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**Kloppen Kirche (N. and Q. LH First Series.)**

Inquiry was made a dozen years ago as above. The same is Klopp's Church in Bethel township, Lebanon county, Pa., and is almost on the line of Berks county.

The first church was erected about the year 1748 or prior thereto. Some ten years ago the Reformed Church people discontinued worshiping in the old church, and erected a new church opposite and a rod from the church of the Lutheran. The graveyard contains many tombstones, which we propose arranging for these columns in the near future. Here are buried many of the early German emigrants, who settled in Bethel township, Lebanon and Berks counties, and whose descendants continue to reside in that section.

**Diamond Wedding Anniversary.**

Last week the daily papers contained the announcement of the celebration of the sixtieth marriage anniversary of a couple at Lancaster, Pa. This reminded me that Dauphin county, which is par excellent in everything, was not to be outdone in longevity. To-day there is living a couple who were born and married in Dauphin county and this very month of May celebrate their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary. I refer to John Fleisher, of Napierville, Ill. He was b. October 26, 1806, in South Hanover township, Dauphin county, Pa.; m. May, 1831, Fanny Shaffner. They are in good health for persons who have passed the 90th milestone in this earthly pilgrimage and about to enjoy their diamond wedding anniversary.

**The Reed Family of Reed Township, Dauphin County.**

One of the earliest families to settle in Powell's Valley, following Anthony Powell, the first settler, who gave the name to the creek and valley in the upper end of Dauphin county, was James Reed. Among his issue was one son, James. Capt. James Reed resided all his life in what is now Reed township. He was a brave soldier in the War of the Revolution, and as captain in the campaign in New Jersey did heroic service. He died in the year 1789 and was buried in the graveyard of the Presbyterian Church back of Dauphin. He married

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Miss Esther Ayers, b. 1756; d. 1830; dau. of William Ayres and Mary Kein, and had issue:

i. John, b. June 26, 1783; m. May 12, 1807, Sarah Ferree.

ii. Deborah, b. October 9, 1785; d. aged 13 years, 5 months and 27 days by drowning.

iii. Elizabeth, b. September 11, 1787, in Montgomery county, Pa.; m. her cousin, Hiram McNeill, son of Anthony McNeill (b. 1723; d. February 27, 1791; and Elizabeth Ayres). He was born October 6, 1765; d. March 23, 1837. Was associate judge of Montgomery county, Pa., and died there. Had issue.

iv. William, b. July 9, 1789; d. November 6, 1864.

v. Mary, b. September 8, 1791; m. Thomas McConnell.

I. William Reed (James, James). He was born on the old homestead below Halifax, Pa. Was a man of prominence and elected county commissioner in 1847, but died before his term expired, and Reed township was named in honor of him. He married, first, Elizabeth Steel, of Perry county, Pa. She was born December 25, 1787. They had issue:

i. James, b. March 21, 1822; m. Julia Steese.

ii. Hetty, b. March 6, 1825; d. s. p.

iii. Margaret, b. March 27, 1827; m. Dr. J. Ourtman.

William Reed married secondly Clarissa (Hatfield) Kline, b. January 11, 1800. They had issue:

iv. William, b. September 7, 1831; m. Elizabeth Baskins and had issue.

v. Cyrus, b. September 1, 1833; d. June 4, 1855, at Salina, Mo.

vi. Elizabeth, b. February 22, 1835; m. Thomas J. Sawyer. Reside at Halifax, Pa.

vii. John, b. May 30, 1838; d. February 23, 1843.

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#### **Long's Church, Powell's Valley, Dauphin County, Pa.**

On a beautiful day of this month the writer landed in the ancient town of Halifax, which is located, where during the frontier times of our provincial days, stood Fort Halifax, and after a walk of more than a half hour, along the public road leading to Matamoras, we found our objective point—Long's Church. This church is one of the few not recorded in the histories of Dauphin county. A century ago and less, there settled here on a farm, by purchase, Henry Long, from the vicinity of Jonestown, Lebanon (then Dauphin) county. Here he continued to reside and followed farming and practiced

his profession of medicine in this rude and unskilled way—his pharmacy consisting of the roots and herbs from the fields and mountains.

