

## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

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### **The Kreider Family**

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When we investigate the history of our Kreider family, we enter deep into the heart of Lebanon county. They must have been a righteous people, the Kreiders, for the Lord has blessed them and multiplied them exceedingly. We know that they honor their fathers, keep green their memories; and their days have been long in the land which the Lord their God gave unto them. In large measure they today occupy the lands in our Valley on which their ancestors first settled. It is a pleasure to hearken to the Kreiders tell their family traditions.

But the Kreiders not only liked their ancestors, they liked each other. It seems they thought that nobody was quite so nice as a Kreider; so they married each other and married each other. Often you find a Kreider who married a Kreider. His wife died and he married her sister; or if she didn't have a sister to marry he married her cousin. Why, you can find Kreiders with a Kreider for a wife, with a Kreider for a mother, with a Kreider for a grandmother, and perhaps with a great-grandmother; and, of course, on the male side it was a Kreider back and back and back, till the first one got his name from making chalk marks on the Alpine rocks.

From this we do not wish you to infer that the Kreider's married closer kin than did other families. They did not. It was a common thing in days gone by. They read their Bibles for light on all subjects. They discussed the question: Who was Cain's wife? And they knew that Abraham, the father of the faithful, went it only half point better than Cain, for Abraham confessed of Sarah his wife: "And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife" (Gen.20:12). But the law of Moses came in and forbade very close marriages; and the Kreiders with the other Mennonites respected the law, but they did not add anything to it.

Again, the Mennonites remembered that Abraham sent his servant to get a wife for Isaac from among his own people. Isaac and Rebecca were midway between first and second cousins; (what were they?) and Jacob, the supplanter, who got the blessing, did

he not marry his first cousins? And then the Mennonites did not want to marry the daughters of the Canaanites round about them. Of course not. A Mennonite should marry a Mennonite. By marrying in the family, they kept the religion pure, and also perhaps kept the money from being scattered. And money has its value. Sure! They did not seem to realize that the money some other maiden had might buy as many acres, and that the religion in some other homes might also have come from heaven. The scarcity of inhabitants in colonial days might have justified somewhat these closer marriages. They intensified, made exclusive, built up walls and shut out sympathy. Perhaps a peep over the garden wall would have been a good thing for a young Mennonite. But then the Mennonites were not the only people who married first cousins. Let's be fair.

But the frequent intermarriages among the Kreiders makes the writing of their history exceedingly difficult. Many who have tried to trace the history of the family have become involved in a maze from which they were unable to extricate themselves. We intend to go into the inmost depths of the labyrinth, but shall ever endeavor to keep hold of the thread. You will be somewhere. Follow us closely or you may miss yourself, which would be the great misfortune.

Now, before we take up the history of the Kreiders let us consider

### **The Name Kreider**

In consulting the early records we find the name spelled in many ways. We find Crider, Cryder, Croyder, Creyter, Croyter, Cryter, Crytor, Kriter, Kryter, Kreiter, Kreider, Grider, Griter, Gryder, Gryter, perhaps even more forms might be found; but at least one of the two original settlers in the Lebanon Valley signed his name "Greider." There are some of the descendants who still write their name in this way.

There is no profound reason for these different ways of spelling proper names of Germans in colonial Pennsylvania. The English scribe simply wrote the name the way it sounded to him as pronounced by the Germans themselves. Many of these early Germans could not write their names, could not speak English, did not know the German alphabet, much less the English, and of course could not tell the Englishman how to spell the name. So the English scribe, no doubt very early, gave up all attempts to be exact. When the German did sign his name, he signed with German script, which was Greek to the Englishman. Often we find deeds with the names of Germans in the body of the deed spelled altogether differently from the way the German at the bottom signs in his own script. You see in those days they were not endorsing checks. I wonder if our absolute exactness even in modern business may not sometimes defeat justice rather than insure it. So you see in writing German names the English scribe had to do the best he could, and oftentimes he did not do very well.

The name Kreider is said to come from the German word Greit, meaning "chalk." So Greiter, Greider, is a chalker, one who marks with chalk, a writer.

The name is said to have had its origin in the days of the bow and arrow in Switzerland, when the hardy mountaineers met together to improve their marksmanship, that their arrows might have telling effect upon the invading foe. It takes us back to William Tell.

They kept tally. They strove to excel. A good shot was not permitted to go unnoticed. Its inspiration was handed abroad and was perpetuated. Each man wanted a record of his hits. The one to whom the task fell of keeping the score was the Greiter. It must have been on the side of Switzerland toward Germany, not toward France, for the word is German.

To keep score in those days must have required more than ordinary knowledge. The score keeper must have been a sort of umpire, a quick, sure eye, good judgment and fair, fearless decision. The ability to make a chalk line was an accomplishment. So the Greiders are said to have been a intelligent tribe, with high, broad foreheads and noble bearing; of commanding appearance, whose decision was not open to question.

They are said to have been tall; but many we meet today are short and of sturdy build. Why the change? Perhaps in the deep Alpine valleys they shot up high to get to the sunlight; but when they came to the broad Lebanon Valley, where they had plenty of elbow room, they took to spreading out.

For valuable hints concerning the Kreiders in Switzerland we are indebted to Mr. John Bomberger, a farmer a short distance north of the power house of the E. and L. trolley line. From Rev. Isaac Kreider, of Center County, through John Kreider, of South Ninth street, we are indebted for knowledge of

### **The Kreiders Coming Over**

Rev. Isaac Kreider on a sheet which he has printed says: "Our ancestors lived along the river Rhine in Switzerland, where at the present time, the merchants are Greiders. They use a G in writing their name.

"France being protectorate to Switzerland attempted to make all unite with the Roman Catholic Church. (Be it here said in justice, 'not Roman Catholics only.') Our ancestors being Mennonites, refused, and therefore had to flee to Germany, their property being confiscated. Holding much in common with the Quakers. Penn invited them to come to his land in America."

At the head of his sheet Rev. Kreider gives the names of four Kreider: Martin, born in 1681; Joseph, born in 1712; John Jacob, born 1715, died 1779, "buried in cemetery on farm"; Frederick born 1719. "these four, father and 3 sons, came to Phila., Sept. 16 1736, \*Note went to Conestoga, Lancaster, the home of Jacob, who came to America about 1712 and received from Wm. Penn 800 acres near Lancaster city. Michael who came over on Aug. 11, 1732, also lived there. The 3 sons and George received from Penn's sons 580 acres in Lebanon township (along Snitz Creek) \*Note; 4 years later their father, being a blacksmith, joined them, receiving 180 acres of their land. Patent of original recorded in Phila."

Rev. Kreider continues at the bottom of his sheet: "The following came afterward, but where they settled, I cannot tell, perhaps in the west, along with those who went from (to) Huntingdon Co. Michael from Lancaster built a mill 2 miles west of Huntingdon in 1771.

"Wilhelm, b. 1723, came Sept. 20, 1743; Bartholomew came Aug., 1751; John Martin came Sept. 17, 1751; Geo. Martin, b. 1728, came Sept., 1753. Same year came Stephen, b. 1728, and John Martin, b. 1730; and Jacob, b. 1732, and Casper. Philip Jacob came Sept. 14, 1754; Tobias came Oct. 26, 1768 (I think he lived near Petersburg, had 7 sons; Philip came Oct. 2, 1802; John Jacob came Oct. 9, 1802; Adam came Aug. 27, 1804.

These comings over are no doubt from official records and consequently indisputable, but as soon as Mr. Kreider departs from these he undoubtedly falls into error. We are not concerned in following the Kreiders who went to different parts of the country and never came to Lebanon county but we are interested in knowing who are the ancestors of those who came to Lebanon county.

### **Kreiders in Lancaster County**

Rev. Kreider says that Martin Kreider with his sons, Joseph, John Jacob and Frederick came to Philadelphia Sept. 16, 1736, and went to Conestoga, Lancaster, the home of Jacob, who came to America about 1712. Martin and his three sons may have only came over on a visit and gone back to Europe again for aught the writer knows. We are pretty sure that none of them ever came to Lebanon county.

Smith, the Mennonite historian, says that Jacob Kreider came into the Conestoga settlement about 1715 or 1717. Certain it is that he was a taxable when Conestoga township was formed in 1718. It is not unlikely that Martin was a brother of Jacob.

The Pequea colony of Mennonites was the first colony of whites to settle in Lancaster county. On October 10, 1710, the men or some of the men received a warrant for

10,000 acres of land, north of Pequea Creek in what is now Lancaster county. The names of the warrantees are: John Rudolph Bundely, Martin Kendig, Jacob Muller, Hans Graff, Hans Herr, Christian Herr, Martin Oberholtz, and Weyndel Bowman. "Switzers lately arrived in the province." Martin Kendig the next year brought a goodly number of his Mennonite brethren. By 1715 the founders of many more of our Lebanon county families had arrived. During the next two years were added either from Europe or the Germantown settlement, Jacob Hostetter, Jacob Kreider, Hans Graff, Benedictus Venerich, Jacob Boehm, Hans Faber, Theodorus Eby, Heinrich Zimmermann and others.

In March, 1720, James Hamilton laid out the town of Lancaster as a county seat for the new county, formed only the year previous. The town was laid out two miles square; and the main streets were laid out north and south, and east and west. The survey had been made by John Jones Feb. 26, 1720. The land owners on the plot were the following: to the north John Funk, Michael Moyer, Roody Moyer and Henry Funk; to the east was Toris Eby, and to the south were Michael Bachman, John Moyer, Reynold Young, Jacob Gritor (Kreider) and Jacob Hostetter.

We are told that the Brubakers, Swarr, Hershey, Tuber, Houser and Burkholder settled along Little Conestoga and some of their land ran to the town. Shank and Bare were in the southern part of the town. In the same year (1717) Hostetter and Greider took up several hundred acres adjoining Shank and Bare. See History of Lancaster County by Ellis and Evans, p.360.

It is said that many of these parties neglected to take out patents for their land, "a fact discovered by James Hamilton, who afterward took advantage of the circumstance to his profit." Whether Jacob Kreider lost his lands in this way in Lancaster city we know not, but we regard him as the Jacob Croyder who received a warrant June 3, 1741 for 250 acres of land in Lebanon township and who was father to four Kreider brothers who settled along the Snitz Creek. But more of this later. We must not get out of Lancaster county too quickly.

In Conestoga in 1724-1725 were Jacob Greider, doubtless the one already mentioned, John Greider and Michael Greider. These may all have been brothers. Tradition says there were four brothers. The other then likely was Martin, who Rev. Kreider says came in 1736. Rev. Kreider says Michael came Aug. 11, 1732, but records indicate that he was here already in 1724. Perhaps he went home on a visit and persuaded Martin to come, returning in 1732. Henry Kreider, 913 Chestnut street, aged 80 years, says his father used to say there were six Kreiders that came over.

Michael Greider purchased 250 acres at the mouth of Conestoga Creek on the Manor side. One of his sons moved to Chickies Creek, at John Moore's mill. The descendants

of Michael Greider are said to be numerous and to be scattered over Lancaster and adjoining counties. We have not as yet placed our hands on any in Lebanon county. Safe Harbor is built upon the Michael Greider tract, at the mouth of Conestoga Creek.

By 1751 we are told that every one of the early Swiss Mennonite settlers who came before 1720 had gone to his long home. Jacob Greider is mentioned among these.

Among males between 16 and 50 years in Lancaster county in 1776 were Jacob Greider, Martin Greider, Michael Greider, Henry Greider, Hans Greider and Jacob Greider. Lebanon township in 1776 was yet in Lancaster county and nearly all in the above may have belonged to our county. We had Kreiders by all of the names here.

Jacob Hostetter who came to Conestoga in 1717 with Jacob Greider had a daughter Margaret who married a Greider.

We have now said something, not very much about the Kreiders in Lancaster county. You will now permit us to pass over South Mountain and hunt up the lands on which the early Kreiders settled within our own present county of Lebanon.

### **Kreider Settlers in Lebanon Township**

We say township, for that was all there was of it in those days. There was no Lebanon county till 1813. Lebanon township covered a large part of the ground.

We find that the following Kreiders at an early day received from the Penns warrants for land in Lebanon township:

Jacob Croyder, 300 acres, June ?, 1741

Jacob Croyder, 250 acres, June ?, 1741

John Croyder, 200 acres, Aug. 26, 1742

John Croyder, 100 acres, June 12, 1751

Francis Kryter, 50 acres, April 4, 1750(?)

Mary Kryter, 200 acres, June 13, 1745

John Kreiter, 20 acres, Oct. 18, 1758

In Heidelberg township, Jacob Croyder, received a warrant for 100 acres, May 30, 1749.

First of all, perhaps, we had better identify these people. The tradition seems to be practically unanimous that two brothers came to our present Lebanon county. Who can doubt that the John and the Jacob above are the two brothers. They received their land warrants on the same day for land in the same township and for pretty nearly the same amounts.

The tradition is that when they came up over the South Mountain to their land that they brought an ax along, and cut off the "sprouts" as they came through the woods, making a sort of path, so they could find their way back and forth through the primeval forest. They came to the Snitz Creek and the lands they took up extended to George Steitz's out lots of Lebanon.

We have already stated that we believe that the Jacob who came to Lebanon township was the Jacob who bought land later forming a part of the southern end of the town of Lancaster. The Lancaster county historian states that all of the old pioneer settlers of the Pequea colony, and he names Jacob Kreider as one of them, had died by 1750. Perhaps the historian was saying more than he could prove. But this Jacob had died before 1750, and his widow, Mary Kreider, had remarried by 1751.

As to Rev. Isaac Kreider's claim that John Jacob Kreider, son of Martin, who arrived in 1732, was one who settled on Snitz Creek, we have to say: His John Jacob was born in 1715 and died in 1779. We know that the Jacob who settled on Snitz Creek died before 1751. So John Jacob could not have been the Jacob. Could he have been the John?

The John who came to Snitz Creek in 1741 took up 309 acres of land, rather a big slice for a young man of 26: yet it might have been. And the next year John took up 200 acres more. But John, who took up the land on Snitz Creek had a son Jacob, likely not his oldest son, who Jacob's great-grandson, John S. Kreider, of Snitz Creek, says he understands died aged 80 years. Jacob made his will in 1805. There is an old tombstone in the Laudermilch farm cemetery with "J. ---|--- K. May 31, 1729. 81 years." A man born in 1729 and dying aged 81 years, would have died in 1810; just about the time that Jacob did die. This is no doubt the grave of Jacob Kreider, the son of John the settler. Now Rev. Isaac's John Jacob, son of Martin, was born in 1715. Would you expect him to have a son born in 1729, and that one likely not the oldest of several children? John the settler on Snitz Creek was surely an older man than Rev. Isaac's John Jacob, which said John Jacob we say without hesitation never settled on the Snitz Creek. If the John who settled on Snitz Creek were Rev. Isaac's John Jacob, son of Martin, then the two who settled on Snitz Creek, Jacob and John, were not brothers, as the traditions say. We know it is a serious matter to contradict a descendent and an aged one and one so conscientious as a minister of the Gospel, which, however, is our calling also, but the facts we have in hand we believe justify us. But Rev. Isaac is against family tradition, and in error on other points as we shall show later.

### **The Family of Jacob the Settler**

Perhaps the best way to take hold of this subject is to quote some old legal papers:  
"Whereas Jacob Cryter, late of the county of Lancaster, Yeoman, Dyed Intestate, possessed of a real and person Estate and left Isaac behind him Eight Sons, to wit, John, Christian, Francis, Martin, Tobias, George, Henry and Jacob Cryter, and one daughter, to wit, Ann-- which sd., Francis married Mary Tollinger and he is now dead and the sd. Mary, his wido is now married to George Moss (Meiss), --And also Mary his Widow, and Relic(?) And Whereas Letters of Administration of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights, and Credits of the Intestate was Granted and the said Mary the Widow, who is now married to Henry Saunders, NOW KNOW all men by these presents that We, the said Henry Saunders and Mary his wife in Consideration of the Sum of Two Hundred and forty pounds and fifteen shillings to us paid (or cause to be paid) at or before the Execution hereof the Receipt and payment whereof we do hereby acknowledge. Have and each of us Hath Granted, Remised, released and confirmed, and by these presents Do and each of us Doth Grant, Remise, Release and Confirm unto the said John Cryter, Christian Cryter, Martin Cryter, Tobias Cryter, George Crytor, Henry Crytor, Jacob Crytor, George Moss and Mary his wife, and Ann Cryter, all our and each of our Estate, Right, Title, property, claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to all or any the Real and personal Estate whatsoever of the said Jacob Cryter, dec'd; and all our part and Share thereof and thereto TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the said John Crytor, Christian Crytor, Martin Crytor, Tobias Crytor, George Crytor, Henry Crytor, Jacob Crytor, George Moss and Mary his wife and Ann Crytor, their Heirs, Executors, Adms.and Assigns. To and for their only proper Use and Benefit forever. IN WITNESS whereof We have hereunto set our Hand and Seal the second Day of October one Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty-one.

HEINRICH XANDER

The mark of

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Mary Saunder

Sealed and Delivered

In the presence of us

CHAS MORSE

JACOB BOEHM

Henry Saunders (he wrote his name Xander) received a warrant for 150 acres of land in Lebanon township March, 1743 or 44; and is also likely the Henry Sanders who received a warrant for 200 acres, Nov. 26, 1753, and for another 50 acres May 12, 1767. Bishop Cammerhoff in the winter of 1748 passed through Lebanon Valley on his way to the Indian settlement at Shamokin (Sunbury). On the night of January 8th he stopped with Michael Shaeffer in Tulpehocken. (See our account of the Shaeffer family). The bishop in his notes of January 9, says: "Dismounted at Peter Kucher's in



Quittapahilla (Sweet Home, east of Lebanon), and after loading our horses with oats for their use at Shamokin, rode on five miles to Henry Zaunders, where we passed the night." Saunders lived near Sporting Hill, his property joining the Long property there, as we have seen. More of Saunder later.

The foregoing legal paper makes very clear who were the children of Jacob the original settler of Snitz Creek.

Jacob Kreider, the settler, likely died before May 14, 174?, without the land for which he had a warrant being surveyed to him, for to his widow was surveyed land on the foregoing date, and other land was surveyed to her, certainly contiguous land, on June 15, 1748, making in all 585 acres. She is designated "Mary Kreiterin alias Kreider." So she must have been married to Sounders after June 15, 1748.

Now we hope you will not be wearied by reading another legal paper.

"Know all men by these Presents that I, Mary Cryter of Lancaster County and Province of Pennsylvania for and in consideration of the Sum of Two hundred Forty Pounds Current Money of Sd. Province, to me in hand paid, the Receipt whereof I do acknowledge and my Self therewith fully satisfied have bargained Sold and Confirmed and do by these presents bargain, Sell and Confirm unto Christian Cryter, Martin Cryter, Tobias Cryter and George Cryter of Same County and province of Pennsylvania all that Tract or tracts, parcel or parcels of Land being and situate in Sd. County of Lancaster and Province of Pennsylvania, and Township of Lebanon and on which I formerly lived granted unto me by the proprietary Warrant, and adjoining George Stits and John Cryter and Henerich Krain (Klein), etc. Containing in and about Six Hundred Acres together with all and singular the Houses, Edifices, Buildings, orchards, gardens, Pastures, Commons, Woods, woodland, water, water courses, mines, minerals, profits, Commodities, Herediments and Apurtenances whatsoever, to the Sd. plantation or tract of Land belongeth or in any wise appertaining or therewithal used, occupied or Reported taken and known as any part or parcel thereof to have and to hold forever, which Sd. plantation or

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tract of Land as above mentioned I in behalf of myself my heirs, & c., do promise and oblige to maintain and Defend against any person or persons Claiming the Same or any part thereof by my Right, title, or Demand whatsoever unto the Sd. Christian Cryter and Martin Cryter and Tobias Cryter and George Cryter, their Heirs or assigns forever, the proprietors only Expected, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Fifteenth Day of March one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty.  
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MARY M CRYTER.

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Sealed, Signed and delivered in presence of

JOHN SCULL

JASPER SCULL

It seems that Henry Saunders was living yet some years after 1760, but here she who was called his wife in 1751 signs herself alone as Mary Cryter. She receives again the same amount of money for the release of that she and her husband, Henry Saunders, had previously received. Why pay her again? Had she received it and yet hadn't received it? The reader may draw his own conclusions. The writer has his opinion and is keeping it to himself. The widow now was not with Saunders, nor with any of the four sons on the old Kreider tract. Perhaps she was with one of the other three sons, one had died, or with the daughter.

When the son, George Kreider, transferred his farm out of his tract to his son, the deed states: "It being a Piece or Parcel of a larger tract (575 acres) which the Honorable the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania in and by their certain Patent or Grant bearing date the sixth day of May Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty for the consideration therein mentioned did give, grant, release and confirm unto Christian Kreider, Martin Kreider, Tobias Kreider and George Kreider." We have been legally told that these four men were sons of Jacob Kreider. So we have legal proof that Rev. Isaac Kreider is in error when he says that the three sons of Martin who came to Philadelphia in 1736 and one George Kreider received from Penn's sons 580 acres in Lebanon township along Snitz Creek. All were sons of Jacob, no father Martin about it; and the names of Martin's sons do not agree with the names in the legal papers.

The patent deed to the four sons of Jacob and Mary was a confirmation of this land to them, the warrant not giving them a full title. For the confirmation they paid £90. 15s. 6d. Among other privileges they were given the right "To hawk, hunt, fish and fowl."

When the son Henry Cryter, Sept. 13, 1762, signs his release to his four brothers mentioned above, it is stated "they being sons of one Jacob Kryter, of Lebanon Township in the County of Lancaster, late Deceased." So the father had become a resident of Lebanon township before he died, notwithstanding the fact that a warrant

was remade to the wife for the land he had taken up and the warrant for the rest of the 585 acres was made only to the wife.

It is not our intention at this time to take up the sons of Jacob Kreider, one of the original Kreider settlers in Lebanon County. We shall return to them later and then trace out their descendants. We shall now turn to John the other brother who settled in Lebanon township.

## **JOHN, THE OTHER SETTLER**

As already stated, John and Jacob Croyder took warrants for land in Lebanon township on the same day, June 3, 1741. We have considered Jacob. On that day John took out a warrant for 300 acres. On August 26, 1742, John Croyter took out a warrant for 200 acres; on June 12, 1751, John Croyter took out a warrant for 100 acres; and on Oct. 18, 1758, John Kreiter, for 20 acres. These Johns were likely all one and the same person, at least the first two.

This John Kreider bought land in two different localities. One tract was on Snitz Creek, immediately west of the 585 acres taken by the family of Jacob Kreider; the other was at the present towns of Cleona and Fairland, both towns being largely built on his tract. One and the same patent deed, granted several years after the lands were taken up, confirmed to John Kreider both tracts of land. We quote in substance:

"Whereas the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania by patent of Feb. 8, 1747, conveyed to John Kreider two tracts of land in Lebanon township, one containing 263 acres; the other 310 1/2 acres; also said Proprietaries on May 28, 1764, conveyed to said John Kreider two other tracts in Lebanon township, one containing 64 3/4 acres, and the other 10 acres and 90 perches." The two smaller tracts conveyed in 1764 were contiguous to the 263 acres, and all three were along the Snitz Creek, making in all 338 acres, 50 perches on Snitz Creek. The 310 1/2 acre tract was the one at Fairland. The western Snitz Creek tracts of John Kreider constituted the present farms of Lorenzo Laudermilch, of John S. Kreider and of the late Josiah Kreider. The Fairland tract is comprised largely in the farms of John Long, the Kettering farm and the Rev. Christian Kreider farm. It included some land south of the pike. Michael Kreider, son of John of Snitz Creek, inherited this tract. He was sandwiched in between the Longs and the Snavelys, and his descendants married both ways.

Before we go farther, perhaps it would be well to get a clear idea of THE KREIDER TRACT ALONG SNITZ CREEK.

