

Descendants of Hans Sharer and Magdalena Huber

Generation No. 1

1. HANS¹ SHARER was born Abt. 1705 in Bockshaft, Germany, and died Abt. 22 Oct 1757 in Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Pa.. He married (1) MAGDELENA HUBER. She was born Abt. 1706. He married (2) CATHARINE ?.

Notes for HANS SHARER:

Acknowledgements: Jim Ensinger, Don Heffley, and Richard Aurand Sherer have generously shared their files, numerous wills and other court documents, tax lists, and photos on the Shearer line with me.

Some information on Hans and his children has been extracted from the book *Emigrants, Refugees and Prisoners* (p. 361-363) written by Richard Warren Davis and a MennoSearch File, written by the same author.

Background notes on the author Richard Warren Davis: Davis is the author of three volumes of research written in the 1990's, focusing on Mennonite ancestry. Davis describes his volumes as follows: "These books are an attempt to establish a link between the known Anabaptist families in Switzerland and Germany in the 1600's and 1700's and the Anabaptist families who arrived in Pennsylvania between 1709 and 1776." The titles are listed below:

Emigrants, Refugees and Prisoners, Vol. I, by Richard Warren Davis, Provo, Utah 1995.

Emigrants, Refugees & Prisoners, Vol. II, by Richard Warren Davis, Provo, Utah 1997.

Emigrants, Refugees and Prisoners, Vol. III, by Richard Warren Davis, Provo, Utah 1999.

The early Shearers were Mennonite and the early Mennonites did not keep records of baptisms, marriages, etc., most likely due to fear of being persecuted. So, researching the early Shearer line is difficult. Many birth and death dates were found on tombstones, as opposed to finding them on birth and death certificates. It has been suggested to look for obits in *The Gospel Herald*, a Mennonite newspaper. It is presumed that most of the Shearers from northwestern Lancaster County (Donegal, Rapho, Mt. Joy, Manheim, Earl and Warwick townships) are closely related. There were both Scottish Shearers and German Shearers living in early Lancaster County, Pa., which complicates research. Southern Lancaster County is said to have had a large Scottish population in the early days. The surname Shearer, Shirer, Sherer, and other variants are translated as "the man who used scissors to trim finished cloth," or "the sheep-shearer."

Hans Sharer was a Swiss Mennonite living in Bockshaft, Germany in 1731. He immigrated to America on a pink named *Plaisance* on 21 September 1732. He presumably arrived in America with his 1st wife Magdalena Huber, daughter of John Huber, but no children. Please note that "pink" is a type of vessel, commonly a smaller vessel, used in the coasting trade as a merchantman. A description of this type of vessel and others is found at <http://website.lineone.net/~cherbil/Ships/otherships.htm>.

A transcription of ships lists found at:
<http://www.progenealogists.com/palproject/pa/1732plais.htm>

According to this transcription, the pink named Plaisance arrived from Rotterdam by way of Cowes in the port of Philadelphia on 21 September 1732, John Parret, Captain. Seventy two Palatines, who with their families, totalled 188 persons on board. The following persons were travelling together- Hans Huber (age 54), Hans Scherrer (age 27), Magdelin Sheren (age 26), Matelin Sharin (age 20), Franey Hufar (age 20), and Barbary Hufarin (age 18). Their place of origin is not identified, although many of the individuals on this ship originated in Bayern (Pfalz) or Baden. Also listed in a separate group are Jacob Scheerer (age 65), Matelin Sharin (age 20, note that Matelin is listed twice), and Michael Schärre. It is speculated, but not confirmed that Jacob Scheerer may be the father or uncle of Hans.

Hans was married twice, 1st to Magdalena Huber, and 2nd to Catherine (who later married Christian Bixler by 1762). It is believed that his earlier children Henry, John, Michael, Barbara, Abraham) belong to Magdalena Huber, and his later children (Jacob, Magdalena, Anna, Christian, Elizabeth) belong to Catherine, but it cannot be exactly determined which children belong to which mother.

The MennoSearch File by Richard Warren Davis lists the children of 4853 Hans Scharer (b. 1705) as follows:

1. 48531 Henry Sherer b. abt. 1734. Henry was an adult in 1758.
2. 48532 John Sherer b. abt. 1736. He married Magelena Stauffer, probably the daughter of Jacob Stauffer.
3. 48533 Barbara b. abt. 1739. She married John Snyder.
4. 48534 Michael Sherer b. abt. 1741. He married Anna.
5. 48535 Abraham Sherer b. abt. 1743 He was m. to Annally. A minor over age 14 in 1758.
6. 48536 Jacob Sherer b. abt. 1746 Minor child
7. 48537 Madlena Sherer b. abt. 1748 Minor child
8. There is no 48538, file skips to 48539 Anna Sherer b. abt. 1751 Minor child
9. 48530 Christian Sherer b. abt. 1753 [should be numbered 48540 ???] Died infancy.
10. 4853A Elizabeth Sherer b. abt. 1756 Minor child

Hans owned land in both Rapho and Donegal Townships, Lancaster County, Pa. Hans is listed as John in the tax lists of Lancaster County, Pa. as follows:

1757: John Sharror (Hans b. 1705 who owned 250 acres in Rapho and 200 acres in Donegal)

1757: John Sherror, Jr. "freeman" (Han's son, John b. 1736)

1758: John Sharrer, 125 acres (John b. 1736)

1758: Widow Sharrer, 125 acres (The widow Catherine Sharer who later married Christian Bixler)

Hans Sharer died sometime before 22 October 1757. In a court document dated 22 October 1757, Catherine Sharer and John Sharer, the younger, Michael Sharer and Rudy (?) Beam posted bond in the amount of 500 pounds. Catharine Sharer and John Sharer, the younger are ordered to present to the court an inventory of John Sharer, the older (late of Rapho Township) estate by 22 September 1758.

In 1762, Mathias Blaser was guardian of Hans' minor children-Jacob, Magdalena, Anna, and Elizabeth.

Abraham, Jacob, Madlena, Anna, Christian, and Elizabeth are mentioned as children of John Sharer in orphan's court document of 1 March 1758.

A court document dated 1st Tuesday December 1760 names the following children in the settlement of the deceased John Sharer's estate: the eldest son Henry, John, Barbara, Michael, Abraham, Jacob, Magdalena, Ann, and Eliz.

A court document dated 1 June 1762 names the following in the settlement of John Sharer's estate: Christian Bixler and Catharine his wife, late Catherine Sharer, widow of the deceased and presumed children: Henry Sharer, John Sharer, Barbara Snyder (wife of John Snyder), Michael Sharer, Abraham Sharer, Jacob Sharer, Magdalena Sharer, Ann Sharer, and Elizabeth Sharer. Jacob, Magdalena, Ann, and Elizabeth are named as minor children under the age of 14 of the deceased John Sharer in this document.

Notes on townships: The original township was Donegal (settled in abt 1716 and incorporated in abt. 1738). Rapho was spun off in 1741 and Mount Joy in 1759.

Notes for MAGDELENA HUBER:

Magdalena's name is found in the MennoSearch File. According to this file, Magdalena Huber, daughter of Hans Huber was born in abt. 1706.

Notes for CATHARINE ?:

Catherine's maiden name is unknown. After the death of her husband Hans Sharer, Catherine married Christian Bixler.

Children of HANS SHARER and MAGDELENA HUBER are:

- i. HENRY² SHARER, b. Abt. 1734.

Notes for HENRY SHARER:

1790 Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Pa.
Henry Sharer 3 males (16+), 2 females

Please note: This is NOT the same Henry Sharer who married Maria Barbara Behm. The Henry Sharer who married Maria Barbara Behm resided in Letterkenny Township, Franklin County, Pa. Henry Sharer, son of Hans Sharer resided in Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

The early nineteenth century tax lists for Donegal show Henry, Christian, David and Samuel, who are presumed to be sons of Henry, as per Richard Aurand Sherer.

Note to self: The Bainbridge wills I picked up in Lancaster County, Pa. in June 2005 may be related to this line. Bainbridge was a village in Conoy Township, just west of Donegal Township.

A will for George Sharer of Bainbridge, Lancaster Co., Pa. written on 14 Dec 1832 and proved on 15 April 1833 naming a wife Nancy, and sons Henry and John. Frederick Hipple, executor.

A will for Henry Sharrer of Bainbridge, Lancaster Co., Pa. written on 8 Feb 1835 and proved 28 Feb 1835 naming wife Catherine and "the proceeds to be divided among my children," who are not named. Simon S. Seiple, executor.

2. ii. JOHN SHERER, b. Abt. 1736, Resided Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. Bef.

16 Mar 1813.

iii. BARBARA SHARER, b. Abt. 1739; m. JOHN SNYDER.

Notes for JOHN SNYDER:

The John Snyders found in the early census records are too numerous to determine with any certainty which one is the correct John Snyder. A number of possibilities for John Snyder and his wife Barbara Sherer are as follows:

1790 Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Pa. (p. 221)

John Snyder (head of family) 2 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 female

living 8 farms away:

John Lemmon (head of family) 2 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 female

on the next p. 222

John Lemmon (head of family) 3 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 male (under 16), 1 female

p. 222 (10 farms from John)

Peter Lemmon (head of family) 3 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 male (under 16), 2 female

1790 Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa. (p. 145)

John Sneider (head of family) 1 male (16 and up, including head of family), 2 males (under 16), 1 female

1800 Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa. (p. 45)

John Schneyder 1 male (under 10), 1 male (45+), 2 females (under 10), 1 female (10-15), 1 female (26-45)

1820 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 28

John Snyder 3 males (under 10), 1 male (26-45), 1 female (under 10), 1 female (26-45)

1820 Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 26

John Snider 1 male (under 10), 1 male (16-26), 1 male (26-45), 2 females (under 10), 1 female (16-26), 1 female (26-45)

3. iv. MICHAEL SHARER, b. Abt. 1741; m. ANNA ?.
v. ABRAHAM SHERER, b. Abt. 1743; d. Abt. 26 Feb 1794, Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Pa..

Children of HANS SHARER and CATHARINE ? are:

- vi. JACOB² SHARER, b. Abt. 1746.
vii. MAGDELENA SHARER, b. Abt. 1748.
viii. ANNA SHARER, b. Abt. 1751.
ix. CHRISTIAN SHARER, b. Abt. 1753.

Notes for CHRISTIAN SHARER:

According to the MennoSearch File, Christian is believed to have died in infancy.

x. ELIZABETH SHARER, b. Abt. 1756.

Generation No. 2

2. JOHN² SHERER (*HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born Abt. 1736 in Resided Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., and died Bef. 16 Mar 1813. He married UNKNOWN WIFE. She died Bef. 1809.

Notes for JOHN SHERER:

John Sherer appears in the tax records of Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., in 1757 as a freeman. Freeman is presumed to mean "21 years or older, not a landowner." He also appears in the 1758 Rapho tax list with 125 acres living next to his widowed mother, who is also shown with 125 acres. And he is shown with 250 acres in Rapho from 1769 through 1787.

It is particularly difficult to find evidence of John Sherer's children in the early census records. Only the name of the head of household is listed in these early records, and the names of the other family members are not given. More than one Jacob Meashy (Anna Sherer's husband) appears in the records, for example, so one can only guess as to which one is the correct one. Going on the general area in which they lived, likely possibilities for a number of John's children are listed below. The following interesting cluster of individuals are found all living fairly near one another in the 1790 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

1790 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 209

John Sharer 3 males (16 and up, including head of family), 2 males (under 16), 4 females [This could be John Sherer, himself b. abt. 1736]

Also on p. 209, abt. 9 farms later-

Christian Sharer 1 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 male (under 16), 2 females [This could be John's son Christian]

1790 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 210

Steven Winger 1 male (16 and up, including head of family), 1 female [This could be the husband of Mary Sherer, daughter of John Sherer]

Also on p. 210, nine farms later-

Jacob Meashy (head of family) 2 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 female [This could be the husband of Anna Sherer, daughter of John Sherer]

Also on p. 210, six farms after Jacob Meashy-

1790 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 210, living side by side

Peter Lemmon (head of family) 1 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 male (under 16), 3 females [This could be the husband of Magdalena Sherer, daughter of John Sherer]

John Lemmon (head of family) 2 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 male (under 16), 2 females [This could be the husband of Elizabeth Sherer, daughter of John]

Several pages later are a couple of more possibilities.

1790 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 214

John Sharer (head of family) 1 male (16 and up, including head of family), 5 females

Also on p. 214, abt. 19-20 farms later-

Jacob Meashy (head of family) 2 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 female

1790 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 215

John Sharer (head of family) male (16 and up, including head of family), 2 males (under 16), 7 females

Then we find another John and Peter Lemmon living in Mount Joy Township in 1790. They lived near a John Snyder, and a John Snyder married Barbara Sharer, a daughter of Hans Sharer and Magdalena Huber.

1790 Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Pa. (p. 221)

John Snyder (head of family) 2 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 female

Also on p. 221, living 8 farms away-

John Lemmon (head of family) 2 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 female

On p. 222-

John Lemmon (head of family) 3 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 male (under 16), 1 female

Also on p. 222, abt. 10 farms later-

Peter Lemmon (head of family) 3 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 male (under 16), 2 female

This is John Sherer below, listed in the 1800 and 1810 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census records. He died in abt. 1813.

1800 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census (not alphabetized)

p. 255 (handwritten) JOHN SHERER 1 male (under 10), 1 male (10-25), 1 male (45+), 2 females (16-25), 1 female (45+)

p. 255 (handwritten) Widow Stauffer in between John and David

p. 255 (handwritten) David Sherer 2 males (under 10), 1 male (16-25), 1 female (under 10), 1 female (10-15), 1 female 916-25) Lived near John Meashy

1810 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa census (not alphabetized)

p. 351 (handwritten) David Sherrer 2 males (10-15), 1 male (26-44), 2 females (under 10), 1 female (10-15), 1 female (26-44)

p. 351 (handwritten) Christian Sherrer 1 male (under 10), 2 males (10-15), 1 male (45+), 2 females (16-25), 1 female (26-44), 1 female (45+)

p. 352 (handwritten) Abraham Sherer 2 males (under 10), 1 male (26-44), 1 female (26-44)

Right next door:

p. 352 (handwritten) JOHN SHERRER 2 males (26-44), 1 male (45+), 1 female (26-44)

p. 353 (handwritten) Jacob Sherer 3 males (under 10), 1 male (26-44), 2 females (under 10), 1 female (10-15), 1 female (45+)

In a will dated 4 January 1809 and proved 16 March 1813, John Sherrer of Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. grants his "son Abraham and daughter Magdelenan (now intermarried with Peter Leman) all this my Plantation and Tract or Tracts of Land adjoining Lands of David Ober, Michael Ober, Daniel Behm, George Ruhl, Henry B. Grubb containing 300 acres more or less situate in said Rapho Township County of Lancaster aforesaid to have and to hold the one equal undivided Moiety thereof with the Appurtenances unto my son Abraham Sherrer his Heirs and Assigns forever which part is to Include the House Improvement on which my said son now lives, and to have and to hold the other equal half part of said large Tract with the Appurtenances including the House and Improvements where I now dwell unto my daughter Magdalena and her Heirs and Assigns forever, in case she shall Bare children or child that should arrive to the Age of Twenty one year and if no Child or Children should arrive to such Age, the land shall fall back to my other Children and my Son-In-Law Peter Leman shall draw my daughter Magdalena half share but in Money and not in Land and I value and charge the land to my son Abraham at and for the Sum of One thousand pounds he is to retain his equal share thereout and is to pay yearly thereout the Sum of Twenty five pounds til paid and the land so divided to my Daughter Magdalena, I value also one Thousand pounds she is to keep her share thereout and the residue she is to pay in yearly payments of Twenty five pounds in case of her living which payments of my son Abraham and my daughter Magdalena shall begin in one year after my decease."

Seven children are named in the following order Christian, David, Abraham, Jacob, Mary the wife of Steven Wenger, Ann the wife of Jacob Mishey, and Elizabeth the wife of John Leman. Daughter Magdalena is also mentioned. Sons Christian and David are named as executors, so they must have been adults at that time. There is no mention of John's wife in the will. She may have already been deceased.