The location is the most charming in Powell's Valley. The church and graveyard is located on a gentle elevation, where you have two miles distant to the southeast the Peters Mountain, while to the northwest is the silent, silvery waters of the Susquehanna, winding its currents around Berry's Mountain, and to the west the rolling lands of Perry county, which end abruptly on the edges of the river interspersed with notches and ravines. One of them, "Girty's Notch," known as such since the days of the Revolution, and named after Simon Girty, known in history as "Girty, the White Savage," is in view. Girty's father, of the same name, was as early as 1740 licensed as a trader on the frontiers of the provinces located on Shearman Creek in the vicinity, where Duncannon is now located. Some time afterward they were dispossessed by the sheriff. The boys, one of which was Simon, afterwards was adopted by the Seneca Indians, and he became a valuable adjunct for the red savages.

To the northeast you have a charming view of Powell's Valley, now in full bloom on every fruit and shrub tree, with sturdy yeomen dotted here and there planting the corn.

Long's Church was erected about seventy-five years ago and is a two-story log weather-boarded structure, with but one floor and surrounded on three sides with a very wide gallery. The appearance of the building now shows great neglect, on the part of some one, surely not by the Lutheran denomination, by whom it was erected. The small graveyard, as originally laid out, has outgrown its capacity, and by the taking in of additional ground it is called a cemetery, and the good condition the ground is kept in puts to shame the dilapidated appearance of the church.

Here are buried some of the early settlers of Powell's Valley, who left the Scotch-Irish and German settlements across Peters' Mountain prior to this century. Following are the transcripts from the tombstones.

Bressler, Phillip, b. January 20, 1800; d. January 3, 1869.

Bressler, Mary Ann, b. September 20, 1833; d. May 24, 1852.

Bressler, Nicholas, b. February 3, 1759; d. May 12, 1826.

Barnheisel, Michael, b. October 2, 1766; d. July 3, 1832.

Barnheisel, Catharine, w. of M., b. January 28, 1777; d. December 21, 1852.

Banks, Leab, w. of Michael, b. October 13, 1817; d. October 27, 1882.

Baker, Jacob, b. August 28, 1805; d. March 30, 1857.

Baker, Mary, w. of J., b. October 25, 1808; d. November 5, 1864.

Baker, Nancy, b. May 4, 1813; d. March 22, 1850.

Bowman, Micheal, b. December 16, 1824; d. May 29, 1890.

Bowman, Rebecca, w. of M., b. September 28, 1826; d. March 5, 1893.

Bowman, Angelina, w. of John, b. February 20, 1829; d. February 14, 1850.

Buchannon, Joseph, b. July 27, 1813; d. September 27, 1889.

Buchannon, Mary M., w. of J., b. March 22, 1810; d. November 24, 1881.

Chubb, Daniel, b. October 22, 1823; d. January 10, 1884.

Chubb, John, b. October 6, 1793; d. March 17, 1871.

Chubb, Esther A., w. of J., b. November 10, 1802; d. September 3, 1889.

Dinsey, Mary, w. of Hugh, b. March 28, 1792; d. March 17, 1865.

Derr, Richard W., b. May 18, 1827; enlisted in U. S. service, Co. H, Reg. Penna. Vols., and d. in Philadelphia Hospital December 1, 1864.

Ditty, Simon, b. September 11, 1808; d. November 26, 1867.

Eisenhower, Benjamin, b. July 21, 1807; d. October 3, 1875.

Eisenhower, Mary M., w. of B., b. December 30, 1810; d. April 29, 1888.

Eisenhower, B. F., b. February 15, 1843; d. August 3, 1874.

Eisenhower, Mary, w. of B. F., b. August 15, 1844; d. September 19, 1875.

Ensinger, Jacob, b. September 1, 1826; d. September 1, 1884.

Etter, George, b. October 27, 1783; d. June 2, 1833.

Etter, Susannah, w. of G., b. October 28, 1783; d. December 23, 1839.

Etter, Catharine, dau. of Wentle Fackler, b. August 21, 1787; d. May 2, 1826.

Etter, Abraham, b. February 4, 1818; d. January 13, 1884.

Etter, John, b. May 2, 1814; d. April 15, 1876.

Ehrman, Michael, b. —, 1774; d. May 30, 1833.

Ettien, Henry, b. January 14, 1820; d. September 20, 1887.

Ettien, Christian, b. 1836; enlisted in Co. D, 107th Reg. Penna. Vol.; d. August 28, 1887.

Fackler, Samuel, b. July 2, 1778; d. October 2, 1847.

Fackler, —, w. of S., b. July 7, 1787; d. August 28, 1874.

Fackler, Samuel, b. December 25, 1819; d. March 20, 1887.

Fackler, Elizabeth, w. of S., b. October 15, 1819; d. September 15, 1880.