We trust that we have made it plain that there were two Snitz Creek Kreider tracts. The one to the east, consisting of 585 acres, the nucleus of which was doubtless the

250 acres taken up by Jacob the settler. It fell to four of the sons of Jacob - Christian, Martin, George and Tobias. It began on the east at the Adam Houck farm and extended west to the Laudermilch farm and included along Snitz Creek the Royer farm, now owned by Spitler, son-in-law of Royer, the two Henry Bomberger farms, the old Lantz farm, where the Senator was born, now owned by \_\_\_\_\_ Zeigler, the Brightbill farm, and the Uhrich farm. The tract extended north to the Cornwall pike and included the Houck farm, the site of Houcksville, the Tobias Kreider farm, the Martz property, the small farm west of Tobias Kreider and the old Herr property across the way and the properties north of the Herr home, perhaps also the property of Amos Hoffer. This tract extended north to the lands of George Steitz, the founder of Lebanon.

While all the heirs of Jacob Kreider had an interest in this property, it ultimately fell to four of the sons and consequently was divided into four farms –two west of the Rocherty or Colebrook road, and two east of it. The western most farm fell to the son, Tobias, now the Uhrich farm. The adjoining farm east became the property of George, largely comprised in the Brightbill farm, which, however, extends neither to the southern nor to the northern bounds of George's farm. East of the road was Martin, a preacher, whose home was a fortress of the United Brethren, from which stronghold they took the town of Lebanon. Likely the original Jacob Kreider residence was on this tract. East of Rev. Martin was Christian, a man of high standing in the community, who bought 48 acres to the east of his original tract. A large tract of 791 acres immediately east of Christian had been surveyed to one Michael Kline, March 1, 1749, which must have included Midway and vicinity. This was resurveyed Jan. 27, 1767, 367 acres going to Henry Kline, called "Klinefelt," from whom Christian Kreider bought his 48 acres.

The western part of the Kreider lands along Snitz Creek, as we have seen, were the property of John. The eastern part, the Laudermilch farm, on which were the buildings, John gave to his son Henry; the western part John gave to his son Jacob. The neighbor south of John was Peter Yorty, of whom we wrote last autumn. West of him was the Reigert farm, and to the north the old Laudermilch farm.

## **THE SNITZ CREEK**

From what has been said it will be seen that the Kreiders owned the land along Snitz Creek from the present farm of Adam Houck on the east to the Campbelltown trolley line on the west, following the windings of the stream likely fully two miles. Because of the extensive holdings of the Kreiders along this stream, it at one time was known as Kreider's creek; but the dried apples got the better of the Kreiders.

It was likely noticed that when Mary Kreider, widow of Jacob, signed the release to her four sons, that among other things she released her claim on the orchards. The apple industry must early have become an important one in this community.

When Jacob Kreider, living where John S. now lives, made his will, August 2, 1805, among other things he devises; "And further my wife, Cathy, shall have a right in the orchard for to take so much apples as will make a bushel of dried Snitzes yearly and every year."

Different explanations are given as to how the creek got its present name. One is that a man came to a farm along the stream to buy "snitzes" (Funk & Wagnalls in their New Standard Dictionary fail to appropriate the word). He was told that they had only seventeen bushels, and they were afraid that they would not have more than they needed for themselves. Surely that was enough to give name to anything.

Another story runs thus: A man had a bag of "snitzes" on his wagon and had to cross the stream. In some way the contents of the bag was spilled into the water. The "snitzes" floated and swelled till the name Kreider was driven from the waters and their own imparted thereto.

Take whichever versions is the more to your liking. If you have a better, keep it. If you will impart it to us, we may give it a hearing.

## **THE KREIDER CEMETERY**

Jacob Kreider the settler must have died soon after settling in Lebanon township, so the problem of a cemetery was early forced on the family. The two families decided, as proved the fact, to unite in establishing a Kreider cemetery.

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It was located on the line between the two original tracts, one half on each side of the line. It is today south of the fair grounds a quarter of a mile, on the line between the Lorenzo Laudermilch farm and the Uhrich farm. It is about 55 feet by 60 feet, surrounded by a rough wire fence, which reminds us that we are living in a world

"where rust...doth corrupt." There are in the cemetery many rough, unlettered limestones. The inscriptions that we were able to read are as follows:

- Jacob Kreider, b. July 25, 1799; d. Sept. 25, 1884.
- Elizabeth Kreider, b. May 26, 1805; d. Mar. 7, 1874.
- Jacob Kreider, b. Aug. 17, 1771; d. Feb. 12, 1853.
- Maria Kreider, d. Feb. 7, 1850, in 73rd year.
- J. ---/--- K. May 31, 1729, 81 yrs. (?)
- Heinrich Kreider, B. Sept. 12, 1774; d. Apr. 9, 1835.
- Christiana Kreider, b. July 11, 1777; d. Aug. 3, 1864.
- Henry, son of Michael and Nancy Kreider, died 1836, aged 6 years, 2 months.
- Mary, daughter of Michael and Nancy Kreider, died 1836, aged 4 years.
- Solomon Kreider, b. Oct. 13, 1807; d. Jan. 18, 1880.
- Christiana Kreider b. Oct. 9, 1814; d. Dec. 27, 1881.
- Abraham Kreider, b. Mar. 7, 1775; d. Oct. 14, 1827.
- Catherine Kreider, b. May 21, 1785; d. Sept. 4, 1873.
- Tobias Kreider, b. May 27, 1772; d. Nov. 8, 1845.
- Barbara Kreider, b. Apr. 13, 1782; d. Mar. 27, 1877.
- Johann Kreider, b. June 12, 1774; d. Nov. 10, 1841.
- Tobias Kreider, b. Nov. 24, 1814; d. Dec. 6, 1822.
- Sarah, daughter of Henry and Magdalena Light, b. May 10, m. Gottlieb Kreider Oct. 16, 1823; d. May 30, 1834.
- Gottlieb Kreider, d. Aug. 27, 1875, aged 71 yrs., 6 mos., 23 days.

On the land of both of the two branches of Kreiders afterward was established a cemetery, the branch of Jacob, on what was the Moses Kreider farm east of the Rocherty or Colebrook road; the branch of John on the estate of Michael, north of Cleona. We shall consider these cemeteries when we come to the families that established them. The main Kreider cemetery of Lebanon county, however, is the one we have just been considering.

But we are getting acquainted with the old Kreiders in death, before we learn to know them in life. Let us visit

## **THE FAMILY OF JOHN THE SETTLER**

John erected his buildings where now stand the buildings of the Lorenzo Laudermilch farm. His house was likely of logs, and likely the barn also. Whether he built the same year he received his warrant (1741) of course we know not. Perhaps he and his brother Jacob were over here and spied out the land even before this. The Indians had sold to the Penns only nine years before 1741. The Kreiders were among the very early settlers. When John built for his son Jacob or Jacob built for himself on his fathers

lands in 1766, the eastern part of J. S. Kreider's present house, the material was still logs. Surely John built of logs. There is a tradition that John was here before Jacob, perhaps he had promise of all the Kreider lands along Snitz Creek, for the tradition is to the effect that John said that he would give his brother some of the land if the brother would come over. If there is anything in this tradition, John must have said this before both had warrants for land here. Perhaps John was here living in his log cabin several years before 1741. We regard him as the John, along with Michael and Jacob, taxable in Conestoga township in 1724. He may have been, likely was, one of the first Mennonites of Conestoga who turned eyes to the north across the mountain, to the land of promise.

John, the settler, must have been married twice, because on July 6, 1769, "John Cryder, the Elder of Lebanon township, yeoman and Barbara his wife," transferred to Jacob Cryder "for and in consideration of the natural Love and Affection the bearing for and towards their son the said Jacob Cryder." Surely Barbara was the mother of Jacob. But on February 22, 1776, John and "Anna his wife." transfer to "their son Henry" a tract of 173 acres. It was the same John but surely another wife. It may be argued that Anna was the mother of Henry, for it says "their son." But remember that in the grand old times step-mothers loved the children just the same as did their own mothers, and so called them children. We still now and then have a gleam of these good old days. Barbara, the real mother, likely died soon after 1768, and John found a good old motherly Mennonite sister, perhaps a widow who had had children of her own, who took mother Kreider's place to the full; and naturally in the deed would have John's designated as her own. This son Henry was the grandfather of Jacob, the county commissioner, who lived on the homestead. John S. Kreider says that his father, Jonas, and Jacob, the commissioner, were second cousins, so their grand fathers were brothers, and Jonas' grandfather Jacob was a son of John the settler. So the explanation given above must be the correct one. Let the interested ones study it out and see if our position does not stand the test. John, the husband of Barbara in 1768, and John, the husband of Anna in 1776, must have been one and the same John. These statements also accord with the record of Rev. Isaac Kreider of Center county. Furthermore, John the husband of Anna is referred to in the deed as the John who bought the 263 acres and John the husband of Barbara is referred to in the other deed as the one who did the same thing.

John, the settler, is no doubt buried on the farm cemetery, as Rev. Isaac says John Jacob, son of Martin is. Where Rev. Isaac gets his dates we know not, likely not from stones in the cemetery, for we found none such there. We have no reference to John the settler after 1776. He may have died in 1779, as Rev. Isaac says John Jacob did. As to "the father, a blacksmith, who joined his four sons four years after they received

the 580 acres from the Penns, ." or four years after 1760, and received 160 acres from them, it is worse than Greek to the writer.

Rev. Isaac says that the settler whom he designates "John Jacob" had five sons and three daughters: John lived in Conewago, Martin lived in Cornwall township; Henry, b. in 1746, d. Nov. 15, 1779; Michael lived in North Lebanon township; Jacob, lived in Cornwall township; Barbara, married Mr. Sensericht, lived near Conestoga; two daughters names not known, one married Abram Knoll, lived in South Lebanon; the other married Mr. Brackbill, lived in Bethlehem (Bethel) township.

Of the three daughters we know nothing, and so have nothing to say. But Henry, Michael and Jacob we know to have been sons of John the settler. As to John of Conewago we know nothing. As to Martin of Cornwall township we have quoted from legal papers designating a Martin of what is now Cornwall township as one of the eight sons of Jacob the settler. Him we regard as Rev. Isaac's Martin. We shall investigate the history of Henry, Michael and Jacob, likely given inversely to the order of birth. Out of respect to Rev. Isaac who has secured some really valuable Kreider information, we shall consider Henry first, Rev. Isaac's grandfather,

## **HENRY, THE MARTYR**

Jacob, the son of John the settler, had received from his father the western portion of the land on Snitz Creek in 1768, the son Michael had received the tract at Fairland in 1772 and Henry, doubtless the youngest son, received the homestead, the eastern part of the land on Snitz Creek, 173 acres, Feb. 22, 1776. It consisted of part of the 263 acres first secured by the settler, part of the 64 3/4 acres and all of the 10 acres and 90 perches. Henry did not live long to enjoy the homestead. He died Nov. 15, 1779, aged 33 years. The same year that Rev. Isaac says Henry's father died. Henry is doubtless buried in the same old cemetery. He married Barbara Yoder, who came from Switzerland. They were doubtless Mennonites. Henry made his will Nov. 8, 1779, just one week before his early death. The homestead he gave to his two oldest sons, John, the oldest, aged 7 years, and Joseph, having ordered his executors "to appoint two sensible men to value the same." Those named were Joseph Bomberger and Christian Kreider, doubtless the son of Henry's uncle Jacob. And now read the story of Henry's death.

Henry Kreider met an untimely death. He was a Mennonite and awakened the resentment of his neighbor Zimmerman to the south, so his great-grandson, Moses, Jr. informed us last fall. The Mennonites of course would not bear arms, and they thought they ought to keep the promise previously given to be subject to the King of Great Britain. Zimmerman gave information to the effect that Henry had grain buried, which was not the case. He was seized and bound by soldiers, who insisted that Henry tell



where the grain was buried. He had nothing to tell and told nothing. He was regarded as stubborn and incorrigible. The soldiers smote him on the breast with the iron cuffs about his wrists, but in vain. The abuse was kept up till Henry began to spit blood, and was the direct cause of his death.

Henry's wife, Mary, had a black mare which the soldiers tried to take from her, but she held on to her property. They smote her on her arms with their whips, but in vain. She kept her property.

Henry's children were:

- John, b. Sept. 29, 1772; d. Jan., 1816; of whom more later.
- Joseph, b. Dec. 25, 1773, who sold his moiety in the homestead to his brother John on May 13, 1798, moved to Warrior's Mark, Huntingdon county; married Eve Rumbarger; and died in 1820.
- Henry, b. Feb. 20, 1775; d. July 23, 1821; lived at East Hempfield.
- Peter, b. Aug. 15, 1776; moved to Sinking Valley, Huntingdon county.
- Anna, b. Apr. 22, 1778; d. in 1817, m. C. Forney, lived at Lingelstown.
- Mariah, b. Oct. 4, 1779; d. 1859. [m.] Henry Brandt, who lived a short distance east of Lebanon.

See our history of the Brandt family.

The foregoing records of Henry Kreider's family are largely from Rev. Isaac Kreider.

## **JOHN OF THE HOMESTEAD**

John Kreider, son of Henry, along with his brother Joseph, was to receive the homestead, but as we have seen, Joseph on May 13, 1798, sold out his share to John. John also satisfied the claims of other heirs and became the sole owner of the homestead. He married Mariah Knopp, who was born near Harrisburg in 1775, and died in 1830. We are told by Mr. Adam Houck that he was known as "Johnny Kreider." He designated John Kreider, Jr. to distinguish him not from his father, whose name was Henry, but from his grandfather, John, the settler, called "John the Elder," who likely outlived his son, Henry. "Johnny" died intestate in 1816, five months before the birth of his youngest child, leaving a widow and nine children. The widow Mary, and the son-in-law, Henry Brandt, were the administrators, who on April 1, 1826, transferred the homestead to Jacob Kreider, the oldest son of John, who had bought it already October 22, 1824. On a resurvey it was found to contain 187 acres, 150 purchases instead of 173 acres, as given by a previous survey. At that time, 1826, it bordered on the road from Lebanon to the meeting house, doubtless Gingrich's on the north, on the east by land of Tobias Kreider, on the west by land of

Henry and Jacob Kreider, and on the south by lands of Jacob and Leonard Zimmerman. "Johnny" Kreider's children were:

- Catherine, b. May 1, 1796; d. Sept., 4, 1826\*
- Barbara, b. Nov. 15, 1797; d. Mar. 9, 1874.\*
- Jacob, b. July 25, 1799; d. Sept. 25, 1883.\*
- John, b. June 20, 1801; d. Aug. 9, 1880.\*
- Mary, b. July 16, 1803; d. Mar. 30, 1858.\*
- Moses, b. Aug. 28, 1805; d. Mar. 31, 1877.\*
- Henry, b. Sept. 2, 1807; d. Oct. 14, 1826.
- Peter, b. Feb. 2, 1810; d. Sept. 7, 1853.\*
- Elizabeth, b. Nov. 2, 1812; d. Dec. 8, 1812.
- Rudolph, b. Dec. 9, 1813; d. age 75 yrs. 4 mos., 8 days.\*
- Louisa, b. June 29, 1816; d. Oct., 1916.

From the family Bible in possession of the Houcks of Houcksville which Bible was published in Germany in 1747, the year in which John the Settler, the ancestor received his patent deed for land in Lebanon township.

The \* mark indicates that more information is to follow.

THE DAUGHTERS OF JOHN of the John Kreider of the homestead called "Johnny" had five daughters. The two youngest, as we have seen died in infancy - Elizabeth and Louisa.

CATHERINE was married to Tobias Kreider, who, after her death married her sister, MARIAH, previously married to Joseph Dohner. There is a maze of Tobias Kreiders,

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but the one now in question is the Tobias of Fairland, born Nov. 25, 1788, and died Mar. 22, 1866, son of Michael of Fairland, son of John the settler on Snitz Creek, for his wife Maria, lying beside him in the cemetery north of Cleona, was born July 16, 1803, and died March 28, 1858. Catharine is likely buried there also, likely one of the stones there whose inscription was illegible to us, marking her resting place. Whether

Maria had any children by Dohner we have not learned, likely not, as no mention is made of any in release to the home property. The family of Tobias we shall take up under his branch of Kreiders.

BARBARA married Michael Reider, who by April 13, 1825, had moved to Center county, Pa., their home being at Gatesburg, a short distance north of the Huntingdon county line. Reider signed Oct. 29, 1830, the release to the home farm in behalf of his wife, Barbara, as did Tobias Kreider in behalf of his wife Catharine, deceased, and his living wife, Maria.

## **JACOB, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Jacob Kreider, son of John, succeeded his father as owner of the homestead. He was married to Elizabeth Shaeffer, daughter of John Shaeffer, the Mennonite preacher north of Halfway. See our History of the Shaeffer Family. Elizabeth was born May 26, 1805; and died March 7, 1874. Both she and her husband were Mennonites. Jacob was elected county commissioner in 1849, likely succeeding his brother-in-law, Jacob Shaeffer, who had been elected to the same office in 1846. Jacob Kreider is likely the only Mennonite to fill this office in our county. Jacob stood very high in the community. He was noted for his hospitality. He raised many watermelons on his farm, and on Sundays asked many along home to partake. If any one asked for a melon to carry home, it was always given, but he did not like any to take without asking. His watermelon treats seem to have made a lasting impression. He and his wife are buried in the old cemetery on the farm. They had the following children:

- MARIA KREIDER, m. Hiram Light, farmer on the Forge road, 3 miles north of Ebenezer, after death of her father bought April 1, 1885, the old Kreider homestead, which Lorenzo Laudermilch bought from the Light heirs April 15, 1909; Lutheran; 9 children.
  - Jacob Light, m. Lucinda Rank; farmer and scrivener, Jonestown; Lutheran; no children.
  - Milton Light, dec., m. Annie Kreider, daughter of Joseph of Sporting Hill; farmer about one mile north of his father's farm; Brethren in Christ; 4 children: Alice, single; Kate, m. Edwin Kreider, son of Henry S. of near Fontana, farmer on the home place, Brethren in Christ, have children; and Joseph, m. Marie Mark, farmer west of Rocherty, no children.
  - Reuben Light, m. Ida Bamberger, dec, daughter of Christian S.; farmer, now resides in Cleona; Lutheran; no children; well informed on Kreider history, from whom the writer has received valuable information.
  - Elizabeth Light, dec., m. Wm. J. Bowman, farmer, 3 miles north of Lebanon; she Luth., he, Catholic; children: Francis, machinist in

- Lebanon; Andrew, plumber in Reading; Robert, farmer on father's farm, m. ----- Rosenberger.
- Daniel Light, m. Emma Layser, daughter of Reuben, dec.; farmer on Light homestead; Lutheran; children: Ralph, m. Rosie Werner, farmer near Quentin, 3 children: Josephine, Early, and Christina; Mary, single at home; Alice, Lloyd, Jacob, Early, Howard and Helen, all at home.
  - John Light, m. Catharine Uhrich, farmer northwest of Myerstown; children: Sarah, Elizabeth and John, Jr.
  - Anna Mary Light, d. aged 8 years.
  - Allen Light, m. Mary Steckbeck; was a painter, whereabouts now unknown; she in Lebanon with her 3 children.
  - Louise Light, single.
  - CATHERINE KREIDER, m. Joel Brubaker, farmer in South Lebanon near Iona; Reformed; 2 children:
    - Jacob Brubaker, m. Amelia Eberly, farmer close to father's farm; 3 children: Rev. A. Nevin, recently died of the "flu," m. Sarah Bowman; Reformed, he stationed at New Oxford, Pa.; child; Sarah Louise; Ray, student in McCormick Seminary, Chicago, and Early, at home.
    - Mary Brubaker, m. Grant Louser, dec. merchant in Lebanon; her residence 205 S. Ninth street; 2 children: Maria, single, a teacher; and Myrle, student in Goucher College, Baltimore, Md.
  - JOHN KREIDER, dec., m. Rebecca Kettering, dec., farmer in Heilmandale; United Christian; children:
    - Fannie Kreider, dec., m. Moses Heagy, dec., who after her death m. Aggie Brubaker, farmer at Bellgrove, a sawyer, then maker of spokes and handles in Elizabethtown, Lancaster county; Brethren; 4 children, presumably all by first wife: Lizzie, m. Prof. Harry Nye, of Elizabethtown College; Mabel, m. Noah Gibble, works in shoe factory in Elizabethtown; Jacob, works in [...] chocolate factory in E.; and Lucy, single keeping house for her uncle Jacob Heagy of Fairland.
    - Harvey Kreider, m. Emma Shealer; farmer near Shirk's meetinghouse toward Grantville; 2 children: Catharine, m. C. Albert, farmer close to her father; and Grace, single.
    - Samuel Kreider, m. Mamie Light; farmer northwest of Lebanon; United Brethren; 3 children: Bessie, m. Harvey Deener, millman of Cleona, 1 child; John, single at home; and Florence, also at home.
    - Cyrus Kreider, m. first to Elizabeth Reistand secondly to Sadie Kreider; farmer south of Annville; United Zion Children; 3 children, all by first wife: John Jacob, Maryand Cora, single.
    - Moses Kreider, m. Mary Kreider, daughter of John S. of Snitz Creek; farmer south of Lebanon; Brethren, being treasurer of the congregation

- of South Ninth street; 7
  - children: Elizabeth, Vera, Esther, Rhoda, Warren, Martha and Ruth.
  - Jacob Kreider, single, machinist in Cleona, where with him the mother recently died.
  - Mary Kreider, m. Harry Hughes, clerk in P. & R. freight office, Lebanon; residence, Cleona; United Brethren; 2 children: Carland Paul.
- REUBEN KREIDER, dec. m. first to Eliza Uhrich and secondly to her sister Leah; farmer and later a carpenter in Kansas; children:
  - Elmer Kreider, near Abilene, Kansas.
  - Sallie Kreider, single.
  - Emma Kreider, m. ----- Brehm, res. St. Joseph, Missouri; 1 or 2 children.
  - Lizzie Kreider, m. ---- Robinet, Wakefield, Kansas; 3 children.
- MOSES KREIDER, dec., m. Mary Bomberger; school teacher, farmer and 20 years a gentleman at Hebron, where his widow still resides; United Brethren; no children.
- JACOB KREIDER, dec. m. Hannah Rhodes, daughter of Benjamin of Mt. Nebo; farmer at Snitz Creek, along trolley line, where his widow still resides; Lutheran; 12 children:
  - Clement Kreider, died young.
  - Irving Kreider, m. Carrie Heilman, carpenter in Cleona; 4 children: Clarence, dec., Ralph, Ray and Paul.
  - Howard Kreider, drowned in the Snitz Creek, aged 6 years.
  - Walter Kreider, m. Edna Brandt; farmer near Bunker Hill; Reformed; 3 children: Guy, Irene and Eugene.
  - Eugene Kreider, killed in action in France.
  - Ida Kreider, m. John Long, in lumber business with his father at Cleona; 3 children: Henry, Herbert and Howard.
  - Miles Kreider, m. Lydia Funk; farmer on the homestead.
  - Mary Kreider, died young.
  - Elmer Kreider, died in infancy.
  - Clarence Kreider, died from falling into boiling lard, at age of 4 years.
  - Moses Kreider, single at home.

## JOHN IN CENTER COUNTY

We have seen that Joseph Kreider (1773-1820) moved from the old homestead on Snitz Creek to Warrior's Mark, in Huntingdon county. Warrior's Mark is in the

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extreme northwestern part of Huntingdon county. Gatesburg is in Center county, but only a few miles across the line from Warrior's Mark. John, the son of John of the homestead, doubtless followed his Uncle Joseph to the central part of the State. Since Joseph died in 1823 he likely moved to Warrior's Mark not far from 1800. What caused the Kreiders to move to this part of the state we have not learned. Peter Kreider, brother of Joseph, moved to Sinking Valley, Huntingdon county, which valley extends southwest from Warrior's Mark into northeastern Blair county.

John's marriage also, indicates his uncle's influence. Joseph married Eve Rumbarger, doubtless of Huntingdon county. Gatesburg is in is not a Lebanon County name. John married Elizabeth Rumbarger, b. Aug. 21, 1808; d. Nov. 15, 1870. The fact as we suppose it, that both got wives in Huntingdon county suggests that both went to the section somewhat early in life.

Is there any cause for Joseph going out so early? Rev. Isaac Kreider tells us that Michael Kreider, of Lancaster county, built a mill two miles west of Huntingdon in 1771. He was likely the pioneer to this region. A Tobias Kreider, however, who Rev. Isaac says came to America Oct. 26, 1768, and who, he thinks, settled near Petersburg and had seven sons. This Petersburg is likely the Petersburg of Huntingdon county. There were some Plain People in Huntingdon county, but that is not our subject. These Huntingdon Kreiders, however, were doubtless related to the Kreiders of Lebanon county, and likely kept in touch with them and were likely the cause of Lebanon county losing some of her Kreiders.

