER AND LANCASTER COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

Some background will be helpful to identify the area of the settlement and the names of places in America where the first Blassers located.

The British Crown granted land to religious and commercial organizations, as well as individuals, in the areas between the Susquehanna River, the Schuylkill River, New Jersey, and Maryland which they could control, divide and sell. King Charles II named this area "Pennsylvania." An administration, the "Province of Philadelphia," was installed. Officials had the title of "Proprietaries."

On 23 October, 1710, Martin Kindig, Hans Herr, Christian Herr, Martin Oberholtzer, Martin Meili and Joseph Miller were granted a warrant for 10,000 acres of land on Pequa Creek, Conestoga Twp., made out in the names of Hans Herr and Martin Kendig, agents for their countrymen. The area was called Chester County. The first settlers arrived about the same time. As soon as they were settled Martin Kindig/Kundig went back to Germany and Switzerland to encourage others to migrate to share their fortune and "unmolestedly begin anew."¹⁷

Impenetrable forest had to be cleared to make room for log houses and to create farm land. The Scotch-Irish and the Swiss settlers in the Pequa Creek area selected land along navigable rivers and where good soil was found under the rich forest growth. They were quiet, industrious, and they lived peacefully among the Conestoga and Mingo Indian tribes. The people were farmers and with the help of some German settlers and the native Americans, they transformed the area into a "garden spot." Early roads followed the vast network of Indian trails. These trails had been used by animals, traders and Indians. People made them wider with their carts and wagons. Water and game food was readily available for the settlers. Transportation was by foot, horse, carts pulled by oxen or horses, and river boat.¹⁸

A petition to erect a new county out of upper Chester County was presented to the Borough Council in Philadelphia on 6 February 1729. On approval, the area was named Lancaster County. It had all the rights, privileges and immunities which every other county enjoyed. Residents no longer had to travel 100 miles in order to conduct official business.¹⁹ The Pequa Creek settlement was located in this area.

Lancaster County included land on the west side of the Susquehanna River which had not been secured by treaty with the Native Americans. In 1728 the Mennonites started taking advantage of the opening up of the territory west of the Susquehanna River from Krutz Creek to the Corodus Valley. They traveled by "Conestoga"

Creation of Chester County in 1710.

Creation of Lancaster County in 1729 out of part of Chester Co.

wagon, a product of the Pennsylvania settlers. In the covered wagons were all the belongings which the immigrants were able to bring from Europe: implements of agriculture, seeds, household articles, chests filled with homespun materials, household utensils, Bibles and other books. Most settlers had some money.

Under the authority of the Proprietors of Pennsylvania, settlers were granted license by the government agent to purchase land, beginning 30 October 1736. The area, known as Springettsbury Manor, included Manchester in 1742 and was located in Lancaster County. In 1749 this area west of the Susquehanna River became York County. (This is pertinent information to have in mind when searching for documents, tracing family migrations, etc.) The migration pushed West where land was available, when an area had become too populated, with too many restrictive laws, taxes, or government domination. Deeds often stated that a particular piece of land was in Lancaster County prior to the formation of York County. Thomas, Richard and John Penn, Esquires, were Proprietaries of York County.²⁰

One method genealogists use to trace family lineage is to "follow the paper trail." This method will be used to gather the Blasser Family lineage. This project will follow the first recorded Blasser, Abraham Blasser of Conestoga, Chester County, PA through as many generations as we can identify through government and historical records.

ABRAHAM BLASSER I

Abraham Blasser of Conestoga Township, PA was the earliest recorded Blasser to apply for a land warrant. He applied for a parcel of 153 acres along the Pequa Creek in Chester County in 1716. The "bureaucracy" was often slow to record deeds, and the warrant deed was not granted until 4 March 1730, and by then the area had become part of Lancaster County. By law, Abraham had to be 21 years of age to apply for a land warrant, which would make his birth year circa 1684.

Some explanation is needed of place names and place name changes as the influx of migrants grew and new areas were settled.

By 1720 West Conestoga was established as a township, embracing all the territory west of the Pequa River. In 1722, West Conestoga Township's name was changed to Donegal Township, in deference to the Scotch-Irish who comprised nearly the entire population. There were only a few Swiss and German settlers.

Richard Warren Davis in an article titled "Swiss and German Mennonite Immigrants from the Palatinate, 1718-1726" recorded Abraham Blasser as a taxpayer in Conestoga Township, Chester County, PA in 1722.²¹ Taxes were assessed for the previous year.

Abraham Blasser remained on the Conestoga Twp. tax list from 1722 to 1757 and his name appeared as a neighbor on the deed for Abraham Kagey.²² Also, Abraham Blazer was shown with land

See Map 4 on p 57: "The Manor of Springettsbury"

Creation of York County in 1749.

See Map 5 on p 58: "Genealogy of Lancaster County Townships Showing Origins and Dates of Their Establishment"

West Conestoga Twp. established in 1720.

West Conestoga Twp. changed to Donegal Twp. in 1722.

adjacent to Peter Lehman on a draft of a 100 acre tract surveyed for Peter Lehman in Lancaster County on 4 May 1754, pursuant to a warrant bearing the date 23 November 1744.²³ Abraham Blasser was one of the settlers named in the 1724-25 and 1754 tax lists for Donegal Twp. His land adjoined that of Christian, Matthias and Peter Blasser (*Lancaster Deed abstracts, Book D p 287 & 543 and Book K p 93*). Christian had arrived in America in 1733 aboard the *Mary* with his wife and children, and Peter and Matthias had purchased property from the Penns in 1750.

Applying the "Constellation Theory" one may infer that Abraham, Matthias, Christian and Peter, who were all on the 1724 tax lists in Donegal Twp., were related. They may have been. However, another factor needs to be considered to determine lineage. In checking other factors it was learned that none of Christian's, Peter's or Matthias' children were named Abraham according to baptismal records found in the first registry of the Donegal Blasser Church dated 1750-67. There are no entries for Abraham's children in the records of the original church, adjoining Peter Blasser's farm, or in the rebuilt church in 1815 in Elizabethtown, PA. Church records were found of baptisms from 1752-1797. (The original church building was sold to the High Dutch Presbyterian Congregation on 28 July, 1767.²⁴)

Bea McDonald, a fellow family researcher, brought to my attention as this manuscript was being finished, a 1996 book published by Richard Warren Davis (who researches records in Germany and Switzerland) entitled *Immigrant, Refugees and Prisoners: an Aid to Mennonite Family Research*,²⁵ in which he stated the following:

Nicholas Blaser was b ca 1668. He married Barbli Steiner. He lived at Rothenbach, Bern in 1705 when he was called an Anabaptist at the forced baptism of his two children, Abraham and Catherina. He was living in Lauperswil, Bern on 17 Mar 1710 when he was exiled to Pennsylvania. He had been in jail at Bern.

Abraham Blaser was born ca 1697 in Rothenbach, Bern. He was forcibly baptised as a child at Rothenbach with his sister Catherina on 16 July 1705. He was first taxed at Lancaster Co. in 1722. He probably arrived in Pennsylvania in 1721. He was married to Anna Eby, b ca 1700. He warranted 153 acres in Lancaster County on 4 Mar 1739. On 15 April 1754 he was living on his land next to Kagey's and Harnish's land in Conestoga Twp. He died in 1759 at Conestoga Twp. In his Will he called his wife Anna Ebin and gave his turner tools to his son Jacob. He also stated that "my daughter's child Freny Graff shall have no demand nor share of my estate - no more than 5 shillings which shall be her share."

He does not mention his other children, but Mr. Davis wrote that Abraham was probably the father of the Mennonites Abraham, John and Jacob who all lived in York Co. and then moved from there. He probably had several daughters.

*Abraham I(b 1700) & Anna Ebin
Blasser's Children:*

Christian (b 1725)
Nicholas (b1734)
Peter (b 1737)
a daughter (b 1739) (Susannah)
John (b 1743)
Jacob (b 1741)

Mr. Davis listed Abraham's children as: 1. unnamed daughter b ca 1720 that married a Mr. Graff and had a daughter Freny; 2. Abraham b ca 1724 and married ca 17?? to Barbara Lehman, * daughter of Peter and Barbara Lehman; 3. John b ca 1734 married to Catherine Beery, daughter of Nicholas Bieri. He spoke of John's lands in York Co. and then of his buying land in Springhill Twp. in Fayette Co., PA in 1796 where John and his wife died sometime after 1813/4. Jacob b ca 1736 and taxed as a freeman in 1757 at Conestoga Twp., Lancaster Co. He bought land of Nicholas Beery, Jr. in 1763 in Shrewsbury Twp., York Co.

Mr. Davis' findings have been confirmed by the following: Abraham Blasser wrote his will on 3 February 1759 in Lancaster County.²⁶ The will was witnessed by Rudolph Kagey. In the will his second wife Anna Elin or Ebin was named as well as a son, Jacob, a daughter Susannah and a grandchild Freny Graff. In the will, Jacob inherited the property which Abraham had acquired in 1722²⁷ and was charged with the care of his sister Susannah and her child Freny Graff. A researcher, Albert Bassler, stated that Abraham had married Ann Ebin four years prior to his death. The name of the first wife is unknown.²⁸

According to the information submitted to the Latter Day Saints Library in Salt Lake City, Utah by Ralph Waltman, a 5th generation removed descendant of Abraham (b 1700) and Anna Ebin (b 1703), Abraham and Anna Ebin had the following children:²⁹ Christian (1725); George (1728); Matthias (1731); Nicholas (1734); Peter (1737); a Daughter (1739) who married a Graff; John (1743); and Jacob (1741) who married Christina Martin.

As sources Waltman listed the 1780 Census of Lancaster County, Deeds, and Abraham's will. This record was "sealed" which meant that only LDS church members could access it. Attempts to contact Mr. Waltman directly by both family researcher Marion Fleming and the author of this family history failed.

The Universal Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City, Utah, endeavored to confirm who the children of Abraham might have been, other than Jacob, but was not successful.³⁰

In summary, there seems to be enough evidence through public records and research sources to establish Abraham Blaser as the Immigrant Ancestor.

* See Addendum III

JACOB: THE HEIR

Jacob was listed as a freeman in 1757-59 and taxed in 1759. Jacob married Christine Martin, daughter of Immigrant Christian and Susannah Martin (the sister of Magdalena Martin, wife of Andrew Kauffman, son of Andrew the Immigrant). They purchased 153 acres of land on Pequa Creek in 1763 and gave it on 24 April 1763 to Henry Boyer for the support of sister, Susannah and her child, Freny Graff, in return for which Henry Boyer agreed to pay Susannah ten pounds yearly. Boyer's estate released the mortgage on 12 May 1786.³¹

In the *Beery Family History* by William and Judith Beery Garber, there is a record of Jacob Blaizer, a turner, of Conestoga Twp., Lancaster County, purchasing 100 acres of land from Nicholas Beery Jr. and his wife Mary Keller of Manchester Twp., York County, in August 1763.

Jacob and Christina Blasser sold 54 1/4 acres of land in Conestoga Twp. to Jacob Harnist on 24 April 1764.³² Jacob was taxed in 1772 in Manchester Twp., York Co.

There is a record of Jacob and wife Barbara Blasser who acquired land in Manchester Twp. on 24 July 1774 which they sold on 17 May 1775.³³

ABRAHAM II

Although a son named Abraham is not named in his father's will, he was named as a son of ~~Nicholas~~ Blaser by Richard W. Davis.

Abraham

Often sons had been given property prior to a parents' death or were old enough to acquire their own property and therefore not named in a Will. I propose in this paper that Abraham II is the son of Abraham and Anna Ebin Blasser, and that he did in fact acquire property but not through his father. He instead acquired it through his wife, Barbara Lehman.

Abraham and Barbara Lehman Blasser and Barbara's brother, Peter, had each received land from Peter Lehman in 1752 which had been warranted to Peter Lehman on 30 October 1736 in Springettsbury Twp., York Co.³⁴ Abraham needed to be twenty-one years of age to own property at that time. His birthdate would be circa 1731. Deed Book 2E, p 84-6 showed that land acquired in 1752 was sold 12 June 1787. An unrecorded deed (file#17134)³⁵ showed purchases of land by Abraham Blasser on 30 April 1777 and sold 10 May 1786 in Hopewell Twp., York County. Tax lists for Hopewell Twp. listed Abraham on 1779 with 200 acres, 3 horses and 6 cattle. In 1783 he was listed with 100 acres and 6 inhabitants. On 25 May 1786 (file#20409)³⁶ the file showed Abraham with 150 acres of land and 2 mills which were taxed in Hopewell Twp. We have no record of the couple after 1786. The 1783 Census for Hopewell Twp. noted that there were 6 inhabitants in the household.

We are not sure about this reference. Barbara Blasser could be Jacob's second wife, or this could be a different Jacob.

See Addendum III for Peter Lehman family

There is also a record of Abraham's purchase of 100 acres in Manchester Twp. on 23 March 1761 and assignment to John Blasser I of Manchester Twp. the same day. John I sold the land on 19 January 1762, taking a mortgage to be paid in full by 26, 1771. The original transaction was witnessed by Abraham Blasser.³⁷

JOHN I: SON OF ABRAHAM (b 1697)

John Blasser I, b ca 1734, requested a survey of 185 acres of land in Manchester Twp. on 15 January 1757. Three York County Deeds C, p 312-5 stated that John I was married to Catherine Beery, born circa 1729 and daughter of Nicholas and Barbara Miller Beery. Tax rolls listed John I in Hopewell Twp. from 1772-1783 (will 11 inhabitants and 150 acres of land).

In 1762 a survey was done in Springfield Twp., York Co., for 139.18 acres called "Chestnut Hill" for John Plauser. This was patented on 23 October 1840 to Ludwig Bop, Jr. (Survey, Springfield Twp #1142, York Co. Warrant Register R-52). Isaac Plauser had a warrant dated 23 September 1762 in Springfield Twp. for 100 acres, also on the same warrant register, p 171.

On 4 May 1763, John purchased 108 acres of land in Newberry Twp. and the next day signed it over to Christian Pixler for the debt he owed. John was taxed in Newberry Twp. from 1765-1772. In 1765 he had 50 acres, 23 cleared and 10 acres sowed, 1 horse and 4 sheep. He was taxed on his Newberry holding through 1772. No buildings were listed. Newberry became Hopewell Twp.

The Beery Family History listed the children of Nicholas and Barbara Beery among whom was Catherine who was married to John Blasser I, a farmer of York County. It also mentioned (York County Warrant Reg. R-52, p 171) dated 20 August 1766 for John Blouser or Plauser, with 25 acres in Springfield Twp. (which formed from part of Shrewsbury Twp.) from his brother-in-law, Nicholas Beery, Jr. and his wife Mary Keller of Shrewsbury, York Co. This was surveyed for Henry Glatfelter in September 1789. This was a parcel of land sold on 16 January 1754 to Nicholas Beery, Sr. called "Pleasant Walk".³⁸

John Blasser I paid taxes in Hopewell Twp. (formed from part of Shrewsbury Twp. in April 1767) on 150 acres of land they purchased on 25 January 1771.³⁹ They sold 150 acres, 140 perches and 3 rods September 1792.⁴⁰ They retained 1 1/2 acres and 16 perches of land in Shrewsbury Twp. which they sold to William G Elderkin on 10 August 1811.⁴¹ In this Deed John I was said to be a blacksmith.

Fayette Co., PA was opened up for settlement in 1783. Migration was moving west and caught the attention of the Blassers.

In 1792 John was found on the Springhill Twp., Fayette Co., PA tax rolls with 300 acres of land and 2 horses. In 1795 he was taxed on 500 acres, 2 horses and 2 cows. On 5 February 1796 John and Catherine Beery Blasser and John II purchased 566 acres at the forks of the Cheat and Monongahela Rivers from Sam Kinkaid in

John I (b 1734) & Catherine Beery Blasser

Newberry Twp. changed to Hopewell Twp.

Hopewell Twp. established in 1767.

Fayette County established in 1783.

Fayette Co.⁴²

They operated a ferry across the Monongahela River to Greene Co.

John I and Catherine Beery Blasser's children, who probably were all born in York County, were: Abraham, born circa 1763; Susannah, born ca. 1765; John II, born ca. 1767; Jacob, born ca. 1773; Nicholas, born ca. 1774; Isaac, born ca. 1777; and George, born ca. 1778.

John I and Catherine were alive and living with son Nicholas in Fayette Co., PA at the time Nicholas wrote his will on 11 August 1813. No record of their deaths or burial sites has been found.

John I (b 1739) & Catherine Beery

Blasser's Children:

Abraham (b 1763)

Susannah (b ca 1765)

John II (b ca 1767)

Jacob (b ca 1773)

Nicholas (b ca 1774)

Isaac (b ca 1777)

George (b ca 1778)

FAYETTE COUNTY BLASSERS

John I and Catherine Beery Blasser sold all but a "parcel" of land in Hopewell Twp., York Co. on 3 April 1792 which they had purchased on 25 January 1771. They retained the "parcel" until 1808. Its sale was recorded on 10 August 1811 in York Co.

The Blassers were found next on the tax rolls in 1793 in Springhill Twp., Fayette Co. for 300 acres of land and 2 horses. Jacob Clemmer and his wife, Ann Blasser Clemmer (John Blasser's sister), were already living in Fayette Co., having migrated there in 1783-4.

Fayette Co. and York Co. were widely separated and one wonders about the organization and planning that went into moving hundreds of miles. From Indian and trapper tales, people heard of unsettled, desirable land "out west". Dr. Joseph Neal Clemmer wrote an account of the migration of the Blaisers, Naphs and Clemmer families from Europe to York Co. and onto Fayette Co., Pennsylvania in his "Biographic History of the Clemmer Family." He related a story told to him by his grandfather about his great-grandfather, Andres, escaping from the mountainous districts of France into Zurich, Switzerland with friends the Naphs and Blassers. The families migrated together to America. Andrew's son, Casper Clemmer, married Barbara Naphf or Naeve (They were killed by Indians in York Co.) Casper and Barbara's Son Jacob married Ann Blasser (Susannah) and from 1779 to 1783-4 they lived in York Co.

Source of Clemmer story: The Clemmer Exchange, Vol. #1, 841 Ohio Ave., Wilmington, OH 45177.

When the government levied a war tax in 1783, the Clemmers, in the company of others, loaded up their pack horses, livestock and Conestoga wagons (heavy covered wagons with broad wheels developed in Conestoga, PA for westward travel) with household goods and took the trail across the Alleghenies to the great backwoods of Fayette and West Moreland Counties.

Fayette County was formed from part of West Moreland Co., and was thinly populated. Taxes and a civil law and government was formed at about the time the Clemmers arrived. The trip probably took two weeks. The families at first took up their quarters in Fort Swerengen due to danger from Indians. Jacob Clemmer marked out what land he thought he would need near the banks of the Monongahela river with his hatchet (tomahawk), drove away the Indians, cleared land, built a log cabin and crude furnishings and planted crops. The government gave him a deed.⁴³

The next official entry about the Blassers was of their being taxed on 500 acres, 2 horses and 2 cows in 1795 in Fayette Co. On 5 February 1796, John Blasser and his son John II purchased 566 acres on the north side of the Cheat River where it emptied into the Monongahela River, identified as "Greenfield" and "Dover" by Sam Kinkaid. This land is across the Cheat River from Pt. Marion and is known as Blasser Hill.

See Map 6 on p 59: "Dover and Greenfield Tracts"

John II was on the tax rolls in 1796 for 40-1/2 acres bound by lands of Jacob Clemmer and the Cheat River. He was listed as "a mechenices." Blassers operated a ferry from an 8 acre, 36 perches island at the mouth of the Cheat River in Springhill Twp, owned by George Wilson. Blasser paid taxes on the revenue. John II operated the ferry and lived as a tenant on George and John Wilson's property in Greene County until the tax rolls noted that the property had been sold. About the same time (1812), John was assessed for 101 acres which he purchased from Jacob and Ann Clemmer in Fayette Co. It appeared that the family had moved back to Fayette Co. All transactions involving the ferry read as though they were conducted by John I rather than John II.⁴⁴

Between 1799 and 1805, John and Catherine Beery Blasser transferred and sold most of their land to Jasper Whitestone⁴⁵, Henry O'Neal of Springhill Twp.⁴⁶, John II of Dunkard Twp., Greene Co.⁴⁷ and to Jacob Clemmer.⁴⁸ Apparently at some time John I must have purchased the island for there is a "Deed within a Deed" stating that it was given to Nicholas on 24 Oct 1805.⁴⁹ Nicholas sold it back to John I on 19 December 1812 for \$50.00

In 1800 John I was paying taxes on 150 acres of land, 2 horses and 2 cows but appeared to be living with his son Jacob Blasser in Springhill Twp., Fayette Co. On 24 Oct 1805 John and Catherine Beery sold 301 acres, 34-1/2 perches — the remainder of the "Dover" and "Greenfield" tracts — to Nicholas.⁵⁰

The tax lists for 1810-13 listed John I as "Old Man." In 1810 he was listed as living with Nicholas (Jacob may have moved to Ohio by this time). In Nicholas' will, dated 11 August 1813, it was stated that Nicholas provided for the care of his "aged and honorable Father and Mother." They were not mentioned when the will was probated on 23 Feb 1814.⁵¹ After 1815 John was no longer listed separately in the tax rolls. There is no information about the dates of death or the burials of John or Catherine Beery Blasser. There were no Mennonites in Fayette Co. at the time the Blassers took up residence.