Frost, Elizabeth, b. November 11, 1781; d. December 2, 1842.  
 Fry, John, b. December 25, 1835; d. April 15, 1872.  
 Fetterhoff, Jacob, b. September 14, 1812; d. November 18, 1865.  
 Gilbert, Lavina, w. of George, b. October 10, 1826; d. October 14, 1894.  
 Gates, William B., b. April 9, 1852; d. October 28, 1871.  
 Getz, Henry, b. May 31, ———; d. April 27, 1826.  
 Getz, Mary, w. of H., b. 1777; d. May 18, 1859.  
 Getz, Martin, b. August 1, 1814; d. May 21, 1889.  
 Getz, Mary, w. of M., b. December 15, 1817; d. March 7, 1885.  
 Glaze, Nancy, b. April 18, 1761; d. November 18, 1831.  
 Glaze, George, b. March 26, 1799; d. August 27, 1865.  
 Glaze, Mary, w. of G., b. July 21, 1799; d. January 6, 1873.  
 Glaze, Isaac, b. April 12, 1806; d. April 12, 1882.  
 Glaze, Julia Ann, w. of L., b. May 2, 1812; d. January 5, 1880.  
 Gayman, Jacob, b. May 11, 1798; d. April 5, 1857.  
 Gayman, Mary, w. of J., b. February 25, 1806; d. November 18, 1869.  
 Gayman, Elizabeth, b. January 21, 1765; d. September 15, 1856.  
 Hoke, Jonathan, b. May 8, 1816; d. June 18, 1881.  
 Hetrich, Peter, b. June 22, 1830; d. May 4, 1889.  
 Johnson, Anna, w. of Dr. Jacob V., b. September 17, 1781; d. December 1, 1851.  
 Knauff, Rosanna, w. of H., dau. of Daniel Steever, b. May 17, 1792; d. June 9, 1837.  
 Knauff, Jacob, b. January 14, 1814; d. September 29, 1890.  
 Knauff, Susan, w. of J., b. January 15, 1818; d. October 11, 1869.  
 Knauff, Isabella, b. March 28, 1813; d. February 21, 1894.  
 Knauff, David, b. October 9, 1815; d. October 3, 1863.  
 Knauff, Barbara A., w. of D., b. March 16, 1822; d. November 6, 1895.  
 Long, Dr. Henry, b. February 6, 1764; d. January 18, 1842.  
 Long, Mary, w. of Michael Swoigard, b. February 22, 1787; d. May 26, 1844.  
 Long, Eleanor, w. of Mathias Warner, b. August 15, 1801; d. June 29, 1875.  
 Lodge, Christian, b. May 7, 1785; d. January 6, 1836.  
 Lontz, Margaret R., w. of S., b. November 6, 1809; d. November 24, 1886.  
 Lehr, Jacob, b. November 11, 1807; d. April 24, 1883.



Lehr, Elizabeth, b. February 17, 1820; d. July 31, 1893.  
 Meredith, Charles C., b. October 21, 1818; d. January 9, 1876.  
 Meredith, Anna C., b. January 4, 1817; d. September 27, 1876.  
 Moyer, Benjamin F., b. December 6, 1811; d. April 10, 1892.  
 Marsh Abner, b. March 25, 1815; d. February 4, 1886.  
 Marsh, Catharine, w. of A., b. July 31, 1818; d. September 19, 1864.  
 Marsh, Samuel, b. December 9, 1839; d. November 28, 1867.  
 Mehargue, John E., b. March 14, 1793; d. June 20, 1861.  
 Mehargue, Margaret, w. of J., b. August 27, 1793; d. November 8, 1865.  
 Mehargue, David B., b. July 2, 1830; d. August 12, 1891.  
 Mehargue, Susannah, b. May 12, 1824; d. November 15, 1894.  
 McCallister, Mary Ann, b. February 25, 1840; d. October 22, 1855.  
 Mellon, John, b. June 14, 1807; d. February 19, 1877.  
 Mellon, Elizabeth, w. of J., b. June 5, 1812; d. January 15, 1866.  
 Miller, Daniel, b. October 25, 1792; d. February 10, 1859.  
 Miller, Mary, w. of D., b. December 8, 1791; d. January 17, 1860.  
 Miller, Samuel, b. August 31, 1824; d. May 12, 1858.  
 Mischett, Sophia, dau. of Henry Getz, b. 1815; d. 1839.  
 Nace, John, b. 1770; d. March 6, 1833.  
 Nace, Elizabeth, w. of J., b. March 23, 1790; d. February 13, 1852.  
 Nace, John, b. February 10, 1818; d. January 19, 1843.  
 Nace, Martha, b. December 7, 1811; d. January 27, 1839.  
 Peterman, Susannah, w. of J., b. May 24, 1757; d. October 24, 1842.  
 Peters, David, b. December 27, 1842; d. October 5, 1884.  
 Reinbarger, Mary, w. of H., b. April 6, 1805; d. June 16, 1858.  
 Ryan, Andrew, b. May 31, 1787; d. August 24, 1850.  
 Ryan, Elizabeth, w. of A., b. April 27, 1799; d. September 1, 1850.  
 Ryan, Andrew, b. May 21, 1824; d. March 7, 1852.  
 Ryan, Samuel, b. April 4, 1794; d. January 28, 1868.  
 Ryan, Sarah, b. March 15, 1782; d. October 19, 1866.  
 Ressler, Mary, w. of G., b. January 25, 1829; d. November 27, 1858.  
 Rauch, Anna Maria, (Deibler), w. of H., b. November 17, 1809; d. February 12, 1834.  
 Shultz, John, b. January 8, 1788; d. December 19, 1864.