While on the subject, we might state the Kreiders early caught the western fever. We find a Kreider in the valley of Virginia in 1772, [...].

But John Kreider, brother of Jacob the commissioner, of Snitz Creek, moved to Center county, married Elizabeth Rumbarger, and settled at Gatesburg. We are told that he had a large family. Rev. Isaac to whom we have frequently referred, is a son. He has frequently visited his relatives in Lebanon county and is pretty well known among them. We are told he had a brother, Rev. John. Both were Lutheran clergymen. Now we must bid adieu to the Huntingdon, Center-Blair Kreiders. If you have opportunity pay them a visit.

**MOSES, SR. BROTHER OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Moses Kreider, Sr., son of "Johnny," of the homestead, married Catharine Kreider, daughter of Abraham, son of Rev. Martin, who lived on the farm immediately east of the Colebrook road, at the Snitz Creek. Abraham, the son of Rev. Martin, became the owner of the homestead, and through Catherine his wife, Moses became the owner of this farm.

The old Family Bible informs us "Moses Kreider and his wife Catharina Kreider god Merit On the 16 day of September in The year of our Lord, 1830." This is not quoted in ridicule. Nothing is farther from the spirit of the writer in this matter. It is of interest to us to see how these good old Pennsylvania Germans struggled with the English language, and when once they had mastered it, it has frequently been noted that they speak it more correctly than the English themselves.

We have seen that Moses was born in 1805 and died in 1877. His wife Catherine was born Jan. 26, 1811, and died February 12, 1885. The brick house along the road was built by them; and a stone in the barn says; "Built by Moses and Catharine Kreider R. D. 1856." They are buried in the private cemetery on the farm. The cemetery was likely here before they had possession, so we shall consider it when we take up the branch of Rev. Martin Kreider.

Moses and Catharine were members of the Reformed church, and had the following children:

- Cyrus, b. May 29, 1831; d. Mar. 17, 1889.\*
- Elizabeth, b. Oct. 3, 1832; d. Feb. 13, 1833.
- Abraham, b. Apr. 30, 1834; d. July 15, 1918.\*
- Tobias, b. Apr. 21, 1836.\*
- Mary, b. Mar. 24, 1834; d. Feb. 25, 1851.
- Catharine, b. July 25, 1840.\*
- John Henry, b. Nov. 20. 1844.\*
- Moses, b. June 13, 1850.\*

—Family Bible.

CYRUS KREIDER, afore, m. likely a lady of Chicago, where he lived and died. His body was brought home and buried in the family cemetery on the farm. He was a furniture dealer. He had no children.

ABRAHAM KREIDER, afore, m. first to Elizabeth Hoffman, dec., and secondly to her sister Lydia; farmer on the homestead and bank director; retired in 1886 to 223 South 9th St. Lebanon, where he died and where his widow still resides; he, Reformed; wives, Lutheran; no children.

TOBIAS KREIDER, afore, moved to Illinois, where he had a planing mill; 4 children: Katie, married; Ethel, married; Daisy, married; and Bertha, died single.

CATHERINE KREIDER, afore, m. Oct. 2, 1866, to Frank Hauck, of North Cornwall township; farmer, along Cornwall pike, where he resided; banker; being one of the founders of the People's Bank; editor, publishing Volks-Zeitung for about 15 years from 1885; justice of the peace; Lutheran; children:

- Katie Ida Hauck, single.
- Morris K. Hauck, m. Sallie Greiner; storekeeper at Haucksville; 1 child: Ray.
- Lydia A. Hauck, resides at Haucksville.
- Robert F. Hauck, single, at Haucksville.
- Frank A. Hauck, single, has a garage on West Cumberland St., Lebanon.

JOHN HENRY KREIDER, afore, also moved to Illinois; had 4 children: boys, but we have not been able to learn their names.

MOSES KREIDER, JR., afore, youngest child of Moses, Sr. was married twice, first to Sarah Bomberger, dec., daughter of John of Iona, secondly Sarah Stover, dec., farmer on the present Henry Mark farm on the Colebrook road, at the cross road beyond Snitz Creek, where he reared his family, later built up a farm near Long's meetinghouse, out of Heagy, Ensminger and Wenger land, on which his son John now resides; Reformed; 6 children:

- Katie Kreider, m. George Houser, shoemaker, King St., Annville; 3 children: Paulen listed in the army, trainer of recruits, for long time in Oklahoma, Sadie and Harvey, both at home.
- Mary Kreider d. in infancy.
- Annie Kreider, m. Rev. Jacob Ebersole, minister of the Mennonite church, now in Annville, who had 6 children by a previous wife in Lancaster county; Annie has no children. Her father at the point of death from a stroke of paralysis is under her care.
- Sadie Kreider, m. Cyrus Kreider, son of Jacob the commissioner (second cousins); see under Jacob the commissioner.
- John Kreider, m. Rosie Shope, farmer on his father's farm near Long's meetinghouse; 4 children: Annie, Henry, Paul and Earl.
- Lizzie Kreider, m. Abel Light, dec., son of Joseph of Cleona; farmer south of Annville; 3 children: Verna, Marvin and Miles. She is now with her children on Sheridan Avenue, Annville.

## **PETER OF HOKE'S MEETINGHOUSE**



Peter Kreider was next to the youngest son of "Johnny" of Snitz Creek. He was but six years of age when his father died. Later his oldest brother Jacob was his guardian, whom he released on receiving his inheritance May 2, 1831. Peter was married by Rev. Henry Groh on November 26, 1833, to Katie Hoke. Katie was born May 30, 1816, and died Feb. 21, 1908, aged 91 years, 10 month and 21 days. Her mother had attained the same age. They farmed on the Mason Hoke farm at Hoke's meeting house. But Peter died at the early age of 43 years, his wife filling out more than twice his years. The widow and her single daughter Eliza lived many years at Avon. Peter had a family of seven children, as follows:

- Mary, b. Nov. 28, 1834; d. Aug. 25, 1875.\*
- Jacob, b. July 26, 1840; d. Aug. 3, 1918.\*
- Joseph, b. July 26, 1840; d. Aug. 3, 1918.\*
- Harry H. b. Dec. 11, 1842; d. Dec. 2, 1868.\*
- Catherine, b. Apr. 1, 1845.\*
- Eliza, b. Nov. 19, 1847.\*
- Sarah, b. Dec. 22, 1850; d. Aug. 18, 1853.

—From Family Bible in possession of Miss Eliza Kreider.

MARY KREIDER, afore, m. Henry Dohner, dec., a farmer at Zinn's Mill; died Dec. 20, 1906, aged 71 years, 11 months, and 3 days; children:

- Elias Dohner, m. Sallie Black; blacksmith in Collingswood, N. J.; two children: Henry, married, pattern maker in C.; and Helen, m. George Gabriel, picture designer for Curtis Magazine Co., residence also at C.
- Lizzie Dohner, m. William Bleistine, who is in California; she resides on the Quentin road beyond the city limits; she, Brethren; 4 children: Jonas, m. Almeda Engel, teamster in Lebanon, child, Effie; Raymond and Howard, soldiers in France; and Helen, single.
- Katie Dohner (twin to Lizzie), m. Jacob Ensminger, carpenter in Annville; 4 children: Mary and Bertha, single; Clayton, m. Katie Boyer, 335 S. 9th street, Lebanon; and Helen, m. Percy Dissinger.
- Rosie Dohner, single, a cripple, with sister in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Amanda Dohner, m. Albert Baus, shearsman, 245 S. Ninth street; 3 children: Harry, m. Mary Keller, painter and paper hanger, 101 Pershing avenue; Irma; and Clayton, m. Mabel Ensminger, Washington, D. C.
- Ida Dohner, m. Miles Arnold, foreman in coke plant, Cleveland, Ohio; 3 children: Paul, Russell, and Esther.
- Alice Dohner, m. George Sheeler, laborer, 817 Locust street, Lebanon; children: Henry, single, laborer; Arthur, m. Rose Peters, laborer in Cleveland; Leroy, Ernest and Mary, all single.

JACOB KREIDER, afore, m. first Elizabeth Hoke, of West Milton, Ohio, a few miles from Dayton; m. secondly to Elizabeth Spitler, also of West Milton, Jacob and his brother Joseph having gone to Ohio when yet single; farmer about 4 miles from West Milton; children: Susan and Mary (twins) and Elias of the first wife, and Lola, Cora, William and two others from the second wife.

JOSEPH KREIDER, afore, also m. twice, first to Barbara Hoke, sister of Elizabeth, and secondly to a Mrs. Emerich; carpenter at West Milton, having learned his trade at the Longacre Machine Shop in Lebanon, in later years at Atlantic City, where second wife died, whereupon he returned to West Milton, where he died soon; United Brethren; 5 children: among whom were Mary, Henry, dec., and William.

HARRY KREIDER, afore, single, laborer, died near Zinn's Mill.

CATHERINE (KATTIE) KREIDER, afore, m. Elias Blouch, d. Nov. 23, 1893; aged 47 years, school teacher for many years and farmer near Kochenderfer's church; United Brethren; no children; she now at 529 North Eleventh street, Lebanon.

ELIZA KREIDER, single, dressmaker for many years at Avon, recently moved to 247 S. Ninth street, Lebanon; United Brethren. From her were received the records of her father's family.

## **RUDOLPH NEAR AVON**

Rudolph Kreider was the youngest son of "Johnny" of Snitz Creek, being only two years old when his father died. He married Elizabeth Kreider, daughter of Abraham of Snitz Creek and a sister of the wife of Rudolph's brother Moses. Another sister, Christina, also married a Kreider, Solomon, two farms west. Rudolph was a farmer one mile south of Avon, and a local preacher of the United Brethren church. He is buried at Iona. He had two children:

- MARIA KREIDER, m. Simon Smith, dec., a farmer in South Lebanon township; she now at 623 Walnut street, Lebanon; United Brethren; 2 children:
  - Rev. Harvey Smith, graduate of what was Fredericksburg Seminary; m. first to Louisa Nighthart and secondly to Matilda Riegel; preached 21 years, during which time preached at Tower City, Emmaus, Mohnton, Mauch Chunk, Lehighton and Allentown, health failed, now works in a bank in Trenton, N. J.; 1 child: Ralph, in army in France.
  - Cora Smith, m. Milton Urich, employed in hosiery factory in Lebanon; residence 623 Walnut street; 3 children: Cevilla, Edna and David, all at home.

- LUCETTA KREIDER, dec., m. William Bomberger, farmer near Iona, re-married and had several children by the second wife; moved to eastern shore of Maryland. Lucetta had 3 children: Alice, d. aged 2 years; Uriah, m. Emma Light, laborer in West Myerstown, no children; and William, d. aged 3 month.

Information from Mrs. Simon Smith.

## **JACOB, SON OF JOHN THE SETTLER**

We have mentioned as sons of John the settler on Snitz Creek, Henry, Michael and Jacob; and have stated that they were likely given in the inverse order of birth. We have seen that Henry was born in 1746, so says his descendant. Michael was born in 1745, according to his tombstone. We have already written of a stone in the old Kreider cemetery with letters "J. K. 1729," which we have said we regard as marking the grave of Jacob. This makes a considerable gap between Jacob and his two brothers. Rev. Isaac says there were yet two sons and three daughters, which statement, however, we did not accept as he gave it. Less than five children have filled a gap of 16 years. Where there is uncertainty, we do not rush into dogmatic assertion and expect the people to receive us as the oracle of inspiration. We too are human, and oftentimes fall into error. The dates of birth of the children of the settlers John and Jacob have caused us to question seriously whether these two settlers in Lebanon county might not have been the sons of the Jacob who settled in Conestoga in 1717; but we do not think we have sufficient grounds to give up our original position, that the Jacob of Conestoga was the Jacob who came to Snitz Creek, and the John of Conestoga in 1724 is the John who came to Snitz Creek. They may have come to Conestoga as young men and been there for some years before they married and had children.

## **JACOB'S HOME**

On July 6, 1768, "John Cryder the Elder" of Lebanon township, yeoman, and his wife Barbara, conveyed by deed 172 3/4 acres to Jacob Cryder, son of the said John Cryder of the same place, yeoman, as well for and in consideration of the natural Love and Affection they bearing for and towards their son the said Jacob Cryder and for his better Advancement and Preferment in the World as of the sum of Five Hundred Pounds." This land now constitutes the present farm of John S. Kreider and part of the farm of the late Josiah Kreider immediately south of John S. To this original tract of 172 3/4 acres Jacob "Kriter" bought Mar. 19, 1788, from Peter Yordy, 94 acres adjoining lands of Michael Zimmerman and paying for it \$572, 10s. The new purchase was contiguous land to the south.

A log dwelling had been built on this western part of John's land before it was transferred to Jacob. It is still standing, weather-boarded, and constitutes the Eastern end of the present large farm house of John S. Kreider's farm. The date of its erection was learned by John S., when he made some changes to his home. A stone was removed from the chimney which bears the date 1766, has been placed in the cellar wall, and by going to the cellar you may still read its message, which certainly is that the house was built in 1766 as a home for young Jacob and his bride. Its site is well chosen?on the west side of Snitz Creek, a little south of the Campbelltown road.

To the deed of transfer the father signs his name. In the body of the deed his name is given as John Cryder; he signs: "Hans Greider."

Toward the end of his life, Jacob evidently built the limestone addition, which is really the main part of the present farm house, for in his will, dated August 5, 1805, he says: "To my wife Cathy the whole right and privilege to live in my old house and log dwelling apartment for her residence...and shall have a right in the new kitchen...and a right in the cellar in the new house."

The first barn on this farm, like other colonial barns, was of logs. To this log barn, as to the log house, a stone addition was afterward built. This was treating the family and the cattle alike. It is now claimed that the modern farmer thinks more of his cattle than of his children. Oh, for a little of the good old times! The present barn was built by Jonas Kreider in 1860.

## **THE LARGE BLACK OAK**

When John Cryder conveyed the western part of his Snitz Creek tract to his son Jacob in 1768, one of the courses ran to a black oak tree. John S. Kreider says that about 55 years ago this then a mighty black oak was blown down. It stood on a line of Michael Kreider's land, Michael son of Jacob; but on the other side of the fence three adjoining farms came to a point at the oak. One-half of the other side, the northeast quarter, was the farm of Jonas Kreider, father of John S. The Reigert farm and the Gloninger farm also ran to the oak, occupying together one-fourth, the northwestern quarter. In other words, with the sun in the zenith, one-half of the shade would have been on the Michael Kreider farm, one-fourth on the Jonas Kreider farm, and one-fourth on the 18The section in brackets seems to be non-contiguous with the first 1 1/2 paragraphs of the next installment. Jonas Kreider farm, and one-eighth on each of the other farms. When they came to chop up the tree, the Reigert and Gloninger farms, being each one of the four farms that touched the tree, claimed each one-fourth of the wood, so each farmer got one-fourth. John S. says he did not think it was right; and though now 80 years of age, his sense of right is still not satisfied. He says his father got just what belonged to him -one-fourth; but he contends that Michael Kreider should have had

one-half of that tree, and Reigert and Gloninger each oneeighth. Do you say it is only Kreider standing up for Kreider? We should like to know whether John S.'s contention would stand before the Supreme Court.

## **JACOB'S WILL**

In his will Jacob Kreider refers repeatedly to his wife "Cathy"; but she was not his first wife. An old family Bible says that he was married to Susanna Long, likely a daughter of Herman Long, who settled at Sporting Hill in 1740. Susanna was likely the mother of his children. John S. Kreider thinks that his great grandfather died in 1822, aged 80 years. If this is correct, the Jacob was born in 1742; and our contention that the stone in the cemetery with "J.----/----K. Leah, m. Eden H. Stover, farmer on a Hershey farm near Sand Beach, Dauphin county.

(To be continued next Monday)

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Thursday.)

Lydia Kreider, b. Oct. 17, 1862, m. Daniel Bomberger, farmer, semi-retired in Annville; 4 children: Mary, Alice, Ida and Maude, all single, employed but at home.

Elizabeth Kreider, b. Feb. 11, 1864; m. Penrose Hoffer, farmer east of Fontana, but now retired in 1729, 81 yrs., is not his. The age is about the same in both cases. If John S. is correct, however, his great grandfather made his will seventeen years before he died.

Let us look at this will a little. Jacob was a Mennonite, and evidently a pious man. He begins his will, "First and principally of all I commend my soul into the hands of God." He provided well for his wife "Cathy." We have seen that she was given a good home, and plenty of "snitzes." He continues: "I order my son Henry to give my said wife Cathy a horse to ride abroad when she thinks proper." If she was of his age, quite old ladies must have ridden horse back in those days. "And also all the hard soap as I have at the time of my Decease, and one Cow, which she shall choose for herself. ...And further, I order my son Henry Kreider to give my said wife Cathy two pair of Calfskin leather shoes yearly and every year." Kreider and shoes, of course. "And further I bequeath unto my wife Cathy...her hymn Book and Sower's Bible, and a book called the afflicted men's companion, and other book paradise Garden." As you

read you wonder little that some widows break and weep over the grave of the husband.

The names of his children

were: Barbara, John, Jacob, Anna, Elizabeth, Henry and Maria. He had already conveyed farms to his sons, Jacob and Henry. He continues: "I bequeath unto all my children...all my books in equal shares, share and shares alike Except what is bequeathed unto my wife Cathy.

He names his son-in-law Joseph Dohner, and his "trusty friend, Tobias Kreider, Schoolmaster," as executors. His books and friendship for the schoolmaster proclaim him a lover of learning. This Tobias Kreider was a remarkable school teacher, and we shall have considerable to say about him in due time. The will is dated Aug. 2, 1805. A second reference to the records shows that the will was probated July 22, 1822, and confirms as correct the impression of John S. Kreider that his great-grandfather died in 1822. Jacob, son of John the settler, consequently having died aged 80 yrs, was born in 1842.

It would seem that our position that the stone with "J.----/----K. 1729-81" is the stone of this Jacob, must be given up, unless the date, not too clear, is 1739, and there was delay in having the will probated. John S. Kreider likely got his 1822 from the same source from which we have just gotten it. There is just one more Kreider of whom we know who might have been born about 1729, and that is John son of Jacob the settler, but if he had lived in this vicinity and would have lived to such an age, there should be some trace of him somewhere; and there is good reason to believe that this John was born at least two or three years earlier. 1729 is too early for a death date. We must leave the subject.

## **JACOB'S FAMILY**

By the will we have seen that Jacob, the son of John the Settler, had the following children: John, Jacob, Anna, Elizabeth, Henry and Maria. John is named first and he was likely the oldest. It was told us by a member of the family that John was likely "no good" and that he went West. We shall acknowledge that he was no good, for we know nothing about him. Two of the girls are said to have married Dohner. Which two we cannot say. Barbara was likely one. Both the Kreiders and the Dohners were staunch Mennonite families. Bishop Jacob Dohner was the offspring of one of these marriages. We have no information concerning the other daughter. We shall consider the two sons, Jacob and Henry, taking up Henry first. The father had divided his farm into two parts, Henry receiving the homestead to the north, the present farm of his grandson John S. and Jacob the farm to the south, the farm of the late Josiah Kreider. But before we take up the sons let us consider

## JACOB'S WATER RIGHT

Water is a matter of the first importance to man. It was no doubt the matter of water that caused the first Kreider's to settle on the Snitz Creek. Those who have been following these historical sketches have repeatedly run across the subject of watering meadows. It was mentioned in the Brandt history and in the Long history, and now we again encounter it in Kreider history. We shall again meet in Kreider history, where we think will be the best place to discuss its significance.

On May 16, 1805, Jacob Kreider, Sr., conveyed to his two sons, Jacob, Jr., and Henry, yeomen, the right to water their meadows, which right he had received from his father, John Kreider, May 10, 1769. It constituted:

"The right, Liberty, Privilege and permissions to take the Water of a certain Rivelet or Stream (Snitz Creek) running through the Lands late of the above said John Kreider, the Elder, but now John Kreider, Junior (John, the son of Henry the Martyr), and the said Jacob Kreider, Senior, at the uppermost Floodgate, upon the Lands of the said John Kreider, Junior (the Lorenzo Laudermilch farm) and leading the same through the Ditch now made upon the Lands of the said John Kreider to and upon the Lands of the said John Kreider to and upon the Lands of the said Jacob Kreider and the said Henry Kreider in Order for Refreshing and Watering the Meadow Ground of the said Jacob Kreider and Henry Kreider three days in every week forever hereafter. That is to say six of the Clock on Monday morning to six of the Clock on Thursday morning. Together with free Liberty and privilege of Egress and Regress upon the Lands of the said John Kreider, in order to let out the water as aforesaid, nevertheless with as little damage to the said John Kreider as possibly may be. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the right, Liberty and Privilege of taking and using the Water in Manner aforesaid with the Appurtenances, unto the said Henry Kreider from Monday morning of every Week at six of the Clock till Wednesday morning at six o the Clock to Water his Meadow, his Heirs & Assigns for Ever, as Tenants in Common, And the said Jacob Kreider and Henry Kreider doth Covenant and promise, Grant, Agree for themselves, their Heirs, [Executors], Administrators & Assigns To and with the said Jacob Kreider, his Heirs and Assigns by these presents That the said Jacob Kreider and Henry Kreider, their Heirs and Assigns shall and will at the Joint & Equal Expense with the said John Kreider, his Heirs and Assigns from time to time forever hereafter when Occasion shall Require make and keep in Repair and good order the Floodgate above mentioned, and also to Keep in Order the Race or Ditch leading from the said Floodgate through the Land of the said John Kreider to the lands of the said Jacob Kreider and Henry Kreider."

The assurance is given to protect in the exercise of these rights forever. This meadowland is, however, now under the plough, and has ceased to be meadow land.

How this will effect matters we leave to our learned legal friends, should occasion arise. We shall now look up the two sons of Jacob, Jacob Kreider, Jr., and Henry Kreider.

### **HENRY, THE SON OF JACOB, SR.**

We must be careful to distinguish between Henry now under consideration and his uncle Henry, the martyr of the Revolution.

On May 6, 1806, Jacob Kreider, Sr. and wife Catharine conveyed to Henry Kreider, son of Jacob, Sr., three tracts of land, the first 92 acres, 130 perches, all in the present farm of John S. except 4 acres to the east, also 10 acres south of the farm conveyed to Jacob, Jr., and 42 acres, now in one of the Mark farms. At that time the first tract was bounded by the land of John Kreider to the east, John Laudermilch to the north, present Laudermilch and Kline farms, also by George Reinoehl farm to north, now farm of Jacob Kreider, dec., by the George Reighert farm to the west, now the farm of Ezra Kreider, and by the Jacob Kreider, Jr., farm to the south, the farm of the late Josiah Kreider.

Henry Kreider was born Sept. 12, 1774; and died Apr. 9, 1835. He was married to "Christie Widemoyer." The tombstone says that his wife Christiana was born July 11, 1777; and died Aug. 3, 1864. They are buried in the cemetery on the old homestead farm. They were doubtless Mennonite. At any rate their son Jonas married a daughter of the Mennonite preacher, John Shaeffer, north of Halfway.

Christiana Kreider Krall was named after her grandmother, Christiana Witemoyer. Ludwig Wittemeyer came to America in 1750, in the ship Phoenix. He took up land one mile east of Schaefferstown, on which he and his wife are buried. It is the farm owned in 1902 by Samuel Blecher. Ludwig (Lewis) was born in Germany in 1729, and died aged 91 years, 7 mos. 8 days. His wife, Maria, was born in 1742, died aged 88 years, 2 months, 26 days. They left children: David W.; Christina, m. Henry Kreider; Juliana, m. George Gibson; Michael; Mary, m. George Murdock; Catharine, m. Jos Kline; Susanna, m. George Groff; Sarah, m. ----- Reider; Elizabeth, m. Conrad Glick; and George.

?From a newspaper clipping of July 28, 1902, kindly shown us by Mrs. Witmer Shenk, of Lebanon, Pa.