According to the MennoSearch File:

"48532 John Sherer b. abt. 1736. He died in 1813 in Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. He was called Johannes Scherer of Donegal Township when he married Magdalena Stauffer of Derry Township on 3 Sept 1771. The marriage was performed by Rev. John Casper Stoever. Magdalena was probably the daughter of Jacob Stauffer (1712-1768) of Londonderry Township in Lancaster County. He was an adult in 1762. He bought his father's farm in Rapho Township in 1760 from his brother Henry. When he wrote his will on 4 Jan 1809 he stated that he "being old and weak" made his will. His will was proved 16 March 1813. He does not mention his wife in his will. He was taxed at Rapho in 1756 on 100 acres. In 1770 he was taxed as a single man in Donegal Township."

According to the MennoSearch File, 48532 John Sherer (b. abt. 1736) who m. Magdalena Stauffer had the following children. I have not entered the dates of birth given for these children in my report, because I have not been able to verifying them.

1. 485321 Christian Scherer b. abt. 1771, Rapho.
2. 485322 David Scherer b. abt. 1773
3. 485323 Abraham Scherer b. abt. 1776, Rapho.
4. 485324 Jacob Scherer b. abt. 1780
5. 485325 Mary Scherer. b. abt. 1782. She m. Stephen Wenger.

6. 485326 Anna Scherer. b. abt. 1784. She m. Jacob Mishey.
7. 485327 Elizabeth Scherer b. abt. 1786. She m. John Leman.
8. 485328 Magdalena Scherer b. abt. 1789. She m. Peter Leman.

Notes for UNKNOWN WIFE:

Some researchers have identified Magdalena Stauffer as the wife of this John Sherer (b. abt 1736). However, there is NO mention of a wife in John's will, and to date there has been NO record located which proves that it was this John Sherer (b. abt 1736) who married Magdalena Stauffer, or if it was another John Sherer who lived during this period of time.

Here is the marriage record between Magdalen Staufer and Johannes Scherer which leads some researchers to link these individuals.

<http://www.pa-roots.com/~lancaster/church/stoever/stoevermarriage3.html>
 Marriage Records of Rev. John Casper Stoever Surnames N - Z
 1771 09 03 Scherer, Johannes (Donegal) Staufer, Magdalen (Derry)

Note that the record above gives the information that John Scherer is "of DONEGAL," but the John Sherer that we want is found fairly consistently in RAPHO Township beginning with a 1757 tax record.

In addition, a marriage between John Sherer and Magdalena Stauffer on 3 September 1771 would mean that John's sons Christian, David, and Abraham would have been born before John's marriage to Magdalena. One might argue that Magdalena could be a 2nd wife, but we would still have to reconcile the problem that the marriage record gives the "wrong" location for John.

Note that there is a Widow Stauffer living between John Sherer (b. abt. 1736) and his son David Sherer in 1800. This is believed to be the widow of Jacob Stauffer, who was born 7 May 1745, in Warwick Township and died in 1799 in Rapho Township. Jacob's widow Anna was taxed at Rapho in 1800 and is probably the widow Stauffer shown in the 1800 Rapho census. Among their children were:

John B. Stauffer, b. in 1774
 Jacob Stauffer, b. in 1776
 Anna Stauffer, b. abt. 1778
 Barbara Stauffer, b. abt. 1784

Note that Jacob and Anna Stauffer's daughters were born much too young for any of them to have been married (to John Sherer) in 1771. This eliminates the possibility that the Widow Stauffer found between John and David Sherer in 1800 was John Sherer's mother-in-law.

1800 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census (not alphabetized), p. 255 (handwritten)
 John Sherer 1 male (under 10), 1 male (10-25), 1 male (45+), 2 females (16-25), 1 female (45+)

In between John and David-
 Widow Staufer 2 males (10-15), 1 male (16-25), 1 female (under 10), 2 females (10-15), 1 female (26-44)

2 males (10-15) born bet. 1785-1790
 1 male (16-25) born bet. 1775-1784

1 female (under 10) born bet. 1790-1799
2 females (10-15) born bet. 1785-1790
1 female (26-44), presumably the Widow Staufer) born bet. 1756-1774

David Sherer 2 males (under 10), 1 male (16-25), 1 female (under 10), 1 female (10-15), 1 female (16-25) Lived near John Meashy

Since she is not mentioned in John's will, Unknown Wife is presumed to have died before the will was written. If she died before abt. 1808, it is thought that there may have been a minor child and perhaps a court record. On a hurried visit to the Lancaster County, Pa. Court House in June 2005, I did not have time to investigate this angle. However, I did search both the grantor and grantee indexes thinking that there may be a mention of John's wife in some sort of land record, if they divided his property when he died in 1813. Unfortunately, I couldn't find any land record for the correct John Sherer in the right time frame.

Children of JOHN SHERER and UNKNOWN WIFE are:

- i. CHRISTIAN³ SHERER, b. Abt. 1767.

Notes for CHRISTIAN SHERER:

The could be Christian Sherer in the 1790 census below. Both a John Sharer and a Christian Sharer are found living near one another on the same page of this census.

1790 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 209

Christian Sharer 1 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 male (under 16), 2 females [This could be John's son Christian]

4. ii. DAVID SHERER, b. Abt. 1769.
5. iii. ABRAHAM SHERER, b. 10 Sep 1771, Resided Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. 26 Jan 1850.
- iv. JACOB SHERER, b. Abt. 1773.
- v. MARY SHERER, b. Abt. 1777; m. STEVEN WENGER.

Notes for STEVEN WENGER:

This could be Steven Wenger in the 1790 census below.

1790 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 210

Steven Winger 1 male (16 and up, including head of family), 1 female [Husband of Mary Sherer, daughter of John Sherer]

This is presumed to be Steven Wenger and his wife Mary Sherer in the 1810 census record below living right next door to Jacob Mishe [husband of Ann Sherer] in the 1810.

1810 Miller, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 350

Jacob Mishe (Ann) 1 male (10-15), 1 male (16-25), 1 male (45+), 1 female (10-15), 1 female (26-44) [Jacob is located directly before Steven Wenger]

Steven Wenger (Mary) 1male (10-15), 1 male (16-25), 1 male (45+), 1 female (10-15), 1 female (45+)

There are no listings after 1810 for Steven Wenger.
David and Christian Sherrer both located living nearby on p. 351 in 1810.

vi. ANNA SHERER, b. Abt. 1780; m. JACOB MISHEY.

Notes for JACOB MISHEY:

This is presumed to be Jacob Mishey in the 1790 census below. He is living very near Steven Wenger [husband of Mary Sherer] in 1790.

1790 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 210
Jacob Meashy (head of family) 2 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 female [Husband of Anna Sherer, daughter of John Sherer]

This is presumed to be Jacob Mishey and wife Ann Sherer in the 1810 census record below. He is found living close to Steven Wenger and his wife Mary Sherer in the 1810.

1810 Miller, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 350
Jacob Mishe (Ann) 1male (10-15), 1 male (16-25), 1 male (45+), 1 female (10-15), 1 female (26-44) [Jacob is located directly before Steven Wenger listed below]

1810 Miller, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 350
Steven Wenger (Mary) 1male (10-15), 1 male (16-25), 1 male (45+), 1 female (10-15), 1 female (45+)

David and Christian Sherrer are both located living nearby on p. 351 in 1810.

vii. ELIZABETH SHERER, b. Abt. 1783; m. JOHN LEMAN.

Notes for JOHN LEMAN:

This is presumed to be John Lemman [husband of Elizabeth Sherer] in the 1790. He is found living right next door to Peter Lemman [husband of Magdalena Sherer], and also living quite near Steven Wenger [husband of Mary Sherer] and Jacob Mishy [husband of Anna Sherer] in 1790.

1790 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 210, Peter and John living side by side

Peter Lemmon (head of family) 1 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 male (under 16), 3 females [Husband of Magdalena Sherer, daughter of John Sherer]

John Lemmon (head of family) 2 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 male (under 16), 2 females [Husband of Elizabeth Sherer, daughter of John]

This is could John Lemman and wife Elizabeth Sherer in the 1810 census record below.

1810 Miller, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 351

John Lemman (Elizabeth??) 1 male (10-15), 3 males (15-25), 1 male (45+), 1 female (45+)--probably this one given the location and proximity to the others

OR

1810 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa, p. 354

John Lemman (Elizabeth ??) 1 male (under 10), 1 male (10-15), 1 male (45+), 1 female (under 10), 1 female (10-15), 2 females (16-25)

viii. MAGDELENA SHERER, b. Abt. 1788; m. PETER LEMAN.

Notes for PETER LEMAN:

This is presumed to be Peter Lemman in the 1790 census below.

1790 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 210, Peter and John living side by side

Peter Lemman (head of family) 1 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 male (under 16), 3 females [Husband of Magdalena Sherer, daughter of John Sherer]

John Lemman (head of family) 2 males (16 and up, including head of family), 1 male (under 16), 2 females [Husband of Elizabeth Sherer, daughter of John]

3. ABRAHAM² SHERER (*HANS¹ SHARER*) was born Abt. 1743, and died Abt. 26 Feb 1794 in Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Pa.. He married ANNALLY ?.

Notes for ABRAHAM SHERER:

There is only one Abraham Sharer on the 1789, 1790 and 1792 Donegal (?) tax lists, presumably the one who married Annally.

1790 Donegal, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 231

Jacob Musselman 2 males (16+), 2 males (under 16), 3 females [unknown relationship to Michael Musselman who m. Barbara Shearer]

3 houses away from:

Abraham Sharer 6 males (16+), 2 females

Note that in the 1790 census above, the number of persons living in Abraham's household is off. Abraham had 4 daughters and 3 sons who were named in his 1794 will, 4 years after the 1790 census was recorded. This raises questions about the 6 males named in the 1790 census. Some of the males in the 1790 could be unrelated laborers, or cousins, or nephews. This Abraham is the only Abraham with a Soundex equivalent of Sherrer in the 1790 Pa. census.

In his will written on 23 Sept 1793 and proved on 26 Feb 1794, Abraham Sharrer, of Donegal Township of Lancaster County, Pa. names his wife Annally, three sons John, Jacob, and Samuel and four daughters Elizabeth, Nancy, Mary, and Barbara. Annally and son John Sharrer were named as executors. John received lands in Mt. Joy Township and Jacob and Samuel received lands in Donegal Township.

Ann Sherrer and John Sherrer, executors of the last will and testament of Abraham Sherrer, late of Donegal Township deceased, produced an accounting to the court of the estate of Abraham Sherrer on 29 June 1795.

According to the MennoSearch File:

"48535 Abraham Sherer, b. abt. 1743. He died at Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Penna in 1794. He wrote his will on 23 Sept 1793 and it was proved 26 Feb 1794. He was married to Annaly. He gave his son John his land in Mt. Joy Township. He gave his Donegal land to his two sons Jacob and Samuel...."

According to this file, Abraham Sherer's children were:

485351 John Scherer This is Richard Aurand Sherer's line.
485352 Jacob Scherer
485353 Samuel Scherer
485354 Elizabeth Scherer She was young when her father died.
485355 Nancy Scherer
485356 Mary Scherer
485357 Barbara Scherer

Notes for ANNALLY ?:

Wife Annally is named in her husband Abraham's will, written on 23 Sept 1793 and proved on 26 Feb 1794.

"Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Annally Sharrer the interest of five hundred pounds yearly during her natural life one bed and bedding one cover and as much of the kitchin furniture as she shall choose."

Children of ABRAHAM SHERER and ANNALLY ? are:

6.
 - i. JOHN³ SHERER, b. Bef. 1772, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. Abt. 1802, Lancaster County, Pa..
 - ii. JACOB SHERER, b. 11 Nov 1770, Resided Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. 15 Feb 1853.

Notes for JACOB SHERER:

Transcribed from the Lancaster County 1852-1855 Death Index, p. 57, as provided by Richard Aurand Sherer.

Jacob Sherer, Donegal Township

NAME: Jacob Sherer
RACE: White
SEX: Male
AGE: 82 yrs 3 mos 4 da
FATHER: Abraham Sherer
MOTHER: Anna Sherer
OCCUPATION: Distiller
PLACE OF BIRTH: Donegal Township

SPOUSE: Anna Maria Sherer
 CHILDREN: Jacob M. Sherer, Ann Duchman
 BIRTH/DEATH: Nov. 11, 1770 / Feb. 15, 1853
 CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonic Typhoid
 RESIDENCE: City of Lancaster
 INTERMENT: Lancaster Cemetery
 ATTENDING PHYS: F. A. Muhlenberg, M.D.
 RESIDENCE: Lancaster City
 DATE OF CERT. Mar. 1, 1853

The following shows Jacob at age 81 living in a hotel with John Duchman.

1850 Lancaster City, NW Ward, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 254, 15 Aug 1850
 dwelling 64, family 69
 John Duchman 54 Innkeeper At school (obviously a mistake) \$4400 Pa
 Ann 41 Pa
 Elizabeth 10 Pa
 Benjamin 6 At school Pa
 Emma 1 At school (sic) Pa
 HOTEL Jacob Shearer 81 At school (sic) Pa
 HOTEL Dan McCaully 28 Dentist Pa
 HOTEL Christ'n Shindely 17 Germ
 HOTEL Allen Huber 8 Pa

- iii. SAMUEL SHERER.
- iv. ELIZABETH SHERER.
- v. NANCY SHERER.
- vi. MARY SHERER.
- 7. vii. BARBARA SHERER, b. 19 Mar 1785, Silver Spring, Lancaster Co., Pa.; d. Abt. 1865.

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- 4. DAVID³ SHERER (*JOHN*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born Abt. 1769. He married ANNA ?.

Notes for DAVID SHERER:

This is presumed to be David Sherer in the 1840 census below.

1840 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. (not alphabetized), p. 56 (preprinted) David Sherrer 1 male (10-15), 1 male (70-80), 1 female (60-70)

Note that David lived near Philip Ruhl, Samuel Miller, John Brandt, (David Sherrer appears here in the list), John Shaeffer, Christian Ober, Christian Wenger, John Groff

A will is found for David Sharra [sic] of Rapho township, Lancaster Co., Pa. written on 19 Feb 1845 and proved 15 Sept 1847 naming wife Anna and daughter Elizabeth, grandson Jacob Miller (under 21) and his mother Anna Miller who is intermarried with John Miller. The statement "the principle sum to be paid to and amongst all my children, or their legal representatives, share and share

alike" leads me to believe that there were other children but they are not named. Son Abraham Sharra and Christian Wenger, executors.

This is presumed to be David's wife Ann listed in the 1850 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa. census. Ann is living very close to Philip Ruhl in this census and is presumed to be the widow of David found in the 1840 census above.

1850 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 358B, 23 Aug 1850
dwelling 126
Ann Shearer 77 Wd \$3000 Pa
Elizabeth 33 Wd Pa
Eliza 9 Attended school Pa

Children of DAVID SHERER and ANNA ? are:

- i. ELIZABETH⁴ SHERER.
8. ii. ANNA SHERER.

5. ABRAHAM³ SHERER (*JOHN*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born 10 Sep 1771 in Resided Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., and died 26 Jan 1850. He married JUDITH FUCHS. She was born 14 Dec 1776, and died 19 May 1860.

Notes for ABRAHAM SHERER:

Abraham Shearer (b. 1771) is presumed to be the son of John Sherer (b. abt. 1736) who m. Unknown Wife. Abraham's presumed father John Sherer resided in Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. in 1760. Given his location and age, John Sherer (b. abt. 1736) could logically be the father of Abraham. John Sherer had 7 children, including a son named Abraham, according to John's will.

In a will dated 6 Dec 1842, Abraham Shearer (b. 1771) grants his wife Judy "a Certin House and Twelve acres of Land in said Rapho Township and Twenty Dollars in Cash from Each of my sons Yearly and Every Year during her natural life..." He grants his "oldest son Samuel the farm on which he now lives situate in Rapho Township aforesaid containing 115 acres..." He grants his second son John "the farm on which I now live situate in the said Township of Rapho containing 183 acres..." He grants his third son Henry "the farm on which he now lives situate in Rapho Township containing about 239 acres..." No daughters are mentioned. Abraham names his 3 sons Samuel, John and Henry as executors. Lorentz (?) Neigart and John Snyder were witnesses in Abraham's 1842 will.