Shultz, Mary, w. of J., b. March 7, 1789; d. July 17, 1852.  
 Shultz, Samuel, b. September 25, 1806; d. February 24, 1853.  
 Shive, Sarah, w. of J., b. September 26, 1801; d. May 30, 1855.  
 Shive, Daniel A., b. June 10, 1824; d. August 29, 1893.  
 Shive, John, b. November 8, 1800; d. May 18, 1855.  
 Sweigard, Michael, b. November 4, 1790; d. December 25, 1851.  
 Sweigard, Catharine, dau. of M., b. January 18, 1818; d. November 30, 1863.  
 Sweigard, Mary, dau. of M., b. May 28, 1819; d. May 1848.  
 Sweigard, Mary Ann, b. December 1, 1826; d. November 14, 1828.  
 Still, Jacob, b. March 25, 1808; d. May 9, 1891.  
 Still, Elizabeth, w. of J., b. October 12, 1812; d. August 13, 1864.  
 Sellers, Henry, b. November 24, 1822; d. October 13, 1890.  
 Sellers, Ruth, w. of H., b. May 8, 1829; d. August 18, 1855.  
 Shaddow, George, b. January 13, 1812; d. January 13, 1876.  
 Sweigard, Adam, b. July 18, 1815; d. April 7, 1848.  
 Sweigard, Aaron S., b. May 26, 1833; d. January 17, 1866.  
 Sweigard, G. W., Co. I, 46th Pa. Inf.  
 Taylor, James, b. February 26, 1807; d. July 18, 1889.  
 Tyson, Catharine, b. 1772; d. October 2, 1855.  
 Tyson, Jacob, b. June 23, 1803; d. December 7, 1868.  
 Tyson, Elizabeth, w. of J., b. May 3, 1804; d. May 29, 1861.  
 Tyson Catharine, w. of J., b. July 3, 1840; d. May 4, 1867.  
 Tyson, Susan, b. September 5, 1826, d. August 3, 1852.  
 Tyson, Henry, b. December 23, 1809; d. February 26, 1872.  
 Tyson, Mary, w. of H., b. December 25, 1815; d. February 8, 1884.  
 Wambaugh, Jacob, b. September 8, 1805; d. March 20, 1844.  
 Wambaugh, Lydia, w. of J., b. March 12, 1807; d. January 23, 1872.  
 Weidenmeyer, William, b. November 3, 1821; d. February 2, 1892.  
 Werth, John Ludwie, (Wirt), b. July 21, 1794; d. July 13, 1845.  
 Werth, Anna Mary, w. of J. L., b. October 27, 1800; d. February 11, 1846.  
 Warner, Jacob W., b. March 18, 1835; d. May 6, 1865.  
 Wagner, George Michael, b. September 29, 1756; d. October 8, 1831.  
 Zearing, Mary, w. of J., b. January 17, 1785; d. April 16, 1861.  
 Zearing, Jacob, b. November 6, 1790; d. October 16, 1861.

Zearing, Susannah, w. of J., dau. of Jacob Peterman, b. March 30, 1788; d. May 1, 1836.

Ziegler, Joseph, b. February 9, 1812; d. March 8, 1865.

Zeigler, Catharine, w. of J., b. February 6, 1814; d. April 13, 1872.

Zimmerman, Martin, b. October 11, 1796; d. March 3, 1861.

Zimmerman, Ellen, w. of M., b. April 5, 1799; d. October 16, 1876.

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#### Revolutionary Soldiers.