John, Nicholas and Susannah stayed in Fayette Co. and their histories are recorded in this section. See the section on "Rush Creek Blossers" for information on Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and George.

BLOSSERS REMAINING IN FAYETTE CO., PA

SUSANNAH

Born ca 1765-6 mar. Jacob Clemmer (b ca 1765-6) son of Casper and Barbara Naeve Clemmer of York Co. and Fayette Co., PA; He was a blacksmith and joined Washington's army in the Revolutionary War. From 13-16 years of age, Jacob spent most of his time in the British Army selling doughnuts and spying. He was in the siege of Yorktown when the British surrendered. He was caught, arrested, and threatened with being shot if caught again. When he reported the incident to George Washington he was issued a gun and took his place beside his father in the ranks.

*John I (b 1743) & Catherine Beery
Blasser's Children*

Abraham (b ca 1763)

Susannah (b ca 1765-6)

John II (b 1766-7)

Jacob (b 1773)

Nicholas (b 1774)

Isaac (b ca 1777)

George (b 1788)

*Susannah (b ca 1765) & Jacob Clemmer's
Children:*

Joseph Neal Clemmer, MD

James

Minerva

Jane m John Chryst

John A.

Jacob

George

JOHN II

Born 1 Nov 1767; Died 7 Feb 1829 (Tombstone in Cagey/Blasser Cemetery, Pt. Marion, PA); Name given as John Jr.; Married Mary Catherine Clemmer (Klymmer), daughter of Casper & Barbara Naeve Clemmer of York Co. and Fayette Co. (b 14 Dec 1767 York Co., PA. Baptized as Anna Maria 18 Mar. 1768 at Blymires Union Lutheran and Reformed Church in York Twp., York, PA; descendant of Heinrich Clemer, the Immigrant who came to America on the *Alexander & Anne* into Philadelphia on 5 Sept., 1730; d 1854). There is no firm information about where and when they married. Some say Virginia. Grace Showalter of the Eastern Mennonite Genealogical Library searched for marriage records but could find none. Neither could she find a link between this Blasser family and that of Peter I (of the *Snow Betsy*) who had moved from York Co. to the Shenandoah Valley during the American Revolutionary War. Some given names of children were similar. In her opinion, there were two distinct and separate families. Mary lived with son Isaac after her husband's death. Her will was written 15 Jan 1845, bequeathing a bead and beading to granddaughter Mary Herdman. The rest of the estate was to be divided equally between Nicholas and Rebecca, widow of Isaac. John II's will was probated on 10 Feb 1829. Mary was to retain the home place in which she lived with son Isaac and his family until her death. His estate settlement occurred on 2 Nov 1832. A document was drawn up stating that all of the Blasser children sold their shares of their father's estate to Isaac for \$50.00 each.

NICHOLAS

Born 18 Oct 1774; Died 6 Feb 1814; Married Ann Cagey (d 1820, daughter of Richard Cagey, descendant of Hans Kagey the immigrant) (Tombstone for Nicholas and Ann, Cagey Blasser Cemetery, Pt. Marion, PA.); Will probated 23 Feb 1814 in Fayette Co., PA; Will stated that upon the death of Ann, land was to be divided between Elizabeth Clemmer (d/o Jacob Clemmer), Nancy Huffman (d/o Nancy Huffman), and indentured servant, and James Robinson, an indentured servant; The will was witnessed by Jacob Clemmer; Ann's will mentions nephews and nieces Henry, Jacob, Christian and Ann Zimmerman - children of sister Catherine Cagey and Henry Zimmerman of Connelsville Twp., Fayette Co.); Her Will's executor was brother Christian Cagey; Nicholas and Ann had no children of record. The couple is buried in Cagey/Blosser Cemetery, Pt. Marion, Fayette Co., PA.

Nicholas and Ann were on the tax list for Springhill Twp., Fayette Co., PA from 1797 through 1803 but paid no tax. On Oct. 1805, Nicholas received 8 acres 36 perches (the island from which the ferry was operated) from his father, John I. He sold it back to his parents for \$50.00 on 12 Dec 1812. On the same date he acquired the island, he purchased from his parents 301 acres 34-1/2 perches, the remainder of the "Greenfield" and "Dover" tracts. John I made his mark on the deed. Nicholas remained on the tax rolls for 250 acres and livestock until 1814, except for 1809 when he was listed as part owner of a sawmill.

Following Nicholas's death, Ann continued to pay taxes on 250 acres of land and livestock until her death in 1820.

John I (b 1743) & Catherine Beery Blasser's (b ca 1729)) Children:

Abraham (b ca 1763)
Susannah (b ca 1765)
John II (b 1767)
Jacob (b 1773)
Nicholas (b 1774)
Isaac (b ca 1777)
George (b 1788)

John II (b 1767) & Mary Clemmer Blasser's Children:

Barbary b 9 May 1788; d Ashland, OH; m
Nicholas Fast, s/o Christian (1785-1868); Res.
Ashland, OH.

Catherine b 8 Jun 1790; d 21 Mar 1859, Ashland,
OH; m Martin Fast (1784-1838); Res. Ashland, OH.

Elizabeth b 1794; d 1830, Ashland, OH; m

Christian Fast (1795-1840); Res. Ashland, OH.

John III b ca 1795, Fayette Co.; d 21 Mar 1859 in
OH; m Nancy (Anne) Blosser, d/o John III's Uncle
Abraham Blosser; Res. in OH; Laborer.

Mary b 8 Aug 1796, Fayette Co., PA; d 15 Sept
1879 in Orange Twp., Ashland Co., OH; m William
Kirkpatrick (b 12 Apr 1789; d Oct 1865 in Jackson
Twp., Ashland Co., PA; s/o William (d 1793) and
Agnes Kirkpatrick (d 1818) of Fayette Co., PA) ca
1812; Res. Ashland, OH.

George Oliver b 3 Sept 1799, Fayette Co., PA; d
9 Jun 1833; Bur Cagey-Blosser Cemetery; m
Elizabeth Davis (1799-1865; m 2) Fedallas Stewart,
Bur. Eden Cemetery as F. Stewart; listed as a
laborer with 8 acres of land (no deed); Children &
Descendants: see page 22.

Sarah b and d 1801-1818, Fayette Co.

Isaac b 1805, Fayette Co., PA; d 26 Apr 1842; m
Rebecca Gillaspie (1805, d/o David & Margaret
Gillaspie (s/o John "The Immigrant" of Lake Lynn)
d 26 Oct 1880); Bur. Cagey-Blosser Cemetery;
Rebecca inherited some property from her father;
Isaac picked up 12 acres and an additional 56
acres, but it was several years before those
transactions appeared on the tax lists; He acquired
112 acres from his siblings in his father's estate
settlement in 1832; He was a tax assessor in 1835;
in 1841 he was assessed for a distillery; Children &
descendants on page 23.

Nicholas b 1806, Fayette Co., PA; d 1866; m
Anna Gillespie (d/o David & Margaret Gillespie
of Lake Lynn; b 1806; d 1871); Res. Fayette Co. and
Monongahela Co., WV; He was in the lumbering
business; Bur. couple buried in the Cagey-Blosser
Cemetery, Pt. Marion, Springhill Twp., Fayette Co.,
PA; wife Anna inherited property from her father's
estate; taxed on personal property and on a ferry on
the Cheat River in 1844-1853, which he sold at a
loss; dropped off tax rolls in 1854 in Fayette Co. and
appeared to be living in Monongahela Co., WV on
the Census of 1860-70. Children & descendants on
following pages.

Jacob b 15 May 1810, Fayette Co., PA; d 1890,
Willits, CA; m Martha Martin (b VA 1807; d 1894);
Res. Willits, CA; Bur. couple buried in Little Lake
Pioneer Cem, Willits, CA; more information
recorded in section on California Blossers.

Henry b ca 1791; d 14 May 1853 Gilmer Co.,
WV; m Isabelle Stewart (d/o Charles and Jan
Stewart of Greene Co., PA); Ferryman and soldier in
defense at Wheeling, WV; Res. Reedy, Roane Co.,
WV in 1816; In 1812 Henry was listed on the tax list
in Fayette Co. with one horse; In 1813-16 he was
listed as a ferryman with 15 and 200 acres of land
for which a "Landlord was responsible."; a cow and
a dog were listed, also; Henry was next listed in
Wood Co., WV in 1820 with a family of 3 children
and a wife. Children & descendants on page 24.
Eli nothing known

References for Fayette Co. Blossers:

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Gordon C. Baker, 126 S. Adams St., Rockville, MD
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Joseph H. Blosser, 204 N. Shenandoah Dr. Apt 102,
Latrobe, PA 15650.
Mrs. Maxine Smith, 876 Arlington Ave., Mansfield,
OH 44903.
Mrs. Phyllis Walklet, 10246 Tarpon Dr., Treasure
Is., FL 33706
Mrs. Lola Warrick, 4119 Painter Way, No. Highland,
CA 95660.

George Oliver's (son of John II) Children & Descendants (continued from page 21)

George Oliver (b 1799) & Elizabeth Davis Blosser's Children:

John b 1828; d 1905; Stonemason; m Matilda Conn.; Both buried in Cheats Church, Stewartstown, PA.

Mariah b 1828; m John H. Nieman; Children: Catherine E. (m Martin Culp), Melissa (m Phillip Nordick), Frederick W., John Henry (m Mary Spiker; Children: Jessie, Norman, Inia, Grace), George A. (had a family), Mary E. (m Joseph Keener), Daniel W., Margaret R. (m William Miller), Sarah M. (m Samuel McGrew), Rosa A., Carrie A. (m John Knox).

Catherine b 1824; nicknamed "Mollie" or "Kit"; m Henry Herdman; Children: Mary.

Rebecca b 22 Jan 1831; d 1903; m Daniel Stewart (b 13 Aug 1825; s/o Daniel Sr. and Rachel Huggins) on 27 Nov 1847; Resided Dunkard Twp., Greene Co., PA.

John (b 1828) & Matilda Conn Blosser's Children:

William L. m Anna Manning; Children: Donald, Lorentz, Eleanor.

Harriet E. m William Robinson; Children: Aledbert, Mayme, Orland.

Eleanor E. never married

Laura S. m N.D. Cunningham; Children: Mary, Jessie, Nellie, Lillian.

Louise L. m Arthur Crow; Children: Sylvia.

Carrier M. m Charles Nabors; Children Lillian, Russell.

Emma F. m Judson Sisler; Children: Charles, Pearl, Grace, Rhea, Robert, Paul, Frank.

Anna Mary m George Martin; Children: Frank, William, Florence, Elmer, Clara, John, Helen.

Rebecca (b 1831) & Daniel Stewart's Children:

Mary Elizabeth b 1848; d 1851.

David b 1850; d 1911.

Jemima b 1852; d 1911.

John Thomas b 1854; d 1926.

Olive Rebecca b 1856; d 1918.

Keener b 1859; d 1933.

Rachel Matilda b 1861; d 1862.

Daniel Webster b 1863; d 1940.

Jeremiah b 1864; d 1949.

George Ira b/d 1865.

William b 26 Apr 1867; d 16 Jan 1929, Dunkard Twp., Greene Co., PA; m Sarah Elizabeth Robison (b 26 Apr 1868; d 23 Feb 1924) on 22 Sept 1883; Bur Eden Cemetery, Stewartstown, PA; Resided in Pt. Marion, PA; Occupation: carpenter, farmer, construction.

William (b 1867) & Sarah Robison Children:

Quinter Miller b 1859; d 1941; m Eva Schroyer.

Myrtle Belle b 1873; d 1934; m Jesse L. Blosser (s/o Isaac Elizabeth Fowler Blosser; g.g. s/o John & Catherine Beery Blosser).

Jesse D. b 1884; d 1886.

Frankey b/d 1886.

Alice Leona b 1887; d 1952; m Lloyd Colebank.

Alice Leona (b 1887) & Lloyd Colebank's Children:

Sarah Elizabeth m Thomas McClain.

Virginia Ruth m Andrew Bohan.

William Franklin m Dorothy E. Bligard.

Jesse Robert m Doris E. Sturdivant.

Sylvia Bell b 27 Apr 1889; d 13 Feb 1974, Fayette Co., PA; m Charles O. Baker (electrician - attended Trinity and United Methodist Churches) on 22 Dec 1910.

Sylvia (b 1889) & Charles Baker's Children:

William O. m Pauline Wigner; b 1911; d 1981.

James Patterson b 1915; m Margaret L. Thorne; Descendant is Gordon C. Baker, Stewart Family Genealogist, 126 S. Adam St., Rockville, MD (b 1 Jun 1939); Janice M. (b 1949; m Kenneth Baker).

Wilbur Lake b 1917-18.

Quinter S. b 1920; m Jessie Hall.

Charles Jr. b 1922; m Adalie Hibbs.

Clayton Wilbur b 1924; d 1930.

Dale b 1927.

Isaac Blosser's (son of John II) Children & Descendants
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Isaac (b 1805) & Rebecca Gillespie Blosser's Children:

Henry m Mary Brooks (d/o James and Mary Baker Brooks)

Henry & Mary Brooks Blosser's Children:

Laveria m ... Lyons.

Joseph A. m Martha Cover.

Mary M. m Enoch Hoard; Children: Elma, Arthur (m Mary Leach).

James B. m Matilda Wilson.

Joseph A. & Martha Cover Blosser's Children:

Pearl m J.V. Bixler; Children: Joseph (m ... Moser), Mildred (m ... Greathouse), Lois (m ... Rogerson), John (m ... Gates), Elmer (m ... Wolfe), Bessie E. (unmarried), Ira C. (d 8 yrs of age).

Frank B. m Elizabeth Humbert; Children: R. Malcolm (m Margaret Campbell; Children: Linda R., Karen D.).

Joseph H. Descendant/ documentor of John and Mary Blosser History, 204 N. Shenandoah Dr. Apt 102, Latrobe, PA 15650.

Jere B. m Ella Sagner; Div.

Hazel M. m E.L. Burchinal.

John H. d 26 years of age.

Mary m Enoch Board; Children: Emma, Arthur (m Mary Leach).

James B. & Matilda Wilson Blosser's Children:

Allen

Roy m Louise Conn

Ada m Wm. Baker.

Bessie B.

Helen m William Cline.

Dora m Herb Hunter.

Julia m Joseph Lyons; Children: Lee, Margaret, Jesse, Stella, Robert.

Jesse S. m Amy Hall

George O. m Minnie Stuyvesant; Children: Emma, George, Ruth.

John m Sara Frankenberg; Children: Perry, Ollie, Maggie, Rebecca.

George m Harriet Johnson; went to California during the Gold Rush, then moved to Okla. in 1880.

Isaac Jr. m Jane Fowler.

Matilda m George Downey.

Margaret m William Sargent.

Rebecca d infancy.

Isaac Jr. & Jane Fowler Blosser's Children:

Jesse L. m Merlie Stewart.

Goldie m Newton Ball; Children:

Lowery, Jane, Noel.

Jake m Hattie Hillman; Children: Estell Jane Sharp.

Laura A. m Albert Van Horn; Children: Frank, Harry, Agnes.

Josephine m Albert Van Horn; Children: Laura.

Benedict m Gertrude Kussard.

Plesa Hare m Abram Hibbs; Children: Jessie, Charles, Orion.

Nancy F. m Zac T. Durham; Children: Ruth, Eliza Jane, Blanch.

K. Wilson m Mattie Taylor.

Larry Ivan m Louise Campbell.

Della Virginia m Elmer Moore; Children: nine (no names).

Nicholas Blosser's (son of John II) Children & Descendants
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Nicholas (b 1806) & Anna Gillespie Blosser's Children:
Jacob m Permalia Wells.
Isaac m Catherine Runner.
Hester m George Runner; Children: Jesse Pearl, Hugh.
Sannie m (1) unknown; m (2) Jacob Nuce;
Children (1): Lonnie, James, Clyde, Arleigh;
Children (2): Groves, Philip, Francis, Amy.
James m Pracilla McGown.
Eli m Kate Nuce; Children: Goldie, Daisy, Thornton, Gladys.
Benjamin m Hannah Price; Children: David, Alfred, Harry, Roy, Margaret.
Walter m Ida May Nuce; Children: Elmer, Arthur, Chester, Richard, Thelma, Rex.
Leonard never married.
Mary Ellen died young.
Eli m Kate Nuce; Children: Goldie, Daisy, Thornton, Gladys.
Benjamin m Hannah Price; Children: David, Alfred, Harry, Roy, Margaret.
Walter m Ida May Nuce; Children: Elmer, Arthur, Chester, Richard, Thelma, Rex.
Leonard never married.
Mary Allen died young.

Jacob & Permalia Wells Blosser's Children:
Hester Ann m Thomas Burns
Henry
Sarah Ellen Children: Frederick Albert.
Mary Elizabeth m A.J. Walker; Children: Sadie
Catherine (m Jonah Kern), Bertha Ellen (m Russel Dalton), James Jackson, Mary Melissa.

Isaac & Catherine Runner Blosser's Children:
Allen m (1) Mattie Dalton; m (2) Grace Price;
Children: Omer, Nellie.

James & Pracilla McCowan Blosser's Children:
Frank m Gertrude...; Children: Myrtle, Lula, Glen, Dalmar, Raymond, Marshall, Jack, Helen, Mable.
Clarence m Mary Auguste; Children: Kenneth, Eugene, Ruby, Ross.
William m Minnie...; Children: Wilfred, Mildred, Willard, Pauline, Betty, Georgie, Rozelle, Billy, Jackie, Sam, Wanda, Bonnie.
Jesse m Janette McNair; Children: Augustine, Mathias, Orville, Loretta, Dorothy, Lucille, Howard, Louise, Maxine, Bett.
Amandas m Iona Blosser; Children: Edward, Arlan, Robert, Richard, Viola, Evelyn, Albert, Ruth, Jerry, Ronald, Donald, Jimmie.
Nellie m Charles Henry; Children: Lilly, Francis, Carl, Paul, Eugene, Pauline, Ray, Charles Jr., Geraldine.
Alice m Ezra Rohr; Children: Hazel, Linden, Mammie, Goldie, Josephine, Norman, Edith, Agnes, Sylvia.
Virgil m Elsie...; Children: Ruth, Virginia, Doris, May (m Roy Davis; Children: Edna, Carlton, Dorothy, Thelma, Melvin, Palmer, Ray, June).
Clyde m Stella Dalton; Children: James, Henry, Helen (m Al Mancini; Children: James, Braden), Darrell (m Beryl Starkey; Children: Carol, Darrell Jr., Raymond, Charles, Bobby), Margie (m Elwood Nestor; Children: see next listing).

Henry Blosser's (son of John II) Children & Descendants
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John I and Catherine Beery Blosser's children scattered following John II's estate settlement in 1832. Those who went to Ohio are discussed in the Ohio section. The Blosser girls who married Fast brothers Abraham, George, Isaac and Jacob will be covered in the Blosser-Fast section.

Margie & Elwood Nestor's Children:
David
Danny
Dorothy m Robert Bonnell; Children: Robert Jr.
Wanda m James Nestor; Children: James, Tresa, Kimberly.
Gary m Bonnie Nicholson; Children: Laura, Angie, Roberta.
Patty m George Samsell.

Henry & Isabelle Stewart Blosser's Children:
Robert m Susan Murray; Children: John H. (m Jane Straight), Peter (m Olive Beard), Robert C. (m Mary Wyatt), Susan C. (m Charles F. Gough).
Isaac
Matilda m Neddie Greathouse.
Jane m Peter Conrad.
Isabella m Arnold Starcher.
John?
Henry?
George?
Mary?

THE BLOSSER-FAST FAMILIES

Catherine, Barbary and Elizabeth Blosser were the Blosser girls (daughters of John II) who intermarried with the Fast family. The following information is to be credited to Maxine Smith, 876 Arlington Ave., Mansfield, OH 46906 and to Gordon C. Baker, 126 South Adam St., Rockville, MD 20650.