In a codicil dated 24 February 1843, Abraham specifics how many bushels of potatoes, buckwheat and rye, and how many barrels of cider, pounds of pork, etc., etc., his sons are to supply his wife Judy with during the course of her natural life. [Lancaster County Will Book U, Vol. 1, pp 825-826].

Abraham's death date could be 26 or 28 January 1850.

The following 8 persons are buried in The Shearer Cemetery, a small family cemetery located almost directly across the road from Mount Hope United Christian Church, about 5 miles from Manheim. You can access the cemetery by entering Hemlock Acres Court Mobile Home Community [formerly called Brubaker's], located off Cider Press Road. The cemetery is located about 100 yards to

the left of the red barn in a small wooded area near a corn field. There are also 3 small stones in this cemetery with no markings, and there is evidence of 1 stone that is broken off at the base, for a total of 12 persons.

Abraham Scherer b. 9-10-1771; d. 1-26-1850 or 28-1850 (Don Heffley feels this is 1-26-1850)

Wife Judith Fuchs b. 12-14-1776; d. 5-19-1860

John Shearer b. 5-24-1806; d. 2-24-1880 or 2-24-1890 (Don Heffley feels this is 2-24-1880)

Wife Susanna Brandt b. 8-4-1822; d. 12-13-1875

Catherine b. 9-16-1840; d. 9-26-1843

Joel 9-12-1843; age 17d

Elizabeth b. 9-26-1844; d. 3-6-1845

Mary Ann, dau/o David Rettew & w/o Elias B. Shearer b. 3-26-1849; d. 1-22-1872 or 1873

1850 U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index

Surname: ABRAHAM SHEARER

County: LANCASTER CO.

State: PA

Age: 79

Month of Death: JAN

State of Birth: PA

Occupation: FARMER.

Notes for JUDITH FUCHS:

Judith Shearer, a widow, is age 68 in the 1850 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census. She is living in the same household as her son John Shearer, who is Samuel's brother. Another son, Henry Shearer lives close to his brother John and the widow Judith in Rapho Township in 1850. Note that John possibly has a daughter Susanna, age 6, who living with John's mother Judith Shearer in 1850.

1850 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., sheet 353A, 17 Aug 1850

dwelling 54, family 58

John Shearrer 44 Farmer Pa Pa Pa

Susana 22

Elias 4

Benjamin 2

1850 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., sheet 353A, 17 Aug 1850

dwelling 54, family 59

Judith Shearrer 68 Wd Pa

Susana 6 Attended sch. Pa [My note: possibly a grandchild]

Children of ABRAHAM SHERER and JUDITH FUCHS are:

9. i. SAMUEL⁴ SHEARER, b. 16 May 1804, Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.; d. 04 Nov 1870.
10. ii. JOHN SHEARER, b. 24 May 1806; d. 24 Feb 1880.
11. iii. HENRY SHEARER, b. Abt. 1815.

6. JOHN³ SHERER (*ABRAHAM*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born Bef. 1772 in Lancaster County, Pa., and died Abt. 1802 in Lancaster County, Pa.. He married ELIZABETH EBERSOLE Abt. 1790 in Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa.. She was born Abt. 1775, and died Aft. 1850.

Notes for JOHN SHERER:

As per Jim Ensinger, Elizabeth Ebersole married John Sherer, and John then was appointed guardian of Elizabeth's younger brother in 1797.

Notes for ELIZABETH EBERSOLE:

In abt. 1816, Abraham had turned 21 and went to the court to divide up his father's land with younger brother John. As part of the agreement dividing the property, Elizabeth (Ebersole) kept the plot with the house on it, as per Richard Aurand Sherer.

Children of JOHN SHERER and ELIZABETH EBERSOLE are:

- i. ANNA⁴ SHERER, b. Abt. 1792.
12. ii. ABRAHAM SHERER, b. 02 Feb 1795; d. 31 Jul 1856.
13. iii. JOHN SHERER, b. Abt. 1795; d. Bef. 17 Aug 1827, Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa..

7. BARBARA³ SHERER (*ABRAHAM*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born 19 Mar 1785 in Silver Spring, Lancaster Co., Pa., and died Abt. 1865. She married MICHAEL MUSSELMAN, son of DAVID MUSSELMAN and MAGDELENE ?. He was born 18 Oct 1782 in Silver Spring, Lancaster Co., Pa., and died 27 Dec 1851.

Notes for BARBARA SHERER:

Barbara Sherer presumably married Michael Musselman as per a biography of John Musselman [b. 9 November 1811 in Lancaster County, Pa.], naming him as the son of Michael Musselman and Barbara Sherer.

In the 1790 census, Abraham Sharer [Barbara's father] is on the same page as Jacob Musselman [below].

1790 Donegal, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 231

Jacob Musselman 2 males (16+), 2 males (under 16), 3 females [unknown relationship to Michael Musselman]

3 houses away from:

Abraham Sharer 6 males (16+), 2 females

Notes for MICHAEL MUSSELMAN:

1840 Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 362

Michael Musselman 2 males (50-60), 1 female (10-15), 1 female (20-30), 1 female (50-60)

1850 Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pa., 4 September 1850

dwelling 237

Michael Musselman 67 Farmer \$6,000 Pa (all)

Barbara 65

Ann 43

Sarah Trout 30

Peter Jackson 13

Child of BARBARA SHERER and MICHAEL MUSSELMAN is:

- i. JOHN⁴ MUSSELMAN, b. 09 Nov 1811, Silver Spring, Lancaster Co., Pa..

Notes for JOHN MUSSELMAN:

In a biography for John Musselman posted on the Lancaster County Genealogy Project Biography by Carol C. Eddleman on 15 February 2002 at <http://www.pa-roots.org/data/read.php?31,103548>, John Musselman is named as a son of Michael Musselman and Barbara Sherrer.

JOHN MUSSELMAN, retired miller of Lancaster, was born in this county, Nov. 9, 1811, a son of Michael and Barbara (Sherrer) Musselman, and grandson of David and Magdalene Musselman, the former a farmer in early life, but later retired.

The parents of John Musselman were born at Silver Spring, Lancaster county, the father, Oct. 18, 1782, and the mother, March 19, 1785; and the father died Dec. 27, 1851, at the age of seventy, while the mother lived to be eighty years of age. Michael Musselman was a distiller, miller and farmer, and a man of influence in the community, at one time being a director of the Lancaster Bank, as well as county poor director. With his wife he is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery in Paradise township, although the latter was a member of the Mennonite Church. Into their family were born the following children: David; Ann; Jacob; John; Samuel; Isaac and Maria, the latter the wife of Elam Witmer; and Susan. Of this large family John is the only surviving member.....

(Source: Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, Pa., Beers, 1903, pp. 187-8.)

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8. ANNA⁴ SHERER (*DAVID³, JOHN², HANS¹ SHARER*) She married JOHN MILLER.

Child of ANNA SHERER and JOHN MILLER is:

- i. JACOB⁵ MILLER.

9. SAMUEL⁴ SHEARER (*ABRAHAM³ SHERER, JOHN², HANS¹ SHARER*) was born 16 May 1804 in Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and died 04 Nov 1870. He married (1) SUSANNA PETERS Abt. 1835. She was born 11 Feb 1811 in Pa., and died 18 Oct 1849. He married (2) ANN OR NANCY MINNICH 08 Feb 1853. She was born 10 Oct 1815 in Pa., and died 14 Feb 1907.

Notes for SAMUEL SHEARER:

Samuel Shearer married twice, 1st to Susanna/Annie Peters and 2nd to Nancy Eshleman Minnich (also known as Ann).

Samuel's marriage record to his 2nd wife Nancy Minnich Eshleman gives his parents names as Samuel and Judith Sherer.

Marriage of Samuel Sherer and Nancy Eshleman

1. Full name of husband: Samuel Sherer

2. Name of the father of said husband: Abraham Sherer
3. Name of mother of said husband: Judith Sherer
4. Occupation of husband: Farmer
5. Residence of husband: Rapho Township
6. Birth place of husband: do do
7. Full name of wife previously to marriage: Nancy Eshleman
8. Name of the father of said wife: Abraham Minnich
9. Name of the mother of said wife: Mary Minnich
10. The time when the marriage was contracted: 7th day of January 1853
11. The place town or township and county where contracted: Borough of Mountjoy
12. The color: White
13. By what ceremony contracted: German Baptist
14. Name of person pronouncing marriage: Rev. David Garlack
15. Residence of person last named: Mountjoy Borough
16. Name of person signing certificate: David Garlach
17. Date of certificate: February 8, 1853
18. Date of registration: 14 May 1853

Note: Lines 7, 8, and 9 showing that Nancy must have been a widow. German Baptist is the equivalent of Brethren.

In a will dated 6 December 1842, Abraham Sharer of Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. divides his estate among his three sons, SAMUEL, John and Henry (named in order oldest to youngest), and names his wife, Judy. [Lancaster County Will Book U, Vol. 1, pp 825-826]. Abraham's widow Judith is found in the 1850 census living right next door to her middle son John. In the will, the oldest son Samuel was given the farm on which he lived, an estate of 115 acres in Rapho Township. John was given Abraham's farm containing 183 acres in Rapho Township. The youngest son Henry was given the farm on which he lived containing about 235 acres in Rapho Township. Lorentz (?) Neigart and John Snyder were witnesses in Abraham's 1842 will.

1840 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census (not alphabetized)
 p. 5 (preprinted) Samuel Sherer 2 males (under 5), 1 male (15-20), 1 male (30-40), 1 female (under 5), 1 female (10-15), 1 female (20-30)
 [Lived near John Greiner, Martin Miller, John Miller, Joseph Negerton, Jacob Geisel, Henry Ginder, John Kinsey, Benjamin Zook]

1850 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 362, 23 Aug 1850
 dwelling 177
 Samuel Shearrer 46 Farmer (widower) Pa
 Elizabeth 14 Attended school Pa
 Abraham 12 Attended school Pa
 Elias 10 Attended school Pa
 Jacob 8 Attended school Pa
 Catherine 6 Pa
 Susanna 4 Pa
 Elizabeth Clare 40 Pa
 [Lived in the vicinity of Henry Ginder in 1850-see 1840]

1860 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 37, 2 July 1860
dwelling 303

Samuel Shearer 56 Farmer \$1400 \$1600 Pa

Ann 44

Abraham 22

Elias 20

Jacob 18

Catherine 16 Attended school

Ann 2

Mary Eshleman 20 Domestic

1870 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 60, 15 July 1870, Sporting Hill P.O. Box
dwelling 448

Sam'l Sherrer 66 Ret. farmer \$21000 \$1200 Pa

Anna 53 Keeping house

Annie 12 Attended sch.

Samuel and his 1st and 2nd wives (Susanna and Nancy) are buried at Chiques Church of the Brethren which is located about 5 miles from Mastersonville in Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

Posted at <http://www.pa-roots.com/~lancaster/cemetery/chiques3.html>

SCHERER SAMUEL 5-16-1804 11-4-1870 alt 66 jahr 5 mo 18 tag hier ruhet

SCHERER SUSANNA 2-11-1811 10-18-1849 ihr alter war 38 jahr 8 mon u 7 tag hier ruhet

Susanna ehgattin von Samuel Scherer eine geboh rene Petere (?)

SHEARER NANCY S 10-10-1815 2-14-1907 aged 91 yrs 4 mo 4 ds mother, wife of Samuel Shearer
"Dearest mother thou has left us. Here thy loss we deeply feel. But tis God that hath bereft us. He
can all our sorrows heal." [Presumed to be Samuel's 2nd wife, also known as Ann or Anna].

Notes for SUSANNA PETERS:

Susanna is referred to as Annie Peters in the death record of her son, Abraham P. Shearer.
However, she is referred to as Susanna (wife of Samuel) on her tombstone. She was reportedly 38
years 8 months and 7 days when she died.

There were 2 Peters households in Rapho in 1820--Henry and John. Both had 3 daughters under
age 10, which is presumably the right age for Susanna/Anna Peters. Of the 2, John Peters lived near
Abraham Share, who is possibly the son of the Abraham Sherer (who wrote his will in 1842).
Abraham's father appears to have been John the younger, the son of Hans the immigrant, who put up
bond for his father's estate in 1757. Abraham's (b. abt. 1774) eldest son was Samuel.

The following records show possibilities for the father of Susanna/Anna Peters.

1820 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census, p. 21 (John Share 1 and John Share 2 are found
on p. 22)

Henry Peters 1 male (10-16), 1 male (26-45), 3 females (under 10), 1 female (26-45)

1820 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census, p. 23 (Lived about 7 farms away from Abraham

Share on p. 23)

John Peters 2 males (under 10), 1 male (26-45), 3 females (under 10), 1 female (26-45).

Notes for ANN OR NANCY MINNICH:

A Nancy Eshleman is listed as the daughter of Abraham and Mary Minnich in her marriage record to Samuel Shearer. It is presumed that she was a widow at the time of her marriage to Samuel in 1853. Although she is referred to as Nancy in her marriage record, she is referred to as Ann in the 1860 census and as Anna in both the 1870 and the 1880 census records. The name on her presumed tombstone is Nancy S.

Ann appears at age 44 living with her husband Samuel Shearer in the 1860 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa census. Anna Shearer appears at age 53 living with her husband Samuel Shearer in the 1870 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census and again as a widow at age 64 in the 1880 Upper Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census. She is living right next door to her step-son Elias in 1880.

1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa, ED 140, p. 25, 16 June 1880
dwelling 210

Anna Shearer 64 Head Wd Cannot read Pa Pa Pa [Anna is living alone, but is right next door to her step-son Elias P. Shearer in the 1880]

I cannot find Ann/Nancy in 1900 where she should be, if she died in 1907, as per record below on Nancy S., wife of Samuel Shearer.

The following are buried in Chiques cemetery, Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Penna.

This information is posted at <http://www.pa-roots.com/~lancaster/cemetery/chiques3.html>

Samuel Scherrer; b 5-16-1804; d 11-4-1870 age 66y 4m 18d

Susanna Peters, w/o Samuel Scherer; b 2-11-1811; d 10-18-1849 age 38y 8m 7d [My note: Samuel's first wife, also known as Annie]

Nancy S., w/o Samuel Shearer; b 10-10-1815 d 2-14-1907, age 91y 4m 4d [Possibly Samuel's 2nd wife, Ann]

I believe the Abraham and Mary Minnich listed below in the 1850 are Nancy Minnich Eshleman's parents. However, Ann/Nancy was not living in their household in 1850, and I cannot find her in 1850 to a 100% certainty.

1850 Penn Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 602 (handwritten), 27 Aug 1850
dwelling 96

Abraham Minnich 65 Farmer \$8160 Pa (all)

Mary 63

Samuel 26

Jacob 23

Anna Erb 15

Elizabeth Haywood (?) 29

Benjamin Finelig (?) 7 Attended school

In looking for Ann/Nancy Minnich Eshleman married to her 1st husband (an unknown 1st name Eshleman), I find the following in the 1850 listing below. Even though the location and Anna's age is

about right, this Anna Eshleman has a bunch of kids, so we might be able to eliminate her.

1850 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 729 (handwritten), p. 365 (preprinted), 30 Aug 1850 dwelling 219

Martin Eshleman 35 Farmer \$1800 Pa (al)

Anna 34

Henry 8 Attended school

John 3

Martha 1

Fanny 25

Elizabeth Teems 5 mos

Joseph Eshleman 20 None

The birth date of the Nancy Eshleman in the 1850 listing below is way off. We can probably eliminate this one also.

1850 Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 23 (preprinted), 16 August 1850 dwelling 46

Samuel Lemmon (?) 23 Innkeeping \$6000 Pa (all)

Sarah Wife 28

Mary J. 11 Attended school

Jacob 8 Attended school

William 5 Attended school

Hannah 5 Attended school

Samuel 1

Nancy Eshleman 19

John Dickson Married 20 Laborer

I have also entertained the fact that Ann/Nancy might not have been living with her 1st husband in 1850. She may have already been a widow by that time. The one below is a pretty good fit. There is also a Daniel (age 29) and Hetty A. Minnich family on this same page in dwelling 121 and a Jacob (age 42) and Barbara Eshleman and family in dwelling 123. This Ann Eshleman [age 38] could be Nancy [Minnich] Eshleman living with her widowed mother-in-law.