Recently, while in Fairview township, York county, in the section as "The Marsh," we stopped at Mt. Olivet U. B. Church. Adjoining the same is the burial place of the people of New Cumberland and New Market. It being that season of the year when all nature seems to vie with itself to put forth its spring dress, the trees its ornament of leaves and blossoms, we spent a short time in the sacred enclosure, where loving hands combine to testify to the memory of the departed ones. After noting the family surnames of the residents of long ago in that section at the mouth of the Yellow Breeches creek, we were attracted to three stones which mark the graves of several persons, who mankind in this land, love to do honor to their memory because they did valiant service for their country in the earliest days of its birth. They do not sleep like their many comrades of the War of the Revolution, in unknown resting places, for their graves, marked by sandstones, are also doubly remembered. Some G. A. R. Post has placed markers upon them to tell the passer-by that our forefathers have honored them while living and their descendants down to this generation remember them for their heroic service in the struggle for independence. No doubt as this month passes out into history some boy in blue will decorate again these graves with flowers that bloom in May. The first whose inscription we copy is a descendant from a German ancestor and the other of the Scotch-Irish:

HENRY H. HAWN

born June 15, 1755;

died March 8, 1846.

"A Soldier in the Revolution."

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ALLEN ROSS

born October 2, 1766;

died April 7, 1840.

"A Soldier in the Revolution."

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The third is a soldier of the second war with Great Britain:

JAMES H. McDANIEL

born April 9, 1790;  
died April 23, 1874.

"A Soldier in the War of 1812."

He was a descendant of the McDaniel's  
(McDonal's), of Derry Church.

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**The Fisler Family.**

John Ulrich Fisler, born in the year 1757 in Schwatz, Wurtemberg, Germany, came to America when quite a youth, and was sold as a redemptioner. He resided in Dauphin county, where he died June 23, 1814, and lies buried in the Lutheran graveyard at Churchville. He married a Miss Burke and they had issue:

i. John, m. a Miss Raymond and resided and died in Manor township, Lancaster county, Pa.

ii. Jacob, b. October 15, 1787, in Lancaster county, Pa.; resided and died in Susquehanna township, Dauphin county, Pa.; m. Barbara Stouffer, b. October, 1795, and they had issue:

1. Elias.

2. J. Amos.

3. Julia.

4. Luther.

iii. George, b. August 19, 1798, in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Pa.; resided many years in Dauphin county and at various times was proprietor of a hotel know as "The Half-Way House." In the latter years of his life he resided in Highspire, where he died May 9, 1869. He m. February 17, 1820, by Rev. George Lochman, D. D., Elizabeth Bretz, b. October 1, 1799; d. December 22, 1882, dau. of John Bretz (b. December 15, 1771; d. March 26, 1845.) and Catharine Fox, (b. December 21, 1773; d. May 1862.). They had issue:

1. John, b. November 1, 1821; d. April 6, 1844.

2. Washington, b. March 25, 1824; m. Lydia Peck.

3. Mary-Ann, b. July 2, 1826; m. John Lehman.

4. Catharine, b. December 19, 1827; m. June 19, 1849, Adam Earnest.

5. Sarah, b. October 5, 1829; d. August 8, 1833.

6. Elizabeth, b. October 7, 1831; d. September 16, 1833.

7. David, b. December 30, 1832; m. Rebecca Grove.

8. Sophia, b. April 22, 1834; m. Andrew Millard.

9. Ulrich, b. October 17, 1835; d. November 21, 1835.

10. Susan, b. February 24, 1837; m. first, John Reitzell; m. secondly, Adam Cover.

11. Mariah, b. October 25, 1838; d. August 6, 1839.  
 iv. Rudolph, m. Catharine Ebersole; d. at Middletown and left issue.  
 v. Susan, b. April 5, 1801; d. January 6, 1886; m. first, Jacob Renner and had issue:  
 1. Moses.  
 2. Elizabeth; m. ——— Martin.  
 She m. secondly, John Stouffer, b. September 12, 1783; d. October 10, 1865.  
 vi. Margaret.  
 vii. (dau.); m. ——— Bitner.  
 viii. (dau.); m. ——— Steese.  
 ix. (dau.); m. first, ——— Musser; m. secondly, ——— Whissler.