According to Mrs. Smith, the earliest Fast in Ohio was Christian Fast, son of John Jacob Fast and Catherine Redicill. They are buried on their farm in Rush Creek, Fairfield Co., OH. Their son Christian (b 20 May 1762 in MD; d 23 Jun 1841) married Anna Barbara Mason (b 9 Sept 1767 in PA; d 13 Aug 1855; d/o Martin and Christina Waite Mason) of Greene Co., PA. They moved to Richland Co., OH around 1815. Christian and Anna Barbara Fast's sons Martin, Christian and Nicholas intermarried with the Blosser family girls.

Lola Warwick, a descendant of Barbary Blosser and Nicholas Fast, traces the family from Christian Fast to different parents: Nicholas Fast (b 26 Dec 1727 in Germany) and Cadarina Danner (b 19 Sept 1729 in MD; d/o Peter Danner {b ca 1700} and Barbara {b ca 1712; d ca 1768}). Mrs. Warwick's address is 4119 Painter Way, No. Highlands, CA 95660.

Martin Fast Born 12 June 1784; Died 13 June 1838 from a fall from a "bee" tree; Married 26 June 1806 to Catherine Blosser (b 8 Jun 1790; d 21 Mar 1859); They are buried at Polk, Ashland Co., OH; Settled in Jackson Twp., Wayne Co. (now Ashland Co.) in 1821.

Nicholas Fast Born 11 June 1786; Died 14 Dec 1868 in Troy Twp., Ashland Co., OH; Married Barbary Blosser (b 9 May 1788) on 16 Apr 1807; They went by flatboat with other members of the Fast family to Ohio ca. 1815, settling first in Richland Co. In 1823 they moved to Elyria, OH. In 1832 Nicholas purchased 325 acres in Troy Twp., Ashland Co., OH.

Christian Fast Born 6 Oct 1795; Died 1840 in Prairie City, IL; Married Elizabeth Blosser (b 1794; d at age 41); Resided in Greene Co., PA, Richland Co., OH, and Prairie City, McDonough Co., IL; Elizabeth is buried at Nankin, Ashland Co. OH; Christian buried in Prairie City, IL.

John II (b 1767) & Mary Blosser's Children:

Barbary (b 1788)
Catherine (b 1790)
Elizabeth (b 1794)
John III (b ca 1795)
Mary (b 1796)
George Oliver (b 1799)
Sarah (b 1801)
Isaac (b 1805)
Nicholas (b 1806)
Jacob (b 1810)
Henry (b 1794)
Eli

Martin Fast (b 1784) & Catherine Blosser's Children:

John D. b 12 Apr 1807; m Mary Fast (d/o Jacob and Catherine Rex Fast); Descendant: Duane C. and June Hunter, 6487 Balsam Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.
Anna b 28 Feb 1809; m (1) Robert Reed; m (2) Daniel Burlingame.
Eli b 6 Sept 1811; d 11 Sept 1874; m 28 Feb to Margaret Beery; Children: Sarah Ann Elizabeth (m Levi Otis Hartman; Children: James Levi Hartman and Alta J. Weimer (Children: Maxine L. Hartman (Edward P. Smith) (Children: Evelyn K. (Gary Kinzel), Helen R. (Richard Mar), Donald L. and Nancy Lebowitz)).
George b 27 May 1816; d 5 Feb 1818.
Christian b 12 ?? 1814; d 13 Dec 1898; m Henrietta Sowle in 1839.
Mary b 6 Mar 1819; m James Keener.
Jacob b 12 Feb 1821; m (1) Mary Plie; m (2) Malissa Burlingame.
Elijah b 27 Nov 1824; d 23 Jan 1912; m Elizabeth Deibler.
Sarah b 21 Jul 1831; d 30 Jul 1832.

Nicholas Fast (b 1786) & Barbary Blosser's Children:

Christian C. b 2 Jan 1810 in Greene Co., PA; d 1885; m (1) Catherine Harik; m (2) Elizabeth... (bur in Henry Co.).
Henry b 27 Feb 1812 in Greene Co., PA.
John B. b 12 Oct 1814 in Greene Co., PA; He was a Free Will Baptist minister in Prairie City, IL; m Sarah...
Mary b 15 Oct 1816 in Richland Co., OH (which became Ashland Co., in 1846); m Kribs.
George b 1 Apr 1818 in Richland Co. (now Ashland Co.).
Catherine b 3 Mar 1820 in Richland and Ashland Co., OH; m ...Sanders.
Anna b 15 Apr 1822; m ...Wright.
Barbara b 14 Jan 1824 in Elyria, OH; m (1) Merrifield; m (2) ...Sharer.
Isaac b 18 Jun 1825.
Jemima b 16 Aug 1828; d 3 Mar 1861; m Jesse Simmons.

Christian Fast (b 1795) & Elizabeth Blosser's Children:

John Jay Fast b 16 Oct 1814 in Greene Co., PA; d 27 Nov 1891 in Barton Co., MO; m 13 Sept 1836 in Wayne Co., OH to Hannah Day.
Martin b 17 Feb 1816 in Richland Co., OH; m (1) Mary Ann Cain; m (2) Laura Huston.
David b 22 Sept 1818.
Isaac b 19 Mar 1820.
Levina b 22 Apr 1822.
George b 13 Mar 1824; m Sarah Brink.
Clemmer b 24 Mar 1826.
Christian b 12 Oct 1828.
Ann Elizabeth "Eliza" b 1 Jul 1830; m Isaac Granville.
Katy b 22 Sept 1834; m John Barker.

THE OHIO BLOSSERS

In 1749 King George II of Great Britain granted the Ohio Company (a shareholding company) 200,000 acres of land west of the Allegheny Mountains in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia on which to build and administer forts. This was completed and the Ohio Company was disbanded by 1832.

The Ohio region was created when a dispute between Great Britain and France culminated in 1763, with Great Britain gaining most of the territory east of the Mississippi River. It became known as the Northwest Territory. A capitol was established at Marietta on the Ohio River in 1788. In a treaty with the Native American Indians in 1795, two thirds of what is now Ohio was ceded to the United States. Settlers poured into the rich farming area and industry developed. Ohio became the 17th state of the United States in 1800.

The Ohio Blosser family was known as the "Rush Creek" Blossers.

"RUSH CREEK" BLOSSERS

The parents of the "Rush Creek" Blossers, Abraham, Isaac, George and Jacob, were John Blasser and his wife, Catherine Beery Blasser of Lancaster Co., Hopewell Twp., York Co. and Fayette and Greene Counties, PA. The York Co. 1783 census stated that there were eleven inhabitants in the household. John and Catherine Beery Blasser sold their land in Hopewell Twp. on 27 Apr. 1792, where they were taxed on 300 acres of land, 2 horses and a cow.

Histories of the four Blosser brothers who migrated to Ohio not long after it became a state are related in this section. Under the heading "Abraham", note that Abraham's daughter Nancy (Anne) married John III, son of John and Mary Clemmer Blasser of Fayette Co., PA. They moved to Ohio also and are included in this section. (Note the change of spelling of Blasser name after leaving PA.)

ABRAHAM

Born ca. 1763 in Lancaster Co., PA. d 18 Oct. 1836 (Grave marker in Blosser Cemetery near Geneva, Fairfield Co., OH.) Married (1) Mary Shank, daughter of Adam Shank, son of Michael Shank (ca 1692-1759), immigrant to America in 1717, and Magdalena Eyeman of York Co., PA. Magdalena was the daughter of Ulrich and Mary Fuchs Eyeman.

Abraham and Mary purchased 160 acres of land in Springhill Twp., Fayette Co. in 1806; in 1809 they purchased 75 more acres and a distillery. In 1811 the couple sold 100 acres (Mary co-signed the deed.) Mary Blosser died in Fayette Co., PA. Abraham was alone on the tax rolls from 1811 to 1829. In 1812 Abraham purchased 12 1/2 acres. He was also found in Greene Co. for about 10 years prior to 1827 when Abraham and his family migrated to Fairfield Co., OH to join his brothers who had previously settled there. He married (2) Elizabeth Carpenter on 14 June 1827 in Fairfield Co., OH. They sold all of the Fayette Co., PA property in 1829 (183 acres total). They owned an 80 acre farm near Geneva, Ohio, after donating land for the town of New Geneva. Elizabeth received Abraham's share of his father's estate in Fayette Co., PA in 1832 and she sold it to nephew Isaac for \$50.00. Other holdings were sold in 1840. Abraham's will was written on 28 May 1835. He was a Mennonite.

Children Named in Abraham's Will (dated 28 May 1835):

Magdalene b 10 July 1790; d 15 Jan 1848 in Ohio; m Nicholas Burnside (b ca 1787-90) in Jan 1811. Divorced in 1833. He was a veteran of Mexican and Civil Wars. Buried in Mt. Tabor Wesleyan Cemetery, Hocking Co., OH.

Barbara b ca 1794; m John Derr

John I (b 1743) & Catherine Beery's Children:

Abraham (b ca 1763)
Susannah (b ca 1765)
John II (b 1767)
Jacob (b 1773)
Nicholas (b 1774)
Isaac (b ca 1777)
George (b 1788)

Abraham (b ca 1763) & Mary Shank Blasser's Children:

Magdalene (b 1790)
Barbara (b ca 1794)
Ann (Nancy) (b 1797-8)
Mary Katherine (Kate) (b 1799)
John G. (b 1801)
Elizabeth (b 1804)
Hannah (b 1807)

Magdalene (b 1790) & Nicholas Burnside's (b ca 1787-90) Children:

Nicholas d 1865; m Saloma Mericle (b 28 Jan 1830 in Fairfield Co., OH. Saloma m (2) David McMichael, 11 Nov 1869, Allen Co., OH. d 21 Dec 1909; Buried in Mt. Pleasant Cem., Van Wert Co., OH.

Nicholas & Saloma Mericle Blosser's Children:

Zackery (1849-50) Buried in Dunkard Cem., Hocking Co., OH.
George b 8 Nov 1850; d 7 Jun 1924, Van Wert Co., OH. Bur Mt. Pleasant Cem, Van Wert Co., OH.
Lucinda b 1853; d young
Catherine d 20 Feb 1855; Bur. Dunkard Sem., Hocking Co., OH.
Barbara b ca 1856; d young
Jared b 31 May 1859; d 25 Jul 1940; Bur. Middle Creek Cem., Paulding Co., OH. Jared was mentally handicapped and received a pension from his father's service in the Civil War.
Solomon b 30 Feb 1860, Fairfield Co., OH; d 29 Dec 1915; Bur. Walnut Grove Cem., Delphos, OH.; m 1888 Louise Griffith, Allen Co., OH. Divorced.
Emmett b 13 Oct 1861, Fairfield Co., OH; d 4 Sept 1920, Delphos, OH; m Mary Bardon, Hardin Co., OH, 23 Aug 1881. Divorced.
Mary Ann m ...McClure. Named in Mother's Will.

Ann (Nancy) b 1797-8 in Fayette Co., PA. m John I. Blosser III (son of John and Mary Clemmer Blosser of Fayette Co.), b 1797-8 in Fayette Co. Res. tax records in Fayette Co., PA indicate John paid taxes as a laborer from 1818-29. In 1821 he was taxed on a cow. In 1825 he was taxed on 2 horses, 4 cows and a dog. In 1826-7 he was taxed on 1 horse and 2 cows. In 1827 he was taxed on a horse and cow. He was taxed for 1 horse and 1 cow in 1828-9. He was not listed in the 1830 tax records but was listed on the 1830 census as aged 30-39 with 1 female aged 30-39, 1 male age 10-14, and 2 males 4 or under. John and Ann both signed the document in 1832 in which they sold their share of John II estate to John's nephew, Isaac, for \$50.00.

In 1833 they purchased land from Ann's father, Abraham, and step-mother, Elizabeth Blosser, in Fairfield Co., OH. On 12 Sept 1840 they sold their land and moved to Hocking Co., OH.

Abraham (b ca 1763) & Mary Shank Blosser's Children:
 Magdalene (b 1790)
 Barbara (b ca 1794)
Ann (Nancy) (b 1797-8)
 Mary Katherine (Kate) (b 1799)
 John G. (b 1801)
 Elizabeth (b 1804)
 Hannah (b 1807)

Ann(Nancy) (b 1797-8) & John Blosser III's (b 1797-8) Children:
 Abraham Walsosen b 1820; m Elizabeth Grove 16 Feb 1843, Hocking Co., OH.

Abraham (b 1820) & Elizabeth Grove Blosser's Children:
 According to the 1850 and 1860 census, John (17), George (15), Noah (13), Silas (10 - m Sophronia Beekman), Mary and Martha (twins aged 6), Joseph N. (4), Caroline (2) and Effie (4 mo.)
 Simeon b 1860. Executor of father's estate sale in Nov 1966.
 George b 1825; m Lydia Grove (b ca 1826), 11 Apr 1846, Hocking Co.

George (b 1825) & Lydia Grove Blosser's (b ca 1826) Children:

Diana (John Jordon)
 Lucinda (Robert Downard)
 Mary (Noah Hoffman)
 Tillie (... Nixon)
 Malinda (Peter Butler)
 George L. (Lida ...)
 Delilah (Herbert Truesdell)
 Charles
 Sarah b ca 1847 d 4 Feb 1924, Indianapolis, IN; m Lewis P. Long (Civil War vet.); Both buried in Jackson Co., OH. Both were Methodists.

Sarah (b ca 1847) & Lewis Long's Children:
 Della Long b 23 Jun 1869 in OH; d 5 May 1960 in OH; m Charles Charles.

Della (b 1869) & Charles Charles' Children:
 John b/d 1890
 Eva 1891-1898
 Willie ca 1893-98
 Mabel b 26 Dec 1896, Jackson OH; d 3 Jul 1978, Columbus, OH; m Arthur Eugene Hughes, 27 Jun 1914, Jackson, OH; bur Obetz Cem., Columbus, OH; Children: Beatrice b/d 1915.
 Harold Leroy b 14 Aug 1919, Columbus OH; m Martha Parsons
 Betty Jean b 28 Feb 1922, Jackson, OH; m Charles Gordon, Columbus, OH.
 Kenneth Wayne b 4 Jan 1924, Jackson, OH; d Columbus, OH; m Meredith Smallwood.
 Evelyn Maxine b 11 May 1928, Columbus, OH; m Jack Grotzky.
 Unnamed Hughes b 27 Jul
 Charles Raymond b 12 July 1937; m Donna Jean Hughes, 9 Nov 1956, Obetz, OH; d/o Donald Arthur Hughes & Mildred Virginia French

Mabel (b 1896) & Arthur Hughes' Children:
 Beatrice b/d 1915
 Clarence Edward b 11 Mar 1917; d 13 Jan 1980, Columbus OH.

Charles (b 1737) & Donna Hughes' Children:
 Linda Sue b 6 Sept 1957, Columbus, OH; m Daniel Bogg, 30 Sept 1978, Columbus, OH.
 Judy Diane b 5 Feb 1961, Columbus, OH; m Douglas Glenn Shope, Obetz, OH.
 Mark Allen b 29 Jul 1962, Columbus, OH.

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Mary Catherine (Kate) b 1799 d 1850; m David Ashbaugh 2 Feb 1820, Fairfield Co., OH; s/o John Jr. and Catherine Miller Ashbaugh; b 1 Jan 1800, Fairfield Co., OH; d 2 Feb 1878, Hocking Co., OH; m (2) Anna Shelburn, 29 Mar 1843; Bur. Zwingley Cem., Fairfield Co., OH.

Abraham (b ca 1763) & Mary Blosser's

Children:

Magdalene (b 1790)
Barbara (b ca 1794)
Ann (Nancy) (b 1797-8)
Mary Catherine (Kate) (b 1799)
John G. (b 1801)
Elizabeth (b 1804)
Hannah (b 1807)

Mary Catherine (b 1799) and David Ashbaugh's

Children:

Mary m Joshua Poling, Hocking Co., OH.
Margaret
Rebecca b 17 Nov 1824; d 25 Apr 1875, Fairfield Co., OH; m Jacob Sheets; Bur. Zwingley Cem., Fairfield Co., OH.
John b 29 Mar 1826, Fairfield Co., OH; d 8 Nov 1898, Mercer Co., OH; m Nancy Forsythe, 4 May 1848, Perry Co., OH; Bur. Neptune Cem., Mercer Co., OH.
Abram b 14 Apr 1828, Hocking Co., OH; d 5 Apr 1914, Putnam Co., OH; Bur. Salem Mennonite Cem., Allen Co., OH; m (1) Mary Mericle, 1 Aug 1849, Hocking Co. (b 20 Sept 1831, First Cousin, d 20 Dec 1897); Bur. Salem Mennonite Cem., Sugar Creek Twp., Allen Co., OH.; m (2) Rosannah Mericle Heidelbaugh, 14 Jun 1898, Hocking Co., OH; Bur. Dutch Hollow Cem., Allen Co., OH.
Isaac b 14 Mar 1830; d 17 Sept 1901, Fayette Co., IA. m Nancy J. Keasey (b 1833, Hocking Co., OH; d 17 Mar 1917), 30 Mar 1854 in Ohio; Resided first in La Grange, IN. Migrated to Fayette Co., IA in 1856. Manufacturer of brick for 6 years. Moved to Harlan Co. and farmed and raised short horn cattle on 460 acres of land. Member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. One child Vina; Bur. couple in Grandview Cem.
George W. b 1832; d 25 Oct 1897, Mercer Co., OH; m Sarah Ann Larimore, 5 Apr 1855, Mercer Co., OH; Bur. Northgrove Cem., Celine, OH.
Absalm d 1885, Montcalm Co., MI; m Mary Jane Boyer, 18 Jul 1857, Mercer Co.
Hannah (Anna) b 1837; d 1854; m Michael Loague
William b 1837; m (1) Emma Wagoner; m (2) Charlotte ...; Res. Fayette Co., IA.
Lydia b 1837; Bur. same row as David Ashbaugh & Stepmother, Ann Snelburn; David, Elizabeth (Noah Culp), Noah and Jacob all children by Ann Shelburn; May be Lydia Wagner, wife of T.E. Wagner.

Abram (b1828) & Rosannah Mericle Heidelbaugh blossomer's Children:

Isaac b 1850; d 1933, Lima, OH; m Jane Ridenour, 5 Apr 1874, Allen Co.
Rosannah b 19 Dec 1851; d 9 Feb 1929 in Toledo, OH.; m Andrew Jackson Patton 30 Apr 1874, Allen Co., OH (s/o John & Rachel (Clawson) Patton; b 16 Sept 1826, Allen Co., OH; d 18 Feb 1920, Toledo, OH; m (1) Mary Jane Moyer, 10 Children; Children by ...Smith: Alice Catherine Smith.
Catherine b 1863; d 1930, St. Mary's, OH; m Henry Hainline, 18 Aug 1872, Allen Co.
Anna b 1855; d 1933, Allen Co., OH; m George J. Breneman, 19 Aug 1875, Allen Co., OH.
Solomon b 1857; d 1959, Hocking Co., OH
William b 1859; d 1912, Allen Co., OH; m Nellie Catherine Nihiser, 7 Oct 1888, Allen Co., OH.
Lydia E. b 1861; d 1897, Allen Co., OH; m John Sherrick, 12 Aug 1881, Allen Co.
Rebecca b 1865; d 1927, Deklphos, OH; m James Gleason, 6 Dec 1883, Putnam Co.
Keziah b 1868; d 1948, Hudson, MI; m (1) John W. Myers, 15 Nov 1885, Putnam Co., OH; m (2) Harvey Losey in ??
Salome b 1871; d 1950, Allen Co., OH; m (1) John H. Friend, Putnam Co., 3 Jun 1892; m (2) Frank Alexander; m (3) Aaron Shneider, 7 Jul 1937.

Rosannah (b 1851) & Andrew Patton's Children:

Mary Caroline b 1875; d 1955; m John Wade.
James McClellan b 1877; d 1968; m Bertha M. Longbridge.
Nellie Evelyn b 1879; d 1943; m (1) John W. Walls; m (2) James B. Briggs.
Roy Christian b 1882; d 1939; m (1) Cora Roberts; m (2) Mollie Anna Jolly; m (3) Alice Cunningham.

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John G. b 4 Feb 1801, Fayette Co., PA; d 27 May 1882; m
Mary (d 17 May 1847; bur. Laurel Run Cem., Marion
Twp., Hocking Co., OH); Bur. Mt. Tabor Cem.,
Marion Twp., Hocking Co., OH.

Elizabeth b 7 Oct 1804; d 11 Jan 1884, Silver Lake, IN; m
Joseph Leckrone.