1850 Strasburg Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 18 (handwritten), 29 August 1850 dwelling 125

Ann Eshleman 77 Marital status blank Occupation blank Place of birth blank

Ann Eshleman 38 Marital status blank Occupation blank Place of birth blank

Also of note, in Penn Township, on the same page as Anna Eshleman below I find an Abraham (age 30) and Susanna Minnich in dwelling 354, two houses away from below Anna Eshleman (age 34).

1850 Penn Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 638 (handwritten), 14 Sept 1850 dwelling 356

Anna Eshleman 34 Marital status blank Occupation blank Pa

Mary 10 Pa

Children of SAMUEL SHEARER and SUSANNA PETERS are:

- i. ELIZABETH⁵ SHEARER, b. Abt. 1836, Presumed Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., Pa..

Notes for ELIZABETH SHEARER:

Elizabeth appears at age 14 living with her parents in the 1850 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

14. ii. ABRAHAM P. SHEARER, b. 11 Sep 1837, Presumed Lancaster Co., Pa.; d. 03 Feb 1917, Presumed Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster Co., Pa..
15. iii. ELIAS P. SHEARER, b. 27 Sep 1839, Presumed Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.; d. 21 Mar 1915.
- iv. JACOB SHEARER, b. Abt. 1842, Presumed Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., Pa..

Notes for JACOB SHEARER:

Jacob appears at age 8 in the 1850 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

- v. CATHARINE SHEARER, b. Abt. 1844, Presumed Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., Pa..

Notes for CATHARINE SHEARER:

Catherine appears at age 6 in the 1850 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

- vi. SUSANNA SHEARER, b. Abt. 1846, Presumed Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., Pa..

Notes for SUSANNA SHEARER:

Susanna appears at age 4 in the 1850 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

Child of SAMUEL SHEARER and ANN MINNICH is:

16. vii. ANN⁵ SHEARER, b. 12 Apr 1858, Presumed Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.; d. 02 Jan 1944.

10. JOHN⁴ SHEARER (*ABRAHAM³ SHERER, JOHN², HANS¹ SHARER*) was born 24 May 1806, and died 24 Feb 1880. He married SUSANNA BRANDT. She was born 04 Aug 1822, and died 13 Dec 1875.

Notes for JOHN SHEARER:

Unconfirmed, but presumed to be John, son of Abraham below.

1850 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., sheet 353A, 17 Aug 1850

dwelling 54, family 58

John Shearrer 44 Farmer Pa Pa Pa

Susana 22

Elias 4

Benjamin 2

Note: John and Susanna possibly have a daughter Susanna, age 6, living with John's mother Judith Shearrer in 1850.

1860 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 33, 29 June 1860
dwelling 269

John Shearer 54 Farmer \$3000 (RE) \$1500 (PE) Pa (all)
Susan 38
Elias 13
Benjamin 11
Henry 10
Susan Baum 10
Sarah Becker 15 Domestic
Jacob Heisey 40 Day laborer \$2000 (RE) \$150 (PE)

1870 Sporting Hill P.O., Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa, p. 54, 12 July 1870
dwelling 398

Jno. Sherrer 64 Ret. Farmer \$15300 (RE) \$2300 (PE) Pa (all)
Susana 46 Keeping house
Elias 24 Farmer \$3000 (PE)
Mary 21 Keeping house [Mary, 1st wife of Elias, Malinda, 2nd wife in 1880)
Benj 22 Farm lab.
Henry 19 Farm lab.
Lizzie 7 mos (Oct) [Daughter of Elias and Mary]
Albert Rattoo 13 Attended sch.
Ellis 9 Attended sch.
Annie Snyder 18

Children of JOHN SHEARER and SUSANNA BRANDT are:

- i. CATHERINE⁵ SHEARER, b. 16 Sep 1840.

Notes for CATHERINE SHEARER:

Catherine is presumed to be the young daughter of John Sherer and Sussana Brandt, based on her burial with them in The Shearer Family Cemetery. Her birth and death dates found on her stone are 16 September 1840-26 September 1843.

- ii. JOEL SHEARER, b. 12 Sep 1843.

Notes for JOEL SHEARER:

Joel is buried in The Shearer Cemetery. The marker says that he died at the age of 17 days. It is not known whether the date on his marker 12 September 1843 is his birth date or his death date.

- iii. ELIZABETH SHEARER, b. 26 Sep 1844; d. 06 Mar 1845.

Notes for ELIZABETH SHEARER:

Elizabeth is buried in The Shearer Family Cemetery. She died as an infant. Her birth and death dates are found on her stone.

17. iv. ELIAS B. SHEARER, b. Sep 1844; d. 1928.
18. v. BENJAMIN SHEARER, b. Jun 1848.

19. vi. HENRY B. SHEARER, b. Feb 1851.

11. HENRY⁴ SHEARER (*ABRAHAM³ SHERER, JOHN², HANS¹ SHARER*) was born Abt. 1815. He married CATHARINE ?.

Notes for HENRY SHEARER:

Unconfirmed, but presumed to be Henry, son of Abraham.

1850 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., sheet 353A, 17 August 1850
dwelling 53, family 56

Henry Shearrer 35 Farmer Pa

Catharine 33 Pa

Anna 12 Attended school Pa

Abraham 5 Pa

Amos 2 Pa

Stephen Weaver 53 Laborer Germany

Lived 2 doors from John Shearrer. 3 doors from Judith Shearrer in 1850.

1860 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 34, 30 June 1860
dwelling 276

Henry Shearrer 45 Married Farmer \$12000 \$1200 Pa

Catherine 43 Married Pa

Ann 22 Pa

Abraham 15 Attended school Pa

Amos 12 Attended school Pa

Henry 9 Attended school Pa

Mary 5 Pa

Fanny 14 Pa

August Bub 19 Married Farm laborer Wurtemberg

Henry not found in 1870.

1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 130, p. 29-30, 17-18 June 1880
p. 29, dwelling 247

Amos Sherer 32 Head Married Farmer Pa Pa Pa

Fanny 36 Wife Married Keeping house

Samuel 7 Son

Lizzie 4 Dau

Harvey 1 Son

Ann Martin 10 Servant Servant

p. 30, dwelling 247

Henry Shearer 68 Head Married Farmer Pa Pa Pa

Catherine 62 Wife Married Keeping house

Henry not found in 1900.

Children of HENRY SHEARER and CATHARINE ? are:

- i. ANN⁵ SHEARER, b. Abt. 1838.
- ii. ABRAHAM SHEARER, b. Abt. 1845.
20. iii. AMOS S. SHEARER, b. 19 Mar 1848; d. 01 Apr 1918.
- iv. HENRY SHEARER, b. Abt. 1851.

Notes for HENRY SHEARER:

Is this Henry ? Age and location are abt. right.

1870 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 52, 12 July 1870
dwelling 377

Henry Sherrer 19 Farm hand Pa (all) Attended school

Mary 15 At home Attended school

Emma Rattoo 25 Domestic servant

Luetta Reice (?) 27 Domestic servant

Jno. Kelp (?) 40 Itinerant

Jac. Synder 4

- v. MARY SHEARER, b. Abt. 1855.

12. ABRAHAM⁴ SHERER (*JOHN³, ABRAHAM², HANS¹ SHARER*) was born 02 Feb 1795, and died 31 Jul 1856. He married (1) MAGDELENE BRUBAKER Abt. 1814. She died 15 Apr 1828. He married (2) FANNY ? Abt. 1835. She was born 15 Sep 1801, and died 22 Sep 1879.

Notes for ABRAHAM SHERER:

This is most likely Abraham Sherer in the 1840 census record below.

1840 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 147

Abraham Sharer 1 male [under 5], 1 male [10-15], 1 male [15-20], 1 male [40-50], 1 female [under 5],
1 female [10-15], 1 female [15-20], 1 female [30-40]

Abraham 1st married Magdelene Brubaker. After Magdelene died in 1828, Abraham then married his 2nd wife Fanny [unknown last name] in abt. 1835.

The 17 year old Sarah Henry in Abraham's 1850 household below is likely the daughter of Samuel and Rachel Henry who are found living nearby in dwelling 342.

1850 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 22B-23A, 9 Sept 1850
dwelling 335

Abraham Sharer 45 Farmer \$1200 Lanc. Co.

Fanny Sharer 45 None Lanc. Co.

Abraham Sharer 22 Laborer Lanc. Co.

Sarah Henry 17 None Lanc. Co.

Jacob Sharer 14 None Lanc. Co. [A twin]

Mary Sharer 14 None Lanc. Co. [A twin]

Joseph Sharer 8 None Lanc. Co.

dwelling 336 [next door]
Elizabeth Sharer 79 None Lanc. Co.

dwelling 342 [a few farms away]
Samuel Henry 50 Laborer Lanc. Co
Rachel 47 None Lanc. Co
Levi 24 Laborer Lanc. Co
Eliza 15 [children out of birth order] None Lanc. Co
Harriet 16 None Lanc. Co

1860 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 69, dwelling 510, 13 July 1860
Fanny Sherer 59 \$2000 \$700 Pa [all]
Mary 24

The following Sherers are found buried in the Green Tree Cemetery, a Brethren Cemetery.

"Fanny, Wife of Abraham Sherer": 15 Sept 1801-22 September 1879 Aged 78 yrs & 7 ds.
Joseph G. Shearer: 2 June 1842-13 January 1918 [Son of Abraham Sherer and Fanny]
Catharine P. Shearer: 27 September 1848-12 October 1920 [Wife of Joseph G. Shearer]
Irvin L. Shearer: 5 April 1897-8 November 1958
Clinton S. Shearer: 19 September 1866-26 November 1901 [Clinton, Amelia and Della share a headstone]
Amelia H. Shearer: 15 September 1871-26 November 1901
Della L. Shearer: 20 September 1895-22 April 1901
Mary G. Fretz and her husband, Aaron [Fanny & Abraham's daughter]
David B. Shearer, 1892-1970, with wife Elizabeth, 1895-1982;
Hiram, son of David B., d. 1922 at age 10 mo.
A broken stone of another child of David B., but unreadable.

Note that Abraham Sherer [b. 2 February 1795] is NOT buried at Green Tree Cemetery.

Abraham is most likely buried on what has been called both the Wolgemuth property and the Levi Mumma farm, but the actual cemetery has probably been plowed over and lost. This land is in the vicinity of the present-day Grandview Road, Stauffer Road, Mt. Pleasant Road, and Valley View Road.

Jim Ensinger and Richard Aurand Sherer traced the ownership of this property. As per Richard, "Originally, one piece of it was bought by Abraham Sherer in 1767. Later, Abraham's son John bought an adjacent parcel in 1798, and this land was divided between John's sons, Abraham and John, by court order in 1816. After the younger John died in 1827, his brother Abraham acquired 30 acres of John's holdings. When Abraham died in 1856, the land was sold and the proceeds divided among his heirs. Part of this land, which apparently included a family graveyard, was purchased by Levi W. Mumma [husband of Annie Wolgemuth] in the 1880s. When 20th century family historians wrote about the graveyard, they referred to it as Levi Mumma's farm, forgetting (or not knowing) that the land belonged to the Sherers for 90 years."

Notes for MAGDELENE BRUBAKER:

Marriage date of abt. 1814 an estimate.

As per unidentified book, p. 101, found at the Lancaster County Historical Society, but stamped

Lancaster Mennonite Library on the back, "Magdalene Brubaker, died Apr. 15, 1828, aged 29 years, 11 months, 12 days. Buried on the Levi Mumma farm. Married Abram Shearer, born Feb. 21, 1795, died July 31, 1856, aged 61 years, 5 months, 10 days. Their children are Elizabeth, Lydia, Abram, Barbara."

In 1860, the Abraham Sherer [b. 1795] farm was located adjacent to what became known as the Levi W. Mumma farm in Mt. Joy Township along Elizabethtown Road. Levi W. Mumma's farm was previously owned by the Joseph Wolgemuth family. Joseph Wolgemuth's daughter Anna Wolgemuth married Levi W. Mumma. It is surmised that when Anna's father Joseph Wolgemuth retired in 1876, she and her husband Levi W. Mumma took over the family farm and thus it became known as the Levi Mumma farm. Levi W. Mumma owned the farm, with the graveyard, at least from abt. 1880 until his death in 1921.

The following Shearers are presumed to be buried on the Wolgemuth family farm which was later called the Levi W. Mumma property. The exact location of this family cemetery has been lost.

Magdelene Brubaker [Died 15 Apr 1828. 1st wife of Abraham Sherer]

Elizabeth Kulp Sherer [Died in 1857. Wife of John Sherer b. abt. 1795]

Notes for FANNY ?:

Fanny and her husband Abraham Sherer's marriage date of abt. 1835 is an estimate based on the birth date of their first child in 1836.

The widow Fanny is living with her daughter Mary in the 1870 record below.

1870 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 36, 5 August 1870
dwelling 285

Aaron Fritz 35 Farmer \$400 [PE] Pa [all]

Mary 33 Keeping house

Mary 2 mos [Notation says b. March, but should say June ?]

Fanny Sherer 68 None

Children of ABRAHAM SHERER and MAGDELENE BRUBAKER are:

21. i. ELIZABETH⁵ SHERER, b. Abt. 1821.
22. ii. BARBARA SHERER, b. 30 Nov 1825, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. 18 Jan 1910, Lancaster County, Pa..
23. iii. LYDIA SHERER, b. Abt. 1826; d. Bef. 1850.
- iv. ABRAHAM SHEARER, b. Abt. 1828, Lancaster County, Pa..

Children of ABRAHAM SHERER and FANNY ? are:

- v. JACOB⁵ SHEARER, b. Abt. 1836, Lancaster County, Pa..
24. vi. MARY G. SHEARER, b. Abt. 1836, Lancaster County, Pa..
25. vii. JOSEPH G. SHEARER, b. 02 Jun 1842, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. 13 Jan 1918.

13. JOHN⁴ SHERER (*JOHN*³, *ABRAHAM*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born Abt. 1795, and died Bef. 17 Aug 1827 in Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa.. He married ELIZABETH KULP Abt. 1820. She died 1857.

Notes for JOHN SHERER:

John died without a will. Christian Martin, Abraham Sherer, Martin Nissley and Jacob Good, all of

Mount Joy Township posted bond in the interest of the estate of John Sherer. Document dated 17 August 1827.

Source: Descendants of John Sherer File provided by Richard Aurand Sherer.

Notes for ELIZABETH KULP:

Elizabeth Kulp's marriage date of abt. 1820 to John Sherer is an estimate based on the birth of their 1st child in 1821.

Records that show that both Magdalena Brubaker Sherer/Shearer [d. 1828], and her sister-in-law Elizabeth Kulp Sherer [d. 1857], were buried on Levi W. Mumma's farm. Elizabeth would be buried under the name of her 2nd husband, which is not known.

Children of JOHN SHERER and ELIZABETH KULP are:

26. i. SAMUEL KULP⁵ SHEARER, b. 07 May 1821; d. 17 Jun 1911.
27. ii. CHRISTIAN SHEARER, b. 30 Nov 1822, Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. 24 Sep 1853, Conewago Township, Dauphin County, Pa..
- iii. ELIZABETH SHEARER, b. Abt. 1826; d. Aft. 1842.

Generation No. 5

14. ABRAHAM P.⁵ SHEARER (*SAMUEL*⁴, *ABRAHAM*³ *SHERER*, *JOHN*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born 11 Sep 1837 in Presumed Lancaster Co., Pa., and died 03 Feb 1917 in Presumed Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.. He married PRISCILLA F. GREINER 05 Nov 1863, daughter of MARTIN GREINER and SOPHIA FISHBURN. She was born 26 May 1844 in Presumed Lancaster Co., Pa., and died 22 Jul 1916 in Presumed Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster Co., Pa..