Henry had five children. He used to say that he had "a house full of children - one in each corner and one in the middle." His children were:



- Mary, m. Jos. Orth, but soon separated, lived with brother Jonas; d. with brother Henry; no children. She was born Jan. 16, 1807; died Mar. 3, 1896; buried in the Fairland Brethren in Christ cemetery, on tombstone designated "Aunt Mary Kreider." She was well versed in Kreider lore.
- Rev. Jacob, b. Sept. 11, 1808; d. Feb. 4, 1870.\*
- Jonas. b. Dec. 27, 1810; d. June 7, 1887.\*
- Catharine, b. Feb. 24, 1813; d. Jan. 15, 1879.\*
- Henry W., b. June 22, 1815; d. Oct. 11, 1910.\*

## **REV. JACOB KREIDER OF SPORTING HILL**

Rev. Jacob Kreider was the eldest son of Henry, but not the oldest child, as Mary was older than he. The Family Bible tells us that Jacob was born in Dauphin county. Our first thought that his father must for a time have moved to our neighboring county to the west. But in the time of Jacob's birth things were different—instead of us being required to go to Dauphin county, Dauphin county had come down to us. Snitz Creek was in Dauphin county from 1785 to 1813. While all of Henry's children were born in the same house, the three oldest were born in Dauphin county and the two youngest in Lebanon county. Lebanon county was only eight days old when the daughter Catharine was born.

Jacob was married by Preacher Groh in the town of Lebanon, Aug. 30, 1832, to Maria Long (Oct. 4, 1813 - June 18, 1890), the older daughter of Joseph Long and his wife Barbara, born Lantz. See our history of the Long family. Jacob became the owner of the Long homestead through his wife and early moved upon it. Both are buried in the Long cemetery here. Jacob was a member of the River Brethren, now Brethren in Christ, likely drawn to this church through his wife's people. Jacob was called late in life to the ministry, was well informed in the Scriptures, but was put to work too late to develop into a speaker. He had 13 children:

- Elizabeth, b. Dec. 7, 1833; d. Aug. 3, 1834.
- Joseph, b. Dec. 30, 1834; d. April 5, 1915.\*
- Henry, b. Oct. 31, 1836.\*
- Jacob, b. Oct. 21, 1836.\*
- William, b. Sept. 26, 1838.\*
- Daniel, b. Sept. 24, 1840; d. Feb. 7, 1841.\*
- Abraham, b. Dec. 16, 1841; d. May --, 1908.\*
- Jonas, b. Jan. 5, 1844; d. Jan. 9, 1852.
- Lydia, b. Aug. 14, 1845; d. Jan. 5, 1852.
- Adam, b. Dec. 24, 1847; d. Mar. --, 1848.
- Cyrus, b. Apr. 2, 1849; d. Dec. 27, 1851.
- John, b. Sept. 27, 1852; d. ----.

- Benjamin, b. Apr. 16, 1857.\*
- Sarah, b. Nov. 16, 1857.\*

—From Family Bible in possession of Henry, 913 Chestnut Street, Lebanon.

JOSEPH KREIDER, SR., afore. m. Leah Moyer, b. Apr. 18, 1837; farmer on the homestead, later retired in Fairland; school director; deacon of Brethren in Christ; 7 children:

- Annie Kreider, b. July 3, 1859, m. Milton Light, dec., farmer at Bunker Hill; 4 children: Harvey, m. Minnie Books, daughter of Rev. Jacob, farmer on homestead, Brethren in Christ, 4 children; Alice, single in Lebanon; Kate, m. Edward Kreider, son of Henry of Fontana, see father's record; Joseph, m. Marie Mark, farmer west of Rocherty.
- Amanda Kreider, b. Sept. 4, 1861; m. Frank Bachman, farmer near Sporting Hill, recently retired in Annville; Brethren in Christ; 1 child Fairland; United Christian; 5 children: Annie, m. Oscar Bachman, farmer south of Myerstown, 8 children: Esther, Hoffer, Penrose, Paul, Lloyd, Titus, Anna and Robert; Harry, m. Lizzie Brubaker, farmer south of Bunker Hill, 2 children: Victor and Verna; Sallie, m. Harry Sellers, works in shoe factory in Palmyra, no children; Violet, single, works at Hershey; Christian, m. Alice Light, farmer on the homestead east of Fontana; no children living.
- Ella Kreider, b. Sept. 17, 1866; m. Reuben Bachman, cousin of Frank, stone mason, now retired in Fairland; 1 child: Homer, d. in infancy; Brethren in Christ.
- Emma Kreider, b. Jan. 8, 1871; d. May 22, 1899; m. Martin Gingrich, farmer at Bunker Hill; Brethren in Christ; no children.
- Joseph Kreider, Jr., m. first to Annie Weiss by whom he had 4 children: Rosie, Weiss, Howard and Reuben; m. secondly to Mrs. Ida Kreider, nee Steckbeck, by whom he has 1 child: Mark; farmer on the homestead.

HENRY KREIDER, afore, m. Mary Shenk, daughter of Henry; farmer at Sporting Hill and elsewhere, with John Long in lumber business in Cleona 13 years, in grain, coal and lumber business in Palmyra 18 years; now retired 913 Chestnut street, Lebanon, Pa.; has supplied the writer with valuable records and information; Brethren in Christ; 7 children:

- Alice Kreider, m. Rev. Morris Spayd, of Prescott, who preached at Halifax, Grantville and other places in the east; 23 year ago graduated from the United Brethren Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, since which time he has been

preaching in the Middle West, now in Wichita, Kansas, where he has a large congregation; 1 child: Harry.

- Lizzie Kreider, d. aged 26 years, single.
- John Kreider, m. Laura Rosenberger; employed in shoe factory in Annville; 3 children: Mary Catherine, teacher; Robert Shenk and Henry S., deceased.
- Monroe Kreider, m. Cora Gunon, dec.; clerk at furnace; residence with parents, 913 Chestnut street; 1 child: Marion Cora.
- Clara Kreider, single, at home.
- Two children died young.

WILLIAM KREIDER, m. Catharine Wilhelm, b. Mar. 9, 1846, daughter of David of Palmyra, in which place Wm. settled and became with his sons potent factors in developing the place; in mercantile business with brother Abraham, adding the grain and coal business of Martin Early; Abraham going to Chicago, brother Henry, afore, entered the business, who with brother Abraham returned after constituted the firm, with William, however, holding a half interest and later bought out the shoe concern and continued with his son David as W. L. Kreider and Son; entered the shoe manufacturing business, which he and his sons have greatly developed; in 1897 added a flouring mill of 125 barrels capacity per day; president of Londonderry Water Co.; one of first directors of Lebanon and Annville Electric Railway; director of Palmyra Bank; also owned lumber yard and planing mill in Palmyra, which he later sold to W. H. Erb; built residences extensively in eastern Palmyra; in 1890 with Henry Long bought 40 acres of the Michael Kreider and laid out Cleona; had 7 children:

- David A. Kreider, b. June 15, 1866; m. Minnie Erb, daughter of Isaac of Swatara Station; in coal, grain and lumber business in Cleona for a time, built residences here extensively; returned to Palmyra and entered the shoe manufacturing business and other enterprises; Brethren; 8 children: William E., Irvin, David, Paul, Harry, Raymond, Minnie and Helen.
- William H. Kreider, b. Dec. 22, 1869; m. Susie E. Landis, daughter of John K.; learned the shoe manufacturing business and became foreman of the Palmyra Boot and Shoe Factory, later entered shoe manufacturing business with his father; president of the borough council; director of the Londonderry Water Co.; United Brethren; children: Elizabeth M.,
- Mary A. Kreider, b. Feb. 3, 1873; and d. Oct. 21, 1881.
- Harry Clayton Kreider, b. Sept. 1, 1875; m. Annie Erb, daughter of Isaac; partner with his father in the shoe manufacturing business; Brethren; 4 children: Erb, Lloyd, Merka, and Lena.
- Katie M. Kreider, b. Apr. 17, 1878; m. Eugene Bowman, cashier of Palmyra Bank; Reformed; 2 children: William and Simon.
- Edwin Franklin Kreider, b. Sept. 16, 1833; d. Jan. 11, 1888.

- Fanny Violet Kreider, b. Sept. 16, 1833; d. Jan. 2, 1887

From Families and Biographical Annals of Lebanon County.

ABRAHAM L. KREIDER, afore, m. Rebecca Light; grain merchant in Palmyra, for an interval in Chicago, finally moved to Seattle, Washington, where he died; widow now at Goldboro, Wash., 2 children:

- Emma Kreider, dec., m. ----- Morrison.
- Jacob Kreider, resides in Seattle Wash.

BENJAMIN KREIDER, afore, m. Sallie Kauffman, of Kansas; bologna manufacturer in Cleona; she, Brethren in Christ; no children.

SARAH KREIDER, afore, m. Adam Moyer, farmer on Gravel Hill, now in Palmyra where he works in the shoe factory; United Christian; no children living.

### **JONAS KREIDER OF SNITZ CREEK**

Jonas Kreider, afore, was the second son of Henry, son of Jacob, son of John the settler. He occupied the house occupied by his father and grandfather before him. He married Barbara Schaeffer, daughter of John Shaeffer, the Mennonite preacher north of Halfway. Although both came of pious stock, neither was associated with any church; but they had a Family Bible and kept a family record. The record is headed as follows: Family Register of Jonas and Barbara Kreider, a born Shaeffer, who with each other in hold matrimony were united the 30th day of Nov, 1837, in South Lebanon Township Lebanon County and State of Pennsylvania, in North America."

This is a splendid announcement for a man and wife to make to the world, to those far and near; and the becoming complement to it is the record of a large family honorably begotten.

We have previously given the dates of birth and death of Jonas Kreider (Dec. 27, 1810 - June 7, 1887). Barbara Shaeffer, his wife, was born Aug. 5, 1817; d. Sept. 14, 1889. They had the following children:

- John, b. Apr. 25, 1839.\*
- Christiana, b. Jan. 6, 1841.\*
- Henry, b. Dec. 31, 1842.\*
- Catharine, b. Oct. 17, 1844.\*
- Barbara, b. Nov. 25, 1846.\*
- Maria, b. Jan. 28, 1849.\*

- Levi, b. Oct. 21, 1851.\*

–Family Bible in possession of John (S.) Kreider.

JOHN SHAEFFER KREIDER, afore. m. Jan. 10, 1868, to Elizabeth Smith, b. Dec. 26, 1844, d. Feb. 16, 1905, daughter of Joseph of the Brethren; farmer on the homestead at Snitz Creek; Brethren; helpful beyond others to the writer of these records; children:

- Lydia Kreider, b. Mar. 26, 1869; d. Dec. 31, 1869; her funeral services were the first services held in Long's Brethren meeting house, being a few days before the dedication.
- Joseph Kreider, m. Fannie Bachman, daughter of John; farmer on the homestead; United Christian; 1 child: John Ammon, single, at home.
- Levi Kreider, m. Minnie Kreider, daughter of Michael, dec., of near the Hill Church; farmer, northeast of Annville; Brethren; 10 children: Mabel, m. Joseph Krall, farmer north

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Monday)

- of Annville, 1 child; Sarah, m. Elmer Sattazahn, farmer east of Annville; Edna, m. March Mengel; farmer at home, north of Palmyra: Howard, Michael, Mary, Paul, John, Harry and Herman, all at home.
- Barbara Kreider, m. Wilhelm Smith, farmer, south of Penryn; she Brethren; 7 children: Erma, Benjamin, Mary, Annie, Wayne, Esther and Fannie, all at home.
- Elizabeth Kreider, m. Cyrus Winters, farmer at Sunnyside; deacon of Brethren, Sunday school superintendent; no children, but he has two children by a former wife.
- John Kreider, m. Annie Beckley; cashier of North Side Bank, of Lebanon; residence 231 South Ninth street; United Evangelical; lent the writer valuable papers; no children.
- Jonas Kreider, m. Susan Kettering; farmer near Mt. Pleasant; Brethren; 7 children: Ralph, Isaac, Elizabeth, Mary, Ruth, Simon, and Caleb.

- Mary Kreider, m. Moses Kreider, son of John of Heilmandale; record previously given.
- Leah Kreider, m. Solomon Heisey, son of Elder Martin of the Brethren; farmer east of Rexmont; Brethren; 8 children: Mary, Beulah, Kreider, Amy, John, Verna and Ammon and Mark (twins).
- Sarah Kreider, m. Daniel Bomberger, truck farmer near Iona; 1 child: Effie.
- Catherine Kreider, deceased.
- Christian Kreider (twin brother of Catherine), m. Mary Krall; farmer about three miles southeast of Lebanon; Brethren; 2 children: Mark and Joseph.
- Annie Kreider, died aged 3 years.
- Prof. Isaac Kreider, m. Laura Landis, of Denver, Lancaster county; principal of Denver High School; Brethren; no children.
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- Fannie Kreider, single at home, keeping house for her father.

It will thus be seen that John S. Kreider has had 15 children, 43 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

CHRISTIANA KREIDER, afore, m. Christian Krall, farmer two miles southwest of Annville; Mennonite, his grandfather having given ground for Krall's Mennonite meeting house near Horst's Mill; 4 children.

- Phares Krall, m. Emma Hostetter; thresher, etc., at Mt. Pleasant; 4 children: Amy, dec., Jerome, single; Jonas, m. Lucy Beck, resides in Annville; and Eva, m. Henry Smith, at her home.
- Amanda Krall, m. Ezra Kreider, son of Josiah, dec., of Snitz Creek; see his record, which will appear later.
- Mary Krall, b. May 20, 1874; m. Daniel Wilhelm, farmer north of Palmyra; United Brethren; 6 children: Ira, Violet, Henry, Morris, Herman, and Esther.
- Fannie Krall, b. Aug. 14, 1878; m. George Lineaweaver, separated; she at home with parents; 1 child: Verna.
- Two children died young.

HENRY S. KREIDER, afore, m. Fannie Bachman, daughter of Christian, southeast of Fontana; farmer on three different farms to the east of Fontana; she Reformed; 5 children.

- Christian Kreider, m. Alice Lux; clerk in Lebanon, res 914 Walnut St.; Reformed; no children.

- Harry Kreider, m. Edith Bomberger, daughter of Henry of 9th and Walnut streets, Lebanon; farmer on one of father-in-law's farms on the Snitz Creek, originally the farm of Rev. Martin Kreider; Reformed; 1 child: David.
- George Kreider, m. Kate Heagy, daughter of Jacob now retired in Fairland; farmer on Colebrook road east of Fontana, on a farm bought by his grandfather Jonas Kreider, where his father lived 18 years, and where he has now lived 18 years; United Christian; 4 children: Homer, Martha, Fannie and George.
- Edwin Kreider, m. Kate Light, daughter of Milton; farmer on his father's farm near Fontana; United Christian; 7 children: Henry, Herman, Ira, Joseph, Lester, Elizabeth and Leah.
- Fannie Kreider, m. Harry Bomberger, son of Henry of 9th and Walnut streets, Lebanon farmer on father's farm at Snitz Creek, immediately east of the farm on which Harry lives, the original farm of Christian Kreider; Reformed; children: Herbert, Christian, Hilda, Robert and George.

CATHARINE KREIDER, afore, m. Christian Yordy, farmer on a part of the original Yordy estate west of Rocherty; Brethren; 4 children:

- Fanny Yordy, m. Harvey Bachman, farmer, southeast of Fontana; Reformed; children: Aaron, died last winter of the "flu", Ada, Edna, Mary, Christian, Fannie, Florence, Elsie and Lester.
- Mary Yordy, dec., m. Harvey Bucher, farmer on the Bucher homestead at Bucher's meeting house; she, Brethren; 3 children: Ezra, dec., Katie and Susie.
- Elizabeth Yordy, m. John Brubaker, farmer southeast of Fontana; Reformed; 3 children: Allen, Elsie and Riley.
- Jonas Yordy, m. Annie Bomberger, dec.; m. secondly to Mrs. Kate Wengert, nee Oberholtzer; farmer near Jonestown; no children by second wife but 3 by first: Annie, . m. Joseph Baumgardner, farmer near Quentin; and Amy and Christian at home with grandfather Yordy.

BARBARA KREIDER, afore, m. Rudolph Behm, farmer southeast of Annville, on the old Behm homestead, now retired in Palmyra; Brethren; 3 children:

- Simon Behm, m. Lizzie Balsbaugh; farmer on the homestead; she United Brethren; no children.
- Morris Behm, m. Lema Snyder; salesman in Shenk's store, Lebanon; residence, Palmyra; she Reformed; 1 child: Catharine.
- Fannie Behm, m. Joseph Lauch, built a shoe factory in Palmyra, which he sold to the Greib Manufacturing company, for which he now works; 4 children: Esther, Behm, Joseph and Paul.

MARIA KREIDER, afore, m. Dec. 24, 1872, to Christian Bachman, b. Feb. 1, 1849; d. June 8, 1884, brother to the wife of Henry S. Kreider; farmer on the Bachman homestead southeast of Fontana; he, Reformed; she, Brethren; both buried at Campbelltown; 5 children:

- Sarah K. Bachman, b. Sept. 15, 1873; m. Nov. 6, 1897, to Harvey G. Wenger, farmer northeast of Jonestown; 3 children: Lloyd, dec.; Ammon and Warren.
- Jerome K. Bachman, b. Nov. 17, 1874; m. Kate Hostetter, dec.; farmer near Mt. Pleasant; children: Morris, Clayton, Alma, dec., Jennie L. and Esther M. (twins).
- Jonas K. Bachman, b. Nov. 13, 1877; m. Mary Fox; farmer north of Palmyra; near the United Brethren church; Brethren; 6 children: Miles, dec., Russell, Marion, Mary, dec., David and Harold.
- Simon K. Bachman, b. June 2, 1882, m. Salome Smith, farmer near Mt. Pleasant; children; Meta, Earl and Helen.
- Mary Anna Bachman, b. June 26, 1884; m. Nov. 7, 1914 to Witmer Shenk, automobile dealer, formerly in Hershey, now 927 Cumberland street, Lebanon; Reformed; the writer is especially indebted to her for information; 1 child: Jay Bachman, b. Jan. 5, 1916.

LEVI KREIDER, afore, the youngest child of Jonas of Snitz Creek, m. Annie Bomberger, daughter of Christian; farmed for time west of Rocherty, then bought a farm southeast of Annville; in 1886 moved to Kansas, north of Abilene, where he now owns farms; children:

- Jonas Kreider, single.
- Sallie Kreider, m. Hubert Kready, farmer 9 miles north of Abilene.
- Daniel Kreider, m. Ruth Bryson; farmer 11 miles north of Abilene.
- Christian Kreider, single, was in a camp.
- Effie Kreider, single.
- Roy Kreider, single.
- Mabel Kreider, single.
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## **THE ENSMINGER-KREIDER FARM**

There is a little Kreider history connected with the farm. The first Kreider here was Moses, Jr., very recently deceased, who moved here from the farm on which he had reared his family, along the Colebrook road near Rocherty. Moses built up this farm, on which his son John now resides, from parts of several original tracts. He was careful to gather to himself the old deeds of these tracts from which the early history



is gathered. Because of this we think it proper to give the early history of this community in connection with his farm.

Here was the old Ensminger estate. It was quite large. It included a triangle of about 47 acres of the present Moses Kreider farm, south of the Lebanon road, the part of this farm north of the Lebanon road, the Henry Hollinger farm, and the farm yet owned by Samuel Ensminger west of the Annville road. The old Ensminger buildings here on Samuel's land were given out by the Farm Journal a few years ago as the oldest farm buildings in this part of the State.

The farm house east of the Long Brethren meeting house, on the north side of the road had been the home of a Gingrich, a clock maker. It later became a Heagy home and included for a brief time about 57 acres south of the Lebanon road, all now in the farm of Moses Kreider. 17 acres of Heagy land had been Ensminger land and 40 acres had been bought of Jacob Graybill when he was the owner of the present farms of Henry Kreider and of Rev. Seller, the 40 acres having been taken from the Sellers farm.

Now back to early days. The Penns on March 16, 1749, granted to George Peters a tract of 89 acres and 126 perches, called "Pine Grove." It ran by land of one Casper Dealer, thence by land of Peter Forney, thence by Ulrich Stephen's land, and by land of Peter Reist. It seems that Peters did not make good on this tract, for the Penns on Nov. 21, 1771, resurveyed it to one Michael Keinert. At this time, 22 years later, it ran by lands of Peter Reist (see our Reist History), by the Dealer lands, now lands of Nicholas Ensminger and Lawrence Secrist, and by lands of Peter Forney and Frederick Wunderlich.

At the same time, Nov. 21, 1771, by the same Patent the Penns conveyed also to Michael Keinert another tract contiguous to the preceding called "Hickory Field," containing 104 acres 112 perches, which ran also by lands of Peter Forney, of Lawrence Secrist and of Peter Johnston:

But these two tracts were not the first holdings of Michael Keinert in this vicinity, for on Oct. 22, 1762, Casper Deetor, Sr. (otherwise Dealer) cordwainer, had conveyed to Michael Keinert, blacksmith, his son-in-law, for £100., 50 acres and 65 perches, contiguous to the other two tracts later secured by Keinert. It ran by land History of the Kreider Family June 12, 1919 Installment 7 Page 38 already secured by Keinert, by land of Jacob Mickley, of Wm. Steer and by land formerly of Geo. Peter now of Casper Deetor, it being part of 291 3/4 acres, which the Penns conveyed Sept. 28, 1751, to George Peter. Those who have read the Reist history will notice that this was the same year that the Reists in this neighborhood secured land from the Penns. George Peter and Anna Margaretha, his wife, on June 18 1755, conveyed this land to

Casper Deetor, Sr., who we see above conveyed 50 acres and 65 perches of it to Keinert.

So according to the addition of the times Keinert had 244 acres and 140 perches, his entire tract made of three contiguous tracts he conveyed April 15, 1773, to Nicholas Ensminger. Ensminger was also a blacksmith, likely taking Keinert's old stand. If we mistake not Dr. Ensminger of Mt. Aetna, a descendant of Nicholas, told us that his ancestor was a member of old Salem Lutheran Church and owned land in the town of Lebanon, and had been a blacksmith here.

Nicholas Ensminger made his will Feb. 24, 1781. He appointed Christopher Zebold of Lebanon township and Jacob Philippi of Heidelberg township as his executors. He says: "It is my will that my Plantation whereon I now live shall be valued and appraised by four responsible men which my hereafter named executors shall choose, unto my two beloved sons, Peter and Daniel, before mentioned, when my youngest son is fourteen years old." This youngest son became fourteen years before May 14, 1791, when the land was equally divided between the sons, Peter and Daniel. The persons chosen to value were Adam Orth, Baltzer Orth, John Sweikert Imboden and Henry Buehler. These sons were to pay a certain amount to the father's widow, Elizabeth Ensminger.

Daniel Ensminger died without issue, though married, leaving brothers and sisters. The brother Jacob and sister Elizabeth, m. John Burkholder, on May 2, 1802, conveyed their share in this estate to Peter Ensminger; and Jonathan Ensminger and sister Christiana, m. Jacob Thomas conveyed their share Jan. 15, 1808 to Daniel Miller, Jr. The brother Christian Ensminger conveyed Mar. 20, 1810, his share to Jonathan Ensminger. Peter, Jonathan, Miller and the widow make partition of 82 acres and 90 perches as follows: 41 acres, 45 perches to Jonathan; 27 acres, 32 8-10 perches to Peter; and 14 acres and 12 perches to Daniel Miller, Jr.

Jonathan Ensminger conveyed April 1, 1830, to John Ensminger land received from brother Daniel's share, or 40 acres, and the other about 16 acres. Peter left his land to his son John. Peter's daughters were: Elizabeth, m. Jacob Reigert; Catharine, m. Daniel Miller; Susanna, m. Conrad Smith; and Christiana, m. Christian Stauffer.

This ends the history of Henry Kreider, the martyr of the Revolution. We shall next turn our attention to Henry's brother Jacob, who lived on the farm joining on the west, also a part of the original tract of John, the settler on Snitz Creek.

## **CATHARINE KREIDER LAUDERMILCH**

Catharine Kreider, the younger daughter of Henry Kreider of Snitz Creek, was born the same year and the same month as was the county of Lebanon itself. She married John Laudermilch of the Laudermilch homestead southeast of the Fair Grounds. The Laudermilch farm is immediately north of the old Kreider estate; and this is not the only, not the first, marriage between the two families. We shall find that it is not the last.