Rosannah (b 1851) & Andrew Patton's Children, cont:
Ida May b 21 Jun 1886, Allen Co., OH; d 31 Jul
1945; Bur Walnut Creek Cem., Delphos, OH; m (1)
Isaac Newton Fosnaugh (s/o Harrison & Sarah
Bryan Fosnaugh; b 3 Mar 1878, Van Wert Co., OH;
d 24 Feb 1967, Ft. Wayne, IN) on 2 Nov 1902,
Delphos, OH; Div. 1930; m (2) Stephen Decatur
Stemen; Bur Walnut Creek Cem., Delphos, OH.
Susan Vandalia
Vada Minerva
Charles Edward

Ida May (b 1886) & Isaac Fosnaugh's Children:
Andrew Vernon b 1903; d 1983; m Evelyn
Glusenkamp.
Eugene Howard Louis b 31 Jul 1905, Van Wert
Co., OH; d 15 Mar 1964, Ft. Wayne, IN; Bur with
wife in Prairie Grove Cem., Ft. Wayne, IN; m
Dorothy Edna Campbell (b 21 May 1905,
Columbus, NC; d 25 Aug 1995; d/o Chas. M. and
Jeanette A. Miller) on 3 Oct 1925, Ft. Wayne, IN.
Walter Carl b 1915; m (1) Anna M. Stockton,
Div.; m (2) Josephine Barkley.
Clyde Harrison b 1916; d 1972; Bur Greenlawn
Cem., Ft. Wayne, IN.

Eugene (b 1905) & Dorothy Campbell Blosser's Children:
Arthur Newton b 1926; d 1985; m (1) Dorothy
Werling; m (2) Mrs. Sandra Wagner; WWII-US
Navy.
Celo May b 15 Apr 1928, Ft. Wayne, IN; m
Phillip Wayne Thompson (b 6 Aug 1926, Ft.
Wayne, IN; Well Driller; s/o Carl Leonard and
Dora Edna Hanlon Thompson

Celo May (b 1928) & Phillip Thompson's Children:
Sandra Kay b 11 May 1949, Ft. Wayne, IN;
Spinner and Genealogist; m John Scott Kinter, Jr. (b
28 Feb 1970, Ft. Wayne, IN; Grad. Indiana Inst. of
Technology; Engineer, Allied Signal, Troy, MI);
Children: John Scott III (b 21 May, 1971; m Lynn
Kaye Harriman on 5 Nov 1993, Child: Brandon
Scott (b 15 Jul, 1994, Monroe, LA)), Adrienne
Elizabeth (b 17 Jul 1976, Ft. Wayne, IN; Student,
Univ. of Michigan), Kathryn Rebecca (b 21 Jun
1978, Ft. Wayne, IN; Student), Charlotte Rebecca (b
16 Sept 1979, Ft. Wayne, IN; Student).
Phyllis Diane b 17 Sept 1952, Ft. Wayne, IN; m
William R. Misener on 18 Sept 1971; Children:
Darren Lee, Michelle Lynn.
Laurie Jane b 14 May 1955, La Jolla, CA; m
Karl-Heinz Fritz in 1975; Children: Kara Diane.

John G. (b 1801) & Mary Blosser's Children:
Emily b 28 May 1849; m Noah Ashbaugh
Abner b 1828
Mary b 1830
David b 1832
George b 27 Nov 1833; d 21 Jan 1908; m Hester
Frasure (b 10 Mar 1835)
Benona b 1835
Elizabeth b 1837
Harriet b 1839
Margaret b 1841; m Peter Black Huston, Civil
War Vet; children: Ida
Dorcas b 1846.

George (b 1833) & Hester Blosser's Children:
Clara Mathiott
Elsworth
Charles A.
Mary Querion

Elizabeth (b 1804) & Joseph Leckrone's Children:
Nancy b 20 Aug 1825, Fayette Co., PA; m
William Kemper.
Susannah b 4 May 1827, Fayette Co., PA; m
Abe Rowland.
Mary Ann b 24 Apr 1829, Fayette Co., PA; m
Levi Helser.
Abraham b 10 Jan 1834, Fayette Co., PA; m Mary
Shrider.
Matthias b 13 May 1834, Fayette Co., PA; m
Ann... 1902.
Catherine b 12 Sept 1836
Emmanuel b 12 Sept 1839 in Ohio; d 25 Jun 1925,
Kosciusko Co., IN; m Charlette Poorman.
Hannah b 19 Sept 1841 in OH; m Lewis Army.
Simon Peter b 17 Mar 1844 in OH; m Mary
Cline.
Solomon b 27 Feb 1848 in OH; m Sadie Hill.

Hannah b 14 Apr 1807; d 8 Mar 1848, Hocking Co., OH; Bur. Welty Cem., Fairfield Co., OH; m Matthias LeCrone II 28 Dec 1825 Fayette Co., PA.

ISAAC

Born 1777 near Lancaster, PA (C.M.L. Wiseman, "Pioneer Period & Pioneer People of Fairfield Co., OH"); d June 1845 in Bremen, OH. Married (1) Elizabeth Herr Coffman (Kauffman); b 1787 Lancaster Co., PA; daughter of Andrew and Mary Herr Coffman of Lancaster Co., PA and Germantown, Fayette Co., PA; d 15 Apr 1881. Elizabeth and Isaac were named in Andrew Coffman's will probated 5 Apr 1835.

Following the death of Isaac, Elizabeth married (2) John Beery on 23 Feb 1847; and later married (3) John Welty, 27 Apr 1853. At the time of her death at the age of 94 years, Elizabeth was living with their son Samuel on the family farm. The couple is buried in Grandview Cemetery, Bremen, Fairfield Co., OH. (Isaac + Elizabeth)

Isaac paid a nominal tax as a laborer in Springhill Twp., Fayette Co. from 1799 - 1811 (Ohio became a state in 1802). He was taxed on livestock 1805-07. He was taxed on 75-100 acres of land 1806-11. In 1811 the family moved to Fairfield Co., OH. In 1812 they purchased a farm from the US Government near Bremen, OH. In 1832 they sold their share of Isaac's father's estate to nephew Isaac Blosser for \$50.00. Isaac is listed as an Ohio Pioneer in the "Pioneer Period" of Wiseman, which documents residents in Ohio prior to 1820.

The couple's four older children were born in Lancaster Co., PA:

John Isaac Born 14 Oct 1805 in Lancaster Co., PA; Died 23 Nov 1874 in Bremen, OH; Married Hannah Hufford (b 24 Feb 1820; d 8 Jan 1889) on 24 Feb 1831 in Lancaster, Fairfield Co., OH. She was the daughter of Christian III and Mary Magdalena Renner Hufford. They resided in Hocking Co., OH. Four of the couple's children died during a typhoid epidemic.

See Addendums VI, VII, VIII for more on Isaac & family.

Hannah (b1807) & Matthias LeCrone's Children:

Mary b 18 Jan 1827, Fayette Co., PA; d 27 Nov 1894, Hocking Co., OH; m ... Hamilton. Katherine b 4 Jul 1829, Fayette Co., PA; m Noah Friesner.

Jacob b 3 Jun 1830, Fayette Co., PA. Elizabeth b 3 Jul 1832, Hocking Co., OH; m ... Miller.

Abraham b 10 Sept 1834; d 1861; m Catherine Bierly.

Agnes b 1838 Hocking Co.; m Gabriel Donaldson.

Nancy b 25 Mar 1842, Hocking Co., OH; m Amos Brown.

Adam b 20 Dec 1846, Hocking Co., OH; d 24 Mar 1917, Fairfield Co., OH; m Caroline Poling.

John I (b 1743) & Catherine Beery's Children:

Abraham (b ca 1763)

Susannah (b ca 1765)

John II (b 1767)

Jacob (b 1773)

Nicholas (b 1774)

Isaac (b ca 1777)

George (b 1788)

Isaac (b ca 1777) & Elizabeth Kauffman Blosser's Children:

John Isaac (b 1805)

Mary (Polly) (b 1807)

Andrew (b 1809)

Nicholas (b 1810)

Catherine (b 1812)

Isaac Jr. (b 1814)

Nancy (b 1820)

Barbara (b 1818)

Elizabeth (b 1815)

Martha C. (b 1824)

Abraham (b 1826)

Noah (b 1830)

Samuel (b 1831)

John Isaac (b 1805) & Hannah Hufford Blosser's Children:

Elizabeth b 1832; d 1903; m Daniel Hufford 4 Apr 1852; Res. Hocking Co., OH; Children: John Wesley (Eliza Jane Vanetta), Arthur Dwight (Eva Raab), Sarah, and Elizabeth (Roland S. Brown).

Mary b 1834; d 1850.

Agnes b 1836; d 1856.

Isaac b 1838; d 1856.

Nichodememus b 1841; d 1856.

Barbara Ann b 1 Dec 1843; d 1908; m

Augustine Palmer (b 1837; d 1908); Children:

Nicodemus, Nannie, John H., Daniel W., Mary, Jennie, David W., Charles and Arthur.

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Mary (Polly) Born 12 May 1807 in Lancaster Co., PA; Died 7 Jun 1881 in Allen Co., OH. Married Peter Stemen on 25 Nov 1824 - he was a Mennonite Minister. They lived on a farm owned by the late Abraham Beery of Dutch Hollow.

Andrew Born in 1809; Died in 1863; Married (1) Sarah Mericle on 1 Mar 1832 - she died in 1863; Married (2) Lucy Mowry. Resided in Hocking Co., OH.

Isaac (b ca 1777) & Elizabeth Kauffmans Children:

John Isaac (b 1805)
Mary (Polly) (b 1807)
Andrew (b 1809)
 Nicholas (b 1810)
 Catherine (b 1812)
 Isaac Jr. (b 1814)
 Nancy (b 1820)
 Barbara (b 1818)
 Elizabeth (b 1815)
 Martha C. (b 1824)
 Abraham (b 1826)
 Noah (b 1830)
 Samuel (b 1831)

Mary (Polly) (b 1807) & Peter Stemens Children:

Mary Magdalena buried in Salem Mennonite Cem., Elida, Allen Co., OH.
 John Bertram b 10 Feb 1830, Fayette Co.; d Civil War 10 Jan 1865; m Mary Jan Meyers 15 Feb 1851, Allen Co., OH

John Bertram (b 1830) & Mary Meyers Blosser's Children:

Mary Elizabeth b 16 Nov 1856, Warren Co., IA; m John L. Clevenger (b 7 Jan 1853, Benton Co., IA) on 24 Jan 1875, Warren Co., IA; d 11 Mar 1931.

Mary Elizabeth (b 1856) & John Clevenger's Children:

Willmer b 14 Oct 1880, Warren Co., IA; m Maude Close (b 24 Jun 1885, Iowa Co., IA; d 19 Jan 1916, Iowa Co., IA); d 30 Sept 1906, Iowa Co., IA.

Willmer (b 1880) & Maude Close Blosser's Children:

Beatrice Elizabeth b 19 Oct 1913, Iowa Co., IA; m Elmer Raymond McDonald (b 25 Jul 1911, Poweshik, IA; d 4 Sept 1966) on 22 Aug 1933

Beatrice Elizabeth (b 1913) & Elmer McDonald's Children:

Beatrice Darlene b 17 Dec 1937, Iowa Co., IA; m Marion Bennett (b 31 May 1934 in Lyndon, SD) on 16 Sept 1965, Mitchell, SD; Divorced in 1972.

Beatrice Darlene (b 1937) & Marion Bennett's Children:

Michael Dean b 28 Apr 1962, Merced Co., CA.
 Dennis Lee b 18 Sept 1967, Shasta Co., CA.
 Kathleen b 10 Aug 1971, Redding, CA.

Andrew (b 1809) & Sarah Mericle Blosser's Children:

John W. b 22 Oct 1832; d 1864; m Mary Ann Fickle in 1856 (she married (2) Noah Welty); Children: Amos (m ...Lutz; Children: Harry, Nellie, Clarence, Matilda) b 4 Apr 1858; d 1942.

Isaac b 1 Jun 1846; m Margaret Culp 27 Jan 1857.
 Noah m Jannie Oatley; Res. near Logan, OH.
 Emanuel m Elizabeth Culp; Res. Hocking, Montgomery Co., OH.

Elizabeth m George Wolf; Res Maxville, OH; Children: Martin (Judge of Perry Co., OH), Sarah, Julia, Nancy, Andrew, Emma, Frank, Matilda and Noah.

Matilda m (1) Henry Brenneman; m (2) Rev. Hurst.

Sarah m William Nunemaker; Children: Andrew and Charles.

Lydia m (1) Jacob Hoover; m (2) Noah Brenneman.

Malinda m Dr. H.H. Mumaw; Children: Poebe Kolb and Clara.

Andrew Jr. (by Lucy Mowry)
 Lucy (by Lucy Mowry)

Nicholas Born 19 May 1810 in Fayette Co., PA; Died on 30 Apr 1866 in Bremen, OH; Married Elizabeth Hufford (b 16 May 1811; d 11 Jun 1878) on 17 Jan 1833 - she was the widow of Daniel Lancaster of Fairfield Co., OH. *See Addendum 1 for*

*Nicholas Blosser - submitted
by Marion Fleming*

Catherine Born 19 May 1812; Died 2 Feb 1894 in Bremen, OH; Married Samuel Good on 3 Feb 1831; Resided in Bremen, OH.

Isaac Jr. Born in 1814 in Fayette Co., PA; Died Feb 1835 in Bremen, OH; Married Mary (Polly) Reedy on 26 Feb 1835; Resided in Iowa.

Nancy Born in 1820 in Fayette Co., PA; Died on 13 Mar 1878 in Branch Co., MI; Married Christian D. Beery on 3 Sept 1835 in Fairfield Co., OH; Resided in Michigan and Iowa.

Barbara Born in 1818 in Bremen, OH; Married Reese (Hiram R.) Pugh in August 1838; Moved to Iowa.

Elizabeth Born in 1815 in Fayette Co. PA; Married Abram Miller on 3 Sept 1835; Resided in Liberty, MD.

Martha C. Born 24 Sept 1824 in Bremen, OH; Died on 30 Nov 1909; Married Oliver Grove on 3 Mar 1842; Resided in Bremen, OH.

Isaac (b ca 1777) & Elizabeth Kauffman's Children:

John Isaac (b 1805)
Mary (Polly) (b 1807)
Andrew (b 1809)
Nicholas (b 1810)
Catherine (b 1812)
Isaac Jr. (b 1814)
Nancy (b 1820)
Barbara (b 1818)
Elizabeth (b 1815)
Martha C. (b 1824)
Abraham (b 1826)
Noah (b 1830)
Samuel (b 1831)

Nicholas (b 1810) & Elizabeth Hufford Blosser's Children:

Solomon m ... Hunsaker
Noah H. (MD) b 20 Oct 1847; m (1) Artice Poling; m (2) Ellen Jones.
Isaac N. b 1836; d 1919, Bronson, MI; m Emma O'Hare.
Susan m John Slisher
Eli
Nicholas Jr.

Noah H. (b 1847) & Alice Poling Blosser's Children:

Isaac

Isaac (son of Noah H.) Blosser's Children:

Franklin b 1866; d in Bronson, MI.; m Mary Friesner.

Franklin (b 1866) & Mary Friesner Blosser's Children:

Noah b 1891 in MI; d 1961 in Kelvington, Saskatchewan, Canada; m Edna Sarah Margaret Hall.
Ray
Roy b 29 Jan 1908

Noah (b 1891) & Edna Hall Blosser's Children:

Mrs. Marion Fleming, Family Genealogist;
m Rea Alexander Fleming; Children: Frank Elston, William Earl.

Catherine & Samuel Good's Children:

Rev. N.W. Good of Columbus, OH.

Martha C. (b 1824) & Oliver Grove's Children:

Isaac m Louise Hillard.
Caroline m Oscar Seifert
Nancy m John Naginey
William m Emma Wolfe
Samuel m Clara Strickler
John
Harvey

Abraham Born 4 Jun 1826; Died in Harper Co., OH; Married
Miriam Graffis on 16 Sept 1853; Resided in Hocking Co., OH, MI
and TN.

Noah Born 20 Jan 1830; Died 6 Sept 1916 in Bremen, OH; Married
Matilda Grove (daughter of John & Ann Grove) on 10 Jun 1850;
Buried in Grandview Cemetery, Bremen, OH.

Samuel R. Born 28 Oct 1831; Died 5 May 1908 in Bremen, OH;
Married (1) Betty McDougal on 19 May 1863; Married (2) Mary
Beery Schatzer, widow of Daniel, on 19 Apr 1891.

Isaac (b ca 1777) & Elizabeth Kauffman

Blosser's Children:

John Isaac (b 1805)
Mary (Polly) (b 1807)
Andrew (b 1809)
Nicholas (b 1810)
Catherine (b 1812)
Isaac Jr. (b 1814)
Nancy (b 1820)
Barbara (b 1818)
Elizabeth (b 1815)
Martha C. (b 1824)
Abraham (b 1826)
Noah (b 1830)
Samuel (b 1831)

Noah (b 1830) & Matilda Grove Blosser's
Children:

Elizabeth m Michael McVeigh

Elizabeth & Michael McVeigh's Children:

Mary m Clinton Moyer; Children:

Dorothy, Leland, Nellie, Dallas, and Joseph.

John m Della Glenn; Children: Dean,

Orra, Dewey & Leota.

Charles I. m Clara Huston; Res. Fairfield

Co. and Van Wert, OH; Occ.: Teacher;

Children: Hattie, Otis, Emma, Xema and

Ruth.

Stephen m Zetta Davis; Res. Huston

Homestead; Children: George, Verda, Xeda,

Fred & Sara.

Samuel Single Farmer

Robert m Maggie Black; Occ: Foreman for

the railroad; Children: Glenn, Emile, Dewey

& Ross Wayne.

Noah Jr. single; Occ: Shoe Clerk

George m Ann Shull; Occ: RR Foreman;

Children Russell & Edna.

Samuel R. (b 1831) & Betty McDougal Blosser's
Children:

Libbie m E.B. Conner

Edward m Dora Myers

Celia m George McCandish

Isabel

Ida m Samuel Focht

Simon

Effie.

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GEORGE

Born 16 April 1778 in Lancaster Co., PA; Died on 29 Jun 1852 in Perry Co., OH. First wife's name is unknown. Second wife was Rebecca Garrison (b 1783; d 1852), daughter of Leonard and Mary Sykes Garrison of Fayette Co. Her stepmother was Elizabeth Gray.

George never appeared on the Fayette Co., PA tax rolls. He migrated to Ohio in 1805-06 with his brother Jacob by the usual overland water route via the Ohio River. They floated down the river to Marietta, OH, and from there they traveled by horseback to the Rush Creek area. He was on the tax list in Richland Twp., Fairfield Co., OH from 1806-30. The 1840 Census showed him and his wife living in Marion Twp., Hocking Co., and the 1850 Census showed they were living in the household of William Mowry. George is buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, Monday Creek Twp., Perry Co. Rebecca is buried in Stewart Cemetery, Rush Creek Twp., Fairfield Co.

George's Children:

John G m Sallie Welty (listed in her father's will).

Elizabeth b 23 Aug 1803; d 3 Oct 1818 in Fairfield Co., OH; Buried in Stewart Cemetery.

Jacob J. b ca. 1806 in Fairfield Co., OH; d 13 Sept 1860, Perry Co., OH; m Lydia Elizabeth Grover on 3 May 1826 in Perry Co., OH.

John I (b 1743) & Catherine Beery Blosser's Children:

Abraham (b ca 1763)
Susannah (b ca 1765)
John II (b 1767)
Jacob (b 1773)
Nicholas (b 1774)
Isaac (b ca 1777)
George (b 1788)

George (b 1778) & Rebecca Garrison Blosser's Children:

John G.
Elizabeth (b 1803)
Jacob J. (b ca. 1806)
Mary (Polly) (b 1807)
Catherine (b 1809)
Rebecca (b 1810)
George (b 1813)
Saloma (b 1815)
Isaac G. (b 1817)
Lydia (b 1820)
Margaret (b 1823)

Jacob J. (b ca 1806) & Lydia Grover Blosser's Children:

Rebecca b 10 Aug 1827, Hocking Co., OH; d 24 Feb 1902, Perry Co., OH; m (1) Samuel Geil 23 Feb 1845; m (2) John A. Allen after 1855.
Barbara b ca 1833; m Aaron Good 4 Nov 1855, Hocking Co., OH.
Lydia b ca 1835; m William Marlow 18 Sept 1853, Hocking Co., OH.
Noah b ca 1837; m Alice ...
Catherine
Diana b ca 1841 Hocking Co., OH; m (1) Solomon Weidner 14 Mar 1861; m (2) George Wagner after July 1864.