Notes for ABRAHAM P. SHEARER:

Abraham's parents are named as Samuel Shearer (born Pa.) and Annie Peters (born Pa.) in Abram P. Shearer's death record.

Abraham P. Shearer died without a will. His sons Ephraim G. Shearer and John A. Wenger and his sons-in-law P.H. Kready and Isaac H. Brandt posted bond. Aaron M. Gepfer is also listed. Aaron is apparently a neighbor and close friend. Aaron and his family are located 2 farms away from Abraham P. Shearer in the 1910 census.

Abraham and his wife Priscilla are buried at the Mastersonville BC Church Cemetery, Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa. The church is located across the street from the cemetery at the intersection of Colebrook Road at Mastersonville Road.

Information on the tombstone as follows:

Abraham P. Shearer b. Sept 11, 1837 d. Feb 3, 1917 79 yrs 4 mo 22 da

According to his death record, Abram P. Shearer was born in Pa. on 11 September 1837 and died at the age of 79 years 4 months and 22 days on 3 February 1917 in Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. The main cause of death was influenza with contributing cause being lympharinitis (?-unclear). The information was reported by his son, Ephraim G. Shearer of Manheim, R.D. 5. Abraham is buried in Mastersonville Cemetery in Manheim, according to the record.

Have photo of Abraham's old farm.

The following shows Abraham in the 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 census records.

1860 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 37, 2 July 1860

dwelling 303
Samuel Shearer 56 Farmer \$1400 \$1600 Pa (all)
Ann 44
Abraham 22
Elias 20
Jacob 18
Catherine 16 Attended school
Ann 2
Mary Eshleman 20 Domestic

1870 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 50, 18 August 1870
dwelling 405
Abram Sharer 37 Farmer \$5000 \$2500 Pa Cannot read. Cannot write.
Pricilla 26 Keeping home Cannot read. Cannot write.
Ephriam 5
Emma 4
Elizabeth 3
Clinton 1
Harriet Shires 17

1880 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 132, p. 35, 18 June 1880
dwelling 332
Abraham P. Sherer 42 Head Farmer Pa Pa Pa
Brascilla 37 Wife Keeping house
Ephriam 15 Son Farm laborer
Emma 14 Dau At home Attended school
Elizabeth 13 Dau At home Attended school
Clinton 11 Son At home Attended school
Catharine 7 Twin Dau At home Attended school
Mary 7 Twin Dau At home

1900 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 91, sheet 7B, 13 June 1900
dwelling 174
Abraham P. Sherrer Head Sept 1837 62 M36 Pa Pa Pa Farmer
Priscilla Wife May 1844 56 M36 6 children 6 living No occupation listed
Clinton G. Son Oct 1868 21 [sic] Single No occupation listed
Ann G. Dau Feb 1873 27 Single No occupation listed

dwelling 175
Ephriam G. Shearer Head Aug 1864 35 Pa Pa Pa Farmer [son of Abraham P. Shearer]
Amanda Wife Jan 1863 37
Fannie B. Dau June 1891 8 At school
Mamie B. Dau March 1883 7 At school
Katrck Haldeman (female) Boarder March 1880 20 Single
Anne B. Granger Dec 1888 11 Single

1910 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 124, sheet 8A, 4 May 1910
dwelling 138

Abraham P. Shearer Head 72 M46 Farmer General Farm Pa Pa Pa OFF
Priscilla G. Wife 67 M46 6 children 6 living
Clayton [sic] G. Son 41 Can't talk-None
Mary G. Dau 37

The following are buried at Mastersonville:

1. Mary G. Shearer; b. Feb. 14,1873; d. May 21,1931 (daughter of Abraham P. Shearer and Priscilla F. Greiner. Mary G. is a twin of Catherine Shearer. Mary G. died single).
2. Clinton G. Shearer; b. Oct. 16,1868; d. Apr. 18,1916 (son of Abraham P. Shearer and Priscilla F. Greiner).
3. Rena T. Shearer; b. Feb. 15,1888; d. Jan. 28,1970 (Wife of Harry W.)
4. Harry W. Shearer; b. Jan 7, 1882; d. Dec. 8,1933 (Who is this ??)

Notes for PRISCILLA F. GREINER:

Priscilla is listed as 6 years old in the 1850 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census. The census shows that she had attended school within the year. Priscilla appears at age 15 in the 1860 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census. Her name is spelled "Brasilla" in this census.

Priscilla Greiner is listed at age 37 living with her husband Abraham in the 1880 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census. Her name is spelled "Brisilia." Shearer is spelled Sherer in this census.

Additional source for birth, death and marriage dates: A worksheet of information copied from a family Bible belonging to a descendant of Harriet Greiner and Jacob Kaley.

Priscilla is buried with her husband Abraham at the Mastersonville BC Church Cemetery, Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa.

Information on the tombstone as follows:

Pricilla F. Shearer b. May 26, 1844, d. July 22, 1916, 72 yrs 1 mo 26 da

Children of ABRAHAM SHEARER and PRISCILLA GREINER are:

- i. EPHRIAM G.⁶ SHEARER, b. 04 Aug 1864, Resided Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. 30 Sep 1952; m. AMANDA B. BRENNAMAN; b. 16 Jan 1863; d. 09 Feb 1936.

Notes for EPHRIAM G. SHEARER:

Ephraim G. Shearer is listed at age 15 living with his parents in the 1880 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census. His occupation is farm laborer.

The following shows Ephraim in the 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 census records.

1900 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 91, sheet 7B, 13 June 1900 dwelling 174

Abraham P. Shearer Head Sept 1837 62 M36 Pa Pa Pa Farmer

Priscilla Wife May 1844 56 M36 6 children 6 living

Clinton G. Son Oct 1868 21 [sic] Single

Ann G. Dau Feb 1873 27 Single

dwelling 175

Ephraim G. Shearer Head Aug 1864 35 Pa Pa Pa Farmer [son of Abraham P.

Shearer]
Amanda B. Wife Jan 1863 37
Fannie B. Dau June 1891 8 At school
Mamie B. Dau March 1883 7 At school
Katrck Haldeman (female) Boarder March 1880 20 Single
Anne B. Granger Dec 1888 11 Single

1910 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census, ED 124, sheet 7A, 29 April 1910

dwelling 124
Ephraim G. Shearer 45 Head M1 22 Pa Pa Pa Farmer-general farm
Amanda B. 47 Wife Pa M1 22 2 children 2 living None
Fanny B. 18 Dau Pa Cook-home farm
Mammie B. 17 Dau Pa Servant-at home

dwelling 126 (two doors away)
Alvin M. Shearer 26 M1 4 Pa Pa Pa Laborer-creamery R-H
Cora R. 22 M1 4 1 child 1 living None

1920 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 109, sheet 4A, 12-13 Jan 1920

dwelling 80
Ephraim Shearer Head Owner 55 Pa Pa Pa Farmer-gen'l farm
Amanda Wife 56 None
Miles Hefley Son-in-law 29 Laborer-farm
Annie Dau 28 None

1930 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 36-108, sheet 2A, 8 April 1930

dwelling 27
Ephraim G. Shearer Head Owner 65 M at 23 Pa Pa Pa Laborer-road
Amanda B. Wife 67 M at 24 None

dwelling 28
Miles J. Hefley Head 39 M at 29 Pa Pa Pa Laborer-road
Fannie B. Wife 38 M at 28
Norma Adopted dau 12 None
Melvin S. Son 5 None

dwelling 32
Isaac H. Brandt Head Owner \$1200 60 M at 21 Pa Pa Pa Laborer-farm
Lizzie Wife 62 M at 23 None

Ephraim is buried in the Brethren in Christ Church Cemetery in Mastersonville, Pa.

Notes for AMANDA B. BRENNAMAN:

Amanda is buried in the Brethren in Christ Church Cemetery in Mastersonville, Pa.

- ii. EMMA GREINER SHEARER, b. 14 Dec 1865, Mastersonville, Lancaster Co., Pa.; d. 19 Oct 1944, Sporting Hill, Lancaster County, Pa.; m. JOHN ACKER WENGER, 27 Nov

1887, Lancaster County, Pa.; b. 18 Feb 1868, Manheim, Rapho Twnshp, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. 28 Sep 1954, Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa..

Notes for EMMA GREINER SHEARER:

Emma Greiner Shearer is found at age 14 living with her parents in the 1880 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

As per the marriage certificate, Emma Greiner Shearer's marriage to John Acker Wenger was performed by Benjamin B. Shelly, in his home. Emma is buried with her husband in the Brethren in Christ Church Cemetery in Mastersonville, Pa.

Notes for JOHN ACKER WENGER:

John appears at age 2 in the 1870 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

John appears at age 12 in the 1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

1900 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 101, sheet 3A, 7 June 1900
dwelling 56

John A. Wenger Head Feb 1868 32 M12 Pa Pa Pa Occupation blank

Emma G. Wife Dec 1865 34 M12 5 children 4 living

Ephraim S. Son June 1888 11

Fannie S. Dau Jan 1892 8

John S. Son Sept 1896 3

Katie S. Dau April 1898 2

dwelling 57

Isaac Wenger Head July 1841 59 M2 Pa Pa Pa Day laborer

Maria B. Wife Oct 1848 51 M2 1 child 0 living

1910 Raphoe Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 136, Image 17, 29 April 1910, p. 151A, sheet 9A
dwelling 285

Elias B. Sherer Head 64 M2 34 Pa Pa Pa

Malinda D. Wife 56 M1 34 8? (9?) children 5 living

dwelling 286

John A. Wenger Head 42 M1 22 Pa Pa Pa Farmer General Farm OMF

Emma G. Wife 44 M1 22 9 children 7 living

Fannie S. Dau 18 Laborer Works Out [sic]

John S. Son 14

Katie S. Dau 12

Annie S. Dau 6

Lizzie S. Dau 3

Samuel S. Son 1-3/12

1920 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 122, sheet 3B, 7-8 Jan 1920
dwelling 55

Elias B. Shearer Head OF 73 Married Pa Pa Pa Farmer-general farm

Malinda D. Wife 65 Married None

dwelling 56
John Wenger Head OF 51 Married Farmer-farm land (?)
Emma Wife 53 Married None
Ephriam Son 27 (?) Single Laborer-general farm
John Son 23 Single Laborer-state property (?)
Lizzie Dau 13
Samuel Son 11

dwelling 58
Isaac Wenger Head OM 79 Married Pa Pa Pa Farmer-general farm
Emma E. Wife 62 Married None
Lizzie R. Dau 26 Single None

dwelling 62
Henry B. Shearer Head OM 68 Pa Pa Pa None-retired
Annie Wife 65 None

1930 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 26, sheet 9A, 29 April 1930

dwelling 180
John A. Wenger Head Owner 62 M at 19 Pa Pa Pa Farmer-farm
Emma Wife 64 M at 21
Lizzie S. Brady Dau 23
Paul Grandson 3 yrs. 11 mos.
Samuel Grandson 1 yr. 3 mos.
Arthur Moyer Grandson 14

dwelling 182
Oliver Moyer Head Owner 37 M at 22 Pa Pa Pa Carpenter-government
Fannie Wife 37 M at 22 None
Elwood Son 11 None
Melvin Son 9 None
Raymond Son 5 None
Emma Dau 3 None
Anna Dau 5 mos None
Sadie Shreiner Step-dau 18 Single None

John died from hardening of the arteries of the brain. He is buried with his wife in the Brethren in Christ Church Cemetery in Mastersonville, Pa.

- iii. ELIZABETH SHEARER, b. 07 Jul 1867; d. 03 May 1945; m. ISAAC H. BRANDT; b. 13 Aug 1869, Pa.; d. 07 Aug 1940.

Notes for ELIZABETH SHEARER:

Elizabeth is listed at age 13 living with her parents in the 1880 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

Source of birth and death dates: Descendant of Paul R. Kupp, Sr. and Katie Shearer Wenger.

Elizabeth is buried in the Brethren in Christ Church Cemetery in Mastersonville,

Pa.

Notes for ISAAC H. BRANDT:

1900 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 102, sheet 5B, 12 June 1900
dwelling 115

Isaac H. Brandt Head Aug 1869 30 M9 Pa Pa Pa Farmer R-F

Lizzie Wife July 1867 32 M9 2 children 2 living

Stella Dau Dec 1895 4

Abraham Son Jan 1898 2

Isaac Stauffer Laborer Dec 1885 14 Farm laborer

1910 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 123, sheet 10A, 26 April 1910
dwelling 201

Isaac H. Brandt Head 40 M1 19 Pa Pa Pa Farmer-general farm R-F

Lizzie G. Wife 42 M1 19 2 children 2 living

Stella S. Dau 15

Abraham S. Son 12 Laborer-home farm

1920 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 122, sheet 8B, 22 & 26 Jan 1920
dwelling 162

Isaac Brandt Head OF 50 Pa Pa Pa Laborer-roads

Lizzie Wife 52 None

Stella Dau 25 Single Cuffer-shirt factory

1930 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 36-108, sheet 2A, 8 April 1930
dwelling 27

Ephriam G. Shearer Head Owner 65 M at 23 Pa Pa Pa Laborer-road

Amanda B. Wife 67 M at 24 None

dwelling 28

Miles J. Heffley Head 39 M at 29 Pa Pa Pa Laborer-road

Fannie B. Wife 38 M at 28

Norma Adopted dau 12 None

Melvin S. Son 5 None

dwelling 32

Isaac H. Brandt Head Owner \$1200 60 M at 21 Pa Pa Pa Laborer-farm

Lizzie Wife 62 M at 23 None

Isaac is buried in the Brethren in Christ Church Cemetery in Mastersonville, Pa.

iv. CLINTON G. SHEARER, b. 16 Oct 1868; d. 18 Apr 1916.

Notes for CLINTON G. SHEARER:

Clinton Shearer is listed at age 11 living with his parents in the 1880 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census. Clinton is listed at age 21 [must be an error] in 1900. He is single and living at home. He is listed at age 41 in 1910 and still living at home. In 1910 there is a note on the record stating that he "can't talk."

Clinton is buried in the Brethren in Christ Church Cemetery in Mastersonville, Pa.

- v. CATHARINE SHEARER, b. 14 Feb 1873; d. 14 Mar 1961; m. PHARES H. KREADY, Abt. 1896; b. 26 Aug 1874, Pa.; d. 1950.

Notes for CATHARINE SHEARER:

Catherine is listed as a twin at age 7 living with her parents in the 1880 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa census.

Source of birth and death dates: Funeral program card for Katie Shearer Kready.

Catherine is buried in the Brethren in Christ Church Cemetery in Mastersonville, Pa.

Notes for PHARES H. KREADY:

Phares is buried in the Brethren in Christ Church Cemetery in Mastersonville, Pa.

Source of information: Descendant of Paul R. Kupp, Sr. and Katie Shearer Wenger.

1900 Penn Township, Lancaster County, Pa, ED 96, sheet 4B, 7 June 1900
dwelling 85

Phares Kready Head Aug 1874 25 M4 Pa Pa Pa Farm laborer R-H

Katie Wife Feb 1872 ? 27 M4 2 children 1 living

Francis Son Jan 1898 2

1910 Penn Township, Lancaster County, Pa, ED 129, sheet 7B, 4 May 1910
dwelling 206

Phares H. Kready Head 35 M1 14 Pa Pa Pa Farmer-home farm R-F

Katie G. Wife 36 M1 14 4 children 1 living

Francis S. Son 12

1920 Penn Township, Lancaster County, Pa, ED 115, sheet 7B, 19 Jan 1920
dwelling 155

Phares Kready Head OF 45 Pa Pa Pa Farmer-general farm

Katie Wife 46 None

Francis Son 22 Laborer-asbestos works

1930 Penn Township, Lancaster County, Pa, ED 115, sheet 7B, 19 Jan 1930
dwelling 67

Phares Kready Head Owner 55 M at 21 Pa Pa Pa Farmer-general farm

Katie Wife 57 M at 22 None

- vi. MARY G. SHEARER, b. 14 Feb 1873; d. 21 May 1931.

Notes for MARY G. SHEARER:

Mary is listed as a twin at age 7 living with her parents in the 1880 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa census. It is believed that Mary never married.