Tradition is that there were three Laudermilch brothers originally in Lebanon county, one lived near [...] Schaefferstown, where Laudermilchs are buried, one settled on Snitz Creek and one settled north of Palmyra, where is now Laudermilch's bridge. Among early warrantees in Heidelberg township we find the following: Godfried Lautermill, 100 acres, May 11, 1738; and John Lautermilk, 100 acres, Sept. 1, 1738; and Wendal Lautermill, 200 acres, Sept. 14, 1738. These are likely the three brothers, who were afterward distributed as indicated. Perhaps John was the one who came to Snitz Creek as that has been a prevailing name in the family here.

Up to 1759 the lists of taxables in Lebanon township do not contain the name of Laudermilch; but the next list we have after 1759, that of Heidelberg township.

The old Laudermilchs were Reformed and had been buried in the Tabor cemetery at Lebanon, but have since been removed to Mt. Lebanon cemetery. The tomb stone there tells us that John Laudermilch, the father of John who married Catharine Kreider, and the son of John the taxable of 1780, was born Sept. 17, 1787, and died Oct. 2, 1872. His wife Mary was born Sept. 29, 1797, and died June 3, 1878.

John, who Catharine Kreider brings into these records, was born Jan. 28, 1811, and died Dec. 28, 1880. He was a farmer on the homestead, which he not only owned but also the present Kline and Solomon Laudermilch farms, all adjoining lands. John and Catharine also were Reformed. Their remains rest in the Laudermilch block in Mt. Lebanon cemetery, which is a credit to the family.

It may be of some interest here to add that the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania by Patent of Aug. 22, 1766, confirmed to one Philip Stoehr, 270 acres, 62 perches of land. Philip and his wife Anna Mary on June 1, 1768, conveyed this to Henry Stoehr, their son, who by his will of Jan. 17, 1870 (year not clear) gave this tract to his two sons, John and Jacob. John and Jacob made partition, and Jan. 8, 1782, John released to Jacob 138 1/2 acres. The other Stoehr children released to the two brothers on June 14, 1785. They were Margaret, wife of Joseph Sturgis; Anna Maria, wife of Peter Shantz; Rosina, wife of Joseph Daiglass, and Harry Stoehr. When John released to Jacob in 1782, Jacob's land ran by land of John Stoehr, of Tobias Stoever, of Philippi Gloninger, by outlots of the town of Lebanon, by land of Henry Cryder and of Jacob Cryder. Henry Cryder was the martyr, died in 1779, but his children were yet minors

and the land was in his name. His farm was the present Lorenzo Laudermilch farm. The land of Jacob Cryder was the present farm of John S. Kreider, both farms to the south. The Gloninger farm was to the west likely the present Jacob Kreider farm, for it early belonged to the Gloningers. It may, however, have been the other Stoehr farm later purchased by Gloninger, for his farms were many. Stoever must have been north, and the outlots of Lebanon to the east.

The Jacob Stoehr farm was conveyed by Stoehr and wife Barbara on May 22, 1878, to John Laudermilch. How Laudermilch could be a taxable according to the list on 138 acres in 1780, the reader may figure out. John Laudermilch conveyed the farm to his son John, Jr., on March 4, 1822; and John, Jr., was the father of John, the Third, (if not John the Fourth), husband of Catharine Kreider. John and Catharine had 7 children:

- MALINDA LAUDERMILCH, m. John Zinn, who bought a part of the Laudermilch homestead, the present Kline farm; she died Nov. 7, 1889, aged 56 years, 5 mos., 28 days; Reformed; no children. John Zinn later married a Mrs. Shenk of Annville.
- GEORGE LAUDERMILCH, m. Caroline Horstich, daughter of Joseph, merchant of Palmyra; farmer north of Palmyra, later proprietor of a hotel in town at the corner of Railroad and Main streets; 7 children,
  - John Laudermilch, died single, in the West, had been clerk in a store.
  - Joseph Laudermilch, single, cabinet maker, went to California, where he still resides.
  - Dr. Charles E. Laudermilch, general practitioner in Viroqua, Wisconsin; m. Bertha Fairchild, of New York City; 2 children: Frances and Ruth, both single.
  - Emma Laudermilch. died aged 4 years.
  - Robert George Laudermilch, single, tailor and head of a gents' furnishing store in Palmyra; Lutheran.
  - Maria Catharine Laudermilch, named after two grandmothers, m. William H. Turby, lumber dealer and proprietor of a planing mill in Palmyra; Lutheran; 2 children: Myrle E., teacher; and Catharine, died aged 6 years.
  - Carrie (E.) Laudermilch, m. Milton B. Fox, rural mail carrier; residence, Palmyra; Lutheran; 3 children: Sarah Mildred, Ruth Caroline, and Myrle Esther.
- LEVI LAUDERMILCH, dec., m. thrice, first to Eliza Tice; secondly to Mary Greenawalt, and thirdly to Anna -----, Passaic, N.J., dry goods merchant in Lebanon and later in New York City; several children of whom all died young but

- Frank Laudermilch, dec., m, a lady of New York; clerk in the department store of H. B. Chaflin, New York; no children.
- JOHN LAUDERMILCH, b. July 1, 1838; m. Margaret E. Heilman, dec.; jeweler, 814 Cumberland St., Lebanon; res., 741 Willow St., Lutheran; 2 children.
  - Margie Laudermilch, single, at home.
  - Eva Laudermilch, died single, aged 26 years.
- HENRY LAUDERMILCH, b. Aug. 1, 1840; d. Nov. 4, 1909; m. Catharine Lawrence; farmer on the Laudermilch farm south of the Fair Grounds; Reformed; children:
  - Lorenzo Laudermilch, m. Mary Bomberger, daughter of John, of South Lebanon township; farmer and dairyman on the original Kreider homestead of his tribe, which he bought a few years ago, immediately south of his father's farm; Reformed; children: Rufus, single, at home; Ina, m. ---- Krall, farmer in South Lebanon township; George, single, at home, had been in camp; Helen, Retiza, Mary, Franklin and Lorenzo, all at home.
  - Grant Laudermilch, m. Lydia Long, daughter of Jacob of Long's meeting house; see Long History in The Report; now a railroad watchman in Lebanon, residence 310 N. 11th street; children: Monroe, dec., electrician in Palmerton, Lehigh county; 3 children: Ada, m. John Snyder, ironworker, 118 Mifflin St., Lebanon, 2 children living; Howard, dec., electrical foreman in Pinegrove, 1 child; Alverta, m. Dawson Mitchel, dec., m. secondly to Floyd Raudenbush, 114 N. 11th street. Lebanon, no children; Katie, m. Fred Koppler, in Phila., no children; and Lizzie, Esther and Warren, single.
  - Dawson Laudermilch, dec., m. Rose Yoder; cigar maker along Bismark road; no children.
  - Sallie Laudermilch, d. aged 24 years, single.
  - Katie Laudermilch, b. in 1871, d. in 1879.
  - John Laudermilch, m. Lizzie Bleistein; works in shoe factory in Lebanon, residence 353 S. Ninth street; Reformed; 1 child: Pierce, at home, a clerk.
  - Allen Laudermilch, died single, age 23 years.
  - Harry Laudermilch, single, clerk in Lebanon post office, resides with mother, 1020 Cumberland street.
  - Solomon Laudermilch, m. Annie Fittery; farmer on his father's farm, south of the Fair Grounds; United Christian: Harry, Minerva and Clarence.
- ADAM LAUDERMILCH, dec., m. Lydia Shirk (1842-1905); farmer on the homestead, later dry goods merchant in Lebanon; Reformed; 5 children:

- Catharine Laudermilch, m. Dr. A. J. Warner, dec., resided in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; 5 children: Thomas, Florence, John, William and Richard.
  - Laura Laudermilch, m. Theodore Shultz; she a milliner on Cumberland street; Lebanon; no children.
  - Byron Laudermilch, m. Carrie Albert, cutter in shirt factory in Altoona, now manufacturer of overalls in same place; 3 children: Dorothy, -----, John.
  - H. May Laudermilch, single, with sister Laura in millinery business.
  - Walter Laudermilch, died young.
- JONAS LAUDERMILCH, b. July 13, 1846; d. Nov. 25, 1906; m. Louisa Horst; had stationary store in Lebanon; Lutheran; she now resides at 714 Church street, Lebanon; 3 children:
  - Miles Laudermilch, m. Jennie Frantz; carpenter, 240 S. 10th street, Lebanon; Lutheran; no children.
  - John Laudermilch, m. Maggie Zorn; iron worker; residence, Long Lane, Lebanon; Lutheran; 3 children: Susan, Elmer and Melvin.
  - Olivia Laudermilch, m. Robert Oswald, divorced (who had been in the army; she with her mother; Lutheran; 1 child: Evelyn Marie.
- DANIEL LAUDERMILCH, dec., m. Sallie Gernert; liveryman in Lebanon, having three stables; Reformed; 3 children:
  - Harry Laudermilch, m. Gertrude Livingood, dec.; successor to his father in the livery business in Lebanon; 1 child: Josephine.
  - Paul Laudermilch, single, associated with brother Harry in the livery business.
  - Mabel Laudermilch, single, 33 N. Seventh street, Lebanon, where the whole family resides.
- JOHN LAUDERMILCH, died March 14, 1857; aged 5 years, 8 months and 25 days.

The Laudermilch's records received from members of the family in Lebanon and from Robert, of Palmyra.

## **HENRY, THE AGED**

Henry Witemoyer Kreider lived to be 95 years, 3 months and 19 days old. He lived to see his children to the fifth generation. He has very valuable records in his family Bible, now in possession of his daughter, Malinda. From it we learned that his grandfather, Jacob Kreider was married to Susanna Long, and that his father, Henry, was married to "Christie Widemoyer." Henry W. was married in January, 1840, by Pastor Ernst in Lebanon, to Susanna Brubacker, of Heidelberg township, b. Mar. 22, 1822, and died August 10, 1867. She was the daughter of Christian. Henry W. followed in the footsteps of his father in going to Heidelberg township for a wife. He

was a farmer northwest of Reistville for 26 years, and later lived 31 years toward Mt. Nebo, on a small tract where he died. His daughters Lizzie and Malinda kept house for him till the end. His sister Mary died here with him. He was a member of the Brethren in Christ church. He had 15 children:

- Maria, b. Oct. 30, 1840; d. July, 1912\*
- Elizabeth B., b. Jan. 13, 1842; d. Feb. 22, 1911.\*
- Anna, b. Sept. 22, 1843; d. young.
- Israel, b. Feb. 22, 1845; d. young.
- Samuel, b. June 30, 1847\*
- Sarah, b. Jan. 17, 1849; d. Oct. 14, 1918.\*
- Henry, b. June 25, 1850; d. young.
- Christian, b. June 25, 1850; d. aged 3 years, drank vitriol.
- Aaron, b. Dec. 15, 1851; d. aged 10 years.
- Melinda, b. Oct. 12, 1853.\*
- Edwin, b. Dec. 15, 1854; d. young.
- Jonas, b. Apr. 24, 1856.\*
- Felix, b. Jan. 14, 1858\*
- Cassie, b. June 2, 1859; d. Sept. 4, 1910.\*
- Veronica, b. Dec. 29, 1860; d. young.

#### Family Bible.

- MARIA (MARY) KREIDER, afore, m. Rev. John F. Kreider, a farmer east of Campbelltown, of the Fairland Kreiders. Her family will be given when we reach her husband's line.
- ELIZABETH B. KREIDER, afore, was never married. She reached almost her three score ten in taking care of her father, who after four months she followed to the grave. She was a member of the Brethren in Christ church.
- SAMUEL KREIDER, afore, m. thrice, first to Lizzie Dice, dec., secondly to Sarah Spayd, dec., thirdly to Leah Wenger; farmer on the road from Jonestown to Annville, three miles from the former place; United Zion children; 3 children by second wife and 1 by the third:
  - Mary Kreider, m. Rev. Adam Wenger, farmer near her father; minister of the United Zion Children; children: Mabel, single, a teacher; Sarah, m. Ralph Miller, farmer near Fredericksburg; Paul, m. Elda Light, both died of the "flu" and buried in one grave, no children; Samuel, Catharine, Edith, Martha and Rachel, all at home.
  - Malinda Kreider, m. David Rank, farmer north of the Mt. Lebanon Campmeeting grounds; United Zion Children; 10 children living: Carrie, Annie, Sarah, Henry, Walter, Lizzie, Mabel, Ira, Ruth and a baby boy.

- Amos Kreider, died young.
  - Sallie Kreider, m. Ralph Major, inspector of metals in New Jersey; 3 children: Leah, Jennie and Samuel. [...]
- SARAH KREIDER, dec., afore, m. Solomon Smith, farmer and laborer, retired, with his daughter Franey; Brethren in Christ; 2 children:
  - Henry Smith, m. Emma Hersherberger, farmer in Palmyra; United Brethren; 3 children: Sarah, m. John Sell of Palmyra; Harry and Alvin both at home.
  - Franey Smith, m. Daniel Funk, carpenter in Palmyra, but now farming near Mt. Nebo; Brethren in Christ; 4 children: Harvey, m. Minnie Smith, farmer on the Joseph Wilhelm farm south of Midway; Mabel, m. Robert Sperow, works in factory in Palmyra; Sarah, m. Joseph Wenger, farmer at Hummelstown, Brethren in Christ, 1 child, Dorothy; Stella, m. Abraham Gible, works at Hershey, residence Palmyra, no children.
- MALINDA KREIDER, m. Levi Bomberger, formerly married to her sister Cassie; farmer, but now residing in Cleona; Malinda has no children, but she says that she is great aunt to some ninety children. To her we are indebted for the record of her father's family.
- JONAS KREIDER, afore, m. Ida Zinn; farmer south of the Heilig House, but now retired in Fairland; Brethren in Christ: 7 children:
  - Rosie Kreider, m. Samuel Funk, carpenter contractor in Cleona; she Brethren in Christ; 9 children: Ida, Margaret, Irene, Minnie, Jacob, Daniel, Mary, Grace, and Rosanna.
  - Rufus Kreider, m. Sallie Tice; baker in Annville; 1 child: Lillie.
  - Felix Kreider, m. Lizzie Smith; driver of a bread wagon in Annville; no children.
  - Agnes Kreider, m. Rev. Jacob Funk, carpenter in Cleona, minister of the Brethren in Christ; 3 children: Eva, Annie and Mildred.
  - Jonas Kreider Jr., m. Bertha Boltz; works in the shoe factory in Annville; 2 children: Ralph and Marion.
  - Aaron Kreider, single, at home.
  - Noah Kreider, single, at home.
- CASSIE KREIDER, dec., afore, m. Levi Bomberger, farmer on the Colebrook road west of Rocherty, but now retired in Cleona, as already stated now married to Cassie's sister Malinda; she Brethren in Christ he United Christian; 2 children:
  - Harry Bomberger, m. Sarah Bomberger; teacher in New Jersey; 4 children: Mark, recently drowned; Helen, Mildred and Carl.



- Allen Bomberger, m. Ella Erb. d. of the "flu," niece of the wife of the writer; farmer on the Bomberger homestead west of Rocherty; 4 children: Henry, Seth, Olive and Joseph.
- FELIX KREIDER, afore, m. Lizzie Weaver of Richland, b. May 24, 1856; d. July 22, 1898, buried in Brethren in Christ cemetery north of Cleona; m. secondly to Mrs. Priscilla Kline, nee Boucher; carpenter, Third and Lehman streets, Lebanon, Pa.; United Brethren; 6 children:
  - Maggie Kreider, m. Harry Lineaweaver, farmer at Bucher's meeting house, near Rexmont; no children.
  - Ammon Kreider, m. Mabel Bachman; laborer and painter at Mountville; 2 children: Henry and Mary Ruth.
  - Hannah Kreider, m. Frank William Wagner, farmer north of Derry; United Brethren; 8 children: Esther, William, Hannah, Edgar, Ruth, Mark, Catharine, Conrad, and a baby boy.
  - Mabel Kreider, m. Rudolph Warner, farmer west of Rocherty; children: Jacob, Frederick, Paul, Catharine, David and Dorothy (twins) and Wayne.
  - Harry Kreider, m. Mabel Smith; had been a soldier, now in the ice cream business in Atlanta, Georgia; 1 child: Frances.
  - Susan Kreider, m. Charles Hostetter, farmer at Bachman's Mill, east of Fontana; 1 child: Earl.
  - Three other children of Felix Kreider are buried in the Brethren in Christ cemetery north of Fairland:
  - Israel W. Kreider, died Nov. 18, 1904, aged 18 years, 6 months and 23 days.
  - Clayton P. Kreider, died young.
  - Mary Ann Kreider, died young.

We have now come to the end of the history of Henry Kreider, son of Jacob, Sr., son of John the Settler on Snitz Creek. We shall now turn our attention to Henry's brother,

## **JACOB, THE SON OF JACOB**

Jacob Kreider, now under consideration, was born August 17, 1771, and died Feb. 12, 1853. It will thus be seen that he was three years older than his brother Henry. His wife, Maria (Mary) Kreider, died Feb. 7, 1850, in her 73rd year. These are the messages from the tombstones in the old Kreider cemetery south of the Fair grounds. The father, Jacob, is doubtless buried here, as is also Jacob, the commissioner, known as "big Jacob" (1799-1884). Let us not confuse the Jacobs. The one now under consideration is the grandfather of Hon. Aaron S. Kreider.

Jacob made his will in 1832, twenty-one years before his death, it being probated March 2, 1853. His son, Michael Kreider, was the executor. Michael was to receive the homestead along the Snitz Creek, which Jacob, Jr., had received from his father, and which is still owned by descendants. Joseph received a farm designated as in Lebanon township; it was west of Rocherty. David received a farm partly in Annville and partly in Londonderry, doubtless the farm now owned by David's son, Hon. A. S. Kreider. So Jacob Kreider, Jr., twenty-one years before his death, was already owner of three farms.

Jacob, Jr., was married to Mary Stauffer, of a good Lancaster county family, doubtless Mennonite, for

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Thursday)

Jacob himself was Mennonite. They had 9 children:

- Elizabeth, b. Mar. 9, 1802.\*
- David, b. Oct. 16, 1803.\*
- Joseph, b. Mar. 11, 1805.\*
- Michael, b. Nov. 3, 1806; d. Jan. 21, 1894.\*
- Mary, b. Apr. 23, 1808; d. -----\*
- Catharine, b. Oct. 7, 1809; d. Jan. 19, 1879.\*
- Susanna, b Mar. 17, 1813.[\*]
- Anna (ancy), b. March 17, 1813.\*
- Lydia, b. Feb. 19, 1816; d. Dec. 22, 1894.\*

From various sources.

## **ELIZABETH KREIDER HOSTETTER**

Elizabeth Kreider, the oldest child of Jacob and Mary Stauffer Kreider, of Snitz Creek, born as we have seen in 1802, was married to Jacob Hostetter. They moved to Franklin county, where many Kreider descendants are to be found. He was a farmer. They were members of the River Brethren, now Brethren in Christ. Their children were: David, Jacob, Lydia, Mary, Elizabeth, Susanna, and some that died young.

## DAVID KREIDER, PROGRESSIVE FARMER

David Kreider, the oldest son of Jacob, Jr., of Snitz Creek, was married twice. His first wife was Sarah Henry of Palmyra, a sister of Judge Henry's grandfather. By his first wife David had five children that lived. His second wife was Magdalena Shenk (1821-1836) from near Bachmansville, by whom he also had five children that lived. He received a farm from his father Jacob, southwest of Annville and partly in Londonderry townships, July 25, 1832, which Jacob had bought April 3, 1826, from Philip Imboden and Jacob Siegrist, administrators of Adam Imboden, deceased. As we shall see two of Jacob's daughters married Imbodens, and these marriages not unlikely had something to do with the buying of this farm. April 2, 1846, David bought of one George Hocker additional land, which enlarged his farm to 199 acres, 156 perches. This farm was bounded by Dutweiler, Reider, Imboden, Horst and Mark lands. The executors of David's will, his sons Andrew, David, Jr., and Henry, on April 29, 1874, transferred this farm to Allen [??] Hoffer. The farm has since been bought back into the family by Hon. A. S. Kreider, the present owner. His son, now residing on the farm, is the fourth generation of Kreiders to occupy it.

Notwithstanding the fact that he was a Mennonite, David Kreider was a progressive farmer. He was ever alert for new, improved methods. He was the first farmer in the neighborhood to buy a grain drill, had the first mowing machine, the only clover huller, and the first separator threshing machine. He directed his family to Annville where they have been so eminently successful. He purchased the mill in the south end of Annville and also the one northwest of the town, afterward called Clear Spring.

David Kreider was also progressive in matters of church. He was one of the first subscribers to the Herald of Truth, the Mennonite Church paper. Implicit obedience to command was with him a cardinal virtue.

He was a man of great physical strength, a sturdy Mennonite, not carried away by the inspirationists. It is told that a man moved by the spirit to cut all sorts of capers in religious meetings once found himself within David's clasp, held so tightly that he was brought back to mundane consciousness, and lead to petition man instead of God, with the words, "Not so tight, David! Not so tight!." David read his Bible. Isaac Mumma informs us that when Uncle David came to see his father, all farm work was laid aside, and Scripture discussion had full sway. "O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day."

David Kreider had the following children:

- Andrew, b. July 18, 1823; d. July, 1916.\*
- Jacob, b. July 24, 1830; d. young.

- David, Jr., b. Dec. 11, 1832.\*
- Henry H., b. Sept. 30, 1835; d. July 1, 1903.\*
- Mary Anna, d. young.
- Maria, b. June 4, 1838.\*
- Joseph H. b. June 23, 1841.\*

The foregoing children, beside three others that died in infancy, were by the first wife. By the second wife were the following:

- Elizabeth, b. Aug. 25, 1855.\*
- Daniel, b. Oct. 17, 1856.\*
- Annie, b. Nov. 18, 1858.\*
- Abraham, d. young.
- Aaron S., b. June 26, 1863.\*

Chiefly from the Family Bible in possession of Mrs. Tobias Bomberger, of Annville.

It is doubtless true that no other family has done so much to develop the modern town of Annville as has the family of David Kreider, Sr. We shall now take up his children:

- ANDREW KREIDER, afore, m. May 26, 1866, to Emma L. Miller, b. June 12, 1846; a dealer in horses and lands, owner of timber lands in W. Virginia; very public spirited, helping all worthy enterprises, one of the organizers and later president of the old Annville Bank; he did much to upbuild Lebanon Valley College, all of his children being graduates of the institution; United Brethren; widow resides in Annville; children:
  - Sallie Kreider, single at home.
  - Anna Kreider, single at home.
  - A. Raymond Kreider, m. Winifred Bodenhorn; proprietor, along with his brother Edwin of the A. R. Kreider and Bro. Hosiery Mill, main plant at Annville, with branches in Lebanon, Jonestown and New Cumberland. The enterprise began in January, 1900, with a few employees. They now employ about 400 hands and turn out about 2, 400 pairs of socks per day. A. Raymond resides on College Ave., Annville, and has 4 children: James, Richard, Stanley and Frederick.
  - Edwin Kreider, single, at home with his mother in Annville; member of the firm of A. R. Kreider and Bro.
- DAVID KREIDER, JR., afore, m. first to Leah Kreider, dec., sister of Rev. Christian of Fairland, by whom no children that lived; m. secondly to Lizzie Graybill; enterprising miller in Annville in mill bought by his father in 1840; director of Annville National Bank, of the Annville Water Company, and of the Berks and Dauphin Turnpike Co.; one of five to buy the Annville Academy and

to sell it to the town, and later a trustee of Lebanon Valley College; United Brethren, being a zealous church worker; 4 children:

- John G. Kreider, m. Maggie ----, of Baltimore; in oyster and fish business and a foreman in the A. S. Kreider Shoe Factory in Annville, where he resides; 2 children: Theodore and Elizabeth.
- David G. Kreider, m. Annie Dorreis, of Fulton, Missouri; foreman in Elizabethtown Shoe Factory; no children.
- Joseph Lehn Kreider, m. Katie Kline, of Myerstown, where he resides; teacher in Reading High School, President of Kreider Association; 1 child: Josephine.
- Lillian G. Kreider, m. Rev. Alvin Shroyer, of the United Brethren church; instructor in Bible and Greek in Lebanon Valley College; residence, College Avenue, Annville; 3 children: David, Edgar and Wilbur.
- HENRY H. KREIDER, afore, a prominent citizen of Lebanon county, m. Mary A. Hoverter, d. Aug. 19, 1916; school teacher, lumber and coal merchant in Annville, director of Farmers' Trust Co. of Lebanon, trustee and treasurer of the Lebanon Valley College, a former director and later vice-president of Annville National Bank, a promoter of the trolley line, president of the Annville Water Co., prothonotary of Lebanon county from 1876 to '79, had it not been for a split in the Republican party, he would have undoubtedly been elected to the State Legislature and might have had the political career of his younger brother. Hon. A. S. ; United Brethren; 5 children:
  - [Apparently a missing section naming two children]
  - Morris Kreider, m. May Price, of Myerstown; carpenter and quarrymen; residence, Annville; 1 child: Elizabeth.
  - William Henry Kreider, m. Marion Looze; graduate of law department of Yale, attorney in Phila., secretary of the Civil Service Commission, serving his second term; no children.
  - Mary E. Kreider, m. John D. Sehman, dec., Y.M.C.A. secretary in Vermont; she now in her congenial college town of Annville, being a graduate of Lebanon Valley College, having specialized in music, both vocal and instrumental, beyond the limits of local training.
- MARIA (MARY) KREIDER, afore, m. Abraham M. Brightbill, dec., farmer near Fulton, Missouri, but returned to Pennsylvania, she now in Annville; 10 children:
  - Rolandus Brightbill, farmer near Cando, North Dakota; 5 children: Amy, Grace, Harry, and Noble and Lillian (twins).
  - Samuel Brightbill, farmer at Bisbee, N. D.; 4 children: Violet, David, Georgianna, and Merlin.