Mary (Polly) b 1 May 1807 in Fairfield Co., OH; d 5 Sept 1862-67 in Norwalk, IA; m Benoni Black (son of Peter Black; b ca 1772 in France) on 5 Aug. 1830 in Fairfield Co., OH (b 7 Aug 1800 in Maryland; d 27 Sept 1870 in Norwalk); Bur. couple in Norwalk Cemetery, Warren County, Norwalk, IA.

George (b 1778) & Rebecca Garrison's Children:

John G.
Elizabeth (b 1803)
Jacob J. (b ca. 1806)
Mary (Polly) (b 1807)
Catherine (b 1809)
Rebecca (b 1810)
George (b 1813)
Saloma (b 1815)
Isaac G. (b 1817)
Lydia (b 1820)
Margaret (b 1823)

Mary (Polly) (b 1807) & Benoni Black's Children:

Jemima b 10 Aug 1824 Marfield Co., OH; d 30 Apr 1897, Warren Co., IA; m David Beery (s/o Joseph & Barbara Miller) 22 Sept 1842, Fairfield Co., OH; Children: Emanuel, Mary (m William Herring), Barbara, Noah, George, Sarah (m Cost L. Clary & Timothy Fiske), Rebecca (m Rudolph Frazer), John, Jennie (m Ernest Clary), Henry (m Sarah Patten), Benoni, Clara, Ellen, Rose.

Rebecca b 8 Jun 1826, Fairfield Co., OH; d 7 May 1916, Norwalk, IA; m Abraham Good (b 28 Jun 1815, Fairfield Co., OH; d 21 Oct 1893, Warren Co.) on 1 Feb 1849, Fairfield Co., OH; Children: Minerva (m C.B. Smith), Mary Peniah (m ...Pratz), John W. (m Athalina Sease), William H. (m Ann...), Effie, Irwin.

Mary Jane b 29 Aug 1827, Fairfield Co., OH; d 13 Feb 1869, Warren Co., IA; m Writer S. Glaze 6 Apr 1848, Fairfield Co., OH.

George G. b 21 Dec 1828, Fairfield Co., OH; m Amelia Keller 19 Sept 1850, Fairfield Co., OH; Children: Mary Jo, Isabella, Euphemia (m John Piffer), Rebecca (m David Scott), John W., Clara, Cora, James Arthur.

Peter b 21 Sept 1830, Fairfield Co., OH; d 21 Jul 1899, Warren Co., IA; m Elizabeth Perkins 15 Jan 1855, Warren Co., IA; Children: John Wesley (m Emma Silvus), Frank Benoni, Mary Jane, Maria (m Will Lester), Clara (m Frank Huff), Finley, Flora M. (m Edgar D. Swayne), Harriet Amelia (m Julian Ellis), Jennie, Nellie (m William Filmer), Hayes R. (m Cuma Utsler), William Reese (m Mary E. McGuire).

Isaac b 15 May 1832, Fairfield Co., OH; d 25 May 1855 in Kansas; m Hannah Huffman 13 May 1856, Warren Co., IA; Children: Laura M., Leroy Franklin (m Mary Louise Dillon), Mary, Ella J., Oran W., Joel T. (m Florence Babcock), Carlton McClure, George, Edna.

Jesse b 9 Dec 1835, Fairfield Co., OH; d 26 Jan 1906, Norwalk, Warren Co., IA; m (1) Mary Snyder 24 Sept 1857, Warren Co., IA; m (2) Mrs. Jane Wallace Way 22 Apr 1884, Warren Co., IA; Children: by Mary Snyder: Hanna F., Austin, Bada, Otelia (m Grant Gates), Alvan, Charles Edward (m Mary Frances Miller), Jennie (m John Edgar); Children by Jane Wallace Way: George W., Lew W. Merryman.

John b 11 Dec 1835, Fairfield Co., OH; d young.
Miriam b 24 Nov 1837, Fairfield Co., OH; d 6 Jan 1908, Warren Co., OH; m John Kern 4 Oct 1855, Warren Co., OH; Children: George Arthur, Clara Ellen, Mary Elizabeth, Joseph Edward, Hattie Amelia (m Charles W. Fisk), Charles Benoni (m Mary Frances Spring), Lillian Louise, Herman, Blanche.

Lewis b 21 Sept 1839, Fairfield Co., OH; d 2 Jul 1901, Erie Co., OH; m Ruth Jane Tucker 12 Feb 1864, Perry Co., OH; Children: Ida M., Perry (m Cora Adell Ward), Frank (m Catalina J. Shearer); Descendant is Aleen Bartcher Williams, Rt. 2 Box 66, Smith Center, KS 66967.

Minerva J. b 10 Apr 1841, Fairfield Co., OH; d 21 Jan 1928; m Harrison Close 27 Nov 1867, Warren Co., IA; Children: Jennie M. (m Zenas E. Payne), Jonas Mead (m Daisy E. Edgerton), Nellie G., Grace Lenore, Dwight L.

Charlotte b 3 May 1843, Fairfield Co., OH; d 5 Jul 1862, Warren Co., OH; unmarried.

Matilda b 6 Mar 1846, Fairfield Co., OH; m James Miller 19 Dec 1870, Warren Co., IA.

Ellen b 5 Dec 1847, Fairfield Co., OH; d 23 Jan 1866, Warren Co., IA; unmarried.

Clara Ann b 23 May 1850, Fairfield Co., OH; d 7 May 1881, Warren Co., IA; m Ranson G. Arnold 27 Mar 1870, Warren Co., IA.

Catherine b 3 Jan 1809 in Fairfield Co., OH; d 25 May 1865 in Hocking Co., OH; Buried in Dunkard Cemetery, Marion Twp., OH; m Solomon Mericle on 16 Apr 1829 (son of John & Saloma Stihl Mericle of Rockingham Co., VA - b 8 Feb 1808, Fairfield Co., OH; d 15 Apr 1876, Allen Co., OH; Buried in Salem Mennonite Church Cemetery, Allen Co., OH; m (2) Sophia Hutchins Allen 9 Nov 1865, Allen Co., OH.).

George (b 1778) & Rebecca Garrison's Children:

John G.
Elizabeth (b 1803)
Jacob J. (b ca. 1806)
Mary (Polly) (b 1807)
Catherine (b 1809)
Rebecca (b 1810)
George (b 1813)
Saloma (b 1815)
Isaac G. (b 1817)
Lydia (b 1820)
Margaret (b 1823)

Catherine & Solomon Mericle's Children:

Salome b 28 Jan 1830, Fairfield Co., OH; d 21 Dec 1909, Van Wert Co., OH; m (1) Nicholas Burnsides (see Magdalena Blosser Burnsides under Abraham Blosser); m (2) David McMichael.

Mary b 20 Sept 1831, Hocking Co., OH; d 20 Dec 1897, Putnam Co., OH; m Abram Ashbaugh (see Mary Catherine Blosser, d/o Abraham Blosser) 1 Aug 1849, Hocking Co. (Abram was b 14 Apr 1828, Hocking Co., OH; d 5 Apr 1914, Jennings Twp., Putnam Co., OH); Mary's & Abram's mothers were first cousins.; Bur. Salem Mennonite Cem., Sugar Creek Twp., Allen Co., OH; Descendant is Mrs. Sandra Kinter, 7978 Little Farm Lane, West Bloomfield, MI 48322.

George b 14 Mar 1833, Hocking Co., OH; d 21 May 1900, Grover Hill, OH; m Barbara Beery 23 Sept 1855, Hocking Co., OH. (see next page for children)

Rosanna b 9 Nov 1834, Hocking Co., OH; d 17 Jun 1924, Putnam Co., OH; m (1) Noah Heidelberg 13 Sept 1855, Hocking Co., OH; m (2) Abram Ashbaugh 14 Jun 1898, Hocking Co., OH.

Isaac b 20 Aug 1836, Hocking Co., OH; d 14 Jun 1911, Allen Co., OH; m Mary Ann Miller 30 Sept 1858, Hocking Co., OH.

John b 10 May 1838, Hocking Co., OH; d 5 Jul 1911, Allen Co., OH; m Nancy Jane Fickle 24 Dec 1864, Allen Co., OH.

Margaret b 6 Nov 1839, Hocking Co., OH; d 15 Feb 1929, Allen Co., OH; m Abraham Miller 21 Mar 1858, Hocking Co., OH; Child: Cindarella (m Fred Patterson); Descendant is Jason Ferenezi, 2050 Beery Rd., Elida, OH 45802.

Solomon Jr. b 7 Mar 1842, Hocking Co., OH; d 7 Feb 1893, Delphos, OH; m Adaline Ridenour Mullenhour 30 Nov 1865, Allen Co., OH.

Catherine b 3 Feb 1844, Hocking Co., OH; d 8 May 1926, Allegan Co., MI; m Jacob Hunsaker 13 Apr 1861, Hocking Co., OH.

Emanuel b 1846; d 1847, Hocking Co., OH.

Lydia b 17 Aug 1847, Hocking Co., OH; d 9 May 1924, Putnam Co., OH; m Albert Allen 10 Dec 1865, Allen Co., OH.

Abraham b 1847; d 1847, Hocking Co., OH.

Infant Daughter #1 d 1851.

Infant Daughter #2 d 1852.

Mary (b 1831) & Abram Ashbaugh's Children:

Isaac b Jun 1859, Hocking Co., OH; d 15 Oct 1933, Lima, OH; m Jane Ridenour 5 Apr 1874, Allen Co., OH.

Rosannah b 19 Dec 1851, Hocking Co., OH; d 9 Feb 1929, Toledo, OH; m Andrew Jackson Patton 10 Apr 1874, Allen Co., OH.

Catherine b Oct 1853, Hocking Co., OH; d 30 Nov 1930, St. Mary's, OH; m Henry Hainline 18 Aug 1872.

Anna b 18 Apr 1855, Hocking Co., OH; d 17 May 1933, Allen Co., OH; m George J. Brennaman 19 Aug 1875.

Solomon b ca 1857, Hocking Co., OH; d Nov 18?? Hocking Co., OH.

William b 26 Feb 1859, Hocking Co., OH; d 14 Aug 1912, Allen Co., OH; m Nellie Catherine Hihiser, 7 Oct 1880, Allen Co., OH.

Lydia E. b 12 Aug 1861, Hocking Co., OH; d 18 Feb 1897, Allen Co., OH; m John Sherrick 12 Aug 1881, Allen Co., OH.

Rebecca b 12 Nov 1865, Allen Co., OH; d 29 Jan 1927, Delphos, OH; m James Clawson 6 Dec 1883, Putnam Co.

Keziah b 24 Aug 1868, Allen Co., OH; d 31 Jan 1948, Hudson, MI; m (1) John W. Myers 15 Nov 1885; m (2) Harvey Losey in MI.

Salome b 2 Sept 1871, Allen Co., OH; d 21 Mar 1950, Allen Co., OH; m (1) John H. Friend 3 Jun 1892, Putnam Co., OH; m (2) Frank Alexander; m (3) Aaron Shrider 7 Jul 1937, Delphos, OH.

Rebecca Born 22 Sept 1810 in Fairfield Co., OH; Died 27 Mar 1895 in Perry Co., OH; Buried in the Old Zion United Brethren Cemetery, Jackson Twp., Perry Co. with second husband Thomas Middaugh; Married (1) Lewis Stoltz (b 6 Oct 1806 in PA; d 10 Nov 1842, Perry Co., OH; Bur. Stoltz Family Cem.; s/o David & Mary Stoltz) on 19 Jan 1832; Married (2) Thomas Middaugh.

George Born 2 Jan 1813 in Fairfield Co., OH; Died 25 Mar 1898 in Allentown, Allen Co., OH; Married Magdalena Brennaman (b 30 Sept 1818, Fairfield Co., OH; d 4 Aug 1896, Allen Co., OH); Both are buried in the Allentown Cemetery in Allentown, OH.

George (b 1778) & Rebecca Garrison Blosser's Children:

John G.
Elizabeth (b 1803)
Jacob J. (b ca. 1806)
Mary (Polly) (b 1807)
Catherine (b 1809)
Rebecca (b 1810)
George (b 1813)
Saloma (b 1815)
Isaac G. (b 1817)
Lydia (b 1820)
Margaret (b 1823)

Rebecca (b 1810) & Lewis Stoltz's Children:

George b 23 Dec 1832, Perry Co., OH; d 9 Jul 1863, Memphis, TN; m Sarah Chamberlain 29 Apr 1852, Fairfield Co.
John b 1834, Perry Co; d 22 Dec 1857, Perry Co.; m Henrietta McCollough 22 Nov 1857, Perry Co.
Mary b 1835, Perry Co., OH; m Robert Cox.
David b 1837, Perry Co., OH.
Daniel Arthur b Apr 1839, Perry Co., OH; d 28 Dec 1917, Columbus, OH; m (1) Mary Leckrone 21 Sept 1861, Perry Co., OH; m (2) Harriet Busby Apr 1871.
Rebecca b 1841; m John F. Robinson 13 Sept 1866, Fairfield Co.
Lewis Jr. b 17 Jan 1843, Perry Co., OH; d 18 Mar 1916, Perry Co., OH; m Priscilla M Petty 24 Nov 1867, Perry Co., OH.

George (b 1813) & Magdalena Brennaman Blosser's Children:

Elizabeth b 21 Dec 1837, Hocking Co., OH; d before 1865; m Thomas Bowers.
Mary b 19 Oct 1839, Hocking Co., OH; d 8 Aug 1913, Van Wert Co., OH; m Thomas Bowers (?).
John b 21 Aug 1841, Hocking Co., OH; m Mary Plummer.
David b 27 Apr 1843, Hocking Co., OH; m Lilly Luma.
George b 22 Jun 1845, Hocking Co., OH; d 17 Apr 1938, Pasadena, CA; m (1) Mina Newton; m (2) Ollie Johnson.
Rebecca b 4 Nov 1847, Hocking Co., OH; d Sept 1925, Allen Co., OH; unmarried.
Henry b 1 Oct 1849, Hocking Co., OH; d 17 Aug 1934, Lima, OH; m Mary E. Bolander.
Samuel b 5 Nov 1851, Hocking Co., OH; d 28 Aug 1863, Allen Co., OH; unmarried.
Lewis b 9 Oct 1853, Hocking Co., OH; m (1) Retta Barnes; m (2) Sarah A. Bertram.
Martin b 6 Dec 1855, Hocking Co., OH; d 1945, Elida, OH; m Barbara Seifert 26 Nov 1885, Fairfield Co.
Nancy b 22 Mar 1858, Allen Co., OH; d 13 Mar 1888, Allen Co., OH; m William Alonzo Bechtol.
Lydia b 30 Oct 1860, Allen Co., OH; m Jacob Staver.
Isaac b 24 Feb 1866, Allen Co., OH; d 4 Oct 1894, Allen Co., OH; unmarried.

Saloma Born 10 Feb 1815 in Fairfield Co., OH; Died 21 Jan 1893 in Hocking Co., OH; Married Christian Welty (b 3 Feb 1811; d 15 May 1895) on 31 Dec 1835 in Hocking Co., OH; Both buried in South Harvey Church Cemetery, Hocking Co., OH.

George (b 1778) & Rebecca Garrison Blosser's Children:

John G.
Elizabeth (b 1803)
Jacob J. (b ca. 1806)
Mary (Polly) (b 1807)
Catherine (b 1809)
Rebecca (b 1810)
George (b 1813)
Saloma (b 1815)
Isaac G. (b 1817)
Lydia (b 1820)
Margaret (b 1823)

Saloma (b 1815) & Christian Welty's Children:

Nathaniel b 21 Apr 1835, Fairfield Co., OH; d 4 Mar 1907, Perry Co.; m Elizabeth McCandlish 26 Oct 1856, Perry Co., OH.
Mahala b 1838, Hocking Co.; d 1890, Hocking Co.; m John Leonard 5 Mar 1857, Hocking Co., OH.
George b 4 Oct 1838, Hocking Co., OH; d 8 Feb 1844, Hocking Co., OH.
Ephraim (M.D.) b 7 Jul 1840, Hocking Co., OH; d 21 Feb 1913, Warren Co., IA; m Ellen Rebecca Brumester (d/o John & Effie Balshe Brumester; d 5 Jan 1933, Norwalk, Warren Co., IA) on 1 Aug 1867, Allen Co., OH; Civil War Vet.; Bur. Norwalk Cem., Warren Co., IA; Children: John E. (b 1868; d 1965, Warren Co., IA; m Mary C. (b 1875; d 1956)); Descendant is Mrs. Betty L. Scott, 10414 Peacock Hill Ave., NW #48, Gig Harbor, WA 98332.
Elizabeth b ca 1842; m Nathaniel Poling 15 Oct 1865, Hocking Co., OH.
John b ca 1843, Hocking Co.; d 26 Oct 1862, St. Louis, MO during Civil War.
Abraham C. b 1 May 1846, Hocking Co., OH; d 4 Mar 1880, Logan, OH; m Mary Ruble 25 Oct 1871, Hocking Co., OH.
Rebecca b ca 1849; m Thomas B. Weedon 21 Nov 1872, Hocking Co.
Mary Penina b 1850, Hocking Co.; d 1913 Hocking Co., OH; m Charles S. Lott.
Christian Taylor b Apr 1852, Hocking Co., OH; m Mary L. Remsen 14 May 1878, Morgan Co., OH.
Jefferson b Mar 1854, Hocking Co., OH; d 1930 Fairfield Co., OH; m (1) Alice Webb 21 Jun 1877; m (2) Frances Kerwood 28 Apr 1888.
Saloma b 15 Mar 1856, Hocking Co., OH; d 17 Jul 1894, Hocking Co., OH; m Albert Brown 12 Sept 1883, Hocking Co., OH.
Amanda b 1 Jan 1858, Hocking Co., OH; d 2 Jun 1934, Hocking Co., OH; m Albert Poling 19 Nov 1887, Hocking Co., OH.

Isaac G. Born 2 Mar 1817 in Fairfield Co., OH; Died 26 Dec 1874 in Fairfield Co., OH; Married (1) Lydia Friesner (b 7 Nov 1819, Fairfield Co., OH; d 24 Dec 1838, Fairfield Co., OH; Bur. Friesner Cem., Fairfield Co., OH) on 28 Jan 1836; Married (2) Marguerite Peppel (b 3 Oct 1820; d 6 Apr 1894, Fairfield Co., OH) on 29 Mar 1840; Isaac and Marguerite are both buried in the Zwingley Cemetery in Fairfield Co., OH.

Lydia Born 20 Sept 1820 in Fairfield Co., OH; Died 1 Oct 1877 in Fairfield Co., OH; Married William Young (b 19 Jun 1813, Fairfield Co., OH; d 6 Nov 1894, Fairfield Co., OH) on 21 Sept 1837 in Fairfield Co., OH; He was the son of Edward and Rachel Miller Young; Rachel Miller was an aunt of Davis Ashbaugh who married Mary Cherine Blosser; David's mother was Catherine Miller; Buried in Stewart Cemetery in Fairfield Co., OH.

Margaret Born 23 Oct 1823 in Fairfield Co., OH; Died 31 Dec 1848 in Hocking Co., OH; Married John Geiger (b 18 Aug 1821; d 9 Aug 1898, Hocking Co., OH) on 19 Jun 1845 in Hocking Co., OH; Buried in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery in Perry Co., OH.

George (b 1778) & Rebecca Garrison Blosser's Children:

John G.
Elizabeth (b 1803)
Jacob J. (b ca. 1806)
Mary (Polly) (b 1807)
Catherine (b 1809)
Rebecca (b 1810)
George (b 1813)
Saloma (b 1815)
Isaac G. (b 1817)
Lydia (b 1820)
Margaret (b 1823)

Isaac (b 1817) & Lydia Friesner Blosser's Children:

John b 30 Oct 1838, Fairfield Co., OH; d 12 Dec 1838, Fairfield Co., OH.

Isaac (b 1817) & Marguerite Peppel Blosser's Children:

Lydia b Nov 1841, Fairfield Co., OH; d 24 Jul 1841, Fairfield Co., OH.

William H. b 1841, Fairfield Co., OH; d 1926, Perry Co., OH; m Lucinda Shaw.

Nancy b 2 Feb 1844, Fairfield Co., OH; m Frank R. Miller 28 Nov 1867, Fairfield Co., OH.

Frederick b 2 Nov 1843, Fairfield Co., OH; m Sarah Hemphill 5 Aug 1866, Fairfield Co., OH.

Elizabeth b 29 Jan 1848, Fairfield Co., OH; d 17 Jan 1926, Fairfield Co., OH; m Thomas Garrison; Couple buried in Grandview Cem., Rush Creek Twp., Fairfield Co., OH.