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**A York County Private Grave Yard.**

On one of the York county hills, known as Oak Grove Schoolhouse, south of Harrisburg, and within sight of the same, is located Hursh's graveyard, which contains tombstones with the following inscriptions:

- Barber, Barbara, w. of George C., b. 1797; d. November 11, 1833.  
 Barber, George C., b. 1798; d. September 9, 1870.  
 Barber, Mary, w. of George C., dau. of Allen Ross, sr., b. January 30, 1804; d. July 15, 1866.  
 Cochenower, Elizabeth, w. of J., b. July 24, 1784; d. January 14, 1857.  
 Garver, Christian, b. January 2, 1775; d. July 22, 1849.  
 Garver, Nancy, w. of C., b. December 7, 1789; d. August 22, 1847.  
 Hursh, Joseph, b. January 1, 1795; d. September 10, 1849.  
 Hursh, Mary, b. October 17, 1809; d. April 9, 1853.  
 Hursh, Christian, b. July 4, 1797; d. October 24, 1860.  
 Hursh, Hannah, b. August 24, 1770; d. January 2, 1857.  
 Hursh, Abram, b. July 15, 1764; d. October 30, 1841.  
 Hursh, Abram, b. October 16, 1799; d. September 9, 1817.  
 Hursh, Henry, b. April 14, 1760; d. January 9, 1835.  
 Hursh, Susan, b. August 26, 1762; d. May 30, 1836.  
 Hursh, John, b. March 5, 1793; d. January 2, 1876.  
 Hursh, Barbara, w. of J. (Brookhart), b. March 3, 1797; d. December 24, 1873.  
 Hursh, Mary B., w. of Samuel Bitner, b. January 21, 1822; d. September 21, 1878.  
 Hursh, Susan, w. of Samuel Thorley, b. September 4, 1818; d. August 2, 1856.  
 Hursh (Horst), Esther, w. of Jacob, b. 1764; d. February 26, 1840.

Hursh, Henry, b. April 6, 1800; d. December 29, 1842.

Hursh, Elizabeth, w. of H., b. January 2, 1809; d. August 15, 1822.

Napp, Susannah, w. of Christian, dau. of Conrad and Barbara Spitzer, b. May 14, 1730; d. September 11, 1808.

Spitzer, Elizabeth, b. December 10, 1796; d. March 6, 1835.

Spitzer, Conrad, b. June 9, 1755; d. May 1, 1811.

Spitzer, Barbara, b. October 24, 1758; d. August 1, 1832.

Thorley, Samuel, b. September 17, 1819; d. May 29, 1882.

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#### **Fishburn's Meeting House in Derry.**

In Derry township, a few miles east of Hummelstown, was erected in the year 1846 a one-story limestone church or meeting house, by the United Brethren in Christ, and remodeled in the year 1886. Long before the year in which the house was erected the followers of Otterbein worshiped in the surrounding country among its members, holding their meetings stately in the houses in winter and barns in summer, excepting when the large gatherings were had, they went to the woods and held their "two-day" meetings, or if longer than that, it was known as camp meeting. Adjoining the church is a well kept graveyard, where sleep in death those who succeeded many of the Scotch-Irish to the farms in old Derry township and who received their early religious training at the Sand Hill and Hummelstown Lutheran churches.

Duey, Harriet-Ann, dau. of Samuel, b. June 27, 1839; d. September 23, 1867.

Duey, Henry, d. July 23, 1856, aged 2 years.

Duey, Mary-Ann, d. January 29, 1855, aged 3 years.

Ebersole, John, b. May 12, 1812; d. July 2, 1872.

Ebersole, Anna-Maria, w. of J., b. October 14, 1812; d. February 28, 1872.

Fishburn, Philip, b. November 15, 1754; d. September 7, 1851. (Was a son of Philip, the progenitor or emigrant; baptized sixth Sunday after Trinity.)

Fishburn, Anna-Maria, w. of P., b. June 9, 1771; d. September 29, 1854.

Fishburn, David, b. October 8, 1790; d. September 22, 1851.

Fishburn, Barbara, b. December 17, 1816; d. April 20, 1886.

Fishburn, Lewis, b. September 21, 1839; d. December 17, 1886.

Fishburn, Anna-Maria, w. of Peter, b. October 6, 1821; d. February 14, 1875.

Fishburn, John, b. December 14, 1800; d. May 29, 1846.