Mary is not found in 1900. Mary is age 37 and living at home in 1910.

1920 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 108, sheet 3A-3B, 5 Jan 1920
dwelling 67

John W. Keisey Head OF 61 Single Pa Pa Pa None
Katie Arndt Boarder 51 Wd Pa Pa Pa Housekeeper Private family
Wilbur H. Arndt Boarder 16 Single Pa Pa Pa Laborer Masonic home
Harriet Heisey Boarder 83 Wd Pa Pa Pa None
Annie Lindsey Boarder 94 Single Pa Ire Ire None
Mary Shearer Boarder 47 Single Pa Pa Pa Laborer Choc. Factory
Annie Wenger Boarder 15 Single Pa Pa Pa Porter Choc. Factory

1930 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa. ED 36-108, p. 1B, 3 April 1930

Mary G. Shearer Head Owner \$1500 57 Single Pa Pa Pa Seamstress Factory

Mary is buried in the Brethren in Christ Church Cemetery in Mastersonville, Pa.

15. ELIAS P.⁵ SHEARER (*SAMUEL*⁴, *ABRAHAM*³ *SHERER*, *JOHN*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born 27 Sep 1839 in Presumed Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and died 21 Mar 1915. He married ELIZABETH L. ? Abt. 1865. She was born 14 Feb 1840 in Pa., and died 12 Jun 1911.

Notes for ELIAS P. SHEARER:

Elias appears at age 10 living with his parents in the 1850 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

Elias P. Shearer Farm has been turned into a sales barn as of March 2005. The former Elias P. Shearer farm is located on Cider Press Road, the same road as the Shearer Cemetery. When you leave the trailer park turn left and go about 2-3 miles [past Mt. Hope Home]. Barbara Kerdeman visited the barn in March 2005 during an open house for the new sales barn. The block on the barn reads Henry B. and Fanny Shearer 1920. The block is referring to Henry B., the son of Elias P. and Henry B.'s 2nd wife Fanny Zug. There was also a block in German which was very hard to read. Barbara feels that it said "Christian Gible and ? 1808." The block on the barn across the road reads Henry and Emma Shearer July 1913. This would be Henry B. Shearer and his 1st wife Emma Becker. Have photo of Elias P.'s old farm.

The following shows Elias P. Shearer in the 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 census records.

1860 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., 2 July 1860, p. 37
dwelling 302

Samuel Shearer 55 Farmer \$1400 \$1600 Pa (all)

Ann 44

Abraham 22

Elias 20

Jacob 18

Catherine 16 Attended school

Ann 2

Mary Eshleman 20 Domestic

1870 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census, p. 60, 15 July 1870
dwelling 448

Sam'l Sherrer 66 Retired-Farmer \$21,000 \$1200 Pa
Anna 53 Keeping House
Annie 12 Attended School

dwelling 449

Elias Sherrer 30 Farmer \$3050 (PE) Pa
Lizzie 20 Keeping House
Mary An 4
Susan 6 mos (January)
Capie (?) Steply 18 Domestic Servant

1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 25

dwelling 209

Elias P. Shearer 40 Head Farmer Pa Pa Pa
Elizabeth 39 Wife Keeping house
Mary Ann 13 Dau At home Attended school
Susan 10 Dau At home Attended school
Lizzie A. 8 Dau Attended school
Fiana 6 Dau Attended school
Henry 3 Son
Jacob Kolp 21 Servant
Romanus Ober 13 Servant

dwelling 210

Anna Shearer 64 Widowed Cannot read Cannot write Pa Pa Pa

1900 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa, ED 101, sheet 4B, no day given June 1900

dwelling 79

Elias P. Shearer Head Sep 1839 60 Married 35 Pa Pa Pa Cap. [My note: for capitalist ??] OF
Elizabeth Wife Feb 1840 60 Married 35 5 children 5 living
Mary Ann Dau July 66 33 S

1910 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 136, sheet 9B, 2 May 1910

dwelling 301

Elias P. Shearer Head 70 M1 45 yrs. Pa Pa Pa Own income R-H
Elizabeth L. Wife 70 M1 45 yrs. 5 children 5 living

Both Elias P. and his wife Elizabeth are buried at at Chiques Church of the Brethren Cemetery.
Elias P. died at the age of 75 years 5 months and 24 days.

Notes for ELIZABETH L. ?:

Good possibility that Elizabeth is a Brubaker.

Parents of Elizabeth in the 1860 below ?

1860 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 48 [handwritten], 4 July 1860

dwelling 379

Peter Brubaker 55 Miller \$11,330 \$3,000 Pa [all]
Elizabeth 55

Catherine 25
Isac 23
Elizabeth 20
Amos 12

Elizabeth appears at age 39 in the 1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

Elizabeth's birth and death dates are found on her stone at Chiques Church of the Brethren Cemetery. Elizabeth died at the age of 71 years 3 months and 28 days.

Children of ELIAS SHEARER and ELIZABETH ? are:

- i. MARY ANN⁶ SHEARER, b. Abt. 1867.

Notes for MARY ANN SHEARER:

Mary Ann appears at age 13 in the 1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

- ii. SUSAN SHEARER, b. Abt. Jan 1870.

Notes for SUSAN SHEARER:

Susan appears at age 10 in the 1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

- iii. LIZZIE A. SHEARER, b. Abt. 1872.

Notes for LIZZIE A. SHEARER:

Lizzie A. appears at age 8 in the 1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

- iv. FIANA SHEARER, b. Abt. 1874.

Notes for FIANA SHEARER:

Fiana appears at age 6 in the 1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

- v. HENRY BRUBAKER SHEARER, b. 12 Nov 1876; d. 21 Nov 1957; m. (1) EMMA C. BECKER; b. 01 Oct 1876; d. 09 Jan 1914; m. (2) FANNY ZUG; b. 11 May 1886; d. 14 Nov 1976.

Notes for HENRY BRUBAKER SHEARER:

Middle name Brubaker as per per Richard Shearer.

Henry appears at age 3 in the 1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa. census. He is also found in the 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 census records.

1900 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 101, sheet 4B, No day June 1900 dwelling 79

Henry B. Shearer Head Nov 1876 23 M2 Pa Pa Pa (all) Farmer R-H

Emma Wife Sept 1876 23 M2 1 child 1 living

Katie Dau Dec 1898 1 Single

Henry E. Ginder Servant July 1886 13 Single Farm labor

Susan Spickler Servant Feb 1885 15 Single

1910 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa. ED 136, sheet 9B, 2 May 1910
dwelling 300

Henry B. Shearer Head 33? M1 12 Pa Pa Pa Farmer General farm OFF
Emma G. Wife 33 M1 12 3 children 3 living
Katie B. Dau 11
Samuel B. Son 4
Harry B. Son 1yr 6mo
Isaac S. Hoffmiger Hired man 14

1920 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 122, sheet 2B, 6-7 January 1920

Henry B. Shearer Head OF 42 M Pa Pa Pa Farmer General farm
Fannie Z. Wife 33 M
Katie S. Summy ? Dau 21 M
Samuel B. Shearer Son 13
Harry B. Shearer Son 11
Herman B. Shearer Son 7

1930 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 36-108, sheet 2B, 9 April 1930
dwelling 51

Henry B. Shearer Head Owner 53 M at 21 Pa Pa Pa Farmer farm
Fanny Z. Wife 43 M at 28
Harry B. Son 21 Bankerbank
Herman Son 17 None

Henry and both of his wives (Emma and Fanny) are buried at at Chiques Church of the Brethren Cemetery. His birth and death dates are found on his stone. He died at the age of 81 years and 9 days.

Notes for EMMA C. BECKER:

Emma is buried at Chiques Church of the Brethren Cemetery. Her birth and death dates are found on her stone. She died a fairly young woman at the age of 37 years 3 months and 8 days.

Notes for FANNY ZUG:

Fanny is buried at at Chiques Church of the Brethren which is located about 5 miles from Mastersonville in Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Her birth and death dates are found on her stone.

16. ANN⁵ SHEARER (*SAMUEL*⁴, *ABRAHAM*³ *SHERER*, *JOHN*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born 12 Apr 1858 in Presumed Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and died 02 Jan 1944. She married HENRY N. BECKER Abt. 1880. He was born 16 Mar 1858, and died 19 Apr 1928.

Notes for ANN SHEARER:

Ann appears at age 2 in the 1860 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. census.

Notes for HENRY N. BECKER:

Henry and Anna are found living near Abraham P. Shearer in the 1880 record below.

1880 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 132, p. 35, 18 June 1880
dwelling 132

Henry Becker 22 Head Married Farmer Pa Pa Pa (all)
Anna 22 Wife Married Keeping house
Clinton Felker 18 Boarder Single Farm laborer
Mary Miller 15 Boarder Single Servant

1900 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 91, sheet 7B, 13 June 1900
dwelling 164

Henry H. Backer Head Mar 1858 42 Married for 20 yrs Pa Pa Pa (all) Farmer OFF (Owned a Farm, Free of Mortgage)
Annie M. Wife Apr 1858 42 Married for 20 yrs 0 children 0 living
Harry Boutrick ? Boarder Aug 1881 18 Single Farm laborer
Emma May? Boarder Mar 1882 18 Single Servant (Probably Emma Wey, adopted dau. listed in the 1910 census)

And not right next door, but living close by in dwelling 174 in 1900 is presumably Annie (Shearer) Becker's step-brother, Abraham and his family. But no sign of a widow Ann or Nancy living with either one of them. See below.

1900 Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 91, sheet 7B, 13 June 1900
dwelling 174

Abraham P. Shearer Head Sept 1837 62 M36 Pa Pa Pa Farmer
Priscilla Wife May 1844 56 M36 6 children 6 living
Clinton G. Son Oct 1868 21 [sic] Single [My note: should say 31]
Ann G. Dau Feb 1873 27 Single

Again, Henry and Annie Becker were living very close to Abraham and his wife Priscilla in 1910.

1910 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 124, sheet 8A. 4 May 1910
dwelling 134

Henry N. Becker Head 58 M1 Pa Pa Pa Own income OFH (age off)
Anna Wife 58 M1 30 1 child (? smudged) 0 children living None [age off]
Emma Wey Adop dau 25 Single Servant-Home
Anna Hitz Adop dau 15 Single None

dwelling 138

Abraham P. Shearer Head 72 M46 Farmer General Farm Pa Pa Pa OFF
Priscilla G. Wife 67 M46 6 children 6 living
Clayton G. Son 41 Can't talk-None [My note: should say Clinton G.]
Mary G. Dau 37

This appears to be Henry and Anna living in Lebanon County, Pa. in 1920.

1920 South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County, Pa., ED 196, sheet 8A, 19 January 1920
dwelling 148

Henry Baker Head OF 61 Pa Pa Pa [all] None
Annie Wife 61 None

Henry died in 1928. This is presumed to be the widow Anna in the 1920 record below.

1930 Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 26, sheet 6B, 24 Apr 1930, E. High St.
dwelling 156

Annie M. Becker Head Owner \$6500 72 Wd Pa Pa Pa None

Henry Becker, his wife Annie M. and infant son are buried at Chiques Church of the Brethren which is located about 5 miles from Mastersonville in Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

Becker, Henry N. 3-16-1858 4-19-1928 aged 70 yr 1 mo 3 ds at rest
Shearer, Annie M. 4-12-1858 1-2-1944 aged 85 yr 8 mo 20 ds at rest, wife of Henry N. Becker (odd that she is buried as a Shearer and not a Becker)
Becker, Abraham 10-28-1889 aged 2 days son of Henry N. & Annie M. Becker "Gone but not forgotten"

Child of ANN SHEARER and HENRY BECKER is:

- i. ABRAHAM⁶ BECKER, b. 28 Oct 1889.

Notes for ABRAHAM BECKER:

Died at the age of 2 days.

17. ELIAS B.⁵ SHEARER (*JOHN*⁴, *ABRAHAM*³ *SHERER*, *JOHN*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born Sep 1844, and died 1928. He married (1) MARY ANN RETTEW Abt. 1868, daughter of DAVID RETTEW. She was born 26 Mar 1849, and died 22 Jan 1872. He married (2) MALINDA ? Abt. 1872. She was born Oct 1853.

Notes for ELIAS B. SHEARER:

1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 130, sheet 32, 18 June 1880
dwelling 268

Elias Sherer 33 Head Farmer Pa Pa Pa (all)

Melinda 25 Wife Keeping house

Lizzie 10 Dau Attended sch.

Alfred 7 Son Attended sch.

Annie M. 4 Dau

Alice 2 Dau

Ada 1mo Dau (Apr.)

Henry Stoner 7 Stepson

Lizzie Hoffman 29 Servant Servant

Joseph Ruppert 19 Servant Servant

Living nearby is Abraham Shearer and wife Emma [Abraham could be the son of Henry Shearer (b. abt 1815) and Catherine unknown last name, this Abraham would be 1st cousin of Elias B. Shearer]

dwelling 270

Abraham Sherer 34 Head Farmer Pa Pa Pa
Emma 34 Wife Keeping house
Aaron 7 Son Attended school
Henry 5 Son Attended school
Hiram 20 days (May) Son

1900 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 101, sheet 2B, No day June 1900
dwelling 43

Elias Shearer Head Sep 1844 55 Married 25 yrs Pa Pa Pa (all) Farmer OM?F
Malinda Wife Oct 1853 46 Married 25 yrs 8 children 5 children living
Ella Dau July 1881 18
Clayton Son Jan 1888 12
Sadie Dau May 1891 9

1920 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 122, sheet 3B, 7-8 Jan 1920
dwelling 55

Elias B. Shearer Head OF 73 Married Pa Pa Pa Farmer-general farm
Malinda D. Wife 65 Married None

dwelling 62

Henry B. Shearer Head OM 68 Pa Pa Pa None-retired [This is Elias' younger brother Henry]
Annie Wife 65 None

A death date of 1928 for Elias B. is provided by Jim Ensinger.

Notes for MARY ANN RETTEW:

Mary is buried in The Shearer Cemetery, but her husband Elias B. Shearer is not. Mary's death date could be 22 January 1872 or 1873.

Child of ELIAS SHEARER and MARY RETTEW is:

- i. ELIZABETH⁶ SHEARER, b. Oct 1869.

Children of ELIAS SHEARER and MALINDA ? are:

- ii. ALFRED⁶ SHEARER, b. Abt. 1873.
- iii. ANNIE MILLER SHEARER, b. Abt. 1876.

Notes for ANNIE MILLER SHEARER:

Middle name Miller as per Richard Shearer.

- iv. ALICE SHEARER, b. Abt. 1878.
- v. ADA SHEARER, b. Apr 1880.
- vi. ELLA SHEARER, b. Jul 1881.
- vii. CLAYTON SHEARER, b. Jan 1888; m. LYDIA ?; b. Abt. 1889.

Notes for CLAYTON SHEARER:

1920 Manheim Boro, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 94, sheet 2B, 5 Jan 1920
Clayton Shearer Head Renter 31 Pa Pa Pa Shipping clerk-foundry

Lydia Wife 31 None

viii. SADIE SHEARER, b. May 1891.

18. BENJAMIN⁵ SHEARER (*JOHN*⁴, *ABRAHAM*³ *SHERER*, *JOHN*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born Jun 1848. He married ADALINE ?. She was born Sep 1842, and died Bef. 1910.

Notes for BENJAMIN SHEARER:

Unconfirmed, but presumed to be Benjamin, son of John in the census records below.

1880 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 32, sheet 14, 7 June 1880
dwelling 122

Benjamin Sharer 38 Head Married Farmer Pa Pa Pa (all)
Adaline 38 Wife Married Keeping house
Emma 11 Dau Single At house Attended school
Ellie 7 Dau Single At house Attended school
Susan Arnolt ? 19 Servant Single Servant

1900 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 102, sheet 2B, 5 June 1900
dwelling 46

Benjamin Shearer Head June 1848 51 M32 Pa Pa Pa (all) Farmer R-F
Adaline Wife Sept 1842 57 M32 2 children 2 living
Melvin Geib Gr. son Aug 1886 13 Farm laborer

Apparently, Benjamin's wife Adaline has died by 1910. This is the widower Benjamin below living in the household of his married daughter Emma.