Benjamin b 23 Nov 1849, Fairfield Co., OH; d 3 Sept 1864, Fairfield Co., OH; unmarried; Bur Friesen Cem., Rush Creek Twp., Fairfield Co., OH.

Solomon b 1 Oct 1851, Fairfield Co., OH; m Jennie Myers (b 14 Dec 1851; d 1 Dec 1926) on 13 Jul 1872, Hocking Co., OH; d 6 Apr 1927, Fairfield Co., OH; Couple buried in Grandview Cem., Rush Creek Twp.

Rebecca b 27 Oct 1853, Fairfield Co., OH; d 6 Sept 1931, Perry Co., OH; m William H. Calkins 23 Aug 1873, Perry Co.

Isaac G. b 1855, Fairfield Co., OH; d 1939, Fairfield Co., OH; m Martha Jane Moore (b 1849; d 1932) on 2 Sept 1876, Hocking Co., OH; Couple buried in Grandview Cem., Rush Creek Twp.

Catherine b ca 1857; m (1) William Grandy; m (2) Mason Lutz.

Lydia (b 1830) & William Young's Children:

Margaret b 11 Jul 1838, Fairfield Co., OH; d 7 Aug 1840, Fairfield Co., OH; Bur. Stewart Cem., Rush Creek Twp., Fairfield Co., OH.

Mary E. b 1839, Fairfield Co., OH; d 1911; m Jeremiah Moyer (b 1841; d 1930; Civil War Vet.); Couple buried in Grandview Cem., Rush Creek Twp.

John B. b ca 1843, Fairfield Co., OH; d 1863, Memphis, TN during Civil War.

Thompson E. b ca 1845, Fairfield Co., OH; d in Indiana; m Laura Hannum.

Rachel Matilda b 13 Apt 1851, Fairfield Co., OH; d 27 Nov 1943, Fostoria, OH; m George Washington Kuhn 26 Nov 1872, Perry Co., OH.

James S. b 1857, Fairfield Co., OH; d Beaver Springs, PA; m Nancy Lehman.

Kate C. b 19 Jul 1860, Fairfield Co., OH; d 22 May 1953, Fairfield Co., OH; m Mason King 8 Jul 1885, Fairfield Co., OH.

Margaret (b 1823) & John Geiger's Children:

George Washington b 1847; d 1920, Perry Co., OH; m Elizabeth White.

Barbary b ca 1850 in OH.

Mariah b ca 1857 in OH.

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JACOB

Born 1772-3 in Lancaster Co., PA. Married (1) possibly Barbara(?). Married (2) Marie (Mary) Houser (Howser) on 14 Apr 1796 in Virginia. She was the daughter of Henry and Magdalena Houser of Shenandoah Co., VA. Her sister was Ann (Houser) Grove. Both Maria and Ann received 36 acres of their father's estate in the Shenandoah Valley which they sold in 1796. Magdalena Houser gave her consent for the marriage of Maria to Jacob Blosser (Source: *Virginia Historical Marriage Register 1772-1850*).

Jacob was listed as a farmer and ferryman on the 1800 tax list in Fayette Co., PA. He purchased 180 acres of land in 1801. He began selling off his land in 1807 but remained on the tax list as a ferryman rather than a farmer until 1814. He was also listed as a taxpayer in 1806 in Fairfield Co., OH. They were living in Washington Co., PA at the time their son George was born in 1820. In 1832 the couple sold their share of Jacob's father's estate to his nephew Isaac for \$50.00. The family was found on the 1850 Census in Fairfield Co., OH.

Jacob and Mary Houser's Children were:

George (Big George) Born 1820 in Washington Co., PA; Married Dorcus Hufford of Washington Co., PA, whose family migrated to Hocking co., OH in 1813; She was the daughter of Christian and Mary Magdalena Renner Hufford.

The couple sold their farm in 1858 to Elias Hufford, son of Solomon Hufford, Sr. and moved to Iowa. He was a farmer. The family attended the Dunkard Baptist Church.

John I (b 1743) & Catherine Beery's Children:

Susannah (b ca 1755)
John II (b 1767)
Jacob (b 1773)
Nicholas (b 1774)
Abraham (b ca 1775)
Isaac (b ca 1777)
George (b 1788)

Jacob (b 1773) & Mary Houser Blosser's Children: George (Big George) (b 1820)

George (b 1820) & Dorcus Hufford Blosser's Children:

Mary b 16 Feb 1837, Hocking Co., OH; m E.J. Potter 1859.
Christ H. b 10 Jan 1839, Hocking Co., OH; Occ: Farmer; m Martha Gamble 19 Sept 1866, Hocking Co.; members of Methodist Episcopal Church; Civil war Veteran.
Elizabeth b 1842; m Joseph McGinnis.
Noah b 1845; d Civil War 1863.
Samuel b 22 Dec 1850; m Alice Gilloby 30 Oct 1873 in Methodist Episcopal Church.

Christ H. (b 1839) & Martha Gamble Blosser's Children:

John E.
Noah Elmer
Effie Estelle

Samuel (b 1850) & Alice Gilloby Blosser's Children:

Grace b Patterson, IA; m Graham Bird; members Methodist Episcopal Church.
Frank b Nov 1876, Patterson, IA; m Ada Pace.
Bert m Maud Simpson.
Nellie
Ivy
Beulah
Noah

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MARY BLOSSER KIRKPATRICK

Mary was a daughter of John Blosser and Mary Clemmer Blosser of Fayette Co., PA. She was born 2 Aug 1796 in Fayette Co., PA and died 15 March 1879 in Orange Twp., Ashland Co., OH.

Mary married William Kirkpatrick, son of William (d 1793) and Agnes Kirkpatrick (d 1818) of Fayette Co., PA. William was born 12 Apr 1789 in Virginia and died October 1865 in Jackson Twp., Ashland Co., PA. They married ca 1812.

Mary (b 1796) & William Kirkpatrick's Children:

Catherine b 21 Sept 1822, Fayette Co., PA; d 9 Feb 1905 in Brookfield Twp., Eaton Co., MI; m 31 Sept 1841 in Wayne Co., OH to Jacob Vanande (b 30 Jul 1821 in Tuscarawas Co., OH; s/o Aaron {b 1780/90; d 26 Dec 1811} and Mary Collete Vanande {b 1787; d after 1850} of Tuscarawas Co., OH.

Catherine (b 1822) & Jacob Vanande's Children:

Rachel Vanande (b 1849 in Ashland Co., OH; d 15 May 1921 in Elmira Twp., Otsego Co., MI; m 11 Dec 1870 to **Edwin Estelle** (b 22 Mar 1848; d 25 Mar 1926) in Eaton Co., MI.

Rachel (b 1849) & Edwin Estelle's Children:

Grace Irene Estelle (b 1889 Eaton Co., MI; d May 1949 in Dearborn MI; m **Floyd Ira Warner** (b 1885; d 12 Oct 1924) in Otsego Co., MI.

Grace (b 1889) & Floyd Warner's Children:

Ray Floyd Warner b 14 Apr 1911 in Hayes Twp., Otsego Co., MI; m Florabel Wherry (b 30 Jul 1915 in Muhlenberg Co., KY; d/o **Marion Ebon Wherry** (b 18 May 1888; d 1967); Children: **Nancy Sue Warner** (b 9 Sept 1941 in Dearborn, MI.)

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WESTWARD BOUND

Explorations of the Pacific Coast and other western areas of the American Continent had been made by the French, British, Russians, Spanish and Americans as early as 1682. By the 18th Century they had declared claims to different areas of the Pacific Coast and the West. American Indians, trappers and traders were the first explorers, followed by missionaries and emigrants. Tales they told about the animals, fertile land, and opportunities for a better life allured emigrants west to settle down and establish homes.⁵⁴

The Louisiana Territory was purchased by the United State from France in 1803. In 1804 President Thomas Jefferson directed Meriweather Lewis and William Clark to explore the northwestern area of the American continent.

The British and the United States contested ownership of the area from the crest of the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Coast between the 54th and 40th parallels, known as the Oregon Territory. An agreement of joint occupancy was reached in 1818. In 1848 the U.S. and Great Britain established the border between them at the 49th parallel.

Spain (Mexico with its province of California) occupied the territory south of the 40th parallel and east to the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The Russians had a post for fur trappers and traders in an area in the northern part of the province of California in 1812 called Fort Ross. They abandoned it in 1824 in response to the declaration of the Monroe Doctrine by the U.S. Government, closing colonization of the Americas to European governments.

In 1846 the war between Mexico and the U.S. ended with a treaty which ceded both California and New Mexico to the U.S. Gold was discovered in California in 1848, exciting the whole world with promises of riches. California formed a state government in 1850.

A harsh depression occurred in the American economy about 1839 which led people to have visions of free land, mild climate and a healthy, better life beyond the Missouri border (The outpost of civilization beyond which it was believed that there was only a vast desert where land was worthless for growing trees or crops). However, when gold was discovered in California in 1848, thousands of single men and families left by ships and overland to reach the gold fields to claim their share of the riches.

Travelers going over land soon realized that they knew little of the land where they were going beyond the "jumping off places" of Independence and St. Joseph, MO and Council Bluff, IA. They had been able to walk, ride horses or float rivers. Elevations of the Appalachian Mountains were around 4000 feet and travel with the Conestoga wagons, mules or horses was not too difficult. The plan of how to adapt to crossing mountains twice that high and desert travel was carefully thought through. Guide books became available about 1845. Guides could be hired and Indians gave

helpful information. Often, however, information about the territory they would cross was sketchy.

The farm wagon which had no springs was smaller, lighter and more maneuverable was selected for the journey. Wagons consisted of a bed with bottom and sides which could float when crossing rivers, a cover against storms and heat, and running gear that could make sharp turns. A compartment under the bed held tools, cooking utensils, guns, ammunition, personal baggage, bibles and heirlooms. Taking furniture was discouraged. It overloaded the animals and was often discarded later to lighten the wagons.⁵⁵

The routes selected had to have access to forage, fuel, water and shelter. The journey was not cheap. A team of oxen and a wagon coast between \$300 and \$600. Three to four teams were usually acquired. With allowance for the expense of a new home, the overall cost averaged \$1000.00. Daily wages at that time were approximately \$1.00 per day. They needed to provision twice what they would ordinarily have required for the time they expected to be traveling. They hoped to hunt and fish to supplement their meals.

The route the wagon trains took to Oregon Territory and California usually followed the Platte River, the North Platte River, across Smith Pass in Wyoming, to Fort Hall along the Snake River in Idaho. Here the trail split, those heading for Oregon Territory went northwest (a story long told was that the intellectual emigrants went to Oregon Territory while the gold seekers went to California!). Those headed for California turned south along the Humboldt and Truckee Rivers into California. Care had to be taken not to cross the mountains during winter and many parties camped on the east side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains until they were passable in the spring when the final trip to California could be made safely.

Wagon trains were organized in a democratic way with an elected male-dominated council. The male head of the family usually made the decision to travel West. The wagon train reflected the community from which the group had come with relatives, friends, neighbors, births, deaths, sickness, romance and marriages. They were mostly young, ordinary people from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Indiana who had moved to free land at least once before. They had boundless energy and confidence that hard work paid off with a better tomorrow.⁵⁶ The days were strenuous. It was often necessary to use ten teams of oxen to pull wagons across rivers. Wagons were often lost in the rivers or when being belayed down mountains. Tempers flared with threatened disaster. Council members mediated disputes. Meal preparation often was sacrificed in the interest of safely locating a stopping place and settling disputes.

Layovers to repair wagons, attend to births, deaths and illness made it difficult to predict the progress of the journey over 2000 miles in length and spanning from three to eight months.

Men's and women's diaries differed. Men recorded the facts of the rigorous journey, disappointment with hunting and fishing, and encounters with Indians. Men and boys walked beside their wagons and at night circled the wagons, made camp, tended the animals, repaired equipment and stood guard duty. There was little emotional content in their journals.

"Women were a part of the journey because their fathers, brothers and husbands had determined to go. There was no way for them not to go once the decision was made."⁵⁷ Women tended the children, cared for the sick and dying, prepared meals, washed clothes, and for the first time had time to socialize and observe the beauty of the land. They could take the reins of the oxen when called upon. They kept the accounts of births, deaths and graves. Privacy was a problem for women, especially during pregnancy and births. One in five women were in some stage of pregnancy during the trip, and many had small children. Loaded wagons left little room for the family to ride, except for small children who often fell out of the wagons and were lost among the animals. Women and children usually walked, and picked up buffalo dung, dry grass or branches for fuel. Widows assumed the responsibility for their wagon and performed the duties which had been the man's. No other family assumed responsibility for them, they were expected to be able to cope independently. Women held the families together despite the physical and emotional stresses that threatened them.⁵⁸

Young people wrote of carefree times, games, camp fires, schooling and romancing.

*Calif. & Oregon Blossers' sections currently being
updated by Catherine Blosser.*

CALIFORNIA BLOSSERS

Jacob's parents were John and Mary Clemmer Blasser of York Co. and Fayette Co., PA. His grandparents were John and Catherine Beery Blasser of Lancaster & York Counties and Fayette Co., PA.

*John II (b 1767) & Mary Clemmer
Blasser's (b 1767) Children:
Jacob (b 1810)*

Jacob Tobias born 15 May 1810 in Greene Co., PA, died 22 March 1890 in Willits, CA. Married Martha Martin, born ca. 1807 in VA, married ca. 1830, died Willits CA 3 September 1894. The couple is buried in the Pioneer Little Lake Cemetery in Willits, CA.

Jacob was on the 1831 tax list in Springhill Twp., Fayette Co. and listed as a blacksmith. On 2 November 1831 Jacob and Martha sold their share of his father's estate to his brother Isaac for \$50.00. Both of their names are on the document.

The three older children were born in Fayette Co., PA.⁵⁹ In 1834 the family moved to Lynn Cap Run in the Little Kanawha Valley of Wood Co., West Virginia. They purchased a 100 acre farm and there William Allen, Lorenzo Waugh and Mary Margaret were born.

In 1847 they followed the migration movement West to pioneer in Jefferson Co., Iowa. This region had been a part of the Louisiana Purchase and was opened by the U.S. Government to pioneer settlement in 1843. On 20 Sept 1848 the family purchased 68-3/4 acres of land.⁶⁰ Their identical twin sons, John Adam and Jacob Tobias, were born on 6 September 1849.

The frontier life did not appeal to the Blassers, with its lack of improvements and neighbors. The discovery of gold in California in 1848 made them restless and dissatisfied to remain in Iowa. They sold their land on 13 April 1850. They joined the wagon train of John Turner and his family of nine children, and set out for California. Jacob Blasser was captain of the train of twenty wagons and many horses and cattle. Oxen pulled the wagons. The group arrived in California in the fall of 1850 after a trek of six months. They entered California at Diamond Spring and the Calaveras River, 50 miles above Stockton.⁶¹

John Avery Blosser remembers stories told by his great uncle Sam about the twin babies during their crossing of the plains. One twin fell out of the wagon and was not missed for a few hours. Uncle Sam rode back along the trail and found the baby lying in the grass, perfectly happy. Another story was of the twins being so indistinguishable that it was hard for two older boys (Sam and Nicholas) who had charge of them to tell which one needed a diaper change. They played tricks on each saying that it was the other brother's twin who needed a change. That was solved by tying a strip of cloth on one of the twin's ankles.

The Blossers stayed briefly in the San Ramon Valley of Contra

Costa Co. In 1852 they purchased land at French Creek, San Joaquin Co., farming it until Nov. 2, 1860.⁶² Daniel Joseph was born there in 1852. The 1852 Census for California indicates that they changed the spelling of their names to Blosser. In 1860 the family moved to Little Lake Valley, Mendocino, CA where they homesteaded a 1100-acre ranch called the Buck Ranch (located 1 mile SW of Willits, CA) and engaged in raising cattle and hogs and owned interests in lumbering.

Jacob Blosser was a Republican and attended a convention in San Joaquin Co. in 1856 where only nine delegates were present. In a biographical sketch of him in the *History of Mendocino and Lake Counties of California* by Aurelius Carpenter and Percy Mulberry (1914), the book's authors stated that "with constant but uncomplaining self-sacrifice, he and his wife gave themselves to the duties of parenthood and Christian citizenship, and their passing left the community richer for their lives of integrity, better for their many acts of kindness and benefited by their pioneer steadfastness of character."⁶³

The family attended the Methodist Episcopal Church. The entire Blosser Family were fine musicians and formed the first City Band which performed at all church and social functions. Jacob Blosser is registered in the Society of California Pioneers, San Francisco, CA.

It was not possible for any of the children to attend school with any regularity, although they did go to a crude shack with puncheon floors and board benches and books as crude as the furniture about three months of the year. They had a natural aptitude for reading and acquired a fair education without the aid of schools. There was no high school in Willits.

Jacob & Martha Martin's Children:

Elizabeth Hannah Born 15 Aug 1831 in Fayette Co., PA; Died 9 Dec 1852 (last name spelled Blasser on marriage record); Married James Turner, son of John and Mary Bodfield Turner, b in Ohio 20 Aug 1830, d 18 Oct 1932 in Stockton, CA; m in San Joaquin Co., CA on 12 Dec 1882; Couple buried in Park View Cemetery, Stockton, CA; Owned 2000 acres in each of San Joaquin and Tulare Counties; attended Methodist Episcopal Church; were Republicans.

Nicholas James Born 14 Jan 1834 in Fayette Co., PA; Married Elizabeth (b 1834 in New York); Children: Frederick (b 1835); Built first water-powered sawmill on Willits Creek in 1863, later bought by the Northwestern Redwood Mill; Died 4 Feb 1919; His wife died 14 Oct 1917; Both buried at Little Lake Cemetery, Willits, CA.

Thomas Gossage Born 16 Aug 1835 in Fayette Co., PA; Died 24 Nov 1920; Buried in Little Lake Cemetery, Willits, CA.

Samuel Martin Born 21 Feb 1839 in West Virginia; Married Harriet (b 1849 in Indiana); Died 1926 in Fresno, CA; Buried in Santa Maria, CA - there is a street named for him there; owner and proprietor of Santa Maria Hotel, Santa Barbara Co., CA; owned 40 acres of land.

Tobias Jacob (b 1810) & Martha Martin Blosser's Children:

Elizabeth Hannah (b 1831)
Nicholas James (b 1834)
Thomas Gossage (b 1835)
Samuel Martin (b 1839)
William Alllen (b 1841)
Lorenzo Waugh (b 1844)
Mary Margaret (b 1846)
John Adam (b 1849)
Jacob Tobias (b 1849)
Daniel Joseph (b 1853)

Elizabeth (b 1831) & James Turner's Children:

Lilly E. b 30 Jan 1870; d 28 Nov 1882.
John b 26 Jul 1886; d 2 Aug 1858.
Eva H. b 1 Oct 1854; d 4 Aug 1858
Ellen T. b 14 Jan 1856; d 21 Jul 1858.
Ira Theodore b 24 Apr 1857; d 25 Aug 1857.
Martha M. Forman of Stockton area.
Addie S. Turner of Stockton area.
L. Grace Foster of Stockton area;
Children: Forrest and Powers Foster, Grace Kans, Elizabeth H. Foster and Lawrence Foster.
Minnie J. Logan of Stockton area.
Sarah A. Foster of Tulare area.
William G. Turner of Stockton area.
Jesse T. Turner of Tulare area.
Susan A. Starr of Benton Co., OR; m Rev. N.A. Starr.
James of Modesto, CA.
Thomas of Fresno, CA.
Enoch of Stockton, CA.
Garrison of Modesto, CA.
Henry F. of Plano, CA

Samuel (b 1839) & Harriet Blosser's Children:

Almeda b 1868
Mattie of Fresno, CA.
Effie Blosser Young of Stockton, CA.
Daniel b 1870 in Little Lake Twp.; Children: F.C. of Fresno; d ca 1956; m Beatrice Johnson (d 1970).

F.C. & Beatrice Johnson Blosser's Children:

Don grad. of Stanford Univ.
Jill Robinson Blosser of Fresno, CA.
Almeda Jane Stickler of Bakersfield, CA.
Caroline Blosser Bartlett (Mrs. Chester D.) of San Jose, CA; Children: Jane Bartlett Butler (Mrs. Loren) of Torrance, CA.
Harriet Chivello of Oakland, CA.

William Allen Born 1 July 1841 in West Virginia; Died 25 April 1922; Married Roxana (b Iowa; d Willits, CA, 26 Jan 1927); Children: Valmore and Harry G; Couple buried at Little Lake Cemetery in Willits, CA. He was a partner with brothers John, Tobias and Daniel in the 2200 acre ranch they acquired Southwest of Willits by homesteading and preempting claims. They raised cattle and sheep on the ranch. In 1902 he bought out Daniel's shares.