Fishburn, Maria, w. of J., dau. of Johannes and Barbara Reichert, b. March

3, 1805, in Lebanon county; d. May 13, 1833.  
 Fishburn, Daniel, b. July 23, 1809; d. December 8, 1851.  
 Fishburn, Mary, b. February 27, 1812; d. May 27, 1876.  
 Fishburn, Benjamin, b. January 26, 1802; d. August 5, 1877.  
 Fishburn, Sophia, w. of B. (Snavely), b. July 28, 1805; d. February 11, 1873.  
 Fishburn, Lonisa, w. of of A. B. Metzger, b. April 23, 1850; d. November 10, 1875.  
 Gould, John, b. 1808; d. September 6, 1884.  
 Hershey, John, b. December 3, 1814; d. December 15, 1882.  
 Hershey, Barbara, w. of J., b. February 12, 1816; d. July 23, 1855.  
 Jones, Elizabeth, b. January 10, 1801; d. January 11, 1886.  
 Keller, Johannes, b. August 16, 1788; d. December 15, 1856.  
 Keller, Elizabeth, b. April 29, 1790; d. January 31, 1851.  
 Miller, Jonathan, b. July 23, 1783; d. October 12, 1864.  
 Miller, Anna Maria, w. of J., b. October 7, 1791; d. August 16, 1857.  
 Schetz, Susanna, b. July 20, 1784; d. May 25, 1854.  
 Snavely, Joseph, b. December 26, 1796; d. July 4, 1881.  
 Stroh, William, b. September 23, 1810; d. November 5, 1882.  
 Stroh, John, b. December 8, 1846; d. April 21, 1886.  
 Slessor, Catharine, w. of Anthony, b. June 25, 1809; d. July 6, 1884.  
 Weaver, Barbara, b. January 7, 1790; d. January 17, 1881.

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#### **Tavern Licences Fifty Years Ago.**

Some years ago we came across a bundle of documents wrapped in an old paper from which we cut the following notice for a tavern license at the White House:

NOTICE.—To the Honorable John J. Pearson, President, and his Associates, Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Dauphin, the petition of Mahala Rittersbaugh, respectfully sheweth: That your Petitioner occupies a commodious house, situated on the River Bank in the township of Lower Swatara, which is well calculated for a public house of entertainment, and from its neighborhood and situation, is suitable as well as necessary for the accommodation of the public, and the entertainment of strangers and travellers. That she is well provided with stabling for horses and all conveniences necessary for the entertainment of strangers and

travellers. The said house has been occupied as a Licensed Inn for many years last past. She therefore respectfully prays the Court to grant her a License to keep an Inn or Public House of entertainment there and your petitioner will pray, &c.,

**MAHALA RITTERSPACH.**

We the undersigned citizens of the township of Lower Swatara aforesaid, being personally acquainted with Mahala Ritterspach, the above named petitioner, and also having a knowledge of the house for which the license is prayed, do hereby certify that such house is necessary to accommodate the public and entertain strangers or travellers, that she is a person of good repute for honesty and temperance, and that she is well provided with house-room and conveniences for the lodging and accomodation of strangers and travelers. We, therefore, beg leave to recommend her for a license agreeably to her Petition.

Henry Stoner, E. J. Putt, Matthias Parthemore, John Weaver, Michael N. Stoner, Jacob Roop, jr., Robert Wilson, Geo. Zimmerman, Jacob Erisman, Daniel Long, George Garman, Esq., John Martin, John Parthemore, Christian Roop.

It is dated February 28, 1851, now forty-five years ago, not so long that the memory of man would run to the contrary, but all of these are dead save one. The applicant, Mrs. Mahala Ritterspach, was the widow of ——— Ritterspach. On the reverse side of this notice is a part of the county auditor's account for 1850, where we notice the following names: Henry Critzman, M. McKinney, Esq., Elizabeth Bridenbart, Schoffer & Beck, Josiah S. Royal, John J. Clyde, William Calder, jr., and Charles A. Menech. All passed to the beyond save the venerable John Joseph Clyde, who is with us yet and a citizen of the city. Following this we deem it of sufficient interest to tell who those petitioners were for the licensing of a public house on the banks of the Susquehanna (not Potomac), the White House below Highspire (B. C.), and not D. C.

Henry Stoner—The old storekeeper and postmaster at Highspire.

Edward J. Putt, M. D.—Was long the physician at Highspire and vicinity.

Mathias Parthemore—A carpenter, who erected many of the houses in the village and barns on the farms in Lower Swatara township.

Michael J. Stoner—Resided and owned the Stoner farm at White House and raised the good watermelons for a large community; was a cousin of Henry.

Jacob Roop, Jr.—The village blacksmith at the upper end of town, and a son of the old United Brethren minister.

Robert Wilson—An Irishman who set-



tled in the town in 1822, and the following year erected the distillery long known as Wilson's Distillery.

George Zimmerman—Was a native of the vicinity, and resided in the town prior to removing to Springfield, O., where he is residing, and the only survivor of the list.