1910 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 134, sheet 6B, 21-22 April 1910
dwelling 126

Martin W. Horst Head 50 M1 22 Pa Pa Pa Farmer General farm R-F
Emma Wife 41 M1 22 3 children 3 living
Benjamin Son 15
Louisa Dau 13
Benjamin Sharer Father-in-law 60 Wd

Benjamin is not found in 1920 or 1930.

Children of BENJAMIN SHEARER and ADALINE ? are:

- i. EMMA⁶ SHEARER, b. Abt. 1869; m. MARTIN W. HORST.
- ii. ELLIE SHEARER, b. Abt. 1873.

19. HENRY B.⁵ SHEARER (*JOHN*⁴, *ABRAHAM*³ *SHERER*, *JOHN*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born Feb 1851. He married ANNIE F. ?. She was born Aug 1855.

Notes for HENRY B. SHEARER:

Unconfirmed, but presumed to be Henry, son of John in the census records below.

1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 130, sheet 30, 18 June 1880
dwelling 250

Henry B. Shearer 29 Head Married Farmer Pa Pa Pa (all)
Anna 24 Wife Married Keeping house
Elmer 10 mos Son Single
Clara Young 11 Servant Single Servant
Aaron W. 10 Adopted Single
Agnus 5 Adopted Single
William Peifer 22 Servant Married Servant

1900 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 101, sheet 2B, No day June 1900
dwelling 34

Henry B. Shearer Head Feb 1851 49 M27 Pa Pa Pa Farmer OMF
Annie Wife Aug 1855 54 M27 11 children 4 living Pa Germ Pa
Walter D. Son Apr 1899 Pa Pa Pa
Armin Son Nov 1893 6
Mamie Dau Oct 1896 3

1910 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 136, sheet 7B, 28 April 1910
dwelling 257

Henry B. Shearer Head 59 M1 33 Pa Pa Pa [all] Farmer General farm OFF
Annie F. Wife 55 M1 33 11 children 4 living
Armin D. Son 15
Mamie D. Dau 13

1920 Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 122. sheet 3B, 7-8 Jan 1920
dwelling 62

Henry B. Shearer Head OM 68 Married Pa Pa Pa None-Retired
Annie Wife 65 Married None

Neither Henry B. nor Annie are located in 1930.

Notes for ANNIE F. ?:

Annie's maiden name may begin with a "D.," given the middle initials of her children.

Children of HENRY SHEARER and ANNIE ? are:

- i. ELMER⁶ SHEARER, b. Abt. 1879.
- ii. WALTER D. SHEARER, b. Apr 1889.
- iii. ARMIN D. SHEARER, b. Nov 1893.
- iv. MAMIE D. SHEARER, b. Oct 1896.

20. AMOS S.⁵ SHEARER (*HENRY*⁴, *ABRAHAM*³ *SHERER*, *JOHN*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born 19 Mar 1848, and died 01 Apr 1918. He married FANNY ?. She was born Abt. 1844.

Notes for AMOS S. SHEARER:

1880 Upper Rapho, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 130, p. 29-30, 17-18 June 1880

dwelling 247

Amos Sherer 32 Head Married Farmer Pa Pa Pa
Fanny 36 Wife Married Keeping house
Samuel 7 Son
Lizzie 4 Dau
Harvey 1 Son
Ann Martin 10 Servant Servant
Henry Shearer 68 Head Married Farmer Pa Pa Pa
Catherine 62 Wife Married Keeping house

Amos is buried at Chiques Church of the Brethren which is located about 5 miles from Mastersonville in Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa. His birth and death dates are found on his stone. He died at the age of 70 years and 12 days.

Children of AMOS SHEARER and FANNY ? are:

- i. SAMUEL⁶ SHEARER, b. Abt. 1873.
- ii. LIZZIE SHEARER, b. Abt. 1876.
- iii. HARVEY SHEARER, b. Abt. 1879.

21. ELIZABETH⁵ SHERER (*ABRAHAM*⁴, *JOHN*³, *ABRAHAM*², *HANS*¹ *SHARER*) was born Abt. 1821. She married GEORGE REIDER. He was born Abt. 1815.

Notes for ELIZABETH SHERER:

1850 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., 19 August 1850
dwelling 45
George Rider 45 Farmer \$7,000 Lanc. Co.
Elizabeth Rider 29 None Lanc. Co.
George Knoll [Howel ?] 23 Laborer Dauphin Co.
Elizabeth Sharer [Shaver ?] None Unk.
Jacob Rider 8 Lanc. Co.
Lydia Hoffman 3 Lanc. Co.
Abraham Rider 2 Lanc. Co.

Notes for GEORGE REIDER:

1850 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., 19 August 1850
dwelling 45
George Rider 45 Farmer \$7,000 Lanc. Co.
Elizabeth Rider 29 None Lanc. Co.
George Knoll [Howel ?] 23 Laborer Dauphin Co.
Elizabeth Sharer [Shaver ?] 17 None Unk.
Jacob Rider 8 Lanc. Co.
Lydia Hoffman 3 Lanc. Co. [Presumably Lydia Hoffman's child]
Abraham Rider 2 Lanc. Co.

1860 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 81, 28 July 1860
dwelling 601

George Rider 45 Farmer \$17,000 \$1,000 Pa [all]
Elizabeth 37
Jacob L. 18 Farmer Attended school
Abraham H. 12 Attended school
Lydia Hoffman 13 Attended school [Presumably Lydia Hoffman's child]

1870 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 2-3, 13 July 1870
dwelling 18
George Reider 56 Farmer \$10,000 \$10,000 Pa [all] Cannot read and write
Elizabeth 48 Cannot read and write
Abram H. 22 School teaching Cannot read and write [not likely]
Elizabeth Epler 15 Domestic servant Cannot read and write

By 1880, George and his wife Elizabeth had moved to Dauphin County, Pa.

1880 Hummelstown Borough, Dauphin County, Pa., ED 76, p. 1, 1 June 1880
dwelling 3
George Reider 66 Head Retired farmer Pa Pa Pa [all]
Elizabeth 58 Wife Keeping house
A.H. 31 Son School teacher
Laura E. 8 Granddau Attended school

Children of ELIZABETH SHERER and GEORGE REIDER are:

- i. JACOB S.⁶ REIDER, b. Abt. 1852.
- ii. ABRAHAM H. REIDER, b. Abt. 1858.

22. BARBARA⁵ SHERER (*ABRAHAM⁴, JOHN³, ABRAHAM², HANS¹ SHARER*) was born 30 Nov 1825 in Lancaster County, Pa., and died 18 Jan 1910 in Lancaster County, Pa.. She married SAMUEL WOLGEMUTH, son of DANIEL WOLGEMOUTH and BARBARA WITMER. He was born 06 Jan 1825 in Lancaster County, Pa., and died 27 Dec 1892 in Lancaster County, Pa..

Notes for SAMUEL WOLGEMUTH:

Abraham Sherer's old farm was adjacent to the Wolgemuth property in 1860 and 1870. Abraham Sherer and Magdelene Brubaker's daughter Barbara Sherer married Samuel Wolgemuth. Eventually the Wolgemuth property was passed on to the Levi W. Mumma family.

Samuel Wolgemuth is not found in 1850.

Samuel Wolgemuth is found living next door to the widower Samuel Kulp Sharer in 1860 and next to Samuel Kulp Sharer and his 2nd wife Annie H. Herr in 1870.

1860 Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Pa, p. 55, 7 July 1860
dwelling 419
Samuel Wolgemuth 34 Farmer \$25,000 \$3,000 Pa
Barbara 33 Pa
Samuel 3 Pa
Ann Haslette 25 Domestic Pa
John Shallacher [?] 16 Baden
Adam Fry 12 Pa

dwelling 420

Samuel Sharer 38 Farmer \$12,500 \$2,500 Pa [all]

Barbara 16

John 12 Attended school

1870 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 32, 2 August 1870

dwelling 256

Samuel Sharer 48 Farmer \$13,000 \$6,500 Pa [all] Cannot read and write

Anna 39 Keeping house Cannot read and write

John 23 Farm laborer Cannot read and write

Michael 18 Farm laborer Attended school

Elizabeth 15 Cannot read and write

Samuel 5

Amos 4

dwelling 257

Sam'l Wolgemuth 45 Farmer \$22,000 \$5,000 Pa [all] Cannot read and write

Barbara 44 Keeping house Cannot read and write

Samuel 14 Farm laborer Attended school

Amos 11 Attended school

Fanny Weaver 22 Domestic servant Cannot read and write

Andrew Holwager 14 Farm laborer Cannot read and write

1880 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 132, p. 13, 7 June 1880

dwelling 102

Samuel Wolgemuth 58 Farmer Pa Pa Pa [all]

Barbra 56 Keeping house

Samuel S. 23 Farm laborer

Amos S. 19 Farm laborer

Cyrus Swigert 17 Boarder farm laborer

Children of BARBARA SHERER and SAMUEL WOLGEMUTH are:

- i. SAMUEL S.⁶ WOLGEMUTH, b. Abt. 1856.
- ii. AMOS S. WOLGEMUTH, b. Abt. 1859.

23. LYDIA⁵ SHERER (*ABRAHAM⁴, JOHN³, ABRAHAM², HANS¹ SHARER*) was born Abt. 1826, and died Bef. 1850. She married JACOB H. HOFFMAN Abt. 1844. He was born 18 Oct 1824.

Notes for LYDIA SHERER:

Lydia's birth year of abt. 1826 an estimate. Lydia presumably died before 1850. She may have died in childbirth in 1847.

Notes for JACOB H. HOFFMAN:

Abraham's daughter, Lydia, was married to Jacob Hoffman, according to the Brubaker Family History, as provided by Richard Aurand Sherer.

The 2nd Jacob Hoffman listed below is living right next door to Abraham Sharer in 1840.

1840 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa.

p. 143 Jacob Hoffman 2 males [5-10], 2 males [15-20], 1 male [30-40], 1 female [under 5], 2 females [5-10], 1 female [30-40]

p. 147 Jacob Hoffman 1 male [under 5], 1 male [40-50], 2 females [5-10], 2 female [10-15], 1 female [30-40], 1 female [60-70]

Doubtful that this is Jacob Hoffman in the 1850 below. Age seems to be way off. Where is he ?

1850 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 23A, 9 Sept 1850
dwelling 340

Mary Hofner 73 None Lanc. Co.

Jacob Hoffman 40 Laborer \$525 Lanc. Co

Susanna Hoffman 16 Lanc. Co

Martha Hoffman 10 Lanc. Co

Leah Hoffman 5 Lanc. Co

This is believed to be Jacob Hoffman and his 2nd wife Ann in the 1860 and 1870 records below.

1860 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 96, 2 August 1860
dwelling 714

Jacob Hoffman 36 Farmer \$10,000 \$2,000 Pa [all]

Ann 30

Eliza 15

Lovina 5

John Coyer [?-unreadable] 50 Laborer

Jacob Davis 13

1870 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 11, 20 July 1870
dwelling 83

Jacob Hoffman 44 Farmer \$30,000 \$18,000 Pa [all] Cannot read and write

Anna 41 Keeping house Cannot read and write

Levina 14 Attended school

This interesting group of families, including Jacob Hoffman and his wife Anna, are all found living near one another in the 1880 below.

1880 Mount Joy Twp, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 132, p. 38, 21 June 1880
dwelling 357

Philip Stern Head 38 Farmer Pa Pa Pa [all]

Elizabeth Stern Wife 34 Keeping house [Daughter of Jacob Hoffman and Lydia Shearer]

Benjamin Stern Son 10 At home Attended school

Jacob Stern Son 8 At home Attended school

Martha Stern Dau 5 At home

Harry Stern Son 3 At home

Mary A. Stork Servant 20 Servant

dwelling 359

Henry L. Eshleman Head 59 Farmer Pa Pa Pa [all]

Anna Eshleman Wife 47 Keeping house

Joseph Eshleman Son 24 Teacher

Allen Eshleman Son 18 Farm laborer Attended school

Sarah Koser Sevant 14 Servant Attended school

dwelling 360

Abraham L. Eshleman Head 49 Farmer Pa Pa Pa [all]

Anna Eshleman Wife 45 Keeping house

David Eshleman Son 21 Farm laborer

Anna Eshleman Daughter 8 At home Attended school

Albert Brandt Boarder 13 Farm laborer Attended school [Child of Benjamin Brandt and Lydia Hoffman]

dwelling 361

Henry Huson Head 45 Laborer Pa Pa Pa [all]

Lydia Huson Wife 34 Keeping house [Lydia Hoffman Brandt Huson]

Christian Brandt Stepson 7 At home Attended school

Elizabeth Brandt Stepdaughter 4 At home

dwelling 364

Elias B. Brubaker Head 23 Farmer Pa Pa Pa [all]

Catharine Brubaker Wife 27 Keeping house

Daniel Brubaker Brother 20 Farm laborer

Mary Gible Servant 18 Servant

Henry Brandt Boarder 10 Farm laborer Attended school [Presumed to be Harry, child of Benjamin Brandt and Lydia Hoffman]

dwelling 365

Jacob K. [or H.] Hoffman Head 55 Farmer Pa Pa Pa [all] [Jacob Hoffman 1st married to Lydia Sherer]

Anna Hoffman Wife 51 Keeping house [2nd wife, Anna]

Mayse Bachman Granddau 8 Going to school

Information on the Hoffman Family Bible, Lancaster County, Pa. is found at:
<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/lancaster/bibles/hoffman01.txt>

Children of LYDIA SHERER and JACOB HOFFMAN are:

- i. ELIZABETH⁶ HOFFMAN, b. 27 Sep 1845, Lancaster County, Pa.; m. PHILIP STERN, 17 Nov 1864, Lancaster County, Pa.; b. 07 Apr 1842, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. 11 Sep 1880.

Notes for ELIZABETH HOFFMAN:

David Brandt was named guardian of Elizabeth Hoffman upon the death of her father, Jacob Hoffman.

Elizabeth's exact birth date 27 September 1845 as per Hoffman Family Bible, where she is listed as Eliza Hoffman. Stern Bible lists her birth date as 27 September 1846.

Notes for PHILIP STERN:

Philip Stern's exact birth and death dates as per the Stern Family Bible.

1880 Mount Joy Twp, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 132, p. 38, 21 June 1880
dwelling 357

Philip Stern Head 38 Farmer Pa Pa Pa [all]

Elizabeth Stern Wife 34 Keeping house [My note: Daughter of Jacob Hoffman and Lydia Shearer]

Benjamin Stern Son 10 At home Attended school

Jacob Stern Son 8 At home Attended school

Martha Stern Dau 5 At home

Harry Stern Son 3 At home

Mary A. Stork Servant 20 Servant

Information on the Stern Family Bible, Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa. is found at:
<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/lancaster/bibles/stern01.txt>

- ii. LYDIA HOFFMAN, b. 15 May 1847; m. (1) BENJAMIN BRANDT; b. Abt. 1839; d. Bet. 1876 - 1880; m. (2) HENRY HUSON; b. Abt. 1835.

Notes for LYDIA HOFFMAN:

Lydia's exact birth date as per Hoffman Family Bible.

This is Lydia Hoffman living with her Aunt Elizabeth Sherer Reider in the 1860 and 1870 records below.

1850 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., 19 August 1850
dwelling 45

George Rider 45 Farmer \$7,000 Lanc. Co.

Elizabeth Rider 29 None Lanc. Co.

George Knoll [Howel ?] 23 Laborer Dauphin Co.

Elizabeth Sharer [Shaver ?] 17 None Unk.

Jacob Rider 8 Lanc. Co.

Lydia Hoffman 3 Lanc. Co.

Abraham Rider 2 Lanc. Co.

1860 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 81, 28 July 1860
dwelling 601

George Rider 45 Farmer \$17,000 \$1,000 Pa [all]

Elizabeth 37 [nee: Sherer]

Jacob L. 18 Farmer Attended school

Abraham H. 12 Attended school

Lydia Hoffman 13 Attended school

Notes for BENJAMIN BRANDT:

As per Brubaker history, Lydia Hoffman married Benjamin Brandt.