- David Brightbill, m. ---- -----; now mayor of Cando, N. D.; 6 children: Lisle, Lois, Linwood, Robert, John and Doris.
- Harry Brightbill, farmer at Mohall, N. D., 100 miles northwest of Cando; 6 children: Maurene, Richard, Leeland, Mary, Powell and Maurice.
- Sallie Brightbill, m. Benjamin Bass, dec., of St. Louis.; she now resides in Kansas City; 2 children: Dorothy and Benjamin, Jr.
- Alice Brightbill, m. John Edgar Gillman, of Missouri; now a grocer on Main St., Annville; 6 children: Cecil, Lloyd, Lucille, John Edgar, Jr., Lois and David.
- Ella Brightbill, single at home with her mother in Annville; from them this information.
- Lizzie Brightbill, m. Michael Hoeltgen, merchant in Duluth, Minn.; 3 children: Maurice, Paul and Francis.
- Mary Brightbill, a nurse in Phila.
- Mabel Brightbill, also a nurse in Phila.
- JOSEPH KREIDER, afore, m. Feb. 23, 1864, to Anna Catharine Boiler, dec., of Phila., a leader in church and society; a miller but a well educated and very intelligent man; bought his father's mill northwest of Annville in 1863, which his wife christened Clear Springs Mills, which he constructed in 1863, where he did a large business; had another mill at Penrythe, one of the founders in 1889 of the Millers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Harrisburg, being its treasurer from the beginning; founder and publisher of The Annville Journal, begun in 1887; helped to organize the Annville Savings Bank and the Annville Water Co., and also the Box Factory, after three years located in Lebanon, of which he is president; United Brethren; 4 children, all graduates of Lebanon Valley College:
  - Gideon Kreider., b. Jan. 6, 1865; m. Annie Brunner, of Campbelltown; formerly a miller and manager of the People's Ice Company of Harrisburg, now co-manager of the Lebanon Kreider Shoe Factory; residence in Annville; 3 children: Gideon, Jr., Paul and Louise.
  - Emma Sarah Kreider, b. Jan. 22, 1868, m. Charles M. Coover, manager of the Lebanon Box Factory; residence, Annville; no children.
  - D. Albert Kreider, b. March 23, 1871, m. Annie Forney, both graduates of Lebanon Valley College in 1892; professor in Yale University, from which institution he had received his Ph.D.; no children.
  - Josephine Kreider, b. March 16, 1873; m. Charles V. Henry, former district attorney of Lebanon county, now the highly esteemed Judge of the Lebanon county courts; very generally called to preside at meetings for the public good; residence Hathaway Park, Lebanon, United Brethren; 2 children: Vincent, in the United States service, and Mary.

- ELIZABETH KREIDER, afore, oldest child by the second wife, m. first to Simon Bomberger, farmer in Missouri, near Fulton, in the "Pennsylvania Settlement," where he died; m. secondly to John Carmany, also dec.; 2 children by the first husband:
  - Agnes Bomberger, m. Amos Longenecker, son of Elder Jacob H., of Palmyra; formerly manager of the Elizabeth Kreider Shoe Factory, now manager of the William Kreider Shoe Factory of Palmyra; deacon of Brethren; no children living.
  - Annie Bomberger, m. Enos Frackler, of the Kreider Shoe Factory of Elizabethtown; Church of God; 4 children: Elizabeth, Agnes, Mary and Annie.
- DANIEL KREIDER, dec., afore, m. Barbara Risser, dec., of Risser's church, Lancaster county; farmer in North Dakota where they and four of their children were murdered July 7, 1893, a murder that shocked the nation; the bodies were brought to Lancaster county for burial; United Brethren 8 children:
  - Annie Kreider, m. John Daugherty, farmer on one of the A. S. Kreider farms, on Gravel Hill; 3 children living: Carl, Eva and Paul.
  - [Transcriber's note: a publisher's note at the beginning of the next installment indicates loss of the type for the rest of this family. It is included in that installment.]

## MARY KREIDER FUNK

Mary Kreider was married to Jacob Funk, a farmer on a part of the old Funk estate, immediately west of the city of Lebanon. The house is now used as a store room by the Lackawanna Company, at its coke plant. Rev. P. C. Croll in taking his historical company out of the west door of Lebanon through Old Cumberland street inexcusably passes by the Funk family to the north. Of course they were only Mennonites in the bygone days. We find that Martin Funk received a warrant for 200 acres of land in Lebanon township April 9, 1759, but he is listed as a taxable in 1753. Martin was overseer of roads in Lebanon township in 1774. He is taxed for 255 acres in 1730. He doubtless was next neighbor to George Steitz, the founder of Lebanon, to the Gloningers, one of whose sons by the way fell victim to a maiden of the Funk home; and surely a neighbor little removed from Rev. Casper Stoevers, the father of Lutheranism in this section. His brother Mennonite, John Light, joined him on the northwest. Martin is found among the non-associators of 1777. He is among the assessed. Was taxation without representation practiced on the Mennonites? Martin Funk, Sr., of Lebanon township, died in Dec., 1796, leaving a wife, Judith, and children: Martin; Ann, m. Henry Fox; Barbara, m. Henry Neave; Mary, m. George Gloninger; Magdalena, m. Henry Light, Jr.; Christina, m. Christian Oberholtzer; and Elizabeth, m. John Howery, one boy at the head of six girls. We suppose that from

this lonely boy all our Funks have come. No name is doomed so long as one male is left. We might yet add that Hans Funk was one of the original Mennonite settlers on Pequea Creek, Lancaster county, in 17[?]2, and that [??] year later came Henry Funk, [Heinrich Funck along with D????? ? was responsible for the ??? ? ???? ???, ?????? to German] and the publication of the Martyr's Mirror at Ephrata, completed in 1749. J. F. Funk was president of the Mennonite Publishing Company at Elkhart, Indiana; he was one of the promoters of the Mennonite College at Goshen, Indiana.

Next to the Bible to the Mennonites is The Martyr's Mirror, J. F. Funk helped to retranslate this work, which translation was published in 1887 at Elkhart. It is pronounced perhaps the most reliable edition in America. "Among the men still living, who have been most influential within recent years in the church (Mennonite) are John Funk, founder of the Herald of Truth and the Mennonite Publishing Company, author, publisher and preacher." etc. In 1832 Joseph Funk published a note book of sacred melodies, "The Harmonia Sacra." "It passed through seventeen editions, and was for many years the recognized compendium of church music in Virginia, Pennsylvania and other eastern states." Smith's Mennonites in America. The name of Funk is no mean one among a very worthy people.

But we are forgetting Mary Kreider, an aunt to our present congressman, who married Jacob Funk

(To be continued on Thursday.)

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Monday)

NOTE - Type was misplaced at the end of the article on Monday, so that the record of Mary Kreider Funk was inserted before the records of her brother David Kreider, Sr., were completed. The remaining Funk records are herewith inserted, after which the records of David, Sr., are resumed.

Jacob, as stated, was a farmer on the Funk estate west of Lebanon, but later retired in Lebanon. He was previously married to Sarah Bowman by whom he had a son Josiah, one of the most prominent of Lebanon county's attorneys. Jacob by his second wife, Mary Kreider, had the following children:



- JOHN FUNK, dec., m. Kate Grittinger; merchant in Lebanon; Reformed; no children.
- ADAM FUNK, dec., m. Kate Bechtold; a traveling salesman and jeweler in Lebanon; Reformed; 1 child: Jacob Funk, the present Ninth street jeweler; Reformed; 1 child: Catharine.
- JACOB FUNK, dec., m. Annie Shirk; for a time had a store in Campbelltown and later in Lebanon, and also a traveling salesman; children:
  - Lydia Funk, m. Jacob Stein, druggist in Reading; 3 children: Mary, m. Frank Hano[l]d; Minnie, single; Catharine, m. Frederick Geber.
  - Mary Funk, m. John Brightbill, liveryman in Lebanon; she, Reformed; 2 children: Annie, d. young; and Edwin F., single, in Lebanon, teacher.
  - Barbara Funk. m. Christian H. Shank, previously m. Leah Landis, by whom had 1 child living, Alice; book-keeper for the Lebanon Stove Works; Reformed; 2 children: Florence, music teacher, at home with mother 377 North Ninth street, Lebanon; and Harry J., all at home, single.
- Daniel Kreider, son of David, Sr.,
- Bernice Kreider, murdered.
- Murba Kreider, murdered.
- Mary Kreider, murdered.
- David Kreider, murdered.
- Aaron Kreider, m. Emma Wenger; works at Hershey, residence in Palmyra; Brethren; 4 children.
- Eva Kreider, m. Abraham Greiner, farmer near Mt. Joy, Lancaster county; United Brethren; 1 child
- Henry Kreider, reared by Tobias Bomberger, of Annville, now rural mail carrier in Montana.
- LYDIA KREIDER, afore, m. first to Henry Kettering, dec., farmer at Fulton, Mo.; m. secondly to Christian Klick, of Virginia; Mennonite, having great respect to her father's instructions; she now resides in Annville; 3 children, all of first husband:
  - Alvin Kettering, m. Barbara Yingst, of Derry; manager of the Annville Kreider Shoe Factory; residence, East Maple street, Annville; United Brethren; 9 children: Josephine, Abigail, Esther, Elizabeth, Barbara June, dec., Charles Louis, dec., Michael Henry, Ruth Claire.
  - Harry Kettering, m. Gordie Martz; grocer in Clarksburg, West Virginia, where he got his wife; now in charge of Kreider Distributing House in St. Louis; 2 children: James Richard and John William.

- Violet May Kettering, single at home with her mother in Annville; artist, landscape painting.
- ANNIE KREIDER, afore, m. Tobias Bomberger, whose mother, Mary Kreider Bomberger, was a daughter of Tobias Kreider, north of Cleona; farmer east of Fontana; partner first 7 years with A. S. Kreider in the shoe venture; now president and manager of the Annville Electric Light Co.; Mennonite; the writer especially indebted to her for information concerning her father's family; 4 children:
  - Emma Bomberger, single at home.
  - Mattie Bomberger, m. Dr. Walter Brubaker of South Ninth street, Lebanon; 2 children: Annabel and a baby.
  - David Bomberger, secretary of the Electric Light Co., at home.

HON. A. S. KREIDER, m. Lizzie Horst, daughter of Henry of Horst's Mill. He is a self-made man. Beginning as a grain merchant at Lawn, he gave business impetus to the place. He entered the shoe business, to which some of the Kreiders were turning a gentle hand, he carried it to large commanding proportions - five large factories at present, Annville, Elizabethtown, Middletown, Palmyra and Lebanon. We hope to have a separate write-up of the Kreider shoe business. He was nominated for the State Legislature, but a place opened for his calibre and he went to Congress. The fact that he has been returned again and again without opposition is sufficient comment on the nature of his service. His associates in Congress have placed him on important committees without him so much as lifting a finger to get the appointment. He was recently sent by Congress to visit the battlefields of Europe, from which trip he has just returned.

He was brought up in a religious home, and he is a religious man. At first he joined the church of his wife, the Brethren. He was instrumental in locating the Brethren church in Annville and one of the liberal contributors to its erection. For several years he was superintendent of the Brethren Sunday school there, and a trustee of Elizabethtown College. When he united with the United Brethren, he with them duplicated the church erection service. He was the life of the half million endowment recently raised for Lebanon Valley College.

He takes a great interest in the history of his ancestry. Every great man wants to become acquainted with the forbears who made him, and do them becoming homage. He has generously, without reservation, placed at our disposal all his extensive Kreider records. And what reflects as much credit on him as does anything is the fact that in his palatial home in Annville he and his good wife have not departed from the wholesouled hospitality of the Brethren and Mennonites of old. He is a wholesouled family man, and has not been shackled by this contemptible, if not criminal, modern fashion fad of no children or one child or two. He has a family of ten living children:

- Ammon H. Kreider, m. Nettie Locheman, of York, Pa.; co-manager of the Lebanon Shoe factory, residence Fourth and Cumberland streets; 2 children: Nettie Margaret and Ammon H., Jr.
- David Robert Kreider, m. Dorothy Toby, of Detroit, Mich.; general manager of the Kreider Shoe Co., residence, Annville; no children.
- Aaron S. Kreider, Jr., m. Charlotte E. Raymond, of Pittsburgh; [sic] with the Kreider company's wholesale distributing house in Philadelphia, where he resides; 2 children: Elizabeth (Bettie) and Aaron S., the Third.
- Henry H. Kreider, m. Mildred Christian, of New York City; manager of the Palmyra factory; residence Ninth and Walnut streets, Lebanon; no children.
- Clement H. Kreider, single, in United States service in France.
- Howard B. Kreider, m. Violet Mark, whose grandmother Mary Kreider was a daughter of Joseph Kreider, west of Rocherty; stock raiser on the Kreider homestead southwest of Annville; no children.
- Nancy M. Kreider, student at Wellesey College.
- Elizabeth May Kreider, student.
- Mary M. Kreider, student at home.
- George Lester Kreider, student at home.

## **JOSEPH WEST OF ROCHERTY**

Joseph Kreider, second son and third child of Jacob, son of Jacob, son of John the settler on Snitz Creek, as we have seen, was born in 1805 and died in 1891, aged 86 years. Joseph was married in 1825 to Elizabeth (Sept. 6, 1806 - Nov. 11, 1879) daughter of Henry Ellenberger (1777-1838) and Elizabeth Kreider (1776-1839), daughter of Michael Kreider who settled on his father John's land above Cleona. Both Joseph and his wife are buried at Gingrich's Mennonite meeting house, southwest of Lebanon; and were members of the Mennonite meeting house, southwest of Lebanon; and were members of the Mennonite church. Joseph was a farmer, having received a farm in Lebanon township from his father, doubtless the farm on which he lived west of Rocherty. They had 2 children:

- ELIZABETH KREIDER, b. Oct. 28, 1833; m. Jeremiah Light, farmer east of the Colebrook road at the Snitz Creek, a part of the original "Kreider Settlement"; Brethren, "Jerry" being very prominent in erecting the Brethren church at Midway, it being called for a time "Jerry's house," (he always looked after the tin cups at the pump); Jerry is buried at Midway, his widow living with her son Joseph, in Cleona; children:
  - Joseph Light, m. Leah Graybill, daughter of Jacob of near Palmyra; farmer on the Light homestead, owning also the farm east of it, the two farms now owned by Henry Bomberger; school director of North

Cornwall township, under whom the writer of these lines rendered very imperfect service; now retired in Cleona; United Zion Children; 13 children:

- Harry Light, m. Edna Hoke, farmer near Zinn's Mill.
- Annie Light, m. William Flickinger, formerly grocer in Lebanon, now weighmaster in Bethlehem Steel plant; 1 child: Esther May; residence 464 North Fourth street.
- Abel Light, dec., m. Lizzie Kreider, daughter of Moses. See The News of June 5th.
- Lizzie Light, m. Paul B. Knoll, principal of the Quentin High School; United Zion Children; 1 child: Lester L., dec.
- Elmer Light, twin to Lizzie [m.] Mary Brandt, daughter of John Adam of Fredericksburg (See history of Brandt Family in The Report); laborer in the Bethlehem Iron and Steel plant; United Zion Children; died of the "flu" in Dec., 1918; 1 child: Esther, b. after its father's death.
- Eight children of Joseph Light died young, making with the five foregoing, a family of 13 children.
- Daniel Light, dec., m. Emma Kettering, daughter of Jacob, brother of Henry, m. Lydia Kreider, afore; veterinary in Palmyra; died in the West; 1 child: Ray Light, recently married, resides in Palmyra.
- Mary Light, dec., m. Michael Graybill, a brother of Joseph's wife and uncle to Rev. Jacob Graybill, Brethren missionary; farmer, now in Palmyra; United Christian; children:
  - Jeremiah Graybill, d. in infancy.
  - Michael Graybill, m. Sallie Leshner; farmer near Palmyra; 1 child, Wesley.
  - Jacob Graybill, m. Carrie Edris, of near Fredericksburg; teacher in an agricultural school; 1 child, deceased.
  - Elizabeth Graybill, m. Phares Brubaker; formerly a miller at Lawn; recently moved to Palmyra; United Christian; 2 children: Glenn and a baby boy.
  - Joseph Graybill, m. Sarah Shaeffer of Hockersville; farmer on the Graybill homestead south of Palmyra; 6 children:
    - Nancy Graybill, d. young.
    - Daniel Graybill, m. ---- Eshelman; 1 child.
- Prof. Jeremiah Light, Jr., m. Eliza Bomberger; principal of the High Schools of Jersey City, N. J.; 2 children:
  - Ralph Light, m. ---- -----; school teacher in New Jersey.
  - Ruth Light, single.

- MARY KREIDER, daughter of Joseph west of Rocherty, m. Henry Mark, a farmer west of Rocherty on the Kreider homestead, retired in Annville; Lutheran; 2 children:
  - Joseph Mark, m. Emma Wolf; manager of several farms and owner of a liquor store in Lebanon; residence Annville; 2 children:
    - Marie Mark, m. Joseph Kreider Light, whose mother Annie was a daughter of Joseph Kreider, dec., of Fairland; farmer on the Mark farm west of Rocherty; Reformed; the Mark records from her.
    - Violet Mark, m. Howard B. Kreider, son of Hon. A. S. Kreider, of Annville, stockraiser on the homestead of his father southwest of Annville.
  - Lizzie Mark, m. Dr. I. K. Urich, dec., esteemed as a physician in Annville, owner of a farm in the "Kreider Settlement" west of the Colebrook road; served several terms in the State Legislature; 2 children:
    - Josephine Urich, single at home.
    - Mark Urich, d. aged 11 years.

## **MICHAEL OF SNITZ CREEK**

Michael was the third and youngest son of Jacob Kreider, Jr. To him the father gave the homestead. It seemed a habit with these old Kreiders to give the homestead to the youngest son. John the settler, gave the homestead to his youngest son Henry, the martyr. Jacob, the son of John the settler, gave his homestead to his youngest son Henry. And now Jacob of the third generation gives his homestead to his youngest son Michael. David's youngest son also has the homestead, but he bought it.

Michael Kreider was married to Anna Ellenberger, sister to the wife of Michael's brother Joseph. Anna was born Sept. 6, 1808, and died Mar. 30, 1881. She and her husband were Mennonites and are buried in the cemetery of Gingrich Mennonite meeting house. This is the Michael whose farm ran by the large black oak tree. See The News of June 5. The black oak was not the only victim of the storm in this neighborhood. The Reigert farm to the west, which had become Kreider, lost its barn by a storm, and about twenty years ago the barn on Michael's farm was destroyed by lightning. The old part of the farm house was doubtless the original house here built by or for Michael's father, Jacob, Jr. Michael built an addition to this old house; and in 1864, when Josiah his youngest child was of age, he built the other house for himself. Michael Kreider had three children:

- Jacob B., b. Jan. 28, 1838; d. Jan. 25, 1906\*
- Lydia, b. July 14, 1840; d. June 6, 1869\*
- Josiah, b. Jan. 16, July [missing]

- JACOB B. KREIDER, afore, whom we might designate Jacob the Third, for his father and grandfather were Jacob's before him, as was also his great-grandfather's brother or fellow settler. Beside there was "Big Jacob" the commissioner, Rev. Jacob of Sporting Hill, and Bishop Jacob of Fairland. We understand that the present Jacob added the B. so as to distinguish himself from the other Jacob's. He farmed on the Harvey Moyer farm at Fairland, which his father bought for him. Harvey Moyer married his daughter, and thus in a measure got the farm. Jacob B. Kreider was married Feb. 23, 1860, to Annie Smith, b. August 27, 1840; d. Aug. 31, 1915, daughter of Isaac and Catharine Gingrich Smith. Jacob lived on his farm till he gave up farming, spent a few years at Fulton, Missouri, and then retired in Fairland, Lebanon county, Pa., where he died. She died with her daughter, Mattie. They are buried at the Hill Church. They had three children.
  - Aaron S. Kreider, b. Nov. 12, 1860, m. Emma Moyer, dec.; railroad shopman in Reading; 5 children:
    - Bertha Kreider, m. Rev. Alfred Lenhart, of the Reformed church, located near Delmont, Pa., not far from Pittsburgh; 4 children: Paul, Lester, Rodney and Mark.
    - Stella Kreider, m. A. W. Sykes, formerly proprietor of a hotel, now in gas well business, at Sykesville, about 20 miles from Delmont; no children.
    - Mabel Kreider, m. Earl Rapp, res-632 N. 13th street, Reading, with whom her father resides; 1 child, a boy.
    - Daisy Kreider, d. aged 16 years.
  - Alice Kreider, b. Oct. 25, 1864; m. in 1881 to Harvey Moyer, who now farms the Kreider homestead; she is in Philadelphia with her four youngest children; 5 children in all:
    - Erma Moyer, b. May 17, 1883; m. Nov. 29, 1909, to Elmer Kreider, son of Tobias, out the Quentin road; moulder, in Lebanon; no children.
    - Mamie Moyer, b. Sept. 22, 1884; single; clerk in Philadelphia.
    - Herman Moyer, b. July, 1887; clerk in Phila.; single.
    - Virginia Moyer, b. July 25, 1894; m. Charles Graham, of Phila.
    - Samuel Moyer, b. June 20, 1899; single in Philadelphia.
  - Mattie S. Kreider, b. Feb. 18, 1882; m. June 28, 1906, to Simon Heilman, pretzel manufacturer in East Annville; Lutheran; 3 children: Paul, Lester and Lloyd.
- LYDIA KREIDER, afore, m. Jacob Kettering, farmer on the Witmeyer farm south of Annville. Mr. Kettering later married Kate Gingrich and took up residence in Palmyra, following the vocation of a drover. By the second wife he had children: Lizzie, m. Samuel W. Heilman, Heilmandale, and Harry, of

Palmyra. Lydia had 1 child: Emma K. Kettering, b. Sept. 10, 1864; m. in 1884 to Daniel Kreider Light, son of "Jerry" of Snitz Creek (see Joseph Kreider, west of Rocherty); veterinary, later druggist in Palmyra; he died in the "Israelite colony" at Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 16, 1915, having become a member of the colony; 1 child: Ray K., b. Feb. 7, 1894, m. Esther Blouch, machinist in garage in Palmyra.