Lorenzo Waugh Born 21 May 1844 in West Virginia; was a blacksmith; Died 2 May 1920; Married Anna Van Valkenburg (b 28 Oct 1846 in Chatham, NY; d/o Garret and Sarah Sedgwick Van Valkenburgh) on 12 May 1864; Registered in the Society of California Pioneers, May 1926, San Francisco, CA; Resided in Santa Maria, CA; Children: Garrett L. (b. Stockton in 1865; m 17 Jun 1894 wife's name unknown; had 2 children; was in the livery business; was the town constable and sheriff; resided in Santa Maria, CA.).

Mary Margaret Born 8 May 1846 in West Virginia; Married Abraham Copley of Willits, CA; Children: Martha (b 1863); Buried on the family farm in Willits, CA.

John Adam Born 9 June 1849 in Jefferson Co., Iowa; Died 11 June 1915 in Santa Maria, CA; Married 17 May 1888 in Willits, CA to Ora Emma Morgan (d/o John Albert and Eunice Latham Morgan; b in Groton, CT 24 May 1865; d 11 Feb 1924 in Ukiah, CA); Capt. John A. Morgan (b 26 Apr 1823 in New London, CT, s/o Elisha and Caroline Morgan) sailed his own vessel, the *Ship Pacific*, around Cape Horn from New York to San Francisco, CA on 24 Jan 1849; On 22 Feb, 1852 sailing from NY to California he left his wife and son, Lauriston A. Morgan on the east coast of Panama. They were brought across the Isthmus of Panama on mule back and picked up by Captain Morgan on the Pacific coast side. They carried a chair for Mrs. Morgan which is in the family home of great grandson John Avery Blosser of Portland, Oregon. Capt. Morgan owned and ran schooners between San Francisco and Sacramento and to Noyo, CA and engaged in lumbering. When his daughter Ora Emma was 12 years old the family moved to Willits where he owned a flour mill.

Ora Emma Morgan was graduated from the College of the Pacific at San Jose and taught school until her marriage. She was an accomplished pianist and organist. She organized the church choir and taught music. She was the pianist for the Blosser Orchestra, the first in Willits. She was a descendant of William Brewster who arrived on the *Mayflower* in 1620 in Plymouth, MA.

John Adam Blosser was a gifted violinist. He had difficulty securing instruments which satisfied him and subsequently built two violins, one a close copy of a Stradivarius and a typical pattern of the Cremona violin. He played first violin in the orchestra.

On reaching 21 years of age, John Adam and his identical twin, Jacob Tobias, along with brothers William and Daniel, took up claims 5 miles Southwest of Willits and raised Spanish merino sheep. They purchased additional acreage until they owned 2200

Jacob (b 1810) & Martha Martin Blosser's Children:

Elizabeth Hanna (b 1831)
Nicholas James (b 1834)
Thomas Gossage (b 1835)
Samuel Martin (b 1839)
William Allen (b 1841)
Lorenzo Waugh (b 1844)
Mary Margaret (b 1846)
John Adam (b 1849)
Jacob Tobias (b 1849)
Daniel Joseph (b 1853)

John Adam (b 1849) & Ora Morgan Blosser's Children:

Roy Henry b 4 Jun 1889, Willits, CA; There was no high school in Willits and Roy lived with his grandparents John A. and Ora Morgan while attending Mendocino High School; d 1 Jul 1937 in Oakland, CA; Attended University of California at Berkeley, playing the cornet in the UC band; taught mechanical drawing in Santa Rosa, CA and was employed as an engineer for Standard Oil Co. in Richmond, CA until his death; m **Sadie Vesta Milliken** (b 9 Feb 1887 in Mendocino, CA; d 19 May 1963, Oakland, CA; d/o **James Wallace Milliken**, MD [b 20 Nov 1850; d 27 May 1909], native of Surry, ME; s/o Horatio and Julia Blaisdell and **Lizzie Farrington Milliken** [b 24 Apr 1857; d 14 Apr 1946; native of Holden, ME; d/o **Alden Bradford Farrington** and **Weatha Tozier** of Atkinson, ME]; Teaching degree from San Jose, CA State College and BA from UC Berkeley; Employment: teacher, Eli, Nevada, Berkeley, High Schools in Berkeley and Sacramento, Greenwood District, Mendocino Co., Home teacher, Berkeley, CA; descendant of Richard Warren of *The Mayflower*; Both buried in Little Lake Cemetery, Willits, CA; see the section on "Oregon Blosser" for information on their descendants.

Hazel Minnie Blosser b 5 Nov 1892; d 15 Mar 1946, Ukiah, CA; grad. San Jose Normal College, San Jose, CA; accomplished pianist; Employment: teacher Ukiah Public Schools; m **Hale McCowan, Jr.** (s/o **Hale** and **Fannie Thomas McCowan**, pioneers of Potter Valley [s/o **Dr. Thomas McCowan**]; b 1 Jan 1888; d 28 Nov 1961; Education: BS, JD from Stanford Univ; City Attorney of Ukiah, CA; Dist. Attorney of Mendocino Co.; appointed Superior Court Judge by Gov. Earl Warren; couple buried at Ukiah Cemetery, Ukiah, CA.

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acres. Besides sheep they raised cattle, grain and hay. They owned a threshing machine, utilizing horsepower at first, and for 30 years did their own and their neighbors' threshing. In the 1950's the Morgan Home was used in a film made in Mendocino, CA featuring James Dean. A home built by Lauriston Morgan still stands in Mendocino. The exterior is an example of the architecture of that period. The couple is buried in Little Lake Cemetery, Willits, CA.

Jacob Tobias b 6 Sept 1849 in Jefferson Co., Iowa; d 1929 in Willits, CA; m Vienna Thompson 21 Mar 1887, Long Beach, CA (d 8 Oct 1916; bur. Little Lake Cemetery, Willits, CA; Occupation: owned 2200 acre ranch with identical twin brother John Adam and brothers William and Daniel. Sold his interest in the ranch and moved to Sonoma Co. where he established a ranch called "Two Rock." He was a self-trained musician and leader of the Blosser Band in Willits, CA; Children: Jesse (d at age 19; buried at Little Lake Cem., Willits, CA) and Pearl Blosser Thompson.

Daniel Joseph b 13 Feb 1853 at French Creek, San Joaquin Co., CA; d 2 Apr 1931; Bur Little River Cem., Willits, CA; never married; Occupation: part owner with brothers of 2200 acre ranch in Willits until the advent of the railroad. In 1902 he sold his share in the ranch to brother William. He opened a realty and loan business and was the director of Willits Realty Co.; Daniel played the b Flat cornet in the Blosser Orchestra and Band.

John Adam (b 1849) & Ora Morgan Blosser's Children:

Roy Henry (b 1889)
Hazel Minnie (b 1892)

Hazel Minnie (b 1892) & Hale McCowan, Jr.'s Children:

Hale McCowan III (Bob) b 2 Dec 1918, Ukiah, CA; m **Virginia Smith** (b 27 May 1921; d 1980; education: BA Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, CA); education: BS, JD Stanford Univ.; Municipal Judge in Mendocino Co., CA; Children: **Marguerite Susan** (b 6 Mar 1947, Ukiah, CA; education: BA Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, CA; m and div. **Allen Crown** (children: **Susan Crown** b 20 Jan 1978)).

Frances McCowan Sibley b 28 Nov 1916, Ukiah, CA; education: BA Stanford Univ., Palo Alto, CA; employment: Teacher, Chico State Univ., Chico, CA; m **Edward Franklin Sibley, Jr.** (s/o **Edward Franklin Sibley, Sr.** and **Julie Frances Moll** of Oakland, CA; BS Univ. of Calif., Berkeley; Vice Pres. of PG&E Gas Operation; Resided in Potter Valley and Ukiah, CA).

Frances (b 1916) & Edward Sibley's Children:

Pamela Anna b 15 Feb 1942

Cheryl Frances Sibley Freese b 6 Jul 1944

Marilyn b 25 May 1946; m and div **Willy Hayes**; Children: **Edward** (b 14 Feb 1977) and **Philip** (b 27 Jan 1979).

Robert Steven Sibley b 14 Jul 1947; d 4 Jul 1995; Bur. Potter Valley, CA; m **Kathleen Dietrich** (b 8 Jul 1949); Children: **Chad Christopher** (b 8 May 1968), **Joel Anthony** (b 1 Nov 1969) and **Chelsey Lyn** (b 3 Apr 1974).

Jacob (b 1810) & Martha Martin Blosser's Children:

Elizabeth Hannah (b 1831)

Nicholas James (b 1834)

Thomas Gossage (b 1835)

Samuel Martin (b 1839)

William Allen (b 1841)

Lorenzo Waugh (b 1844)

Mary Margaret (b 1846)

John Adam (b 1849)

Jacob Tobias (b 1849)

Daniel Joseph (b 1853)

OREGON BLOSSERS

The parents of the Oregon Blossers were Roy Henry and Sadie Vesta Milliken Blosser of Oakland, California. Their parental grandparents were John Adam Blosser and Ora Morgan Blosser of Willits, Mendocino Co., CA. Their parental great-grandparents were Jacob and Martha Martin Blosser who crossed the plains by wagon train to California in 1850. Their parental great-great grandparents were John Blasser and Catherine Beery Blasser of Lancaster, York and Fayette Counties, PA. The immigrant ancestor was Abraham Blaser/Blasser. See section on Lancaster Blossers for early history. The 1852 marriage record for daughter Elizabeth state she spelled her last name as Blaser. The California Census of 1852 spelled the name Blosser.

Roy Henry and Sadie Vesta Milliken's Children:

John Avery Blosser Born 19 Dec 1915 in Santa Rosa, CA; Education: BS from UC Berkeley, MD from Case Western Reserve University Medical School, Cleveland, OH, Orthopedic Residency at the University of California Hospital, San Francisco, CA; Military Service: US Navy 1942-1946, commission of Lt. Commander, medical officer aboard the USS Hercules in the Pacific Ocean US Navy Fleet which carried all the ammunition for two batteries of howitzers for the invasion of the island of Saipan in 1944. He and his pharmacist mate provided medical care for the crew and the endless stream of casualties from ashore; Employment: Orthopedic Surgeon, Portland Clinic, Portland OR, Clinical Professor at the University of Calif., San Francisco Dept. of Orthopedics, Private practice for 18 years in Oakland, CA, Chief of Emergency Services at Highland Hospital in Oakland, CA, Chief of Orthopedic Dept. at Alameda Co. Hospital in Oakland, CA, Visiting Professor to Suschou Medical College in Suschou, China, Visiting Lecturer at the Oregon Health Sciences University, Multnomah Co., Oregon Nurse Practitioner's Program and the Emergency Dept. Nurses Assoc., Author of "Wilderness Medicine" published in *Emergency Medicine* July 1972, June 1975.

Married to Elizabeth Spurgeon (Betty) (Born 14 Aug 1911 in Seattle; d/o Glenn Charles Spurgeon, MD and Stella Martha Jones Spurgeon of Seattle, WA, internment at Arthur Wright Columbarium, Seattle, WA; Education: BA, Univ. of Washington, MASS, School of Social Work, Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, OH; Employment: Medical Social Worker at University Hospital in Cleveland, OH, Children's Hospital in San Francisco, CA and Alameda County Hospital in Oakland, CA.

John Avery Blosser and Betty moved to Oregon when the State of Oregon opened the opportunity to California licensed physicians to practice in Oregon. John commented, however, that "he moved to Oregon when the population of the East Bay area of California reached that of the entire state of Oregon."

John Adam (b 1849) & Ora Morgan Blosser's Children:

Roy Henry (b 1889)
Hazel Minnie (b 1892)
Jacob Tobias (b 1849)
Daniel Joseph (b 1853)

Roy Henry (b 1889) & Sadie Milliken Blosser's Children:

John Avery (b 1915)
Dorothy Milliken (b 1921)

John Avery (b 1915) & Elizabeth Spurgeon Blosser's Children:

William Roy b 17 May 1944, Berkeley, CA; Education: BA Stanford Univ, MRP Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC; Employment: Vice Pres. of CH2M Hill, Portland, OR, Founder, International Pinot Noir Celebration in McMinnville, OR, Pres. Oregon Winegrowers Association, Instructor at Portland State Univ., Portland, OR, Staff for YMCA in Portland, OR, Chm. State of Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission, Chm. State of Oregon Water Resources Commission, Environmental consultant to the Board of Arrow Transportation; m **Susan Jane Sokol** (b 15 Nov 1944 in Milwaukee, WI; d/o **Gustave** and **Phyllis Field Sokol** of Milwaukee, WI; Education: BA Stanford Univ., MAT Reed College, Portland OR; Employment: Co-founder of Sokol Blosser Winery in Dundee, OR, Founder of the International Pinot Noir Celebration in McMinnville, OR, North Carolina Historical Society Southern Historical Collection, Chapel Hill, NC, Instructor at Linfield College in McMinnville, OR, Board of Trustees of Marylhurst College, Marylhurst, OR, Board of Director of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, OR) on 20 Aug 1966 in Whitefish Bay, WI.

Catherine Gail b 26 Aug 1945, Berkeley, CA; Education: BSN Univ. of Calif. Nursing School, San Francisco, CA, Adv. Practice Cert. Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Oregon Health Sciences Univ., Portland, OR, MPA Portland State Univ., Portland, OR; m **Jerome McDonnell** in 1968 (BA, PhD, DDS from UC San Francisco); div 1975; m **Terrence Michael Dolan** (b 11 Sept 1949 in Rochester, NY; s/o **Leo** and **Jean Dolan** of Rochester, NY; Education: BA Univ of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK, MPA Portland State Univ., Portland, OR; Employment: Asst. Manager for Rail Operations, Tri-Met, Portland OR); Employment: Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco, CA, Group Health in Bellevue, WA, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for Multnomah County Health Dept. in Portland, OR.

Dorothy Christine b 11 May 1947, Berkeley, CA; Education: AA Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA, Licensed Tax Preparer in Portland, OR; m **Harvey R. Reed, Jr.** (b 22 May 1947 in Red Bluff, CA; s/o **Harvey R. Reed, Sr.** and **Helen Sands Reed** of Chico, CA; Military: US Air Force Sgt. in Texas; Employment: Oakland Police Dept., Oakland, CA, Anchorage Police Dept. in Anchorage, AK, Kenai Police Dept. in Kenai, AK, North Slope Borough Dept. of Public Safety in Point Barrow, AK, Washington Co. Sheriff's Dept in Hillsboro, OR; married on 30 May 1970 in Carson City, NV; Employment: Alameda County Hospital in Oakland, CA, Anchorage Hospital in Anchorage, AK, North Slope Borough Public Safety Dept. in Pt. Barrow, AK, Marion Co. Sheriff's Dept. in Salem, OR, Harry Callow, LTC in Lake Oswego, OR, Unit Secretary for St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, OR; Children: **Matthew John** b 14 Apr 1983 in Soldotna, AK; student.

William Roy Blosser moved to Oregon when Susan was enrolled as a student in the Masters of Teaching program at Reed College in 1968. They had been investigating the areas in California where they could purchase vineyard property and found that the kind of grapes (Pinot Poir, Chardonnay and Riesling) they wished to grow adapted well to the climate of the Willamette Valley in Oregon, which was similar to the Burgundy wine growing areas of France. They purchased their first twenty acres in 1970 to plant wine grapes and in 1976 built a winery. Sokol Blosser Winery was one of the first wineries in the Willamette Valley.

Dorothy Milliken Blosser Born 2 Aug 1921 in Berkeley, CA; Education BA from UC Berkeley, MS in Special Education from Portland State Univ. in Portland, OR; Employment: Beaverton Public Schools, Beaverton, OR, Educational consultant in private practice, Founding Fellow of the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators; m Theodore Carleton Whitehead (b 10 Jun 1920 in Los Angeles, CA; BA from Reed College, Portland, OR) on 4 May 1946 in Oakland, CA; div 17 Oct 1984.

John Avery & Elizabeth Spurgeon Blosser's Children:

William Roy
Catherine Gail
Dorothy Christine

William (b 1944) & Susan Sokol Blosser's Children:

Nicholas Gustin (me) b 29 Dec 1970 in Portland, OR; Education: BAS from Stanford Univ.; Employment: Instructor at Marylhurst College in Marylhurst, OR, Exec. Director of the Institute for Science, Engineering and Public Policy in Portland, OR, campaign manager, political consultant and legislative aide for the State of Oregon; m **Deborah Kafoury**, (b 19 Aug 1967; d/o **Stephen & Gretchen Kafoury**), 30 Aug 1997.

Alexander Avery Sokol b 21 Jan 1974 in McMinnville, OR; Education: Trinity College, San Antonio, TX, Oregon State Univ., Corvallis, OR, Portland State Univ., Portland, OR, grad. in Jun 1997; Military: US Air Force Reserves, Portland, OR; Employment: Foreman for Archery Summit Vineyards in Dundee, OR, Cellar Master at Sokol Blosser Winery in Dundee, OR; m **Jennifer Elaine Richardson** (b 17 Jul 1970 in Chur, Switzerland; d/o **Peter** and **Beverly Richardson** of McMinnville, OR; Education: BA in French from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR; Law student at Willamette Univ., Salem, OR; Employment: Legal Asst. to Beverly D. Richardson Law Firm in McMinnville, OR) on 9 Mar 1994.

Alison Elizabeth Sokol b 14 Dec 1979 in McMinnville, OR; student.

Roy Henry (b 1889) & Sadie Milliken Blosser's Children:

John Avery (b 1915)
Dorothy Milliken (b 1921)

Dorothy (b1921) & Carleton Whitehead's Children:

Cynthia Louise b 2 Jun 1949 in Los Angeles, CA; Education BA from Reed College in Portland, OR, JD from the Univ. of Oregon in Eugene, OR; Employment Consultant to the European Union, Brussels, Belgium.

Lisa Anne b 22 Nov 1952 in Portland, OR; Education: AA from the Univ. of Tucson in Tucson, AZ; m **Douglas Peacock** (b 5 Apr 1942; BA Univ. of MI) on 27 Dec 1980; div 1995; Employment: Wildlife Damage Review, Tucson, AZ; Children: **Laurel Louise** (b 7 Oct 1984) and **Colin Stone** (b 2 Feb 1989).

Eric John b 13 Jan 1956 in Portland, OR; Education: AA from Portland State Univ. in Portland, OR; Employment: Independent Film Industry, Hollywood, CA.