Benjamin and Lydia are found in the 1870 census, living in Conewago Township in Dauphin County, Pa.

1870 Conewago Township, Dauphin County, Pa., p. 20, 20-21 July 1870
dwelling 149

Benjamin Brandt 31 Farmer \$1195 Pa [all]

Lydia 23 Keeping house

Albert 3

Harry 1 mo [May]

Henry Tennis [?] 15 Domestic servant

Benjamin Brandt died between 1870 and 1880, and Lydia remarried. Her new husband, Henry Huson, adopted Christian and Elizabeth Brandt.

Notes for HENRY HUSON:

1880 Mount Joy Twp, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 132, p. 38, 21 June 1880
dwelling 361

Henry Huson Head 45 Laborer Pa Pa Pa [all]

Lydia Huson Wife 34 Keeping house

Christian Brandt Stepson 7 At home Attended school

Elizabeth Brandt Stepdaughter 4 At home

24. MARY G.⁵ SHEARER (*ABRAHAM⁴ SHERER, JOHN³, ABRAHAM², HANS¹ SHARER*) was born Abt. 1836 in Lancaster County, Pa.. She married AARON FRETZ Abt. 1869. He was born Abt. 1835.

Notes for AARON FRETZ:

1870 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 36, 5 August 1870
dwelling 285

Aaron Fritz 35 Farmer \$400 [PE] Pa [all] Cannot read and write

Mary 33 Keeping house Cannot read and write

Mary 2 mos [Notation says b. March, but should say June ?]

Fanny Sherer 68 None

1880 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 132, p. 14, 7 June 1880
dwelling 118

Aaron Fretz 45 Head Farmer Pa Pa Pa [all]

Mary 43 Wife Keeping house

Mary Alice 10 Dau At home

Child of MARY SHEARER and AARON FRETZ is:

- i. MARY ALICE⁶ FRETZ, b. Abt. Jun 1870.

25. JOSEPH G.⁵ SHEARER (*ABRAHAM⁴ SHERER, JOHN³, ABRAHAM², HANS¹ SHARER*) was born 02 Jun 1842 in Lancaster County, Pa., and died 13 Jan 1918. He married CATHARINE P. ?. She was born 27

Sep 1848, and died 12 Oct 1920.

Notes for JOSEPH G. SHEARER:

1860 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 84, 1 Aug 1860
dwelling 695

Isaac L. Eshelman 34 Farmer \$3500 Pa [all]

Maria 33

John 10

Benjamin 8

Annie 1

JOSEPH Sherer 18

Sarah Sherlahn ? 14

1870 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 35-36, 5 Aug, 1870
dwelling 281

Joseph Sharer 27 Farmer Cannot read or write \$8800 \$2000 Pa [all]

Catharine 26 Keeping house Cannot read or write

Clinton 3

Joseph Zeigler 12 Farm laborer

Anna Martin 15 Domestic servant

1880 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 132, p. 11, 5 June 1880
dwelling 101

Joseph Sharer 38 Head Married Farmer Pa Pa Pa [all]

Catharine 36 Wife Married Keeping house

Clinton 14 Son At home Attended school

Samuel 6 Son At home Attended school

Lizzie Baum 17 Servant Married

Children of JOSEPH SHEARER and CATHARINE ? are:

- i. CLINTON S.⁶ SHEARER, b. 19 Sep 1866; d. 26 Nov 1901; m. AMELIA LONGENECKER.

Notes for CLINTON S. SHEARER:

Clinton appears at age 3 living in the 1870 census with his parents.

1900 Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 92, p. 13A, 20 June 1900
dwelling 284

C.S. Sherer Head Sept 1866 33 Married 8 yrs Pa Pa Pa [all] Farmer OMF

Amelia Wife Sept 1871 28 Married 8 yrs 4 children 4 living

Edna Dau Aug 1893 6 At school

Della Dau Sept 1894 5

Ervin Son April 1897 3

Elmer Son Aug 1898 1

Nathan Werner Boarder Feb 1883 17 Single

- ii. SAMUEL SHEARER, b. Abt. 1876.

Notes for SAMUEL SHEARER:

Samuel appears at age 6 living in the 1880 census with his parents.

26. SAMUEL KULP⁵ SHEARER (*JOHN⁴ SHERER, JOHN³, ABRAHAM², HANS¹ SHARER*) was born 07 May 1821, and died 17 Jun 1911. He married (1) ELIZABETH STAUFFER WITMER, daughter of MICHAEL WITMER and ELIZABETH STAUFFER. She was born 08 Jun 1820, and died 22 Jul 1859. He married (2) ANNIE H. HERR Abt. 1861, daughter of RUDOLPH HERR and ANNA HOSTETTER. She was born 08 Jul 1830, and died 09 Oct 1918.

Notes for SAMUEL KULP SHEARER:

Samuel Kulp Shearer was married twice, 1st to Elizabeth S. Witmer and 2nd to Annie H. Herr, as per Richard Aurand Sherer, He had a total of 9 children.

More info available on children of Samuel Kulp Shearer in the John Sherer d. 1827 Adobe 7.0 file.

This is Samuel below with his 1st wife, Elizabeth.

1850 Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., 10 September 1850
dwelling 366
Sam'l Sharer 27? Farmer \$5000 Lancaster Co. (all)
Elizabeth 28?
Susan Grubb 15
David Garman 15 Laborer
Barbara Herr 6
John Sharer 4
Anna Sharer 1
Elizabeth Witmer 63 [This is Samuel Kulp Shearer's mother-in-law]

This is Samuel below as a widower.

1860 Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Pa, p. 55, 7 July 1860
dwelling 420
Samuel Sharer 38 Farmer \$12,500 \$2,500 Pa. (all)
Barbara 16
John 12 Attended school

This is Samuel in the 1870 census record below married to his 2nd wife Anna Herr. The children John (age 23), Michael (age 18), and Elizabeth (age 15) are children of his 1st wife Elizabeth Witmer. The children Samuel (age 5) and Amos (age 4) are children of Anna Herr.

1870 Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 32, 2 August 1870
dwelling 256
Samuel Sharer 48 Farmer \$13,000 \$6,400 Pa (all) Cannot read and write
Anna 39 Keep house Cannot read and write
John 23 Farm laborer Cannot read and write
Michael 18 Farm laborer Attended school
Elizabeth 15 Cannot read and write
Samuel 5
Amos 4

1880 Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 132, p. 9, 4 June 1880
dwelling 88

Samuel Sherrer 58 Head Farmer Pa Pa Pa [all]

Ann 50 Wife Keeping house

Elizabeth 23 Dau At home

Samuel 16 Son Farm laborer

Amos 14 Son Farm laborer

Katie 7 Dau At home

Notes for ELIZABETH STAUFFER WITMER:

Middle name Stauffer as per Richard Aurand Sherer.

Children of SAMUEL SHEARER and ELIZABETH WITMER are:

- i. BARBARA W.⁶ SHEARER.
- ii. JOHN WITMER SHEARER, b. 18 Mar 1847, Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. 27 Mar 1917; m. MARY KAUFFMAN MUSSER, 23 Nov 1871, Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, Pa.; b. 15 May 1851, West Hempfield Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.; d. 07 Sep 1925.

Notes for JOHN WITMER SHEARER:

John is buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Exact birth, death, marriage dates and locations found in John Sherer d. 1827
Adobe 7.0 file.

- iii. ANNA W. SHEARER.
- iv. MICHAEL W. SHEARER.
- v. ELIZABETH SHEARER.

Children of SAMUEL SHEARER and ANNIE HERR are:

- vi. LYDIA H.⁶ SHEARER, b. 13 Aug 1862; d. 16 Jan 1863.

Notes for LYDIA H. SHEARER:

Lydia H. is buried in the Shearer Cemetery, Conewago Township, Dauphin County,
Pa.

- vii. SAMUEL H. SHEARER, b. Abt. 1865.
- viii. AMOS H. SHEARER, b. Abt. 1866.
- ix. KATHYRYN SHEARER, b. Abt. 1873.

27. CHRISTIAN⁵ SHEARER (*JOHN⁴ SHERER, JOHN³, ABRAHAM², HANS¹ SHARER*) was born 30 Nov 1822 in Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., and died 24 Sep 1853 in Conewago Township, Dauphin County, Pa.. He married ELIZABETH REIFF. She was born 09 Feb 1825 in Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., and died 19 Mar 1903 in Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa..

Notes for CHRISTIAN SHEARER:

This is Christian below in the 1850 census with his wife and family. He died only a few years later

in 1853.

1850 Conewago Township, Dauphin County, Pa., 29 August 1850
dwelling 56
Christian Sharer [indexed as Shara] 26 Farmer \$3500 Pa [all]
Elizabeth 24
Jacob 3
Susan 1
George Judy 16 [male] Attended school

Notes for ELIZABETH REIFF:

Information on Christian Shearer and his wife Elizabeth Reiff and their children is provided by Richard Aurand Sherer.

After 1st her husband Christian Shearer died, Elizabeth Reiff Shearer married her 2nd husband Rev. Frederick Danner on 15 Feb 1855. Rev. Danner was abt. 20 years her senior and he died less than a year later on 3 October 1855.

This is Frederick Danner in the 1850 census below before he married Elizabeth Reiff Shearer. This record shows that he was born in abt. 1805, making him abt. 20 years older than his wife Elizabeth.

1850 Manheim Boro, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 695 [handwritten], p. 348 [hand stamped], 12 August 1850
dwelling 130
Frederick Danner 45 Clergyman Evangelical Apa ? \$75 [RE] Pa
Maria 75 Pa

Elizabeth then married a 3rd time to a widower Peter Nauman on 17 Feb 1859. Peter had been previously married to Maria (Polly) Arnold on 30 September 1834.

This is Elizabeth Reiff Shearer Danner Nauman in the 1860 census below with her 3rd husband, Peter Nauman.

1860 Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 4 [handwritten], p. 674 [hand stamped], 8 June 1860
dwelling 34
Peter Nauman 51 Cooper \$800 \$3000 Pa [all]
Elizabeth 35
Susan 11 Attended school [Christian and Elizabeth's child]
Elizabeth 8 Attended school [Christian and Elizabeth's child]
Catherine 6 Attended school [Christian and Elizabeth's child]
Francis 5 mos [male] [Peter and Elizabeth's child]
Mary Deaffenderfer 72 Seamstress \$50 [PE]

Peter died on 7 Mar 1864. Elizabeth is found as a widow in the 1870, 1880, and 1900 census records.

1870 Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 10, 27 July 1870, P.O. Sporting Hill
dwelling 86
Betsy Nauman 45 Keeping house Pa [all]

Jacob 23 Teacher Attended school [Christian and Elizabeth's child]
Susan 21 At home Attended school [Christian and Elizabeth's child]
Francis [female] [sic] 10 Attended school [Peter and Elizabeth's child-a male child]
Wm. 8 Attended school [Peter and Elizabeth's child]
Henry 6 Attended school [Peter and Elizabeth's child]

1880 Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 131, p. 1, 1 June 1880
dwelling 4

Elizabeth Nauman 54 Head Wd Keeping house Pa Pa Pa [all]
Lizzie 26 Dau At home [Christian and Elizabeth's child]
William 18 Son School teacher [Notation on physical disability: "born with one arm"]
Henry 15 Son Works in cigar [one word unreadable]

1900 Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 81, sheet 14B, 12 June 1900
dwelling 356

Elizabeth Nauman Head Feb 1826 74 Wd 9 children 8 living Pa Pa Pa [all] Capitalist
Lizzie Shearer Dau Sept 1853 56 Single Servant [Christian and Elizabeth's child who never
married]
Thadeus Burns Boarder Nov 1849 50 Single Cigar maker
Daniel W. Burns Boarder March 1854 45 Wd Cigar maker
John Rider Boarder Aug 1853 46 Single Tailor
Emma Shearer Granddau Dec 1882 17 Single None given [Daughter of Joseph Reiff Shearer]
William Sephius Boarder Nov 1865 34 Married Harniss [??] [and one word unreadable]

Children of CHRISTIAN SHEARER and ELIZABETH REIFF are:

- i. JACOB REIFF⁶ SHEARER, b. 22 Feb 1847, Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. 22 Aug 1931, Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

Notes for JACOB REIFF SHEARER:

Jacob is not found living with his mother Elizabeth in 1860 [he would have been abt. 13].

This is possibly Jacob living with the John Eshleman family in 1860.

1860 Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa., p. 77 [handwritten], p. 715 [hand stamped], 27 July 1860

dwelling 573

John Eshleman 27 Farmer \$6000 \$1000 Pa [all]

Barbara 22

Peter 2

Sarah 1

Jacob Sherrer 14

- ii. SUSAN SHEARER, b. 11 Nov 1848, Lancaster County, Pa.; d. 07 Feb 1935, Philadelphia, Pa.; m. JACOB MCCAULEY.

Notes for SUSAN SHEARER:

Susan is found in the 1860 and 1870 census records, living with her mother

Elizabeth.

- iii. JOSEPH REIFF SHEARER, b. 30 Nov 1850, Dauphin County, Pa.; d. 17 Oct 1926, Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa.; m. MARY ANN MILLER, Abt. 1875; b. 30 Sep 1855; d. 10 Jul 1940, Mt. Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa..

Notes for JOSEPH REIFF SHEARER:

Joseph is not found living with his mother Elizabeth in 1860. This is possibly Joseph found at age 9 living with the John Cable family in Conewago Township, Dauphin County, Pa. in 1860.

1860 Conewago, Dauphin County, Pa., p. 5, 6 June 1860
dwelling 26
John Cable [?-unclear] 24 Farmer \$6000 \$1000 Pa [all]
Elizabeth 24
Barbara 1
Ann Witman 18 Domestic
Joseph Shearer 9

This is Joseph in the 1870 below living with the Reuben Wolfenberger family.

1870 Derry Township, Dauphin County, Pa., p. 26, 8 July 1870
dwelling 177
Reuben Wolfenberger [indexed as Wolfersberge] 32 Farmer \$3200 [PE] Pa [all]
Cannot read and write
Rosanna 29 Keeping house Cannot read and write
John M. 8 At home Attended school
William H. 6 At home
Gabriel C. 3 At home
Reuben P. 1 At home
Joseph Shearer 22 Works on farm Cannot read and write
Mary Kelly 30 Domestic servant Cannot read and write

1880 Manheim Boro, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 131, p. 20, 10 June 1880
dwelling 207
Joseph Shearer 29 Head Cigar maker Pa Pa Pa [all]
Mary A. 26 Wife Keeping house
Minerva 5 Dau
Allen 3 Son
Ida 1 Dau
Annie 2 mos [March] Dau

1900 Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pa., ED 101, sheet 9A, 27 June 1900
dwelling 176
Joseph R. Shearer Head Nov 1850 49 M27 Pa Pa Pa [all] Farmer OMF
Mary Ann Wife Sept 1855 44 M27 11 children 7 living
Susie M. Dau March 1880 20 Single
Walter M. Son Oct 1887 12

Dawson M. Son June 1890 9
Clayton M. Son Nov 1895 4

Source of information: Descendants of John Sherer File and Richard Aurand Sherer.

- iv. ELIZABETH SHEARER, b. 27 Sep 1852, Dauphin County, Pa.; d. 10 Sep 1914, Annville, Lebanon County, Pa..

Notes for ELIZABETH SHEARER:

Elizabeth is also known as Lizzie. She is found living with her mother Elizabeth in the 1860, 1880, and 1900 census records. She never married.

- v. KATHRYN SHEARER, b. 10 Apr 1854, Pa.; d. 27 Dec 1937, Roanoke, Illinois; m. JOHN NEES.

Notes for KATHRYN SHEARER:

Kathryn is also known as Kate and Kitty.

This is Kate Shearer below living in the household of Peter Ginther in Lebanon County, Pa. in 1870.

1870 Londonderry, Lebanon County, Pa., p. 35, 7 July 1870
dwelling 273

Peter Ginther 38 Farmer \$6950 \$1450 Pa [all]

Rebecca 27 Keeping house

William 10

Henry 7

John 3

Peter 9 mos [Sept]

Henry Keener 29 Laborer

Kate Shearer 16 Domestic servant

Mary Gebpert 47 Housekeeper