- JOSIAH KREIDER, m. Catharine Bomberger, (Jan. 15, 1845 - April 11, 1881), daughter of Christian and Mary Kreider Bomberger; the Kreider custom of giving the homestead to the youngest son was continued to him, for he occupied the homestead on Snitz Creek, his father moving into the new house recently built on the premises; Josiah was not a church man, but successful farmer, owning beside the homestead the Reigert farm west of him, now owned by his son, Ezra, the farm near Fontana now owned by his son Joseph, and the present Witmeyer farm, south of Annville, across the Quittapahilla. He had seven children, three deceased. The deceased children and the parents are all buried at Gingrich's Mennonite meeting house. His children were:
  - Ezra Kreider, m. Amanda Krall, daughter of Christian and Christiana Kreider Krall; farmer 2 miles southwest of Annville, also owner of the Reigert farm, formerly owned by his father; 4 children: Oscar, m. Eva Laudermilch of Lionsville, northwest of Palmyra, farmer on the father's farm at Reigert's school house, 2 children: David and Paul; and Annie, Josiah and Herman, all single.
  - Mary Kreider, m. Adam Witmeyer, farmer on the farm south of Annville; no children.
  - Anna Kreider, b. Mar. 11, 1872; d. Oct. 24, 1909, buried at Gingrich's; single; owned the Reigert farm.
  - Jacob Kreider, b. Feb. 8, 1875; d. Aug. 15, 1906; buried at Gingrich's; joint owner of the homestead, but he died without issue, being single.
  - Sallie Kreider, b. Dec. 17, 1877; d. Mar. 29, 1906; also buried at Gingrich's; single; resided with her sister, Mrs. Witmeyer.
  - Joseph Kreider, b. in 1879; m. Dec., 1918, to Amy Lentz, daughter of Jacob near Avon; owns the farm near Fontana, but resides in Annville in the spacious house, next to our Congressman Kreider, along with his sister Lizzie.

## **CATHARINE KREIDER MUMMA**

Catharine Kreider, daughter of Jacob, Jr., of Snitz Creek, married Isaac Mumma, b. in 1809. He was a farmer near Campbelltown and later retired in Campbelltown. They were Mennonites. Isaac was a large, well proportioned man. He stood six feet in height and weighed 240 pounds. His wife had the same weight. He was reputed in his

day to be the strongest man in Lebanon county. He would take one barrel of flour and [stand] it on another. Then he would lift the third barrel and stand it on the second one. It was a puzzle to an ordinary man how to get the uppermost barrel back on the floor.

In the autumn of 1732 Lenhart Mumma arrived in the Pequea settlement of the Mennonites. Whether he was the ancestor of the Lebanon county Mummas we know not. Mummas went from Lancaster county down into the Valley of Virginia. Elder Benj. Franklin Moomaw (as it is there spelled) of near Roanoke, Virginia, was a leader among the Brethren of the South, and through his efforts largely the Southern Congress exempted the Brethren, with the payment of a \$500 tax, from military service. But on the battlefield he was an angel of mercy to the wounded soldier whether clad in blue or gray. His biographer says the name is French. Not a few French were found among the Mennonites. The Forney family is also of French origin and Mennonite.

John Mumma on August 23, 1746, received a warrant for 100 acres of land in Lebanon township. This land joined the present farm of John Henry Gingrich, at Mt. Pleasant. Michael Bachman had bought over 400 acres here in 1740, and in 1747 sold about one-half of it to Yost Gingrich. The survey states that Gingrich's land ran by land of Jacob Mumma. But what became of Mumma homestead was some distance farther west. The Burkholders and the Mummas united in laying out a cemetery on the line between the farms of each, the Mummas being to the west, farm now owned by Peter Shenk, of Campbelltown. This cemetery, so densely overgrown as to be almost impenetrable, however, yielded up some secrets to our efforts. The following inscriptions we could read:

- Jacob Mumma, b. June 12, 1767; d. Jan. 27, 1848.
- Jacob Mumma, b. May 15, 1775; d. Nov. 22, 1862.
- Joseph Mumma, b. Mar. 9, 1811; d. Feb. 21, 1851.
- Jacob Mumma, b. Jan. 11, 1812; d. Sept. 20, 1872.
- Leah Mumma, b. Mar. 2, 1805; d. April 19, 1855.

The first Jacob was likely the son if not the grandson, of the settler.

Isaac Mumma, m. Catharine Kreider, was born April 10, 1809, and died Oct. 20, 1894. They are buried in the United Christian cemetery in Campbelltown. They had the following children:

- MARY A. MUMMA, b. Aug. 17, 1832, d. Feb. 23 1901; m. Levi C. Brandt, b. Nov. 6, 1835; d. Sept. 19, 1893; farmer northwest of Campbelltown; United Christian, in whose cemetery in Campbelltown they are buried; children:



- Isaac Brandt, m. Martha Shanaman; farmer south of Campbelltown, 2 children: Florence May and Isaac Jr.
  - Jacob Brandt, m. Carissa Flowers; farmer northeast of Campbelltown; 6 children: Irene, Sallie, Clara, Jacob, Abraham and Albert.
  - Joseph Brandt, m. ----- Bomberger: farmer on the old Mumma farm north of Campbelltown; United Christian.
  - Fannie Brandt, m. ---- Herr, of Annville.
  - A daughter, m. ---- Snyder, store keeper at Paxtang.
  - Lizzie M. Brandt, b. May 5, 1863, d. May 20, 1867; buried at Campbelltown.
  - Ann Mary M. Brandt, d. Jan. 29, 1865; d. Dec. 1, 1881; buried at Campbelltown.
- FANNIE MUMMA, m. Henry Heagy, farmer, at Steelton, a large part of the town now on his farm; United Brethren; 5 children:
  - Mary Heagy, m. ---- -----, clerk in Steelton.
  - John Heagy, m. Alice Rauch from near Avon; liveryman in Steelton, mayor of Steelton and State Senator for one term; no children.
  - Kate Heagy, m. ---- -----; no children.
  - Lizzie Heagy, m. ---- -----; no children; brakeman on freight, killed; 1 child, a son.
  - Lola Heagy, died single.
- CATHARINE MUMMA, died aged 69 years; m. Samuel Miller, a farmer of Ephrata, Lancaster county; no children.
- JACOB MUMMA, d. aged 67 years; m. Sarah Eshelman of Lititz; farmer near Lititz (Warwick), Lancaster county; Mennonite; 5 children:
  - Jacob Mumma, trucker, 6 miles north of Lancaster.
  - Daniel Mumma, trucker and fruit grower 2 miles south of Brickerville.
  - Isaac Mumma, farmer east of Ephrata, near Hinkletown.
  - Lizzie Mumma, m. ---- Eitnier, Peterburg, Lancaster county.
  - Katie Mumma, m. Harry Miller, laborer, of Manheim, Lancaster county.
- JOSEPH MUMMA, m. Anna Ulrich; farmer near Middletown, Lancaster county; some 8 or 9 children, of whom 4 are sons; two being Michael and Joseph, Jr.
- ISAAC MUMMA, b. Nov. 17, 1844; m. Anna Lehn Graybill, b. June 26, 1844; farmer and dairyman for 33 years on the farm on which are now located the Weimer Chain Works toward Avon; residence now 420 East Lehman street; Lutheran; from him was received the greater part of the information concerning his mother's family; 2 children:
  - Graybill Mumma, deceased, m. Annie Benson; stenographer in Phila. No children.

- Harry H. Mumma m. the widow of his brother; conducted a duck farm northeast of Avon for 5 years, now for 8 years a butterine merchant in Lebanon; residence, 418 E. Lehman street; Lutheran; 1 child; Joseph Benson.
- CAROLINE MUMMA, b. May 24, 1848; d. Sept. 20, 1895; m. Samuel Royer, a butcher of Neffsville, Lancaster county, who re-married after her death and is now located in Lancaster; 1 child:
  - Elam Royer, b. Oct. 7, 1874; m. Nov. 14, 1894, to Cora Royer; also a butcher, 832 Duke street, Lancaster; 7 children in 1915: Leo Clay, Caroline Catharine, Jonathan Samuel, Elam M., James Marlin, Cora Etta, and Donald R.

## **SUSANNA KREIDER LANDIS**

Susanna Kreider, the seventh child and fourth daughter of Jacob Kreider, Jr., of Snitz Creek; married John Landis, son of Henry Landis, a Mennonite preacher. The Landises have ever been one of the most numerous and a leading Lancaster county family. John was a cattle dealer and farmer north of Palmyra. He owned and operated the large stone quarries now operated by Bradley of Philadelphia. John and Susanna were member of the United Brethren. They had 5 children:

- MARY LANDIS, dec. m. Hiram Landis, dec., gentleman in Hummelstown; 1 child:
  - Lizzie Landis, m. Frank Strickler, a banker in Harrisburg; Reformed; 1 child: Landis, married; is postmaster of Hummelstown.
- JOHN K. LANDIS, b. May 21, 1838, d. Dec. 6, 1897; m. Nov. 7, 1861, to Lizzie Keim, b. Feb. 6, 1843; a butcher in Palmyra, where his widow still resides and from whom we received information; Brethren; children:
  - Kate Landis, b. Oct. 15, 1862; d. Dec. 24, 1890; m. Harry Eby, a progressive farmer southwest of Campbelltown, who afterward m. Mary Bomberger by whom he has a number of children; Kate had 1 child:
    - Landis Eby, m. Earla Hogger; banker in Phila.; but resides in Elizabethtown; 1 child: Landis Hoffer.
  - Jacob Landis, b. June 24, 1864; m. Lydia Bachman; farmer north of Palmyra; 5 children:
    - Annie Landis, m. Landis Hartman, clerk at Bethlehem Steel, First Ave. and Locust street, Lebanon; Baptist; 1 child: Elizabeth.
    - Kate Landis, m. Frank W. Woormer, Clerk at Bethlehem Steel, 515 N. Third street; Baptist; 3 children living: Robert, Catharine and Franklin.
    - Susie Landis and Elizabeth Landis are single and reside with their mother in Lebanon, 527 Locust street; both bookkeepers.

- Mary Ann Landis, b. Oct. 30, 1865; m. William H. Walmer, floor-walker in Hershey Department Store; 1 child: Harry Keim.
  - John Michael Landis, born July 11, 1869; m. Lizzie Hartz, butcher, concreter, now carpenter in Palmyra; children: Helen, Mary Catharine, John Kreider, Susie Elizabeth, Samuel H., dec., and an infant son, deceased.
  - Susan Landis, b. Nov. 10, 1871; m. William Kreider, Jr., a leading citizen and business man of Palmyra. See the News of June 19.
- JACOB LANDIS, b. Aug. 19, 1840; d. Dec. 26, 1917; m. Lucetta Ulrich, dec.; cattle dealer, later entered the shoe manufacturing business, bought out the Palmyra Shoe Company, enlarged it and became the founder of the thriving Landis Shoe Company; United Christian; 3 children:
  - Rev. Morris Landis, b. Feb. 20, 1866 m. Nellie Weltmer; holds an interest in the Shoe Factory, and owns a farm near Palmyra, in which town he resides; he is not only a preacher of the Gospel but the presiding elder of the United Christians, a worthy body of Christians founded by Rev. Hoffman when the United Brethren church took over the school at Annville, his conviction being that schools were incompatible with a spirit-filled Christian life; Elder Landis presides over the entire body of United Christians who occupy pretty much the same territory as does the Kreider Shoe Manufacturing interests. Rev. Morris has 1 child: Carrie, single.
  - David Landis, m. Mary Brunner; manager of the Landis Shoe Company, which his father started about 25 years ago, which before the late war turned out about 3, 000 pairs of shoes daily, now some less, employs between 250 and 500 hands; Lutheran; 1 child: Harold.
  - Lizzie Landis, b. Nov. 24, 1863; m. C. F. Zimmerman, formerly postmaster in Palmyra, now in charge of sales department of Landis Shoe Co.; Reformed; 5 children:
    - Dr. Landis Zimmerman, m. Louise Marsh, of Baltimore; graduate of Johns Hopkins; physician in Hershey and of the Hershey Chocolate Co., rendered service in the Army; no children.
    - Paul Zimmerman, m. May Shaeffer, of Lebanon (See our History of the Schaeffer Family in the Report); shoe cutter in Palmyra.
    - Louise Zimmerman, died aged 14 years.
    - Martin Zimmerman, student in Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.
    - Violet Zimmerman, student at Linden Hall, Lititz.
- JOSEPH LANDIS, m. Lucinda Mook; residence Bellevue, Ohio; 3 children: Minnie, m. --- Moyer; Adam, m. ---- Baker, dec., and Leota, m. ---- Steinberger.

- SUSAN LANDIS, m. Abraham Shenk, formerly a farmer near Hershey, now works in the shoe factory; residence, Cherry street, Palmyra; 4 children:
  - John Shenk, practicing physician at Lingelstown, Dauphin county; no children.
  - Clarence Shenk, electrician in Hershey; married but has no children.
  - Eugene Shenk, m. Eva Foltz; residence Steelton; 2 children: Eugene, Jr., Frank Landis.

The Landis records were received largely from the immediate families.

## **ANNA KREIDER IMBODEN**

After the Revolution and after we had made a final adjustment with Great Britain in the War of 1812, the country began to develop, to take on new life. In the church the Sunday school, direct study of God's Word for all, breaking the shackles of undue human authority in catechetical instruction, demanding direct touch with God's thoughts on an equal footing for all Brethrenism was gaining the victory of self-assertion. A necessary accompaniment of this free access to God's Word, without any man's views read in, was the church paper, an open forum of free discussion, a toleration for the other man's view. It was never intended by the Creator that man should live unto himself, and no man can stand faultless in the truth till he has duly considered the viewpoint of his fellows. Brethrenism had been born in Germany, but had been forced out in its entirety. The Mennonite with his detestation for infant baptism and the Quaker with his inner light were essential accompaniments of this Brethrenism, the purest religion that ever entered Pennsylvania, God's holy of holies on the American continent. In other words, it was the Lamb standing on Mt. Zion. But strange to say, these people got their eyes off the Lamb and began to put their religion in their customs, their dress, etc. And stranger still, the Brethren evolved from the most enlightened Protestantism of Germany, borrowed Quaker and Mennonite customs and lodged their religion therein.

But why all this in an introduction to a sketch of Anna Kreider Imboden? Because even among the Mennonites there was a life that would not be denied participation in the development of this, their beloved country, their divine inheritance. And rather than be denied that right they affiliated with or helped organize churches where they could have it. But place not all the blame on the Mennonite; nay, nor the chief blame on the Mennonite himself, for in Switzerland, the church, and not the Roman Church either, stirred up the civil authority to persecute the Mennonite, even unto death. Little wonder that you cannot persuade him that the Christian has part in civil rule, yea that civil rule belongs to him alone, and that no one but a Christian has a right to sit on the seat of any civil authority, that Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords. In

short, the Mennonite Kreiders married the Lutheran Imbodens, and we are told they got along peaceably together.

Anna (Nancy) Kreider afore, married Samuel Imboden (June 24, 1807 - Aug. 15, 1875), farmer a mile east of Campbelltown; she Mennonite, he Lutheran; 4 children:

- MARY IMBODEN, dec., m. Calvin Clendennin, dec., clerk in store in Campbelltown; she Lutheran; 4 children:
  - Florence Clendennin, dec., m. Eli Boozer, of Bachmansville; 3 children:
    - Elwood Boozer, married, resides in Elizabethtown.
    - Ernest Boozer, m. ---- Kaylor; farmer near Deodate.
    - Florence Boozer, d. young.
  - Alice Clendennin, dec., m. Jeremiah Martin, farmer near Vian; 4 children:
    - Clara Martin, m. Allen Kaylor, carpenter near Deodate.
    - Edith Martin, d. single.
    - James Martin, single.
    - Claude Martin, m. Edna Forrest; works in Hershey; residence, Campbelltown; 1 child: Alice.
  - Anna Clendennin, dec., m. Joseph Nowlen, blacksmith at Cornwall; children:
    - Calvin Nowlan, m. Anna Ramsey; has a confectionery store in Quentin.

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- tin; 2 children: Martha and a baby girl.
  - Bertha Nowlen, m. William Harkins, butcher at Cornwall; 3 children: Geraldine, and 2 daughters that died young.
  - George Clendennin, m. Gertrude Witman, of Reading; clerk in store in Quentin; no children. With him his mother died.
- ELIZABETH IMBODEN, dec., m. John Risser, dec., huckster and farmer at Palmyra; no children of their own but raised a boy, "Reddy" Phillips, and an adopted girl, Elizabeth, who married each other.
- NANCY IMBODEN, dec., m. Henry Fegan, dec., Civil War veteran, shot in the temple but lived; farmer; died in Campbelltown; 3 children:

- Mary Fegan, single in Lebanon.
- Henry Fegan, m. Lizzie Book; concreter in Palmyra; large family, but unable to secure all the names.
- William Fegan, died single.

## **LYDIA KREIDER IMBODEN**

Lydia Kreider, the youngest daughter of Jacob, Jr., of Snitz Creek, was married twice. Her first husband was William Imboden, a farmer one mile south of Annville, by whom she had 2 children: William and Mary Ann. William Imboden was a brother of Samuel Imboden, the husband of Lydia's sister Nancy. William died and Nancy died. Then something rather unusual happened. The widow of the deceased brother married the widower of the deceased sister. Samuel and Lydia then had children, so there were three sets of Imbodens in that home - children of Samuel and Nancy, children of William and Lydia, and children of Samuel and Lydia. Samuel and Lydia farmed for a time on his farm east of Campbelltown and then retired in the town in the house now occupied for 40 years by their daughter, Susanna, married to Michael Moyer. Samuel and Lydia lie side by side in Mt. Annville cemetery; Samuel Lutheran, and Lydia Mennonite. Lydia had the following children, the first two being by her first husband:

- William Imboden, Jr., b. Dec. 9, 1838; d. May 9, 1884.\*
  - Mary Ann Imboden, b. ----; d. -----.
  - Moses K. Imboden, d. in 1878.\*
  - Samuel K. Imboden, b. June 19, 1844; d. Dec. 14, 1918
  - Lydia Imboden, b. Nov. 10, 1850; d. Nov. 21, 1856.
  - Lavina Imboden, b. Feb. 2, 1854; d. Aug. 14, 1864.
  - Susanna Imboden, b. Oct. 16, 1856.\*
- WILLIAM IMBODEN, JR., afore, m. Elizabeth Heilman; laborer in Campbelltown; Lutheran; buried in the Reformed cemetery, Campbelltown. We quote from his family Bible.  
William Imboden and Miss (Yungfrau) Lizzie Heilman were married Dec. 24, A.D. 1863, by L. H. Gotwald, pastor.

"PARENTS - William Imboden, a son of William Imboden and wife Lydia, a daughter of Jacob Kreider, was born Dec. 9 A.D. 1838, in Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa.; baptized April 7, A.D. 1876, by Rev. G. T. Weibel, and was also confirmed at the Evang. Luth. Congregation at Campbelltown by Rev. G. T. Weibel, Apr. 8, 1876,

"My wife Elizabeth Imboden, a daughter of Daniel Heilman and wife Elizabeth, a daughter of John Boger, was born March 4, A.D. 1844, in North Annville Twp., Lebanon Co., Pa., was baptized Apr., A.D. 1848, by Rev. W. G. Ernst, and was confirmed by Rev. L. G. Eggers, at the Evang. Luth. Church." A very commendable family record.

William and Elizabeth had 2 children:

- Lydia Imboden, b. June 26, 1866; m. Harry Lenig, painter in Reading; 6 children; Helen, William, Myra, Lydia, Grace and Harry, dec.
  - Edwin H. Imboden, b. Nov. 4, 1868; d. June 16, 1892; clerk in store in Campbelltown, went west, then clerk in Phila.: single.
- MARY ANN IMBODEN. afore, dec., m. John Hartz, dec.; farmer north of Mt. Pleasant; retired in Annville; 6 children:
  - Hannibal Hartz, cripple, d. single.
  - William Hartz, m. twice, first to Hettie Royer of Prescott, secondly to Catharine Earnest; mail agent on train between Lebanon and Lykens; residence, Annville; 3 children by the first wife all deceased; 2 by the second: Ernest and Mary.
  - Levina Hartz, single, with sister Leah.
  - Mary Hartz, m. Peter Goss, miller, but now works in shoe factory in Palmyra; Brethren; children: Dorothy, m. a Methodist preacher; Myra, teacher; and Warren, single.
  - Samuel Hartz, m. Florenece Holsberg; conductor on the railroad between Hummelstown and Middletown; residence in Hummelstown; 1 child: Ethel, single.
  - Leah Hartz, m. Rev. Charles Wingert, of the Presbyterian Church, had preached in Pittsburgh, but now at Martin's Ferry, Ohio; 2 children: Lowell and Joyce.

Hartz records from Mrs. Wm. Hartz.

- MOSES IMBODEN, afore, m. Jane Immel; shoe salesman and later shoe merchant in Phila.; buried at Laurel Hill, Phila.; widow now in Reading; no children that lived.
- SAMUEL K. IMBODEN, afore, m. Juliana Heilman (Oct. 18, 1841-May 23, 1912), sister to William's wife; farmer on the homestead, later at the Helig House, owning both the hotel and the farm, afterward built the attractive home west across the road from the Heilig House, where he died; both buried in Mt. Annville cemetery; school director 6 years, county commissioner, in limestone business 25 years; Lutheran; 6 children:
  - Ellen Imboden, d. aged 6 years, 9 months and 3 days.

- Albert Imboden, m. Sallie Kline; liveryman and ice dealer in Hummelstown, also owner of farm north of H.; 3 children: Albert; Kline, dec.; and Eleanora, dec.
- Samuel H. Imboden, m. Rebecca Kleinfelter; overseer of all the farms at the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown; 4 children: Catherine Julia, teacher; Ruth Elizabeth, teacher; Harold Samuel, student of medicine in the University of Pa.; and Mary Lydia, like all the rest single.
- Raymond Daniel Imboden, m. Lillian Speck, of Annville; proprietor of the Swynford Hotel, Middleburg, Snyder Co., Pa., having previously been a machinist in Lebanon and Altoona; Lutheran; 3 children: Julia, dec., Herman and Warren, dec.
- Cora Elizabeth Imboden, m. Paul Shenk, 23 South Second street, Lebanon, Pa.; clerk in the H. J. Shenk store; Reformed; no children. From her a considerable part of Imboden records received.
- Moris Imboden, d. aged 6 years, 3 months and 8 days.
- SUSANNA IMBODEN, afore, m. April 8, 1879, to Michael Moyer, reared south of Campbelltown, and whose grandfather's sons went to Center county; owner of the Imboden farm east of Campbelltown, but living for the last 40 years in the house in Campbelltown to which her parents had retired; largely indebted to them for records of the three youngest daughters of Jacob Kreider, Jr., of Snitz Creek; 4 children:
  - A child died at birth.
  - John Henry Moyer, d. aged 17 months.
  - Eleanora (Nellie) Moyer, m. Ramond Engle, lawyer in Palmyra, but now managing his father's store and farm; 2 children: Mary Elizabeth and Eleanor Caroline.
  - Paul Imboden Moyer, m. Alice Evans Artz, a trained nurse, to whom he was married while on her death bed; farmer on the Imboden homestead, east of Campbelltown.

## **MICHAEL KREIDER, THE SETTLER AT FAIRLAND**

We have considered the descendants of the two sons of John Kreider, the Settler on Snitz Creek - who occupied the land bought there by their father from the Penns - 338 acres. John the Settler afterward bought for his son, Martin, the farm of Martin, of the four sons of Jacob the Settler, being part of the 585 acres patented to four of the sons of Jacob the Settler in 1760. This land of the Kreiders on Snitz Creek, 338 acres and 585 acres, totaling 923 acres, we find referred to very appropriately by one writer as the "Kreider Settlement." We shall so designate it in the future.

But John the Settler also purchased from the Penns a tract of 310 1/2 acres at Cleona and Fairland, and received it through the same patent deed that secured to him his first



263 acres on Snitz Creek. It might also be regarded as a part of the "Kreider Settlement." But so to include it might lead to confusion. We shall designate it the "Fairland Kreider Settlement."

Michael, son of John the Settler on Snitz Creek, received from his father the tract at Fairland, 310 1/2 acres, on Jan. 8, 1772. As the father received his patent deed for it in 1747, this land was in his possession for 25 years before he sold it to his son. Michael was born in 1745, and so was in his 27th year when he received this farm from his father. He was married as early as 1770 at least, for his son John was born early in 1771. Doubtless late in the seventeen sixties he built his log dwelling due north of Cleona, where the house of the John Long farm is now located.

Michael, born Nov. 27, 1745[?], died August 18, 1871[?], was married to Anna Stoever, born Jan. 25, 1805. Anna Stoever, not unlikely was a daughter of the pioneer Lutheran preacher here. It may be that Michael while working the outlying tract at Cleona, for it doubtless joined the Stoever holdings on the northwest, or in passing the Stoever mill on the way home to his father's domicile on Snitz Creek, fell so deeply in love with fair Anna that he broke Mennonite rules to possess her. Be it as it may, we are informed that Michael Kreider married Anna Stoever.