Jacob Ehrisman—Came to Highspire from Lancaster at an early day, and became the son-in-law of John Schuer, who kept tavern and manufactured edge tools. Mr. E. kept hotel in the village many years.

Daniel Long—A blacksmith for many years in the center of the town, and who would never work on holidays, but spend the time in fishing and hunting.

George German, Esq.—Not a native of the town, but while a resident was a justice of the peace and postmaster; left the town many years ago, and since died.

Christian Roop—A farmer adjoining the town and a brother of Jacob, the blacksmith, and son of the United Brethren minister.

John Weaver—Long a resident of the town, where he died. During part of his life followed trucking, the first one in this part of the country to pursue this vocation.

John Parthemore—A farmer, and in his old days resided at Middletown, where he died; was a brother of Mathias.

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#### Fleisher Family.

Jacob Fleisher came from Germany to America, landing in Philadelphia August 11, 1732, at the age of 23 years, accompanied with his wife Gretha, age 20 years. They evidently married just prior to emigrating. They settled at or near Womelsdorf, Berks county, Pa., where he resided all his life. He was a soldier in the Revolution, enlisting as a private in Capt. Gobin's company, commanded by Lieut. Col. Joseph Hiester. They had at least one son, viz:

1. John Fleisher (Jacob) was born February 12, 1755, at Womelsdorf, Berks county, Pa., where he resided and followed farming until the year 1795, when he purchased, March 19, 1795, 265 acres of land from Tobias Springer and wife Nancy, where Hornerstown is located in South Hanover township, Dauphin county, Pa. Here he continued to reside until the year 1812, April 1st, when he sold his land to J. T. and John Horner, the founders of the village, and removed to Lykens Valley, where he died July 9, 1819, at 2 o'clock P. M. He m. November 8, 1777, Elizabeth Shutz, b. March 17, 1756, in Reading, Pa. She d. June 7, 1846. They had issue:

- i. Elizabeth, b. September 24, 1778, and soon thereafter baptized; m. Mr. Starling.
- ii. John, b. June 11, 1780; d. May 8, 1865; m. Anna Shaffner.
- iii. Daughters (twins), b. January 17, 1782; d. s. p.
- iv. Daniel, b. May 18, 1784, removed to York State, where he died.
- v. Samuel, b. February 10, 1786.
- vi. Sarah, b. January 4, 1788; m. Martin Shaffner, jr.; she died in Lykens Valley.
- vii. Jacob, b. April 2, 1790; resided and died at Clark's Ferry.
- viii. Mary, b. February 28, 1793; d. November 13, 1795, at Millersburg, Pa.; m. ——— Eberly.
- ix. George, b. July 4, 1795. Mrs. Washington Moody is a granddaughter.
- x. Eve, b. July 6, 1801; m. a Mr. Price.

II. John Fleisher (John Jacob), b. June 11, 1780, in Berks county, Pa.; came to Dauphin county with his father's family, where he continued to reside many years. He removed from the Lykens Valley to near Saegerstown, Crawford county, where he died. Was a communicant and one of the first members of the Evangelical Association in western Pennsylvania. He m. first Nancy Shaffner, b. October 7, 1789; d. August 12, 1830; and buried in the Methodist Graveyard at Millersburg, Pa. They had issue:

- i. John, b. October 26, 1806; removed to Napierville, Ill, where he resides; m. Fanny Shaffner.
- ii. Jacob, b. March 17, 1810; removed to Iowa, where he died; m. first, Catharine Henninger and had issue; she died and he m. twice afterward.
- iii. Henry, b. September 8, 1812; resided at Highspire and engaged in merchandising; afterward settled at Alliance, Ohio, where he died December 29, 1894; he m. first, Rebecca Zimmerman; secondly, Mrs. Mary (Nissley) Hoffman.
- iv. David, b. August 25, 1814; d. January 19, 1851; settled in Crawford county, Pa.; m. Eliza Goss.
- v. Anna, b. September 6, 1816; d. September 28, 1894; m. Philip Lebo, of Powell's Valley, Dauphin county, Pa., where they resided all their lifetime, leaving issue.
- vi. Fannie, b. October 22, 1818; d. January 13, 1840; m. Frederick Parthemore; no issue.
- vii. Simon, b. March 31, 1821; resides in Anxville, Pa.; m. February 9, 1893, Elizabeth Parthemore; b. August 26, 1815; d. June 19, 1890, and had issue:
- viii. Martin, b. May 26, 1825; resides at Shelby, Oceana county, Mich.; m. twice and has issue.



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