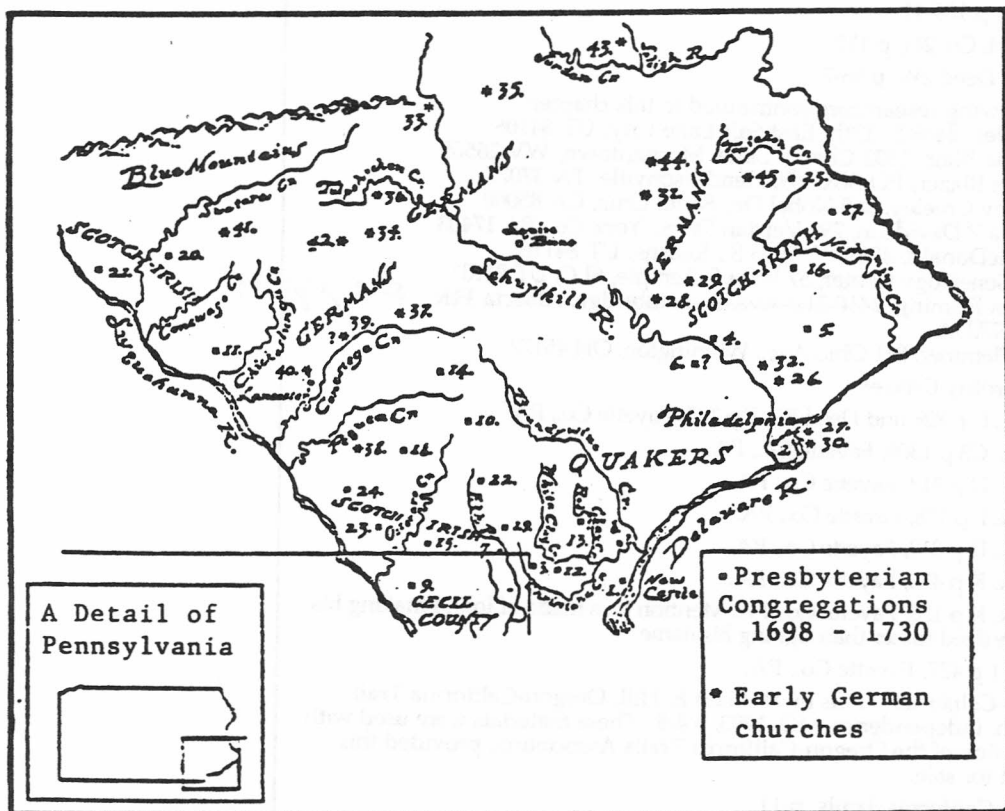
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PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA, 1698-1730

Meting House	Date Established
1. New Castle.....	1698
2. Philadelphia.....	1698
3. Head of Christiana.....	before 1708
4. Norriton.....	1714
5. Abington.....	1714
6. Great Valley.....	1714
7. Rock.....	1720
8. Lower Brandywine.....	1720
9. Lower Octoraro.....	1720
10. Upper Octoraro.....	1720
11. Donegal.....	1721
12. White Clay Creek.....	1721
13. Red Clay Creek.....	1723
14. Pecos.....	1724
15. Nottingham.....	1725
16. Neshaminy.....	before 1726
17. Deep Run.....	1726
18. Middle Octoraro.....	1727
19. New London.....	1728
20. Derry.....	1729
21. Paxtang.....	1729
22. Faggs Manor.....	1730
23. Little Britain.....	1730
24. Chesnut Level.....	1730
25. Plumstead.....	1730

LUTHERAN AND GERMAN REFORMED CHURCHES IN PENNSYLVANIA, 1743

Lutheran (four earliest)

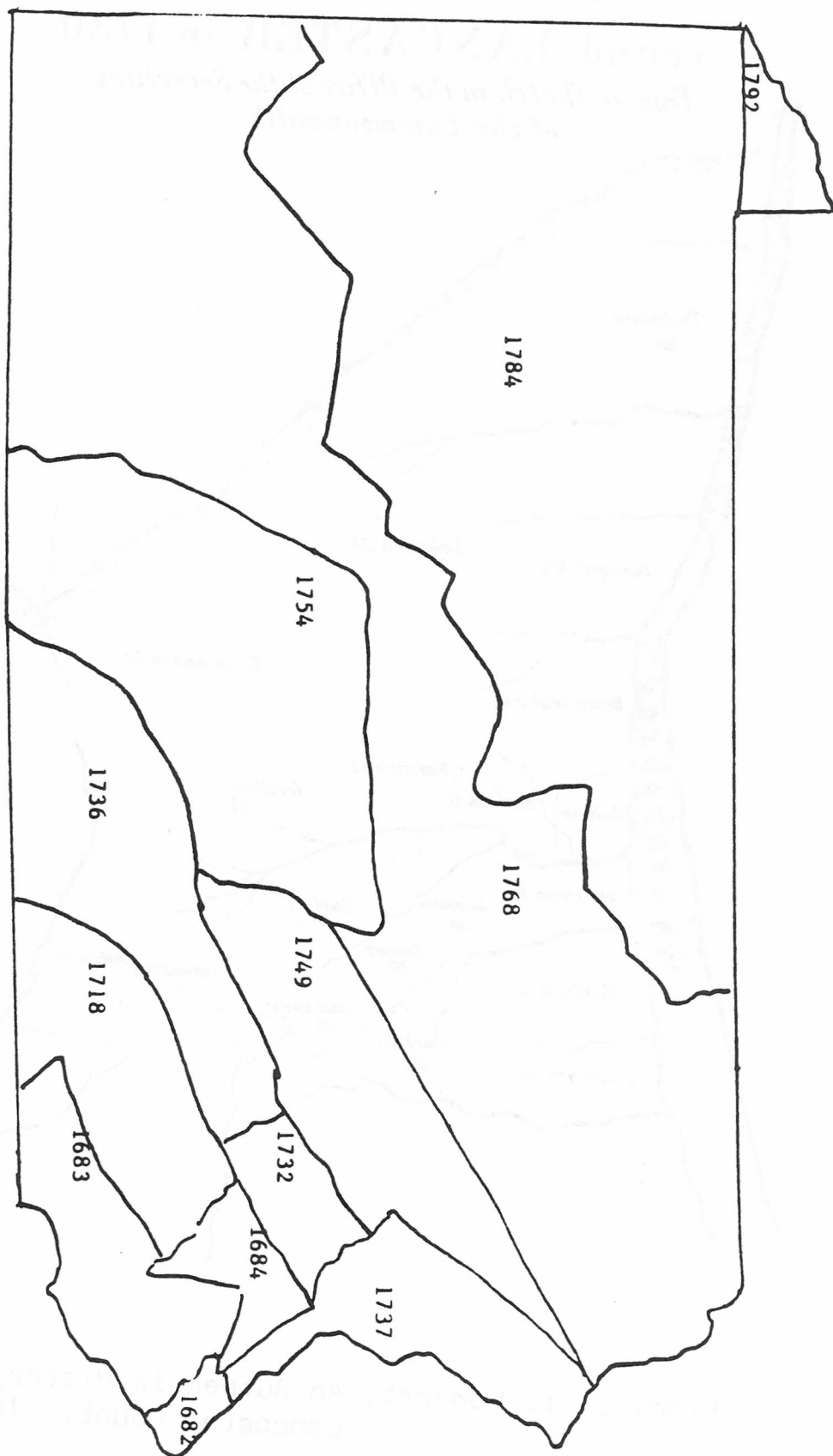
- 25—New Hanover
- 27—Philadelphia
- 28—Trappe
- 29—Skeppack

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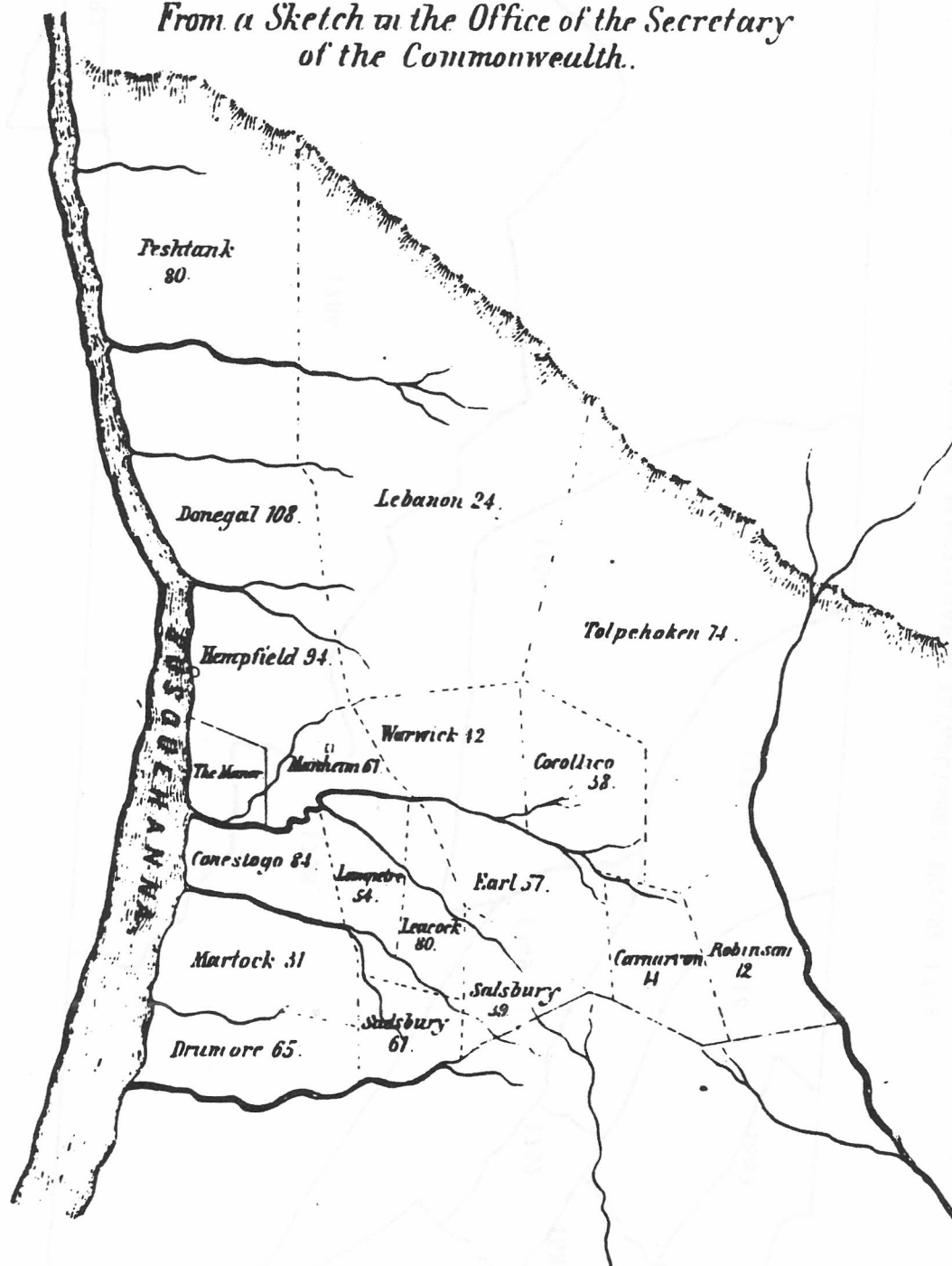
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- 32—Falconer Swamp
- 33—Bern
- 34—Cacasi
- 35—Dunkel
- 36—Tulpehocken
- 37—Muddy Creek
- 38—New Providence
- 39—Seitenreich
- 40—Lancaster
- 41—Quittapahilla
- 42—Millbach
- 43—Egypt
- 44—Great Swamp
- 45—Tohickon

RELIGIOUS SETTLEMENTS IN PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHED IN OR BEFORE 1730

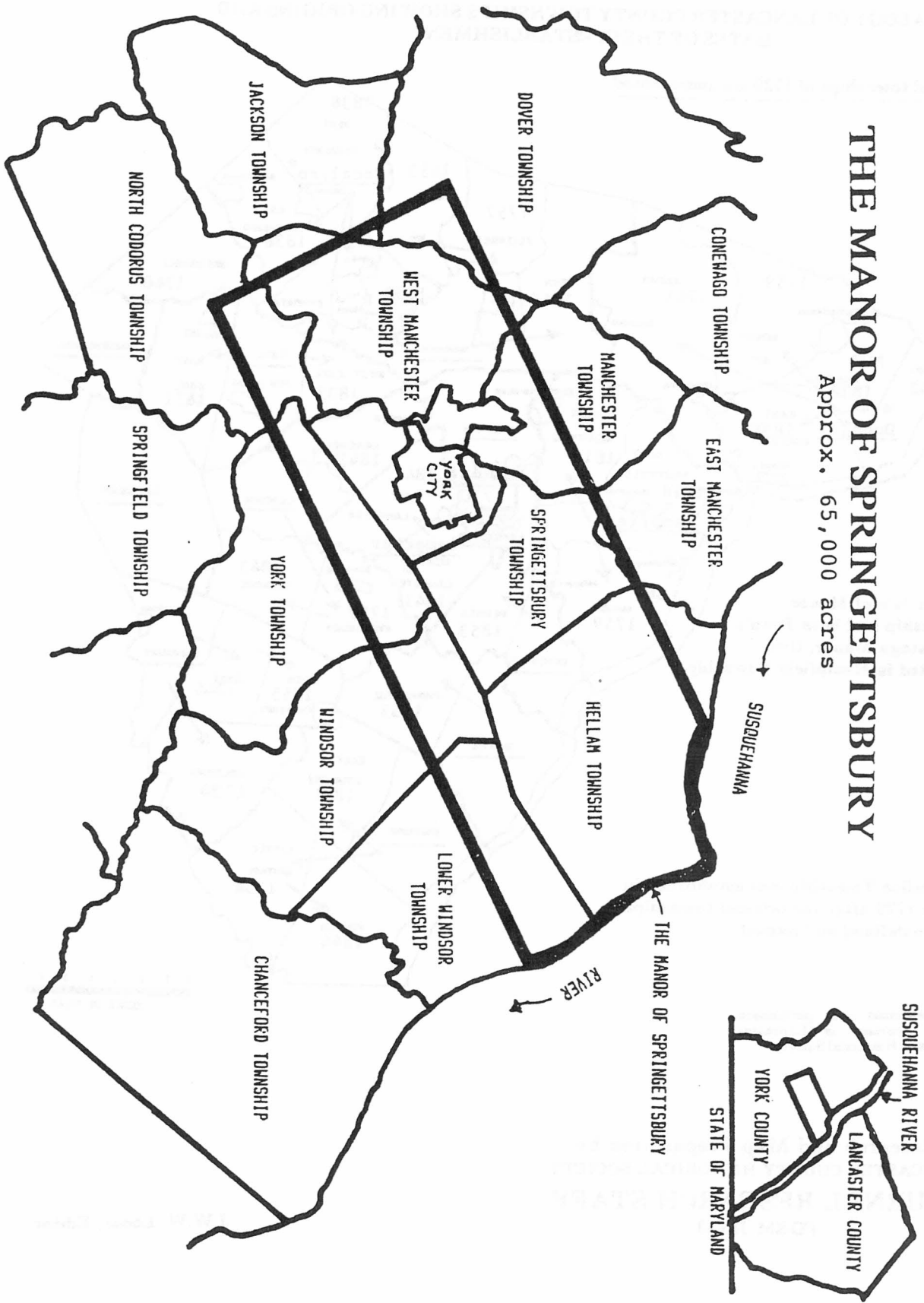
VARIOUS BOUNDARY LINES OF PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHED BEFORE 1792



VIEW OF THE COUNTRY
round LANCASTER in 1730.
*From a Sketch in the Office of the Secretary
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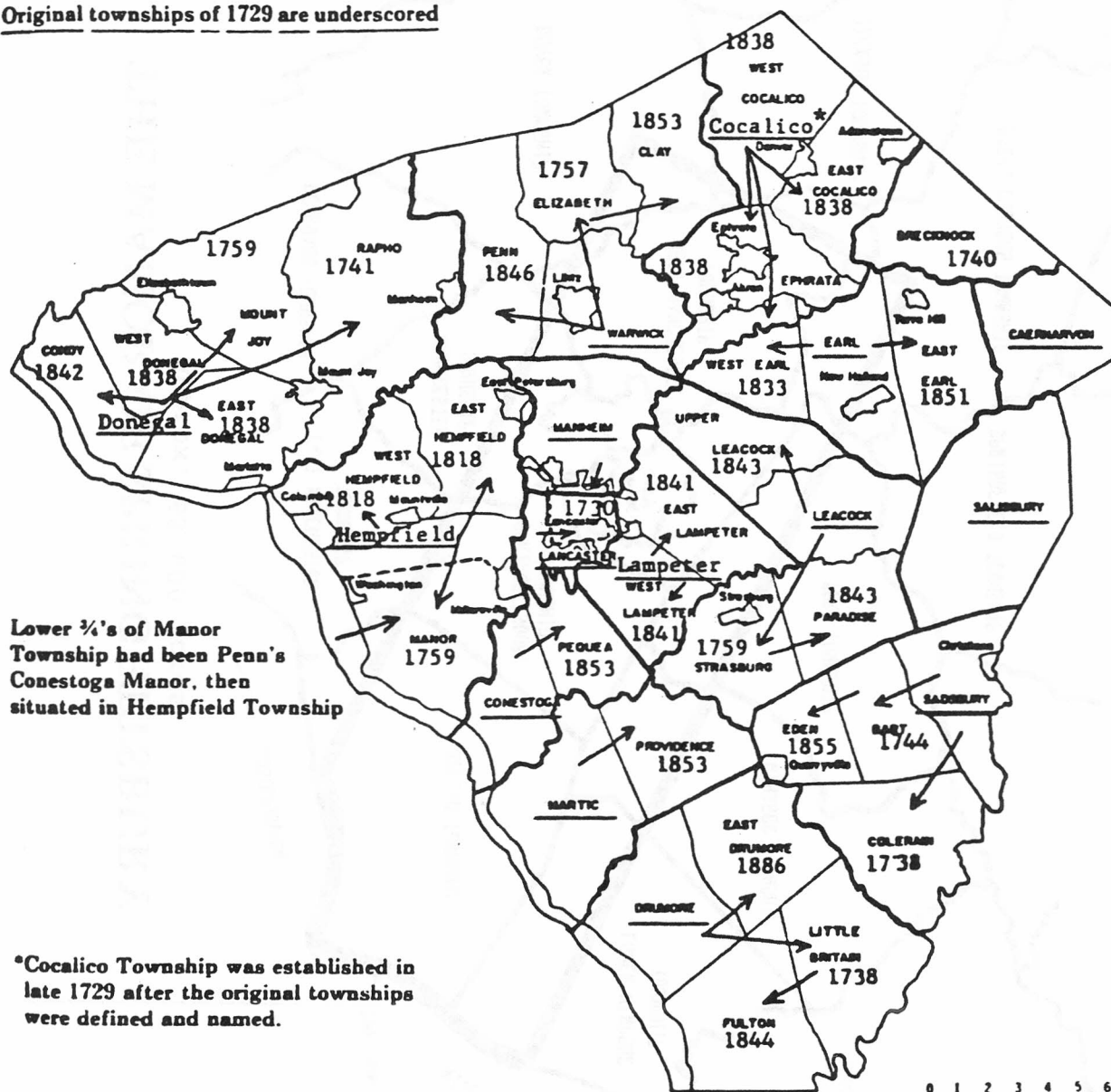
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LANCASTER COUNTY

GENEALOGY OF LANCASTER COUNTY TOWNSHIPS SHOWING ORIGINS AND DATES OF THEIR ESTABLISHMENT

Original townships of 1729 are underscored



Lower 1/4's of Manor Township had been Penn's Conestoga Manor, then situated in Hempfield Township

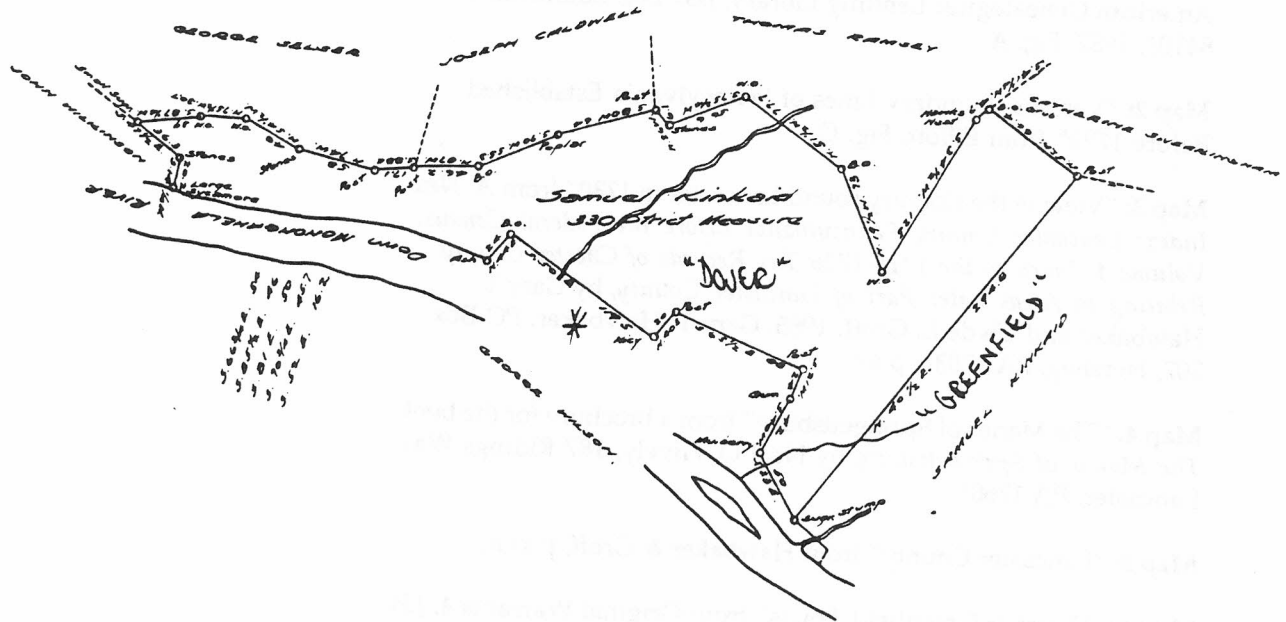
*Cocalico Township was established in late 1729 after the original townships were defined and named.

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Situate on the East side of Monongahela River in Springhill Township Fayette County and Surveyed the 27th day of August 1786, in Consequence of a Certificate from the Commissioners appointed to settle and adjust the Claims to unpatented lands in the Counties of Monongalia, Yohogania, and Ohio dated 22nd day of February 1780.

To Daniel Brodhead, Esq.
Surveyor General.

Per
Alexander McClean, Deputy.

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