Rev. P. C. Croll says on page 333 of his "Landmarks in the Lebanon Valley": "Other older families are the Imbodens, Kreiders, etc., all whose first ancestors are buried at the Hill church." Michael and Anna, the first Kreiders in this section, of the third generation already in the Lebanon Valley, if the contention of Hon. A. S. Kreider is correct, are buried in the private cemetery a little east of their dwelling. We venture the assertion that no Kreider earlier than the fifth generation is buried at the Hill Church.

## **THE OLD HOMESTEAD**

As has been stated, the original house stood where the house of the present John Long farm stands. It was toward the eastern end of the Michael Kreider plantation. The barn west of the house, not east of it, as is the present arrangement. The house was of logs, later a stone kitchen was added on the west end toward the barn. Joining the kitchen was the main living room; of course before the kitchen it was open toward the west. This large room doubtless had its fire place, with all sorts of things hung around on the walls after [colonial] fashion. Hardly an ancestral sword that had drawn human blood. Perhaps a Mennonite might have had a fowling piece or two hanging up. We wish we were able to draw a pen picture of a colonial Mennonite living room. We will venture there was a spinning wheel, etc. Mennonite maidens were brought up to work. Who will dare to say that they were not just as sweet as any modern doll whose fingers have never touched dish water?

On the first floor of this Kreider log house were also two bed rooms adjoining the living room. Up stairs were three bedrooms. There are some Kreiders yet living who slept in some of these rooms.

Over the kitchen was also a sleeping room. This was reserved for tramps. The hospitality of the Mennonite extended to the lowest of human kind. There was only one bed in this room and never more than two tramps were allowed to occupy it one night. If more than two applied the extra ones had to move on to the next farm. Here the tramps were kept in the house. The knights of the road must have felt like gentlemen next morning, when well fed they sallied forth from the Kreider home.

But the good housewife did not always feel that it was more blessed to give than to receive. We are told of one who, after the visitor had departed, found the bed full of lice. The poor woman, horrified, distracted, she burned bed clothing, she cried, she scrubbed, she felt disgraced beyond redemption. If her neighbor's wife should know it! It cannot be said that the plain housewife was for absolute peace, for she bristled with war, war to the utmost, when it came to lice and bed bugs.

The old Kreider barn, as we have said to the west, was also of logs. It was over 100 feet long, for remember that Michael had 310 1/2 acres of land, colonial measure, and the land about Cleona and Fairland is productive. Some of his land lay south of the pike, joined on the southwest by land of the Longs and on the southeast by Stoevers land. The settler Kreider had not bought far up on the hill. Later Kreider bought land of the Kellers and of the Hill Church.

## **THE FAMILY SPRING**

On Dec. 21, 1811, Michael Kreider, of Lebanon township, yeoman, granted to his son Christian, now living on the western part of his plantation a certain water right, expressed as follows;

"That he (the son of Christian) shall have the liberty and privilege to Dam or raise the said Spring three inches higher and to take or cause so much water from said Spring that can run through a hole of the Bigness or largeness of three quarters of an Inch, and to dig and break up the Ground for to make a Trench from the said Spring through the said Michael Kreider's land, the distance about fifty yards to lead that said Quantity of Water through said Trench, and all along to his house for his use Benefit and behoof of him the said Christian Kreider, his heirs and assigns daily and every day hereafter for Ever."

See Lebanon county records Book G, Vol. 1, p. 430. On April 3, 1839, this water right was conveyed by Christian Kreider for one dollar to his son Daniel. This spring, still

walled up, still supplies the buildings directly south of it with water, and we understand also the farm to the west.

## **THE FAMILY**

Michael and Anna Stover Kreider had 5 children:

- John, b. March 10, 1771; d. June 14, 1856.\*
- Christian, b. Apr. 20, 1780; d. Jan. 18, 1856.\*
- Anna, b. July 12, 1786; d. April 30, 1864.\*
- Tobias, b. Nov. 25, 1788; d. Mar. 22, 1866.\*
- A daughter, m. Benjamin Moyer, of whom we have been unable to get further information.

Michael, the Settler, on Nov. 9, 1811, conveyed the western part of his plantation to his son Christian. This western tract consisted of 170 acres and 14 perches. It now includes the Rev. Christian Kreider farm and southern part of the Kettering farm. The eastern part of the plantation, the homestead, Michael conveyed to his son Tobias. We shall see that Michael had in North Annville township, also provided a farm for his son John. The daughter Anna, who married John Bachman, of his neighborhood of Fontana, had no need of being provided for by her father. For the history of John Bachman see The Report of August, 1918. The Moyers were also a well-to-do family, and no doubt the daughter who married Benjamin Moyer had ample care.

## **JOHN, SON OF MICHAEL THE FIRST**

John the oldest son of Michael, who settled on the land of his father at Fairland, married Anna Troxel. This was by no means the only marriage between Kreider's and Troxels, and because of this we are inclined to regard the Troxels as Mennonites. Our list of warrantees does not stamp the Troxels as specially heavy land owners, but they bought land from persons already having Patent Deeds. John Troxell received a warrant for 50 acres of land in Lebanon township, April 11, 1768; and Abraham Troxall received a warrant for 30 acres in the same township, Jan. 31, 1774. Among the non-associates of Lebanon township in 1777 are Abraham Traexel and Mickel Traexel.

John Kreider under consideration came into possession of Troxel land. The records tell us that John Kreider, yeoman, of North Annville township, which formerly was Lebanon township, Annville township, having been formed in 1799, on Nov. 25, 1854, conveyed to his grandson, John Meyer, of Londonderry township, 167 acres of land. This land had consisted of two contiguous tracts. The one consisted of about 100 acres, which was received by warrant by Jacob Miller, July 18, 1750, who transferred

it to Jacob King April 24, 1762, who by assignment transferred it November 8, 1762, to John Troxel. The other tract of about 67 acres was given by warrant April 14, 1773, to Abraham Miller, who on January 17, 1774, transferred it to John Troxel. Now John Troxel, being seized of both properties, died intestate, so that the said properties by order of the court, became invested in John Troxel, grandson of the foregoing John. The younger John may have been a brother of Anna Troxel, who married John Kreider, we know not. But after the younger John, the lands became the property of Michael Kreider, the settler at Fairland.

On Oct. 17, 1807, Michael Kreider confirmed the 167 acres to his son, John, husband of Anna Troxel. We have not located the property as yet, but it was likely John's home, for he owned it from 1807 to 1854, 47 years, and then, as we have seen, conveyed it to his grandson, John Meyer, of Londonderry township.

We find that John Kreider, farmer, of North Annville township, in his will devises all to his daughter Mary, m. Martin Moyer (Meyer). The daughter is executrix. The will is dated Dec. 12, 1854, just 17 days after he had conveyed the farm to his grandson, John Meyer, without doubt the son of his only child Mary, m. Martin Moyer. We have seen that John Kreider died June 24, 1856. His will was probated July 28, 1856.

Hon. A. S. Kreider in his outline of the Kreider family also has but one child for John Kreider - Mary, m. Martin Wenger. Whether Mary had more children than the John mentioned we know not. The determination of the point might be more in place in an investigation of the Moyer family. The investigation of the history of the daughter of Michael the First, married to Benjamin Moyer would also there be in place.

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Monday.)

### **CHRISTIAN, SON OF MICHAEL THE SETTLER**

Christian Kreider was the second son of Michael, who settled at Fairland, and the second child unless the daughter married to Benjamin Moyer were older. Christian was married to Magdalene Stover, born Nov. 19, 1785, and died April 23, 1836. Both are buried in the Kreider cemetery, directly north of Cleona. Whether there was any blood relationship between Christian's wife and his mother we know not. Both were Stovers and likely of Lutheran extraction. The fact that they are buried in the family

cemetery, and not at the Hill Church close by, suggests, at least, that the family became Mennonite rather than Lutheran.

It might be well to take a preview of the homestead of Christian Kreider now under consideration. We understand that he lived in the house now on the farm of his grandson, Rev. Christian Kreider, and tenanted by Nestor Long, northwest of Cleona. The house was built in 1809; but what suggests that Christian farmed his inheritance before building the house is the fact that the barn was erected six years earlier, in 1803. He had a son born in 1806. The buildings were supplied with water from the old family spring near the present campmeeting grounds of the United Christians, owned by Rev. Christian. But the spring is not on this property, but on the eastern farm, which the ancestor gave to his son Tobias. We have been a little confused about springs. This spring supplies also Cleona with water.

The 170 acres, 14 perches which the ancestor gave to his second son, Christian, included, as stated, the greater part of the present farm of Rev. Christian and also of the present Kettering farm, joining on the west, and 9 1/2 acres south of the pike. April 3, 1839, Christian conveyed all of this tract to his son Daniel. This tract at time was bounded as follows: On the east by the land of Tobias Kreider, on the north by the land of George Keller and church land on the northwest by land of Jacob Rupp, on the west by land of Christian Long, and on the south by land of Abraham Long and Tobias Kreider. South of Tobias Kreider was the land of Adam Stoever, and to the east of Tobias was Light land, now the Winters farm, and the Snavelly estate.

Daniel Kreider divided his land north of the pike between his sons, Rev. Christian, who received the homestead with 84 acres and 45 perches, which constituted the eastern part; and Ezra, who received the western part of 88 acres and 75 perches. But Daniel bought land north of the entire tract, some from the Kellers and some from the church, so that Rev. Christian had 97 acres and Ezra 92.

The 9 1/2 acres south of the pike Christian transferred to his son, Michael, who bought to it from the land of his uncle Tobias and from Stoever land, till he had a farm of 150 acres, later known as the Henry farm. Michael thus had 150 acres to his brother Daniel's 170, but some of Daniel's land was well up on the hill, so the two farms may have been about equal in value.

Christian lived in the days that the Mennonites in large measure were becoming United Brethren. In this branch of Kreiders there seemed also a special openness toward the "church people" - the Lutheran and Reformed - due perhaps to early marriage with Stoevers. To what church Christian and his wife held we have been unable to learn; but their burial in the family plot leads us to believe they were still

Mennonite. The course taken by their children in general leads us to the view that they were rather headed toward the United Brethren.

Christian and Magdalene Kreider had 6 children:

- Michael, b. ----, 1806; d. ----, 1885.\*
- Daniel, b. Jan. 21, 1810; d. Apr. 23, 1877.\*
- Magdalena.[\*]
- Mary.[\*]
- Hannah, b. May 16, 1819; d. Oct. 26, 1893.\*
- John b. Jan. 7, 1822; d. Feb. 11, 1843; have an impression that he was said to have been engaged to be married; converted on his death bed; buried in family cemetery north of Cleona.

## **DANIEL KREIDER OF FAIRLAND**

Daniel Kreider, the second son of Christian the First, of Fairland was married to Mary Funk, b. Dec. 15, 1811, and d. Aug. 17, 1865. Mary Funk was a sister to Jacob Funk, m. to Mary Kreider, daughter of Jacob, Jr. of Snitz Creek, see The News of June 16 and June 19. As we shall see later a sister of Daniel married John Funck (as many of the family spell the name), another brother of Mary.

On April 3, 1839, Daniel Kreider received from his father, Christian [received from his father, Christian,] 160 acres and 95 perches of land, being, the deeds tell us, from the 170 acres and the 14 perches which Christian had received from his father Michael Nov. 9, 1811, being part of the 310 1/2 acres which Michael had received from his father John Jan. 28, 1772, being one of the tracts which John had received by Patent Deed from the Penns Feb. 8, 1747. It might further be said that the Penns had bought it from the Indians 15 years before, or in 1732, the year of Washington's birth; and that William Penn had received it by grant from the King of Great Britain some time prior to 1682; and that the Lord Almighty had given it to mankind when he settled upon our father Adam his inheritance. We do not know at what exact moment God made this particular bit of dry ground to appear above the waters. Whether the Lord God prepared it for human habitation in the twinkling of an eye or through a process of thousands of years, the gentle reader will likely decide according to his understanding or lack of understanding. But this we know, that it came into the hands of the Kreiders, and they have made pretty good use of it, raising large crops. And we presume that they have and still render due praise to the Giver of all good things. If they haven't and don't, they ought to be ashamed of themselves, otherwise Lebanon county will have to be ashamed of them.

Daniel Kreider, we are told, was a wonderful worker. Whether he said to himself: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work"; or whether he so worked because the more work the more dollars ahead, or whether it was to provide for his family, we know not, nor does it matter. Some work faster than the Father, some slower, some against Him, but the happiest employ is to work with Him. Daniel having two sons as preachers would suggest that he worked with.

Daniel Kreider and his wife were members of the United Brethren church, but they took issue with those United Brethren who took over the Academy at Annville, and followed Hoffman. Hoffman was not slow in saying that the school was from the Devil. A peculiar kind of unity among brethren. Daniel and his wife, however, are buried in the United Brethren cemetery at Annville.

They had the following children:

- Mary B., b. Dec. 3, 1831; d. June 6, 1871.\*
- Fanny (Veronica), b. Dec. 1, 1833; d. June 24, 1873.\*
- Leah, b. Sept. 17, 1836; d. Oct. 2, 1865.\*
- Rev. John, b. Oct. 1, 1838; d. June 26, 1880.\*
- Anna, b. Jan. 17, 1840; d. June 29, 1840, buried in family cemetery.
- Daniel, b. in 1841; d. in 1907.\*
- Lydia, b. in 1844; d. ----\*
- Ezra, b. July 10, 1848; d. Mar. 18, 1813.[\*]
- Sallie, b. in 1851.\*
- Christian, b. in 1855.\*
  
- MARY B. KREIDER, the oldest child of Daniel Kreider of Fairland, was married to Ephraim Borgner, store-keeper at the Water Works, later m. Mrs. Leopold, cashier of the First National Bank; Mary had 2 children, both deceased.
  - A. Lincoln Borgner, b. March 18, 1865; d. Dec. 11, 1875; lived with grandfather Kreider, dying from injuries received from falling through a hay hole; buried in the United Brethren cemetery in Annville.
  - Mary M. Borgner, d. March 4, 1871; aged 5 years, 11 months and 15 days; buried in the United Brethren cemetery in Annville.
- FANNY (VERONICA) KREIDER, second daughter of Daniel of Fairland, m. Rev. John K. Moyer, b. Jan. 12, 1827; d. Feb. 16, 1887; farmer on Gravel Hill and later retired in Palmyra. It seems that he was the grandson of John Kreider, m. Anna Troxel, and this Rev. John K. must have been the grandson, son of the daughter Mary, m. Martin Moyer, to whom John Kreider conveyed his Troxel farm of 167 acres, in Lodonderry township, on Nov. 25, 1854.65

We shall here insert the record, just gathered, of this only child of John Kreider, m. Anna Troxel.

## MARY KREIDER MOYER

Mary Kreider, the only child of John and Anna Troxel Kreider, m. Martin Moyer. He was a farmer and likely lived on what had once been a Troxel farm, the one bought by her grandfather Michael Kreider. Their farm residence was about one mile north of Annville. When he retired from farming, he moved on a small property near by, where he ended his days. They were members of the United Brethren church, but went with Hoffman when he withdrew because of buying the school at Annville. They had 12 children:

- ELIZABETH MOYER, m. Abraham Herr, farmer near Jonestown; was blinded by a blast in his quarry, and lived in blindness many years; 14 children.
- REV. JOHN K. MOYER, m. Fanny Kreider, daughter of Daniel of Fairland; farmer on the south slope of Gravel Hill, midway between Annville and Palmyra; minister of the United Christians; being rated in his day as one of their ablest; 6 children:
  - Adam Moyer, m. Sarah Kreider, daughter of Rev. Jacob. See the News of June 9.
  - Aaron Moyer, b. Aug. 23, 1854; d. Dec. 4, 1881; single, never strong after injury from falling from a building.
  - Mary A. Moyer, b. Aug. 5, 1858; d. Nov. 25, 1878.
  - Elizabeth Moyer, m. Henry Bachman, farmer near Fontana on the farm now occupied by Rev. Sellers; later retired in Annville; 2 children: Jennie, m. Harry Bowman, farmer near Campbelltown, and Harry, single, was in the U. S. Service.
  - Probably Anna Moyer. Consistent with number of children ascribed to Mary Kreider and Martin Moyer.
  - Sallie Moyer, dec., m. Reuben Bachman, farmer who afterward m. Ella Kreider, daughter of Joseph of Fairland, where they now live retired. (See the News of June 9); Sallie Moyer had 1 child: Sallie, m. Simon Bucher, son of Elder Allen, farmer west of Fontana.
  - Daniel Moyer, dec. m. ---- Miller, of Palmyra; grocer in Reading; children.
- LEAH MOYER, m. Abraham Shenk, farmer near the Moyer homestead; United Brethren; children:
  - Henry Shenk, went to Michigan.
  - Lizzie Shenk, m. Dr. Blouch, of Elizabethtown.
  - Mary Shenk, m. Samuel Black, of Harrisburg.
  - Adam Shenk, resides in Lebanon.



- Samuel Shenk, deceased, lived in Annville.
  - Ella Shenk, deceased, m. Mr. Kinports, of Annville.
- HENRY MOYER, m. Mary Behm; farmer, east of the homestead; she, United Brethren; 4 children:
  - Ella Moyer, m. Addison Hoffer, deacon of the Brethren in Harrisburg; 2 children: Cyrus and Anna.
  - Cyrus Moyer, farmer north of Campbelltown, now retired in Palmyra; 4 children, sons.
  - Caroline Moyer, m. David Heagy, see Long records in the Report.
  - Daniel Moyer, m. ---- Geib; farmer at different places, now retired in Cleona; 6 children.
- MARY MOYER, deceased, single, lived with sister Franey.
- LYDIA MOYER, m. George Hoffer, farmer east of Fontana; children:
  - Anna Mary Hoffer, m. Elias Bomberger of Cleona.
  - Minerva Hoffer, m. Dr. Joseph Beckley of Lebanon.
  - Penrose Hoffer, m. Elizabeth Kreider, daughter of Joseph of Fairland. See News of June 9.
  - Lizzie Hoffer, m. George Snavely, farmer, now in Cleona.
  - Ella Hoffer, single in Philadelphia.
- ANNA MOYER, dec., m. Henry Behm, dec., farmer southwest of Annville, later retired in Annville; United Brethren; 4 children:
  - Cyrus Behm, dec., resided in Denver, Colo.
  - Adam Behm, clerk in store in Reading.
  - Lizzie Behm, m. Elmer Henry, banker in Annville; 2 children: Martha and Louisa.
  - Harry Behm, resides in Reading.
- JACOB MOYER, dec., m. ----- Shenk, of Annville; farmer in Michigan; children.
- MARTIN MOYER, dec., m. Elizabeth Seltzer, farmer on the homestead, and later at Eustontown; she United Brethren; from her daughter Rosie these records of Mary Kreider Moyer received; children:
  - Emma Moyer, dec., m. John Killinger, of Cleona; no children.
  - Rosie Moyer, m. Joseph Snyder, of Hebron; 1 child: trained nurse.
  - Mary Moyer, m. Daniel Brandt, of the Independent District, whose son Martin gave his life in France. See Brandt records in the Report.
  - Nora Moyer, single, with her mother, 613 North Ninth street, Lebanon.
- FRANEY MOYER, dec., m. John Ebersole, dec., farmer in North Annville township, later retired in Annville; United Christian; no children.
- DANIEL MOYER, m. Elizabeth Miller; farmer on the homestead; now retired in Annville; 1 child:
  - Morris Moyer, m. Alice Winters; works in shoe factory in Annville.

- SALLIE MOYER, dec., m. David Smith, dry goods merchant in Pottsville; 1 child.
  - Lillie Smith, m. Dr. Kramer, of Pottsville.
- LEAH KREIDER, afore, the third child and daughter of Daniel of Fairland, m. David Kreider, Jr., see the News of June 16. It was there stated that Leah had no children that lived, but they had several that died:
  - Aaron Kreider, b. Feb. 19, 1857; d. June 17, 1857.
  - Sarah Kreider, b. and d. Mar. 18, 1858.
  - Rebecca Kreider, b. and d. Nov. 24, 1860.
  - Edwin Kreider, b. and d. Mar. 4, 1862.
  - Clara Eva Kreider, d. Sept. 23, 1863, aged 1 month and 8 days.

They are all buried along with their mother in the United Brethren cemetery in Annville.

Rev. JOHN F. KREIDER, afore, m. Nov. 8, 1863, to Maria (Mary) Kreider, oldest daughter and child of Henry the Aged (See the News of June 12); farmer immediately east of Campbelltown, where his son Eld. Henry now resides. Elder Henry has a chain of titles to this land. The land to the north, 233 acres, was surveyed by John Purly for Leonard Leininger (Deininger) Nov. 20, 1772, Derry township, Lancaster county. Doubtless a warrant of Oct. 7, 1751, had been granted for it. Our notes would indicate that at this time it was surrounded by lands of Thomas and Robert McCallon, George Henry (likely the ancestor of the judge), John Balm and Conrad Rice. The present Kreider farm was conveyed by one Jacob S[v]ar March 30, 1818, to Christian Sheller, who on March 30, 1830, conveyed it to Michael Baum who conveyed it to John Wolfersberger, who Jan. 23, 1839, to Peter Shutz, who Oct. 25, 1852, to Henry Coble, who April 24, 1854, to John Baccastow, who August 15, 1855 to Michael Kreider, from whom Rev. John F. Kreider doubtless bought it. The Kreider farm was originally patented to one Jane Sloan, in trust, for herself and children, March 19, 1764. The present barn on the farm was built in 1813.

Rev. John Funk Kreider was a minister of the Brethren in Christ. He had 8 children:

- Emma Kreider, b. May 14, 1862; d. March 8, 1903; m. Rev. John Curry, dec.; miller at Swatara Station, minister of the United Christians; 8 children:
  - Rev. Irvin Curry, dec., m. Mary O'Neil, farmer at Swatara; preacher of the United Christians; 6 children: Leah, Samuel, Paul, Ammon, Grace and Ruth.
  - Ammon Curry, dec., m. Mary Landis, since m. Edward Stoner; miller; 1 child: Landis.

- Amos Curry, m. Annie Stauffer, merchant in Palmyra; Brethren; 3 children: Stauffer and the names of the other two we have failed to secure.
- John Curry, m. Edith Shenk; miller; having charge of his father's warehouse at Swatara; 1 child.
- Mary Curry, m. George Dubler, farmer near Gainsburg; United Christian; 5 children: Martha, John, Sarah, names of other two not learned.
- Conrad K. Curry, m. Edna Hocker; was in camp, but returned, storekeeper at Swatara; 1 Child: Conrad Kreider, Jr.
- Susan Curry, single.
- Sarah Curry, single.
- Susan Kreider, b. Sept. 6, 1863; m. Joseph Bowman, d. Mar. 13, 1888; farmer south of Campbelltown, she now in C.; she Brethren in Christ; supplied records for her father's family; 2 children:
  - Joseph Bowman, Jr., m. Catharine Bowman; works at Hershey, but resides in Campbelltown; no children; she Reformed.
  - Jacob Bowman, m. Elizabeth Stevenson; teacher at Avondale; now inspector of vocal schools of Penna.; residence Camp Hill, above Harrisburg; Baptist; 1 child: Joseph Edward.
- Alfred Kreider, b. April 22, 1865; d. Sept. 14, 1865.
- Elizabeth Kreider, b. June 2, 1867; m. Menno Light, farmer at Syner, but now Palmyra; she, Brethren in Christ; 10 children:
  - Cora Light, m. John Herr, farmer along the trolley line from Hershey to Elizabethtown; Brethren in Christ; 3 children: Denver, Sarah, and Anna.
  - Katie Light, m. Penrose Hostetter, farmer at Bellgrove; she, Brethren in Christ; he, United Brethren; 6 children: Allen, Cora, Lloyd, Luke, Mark and Ruth. See The Report of May 6, 1919 on the Long Family.
  - Sallie Light, m. Harry Walborn, farmer at Syner on the Light homestead; 4 children: Arthur, other names not secured.
  - Harry Light, m. Rebecca Shenk; farmer but now in Palmyra; 1 child: Mildred.
  - Edna Light, single.
  - Carrie Light, single.
  - Walter Light.
  - Alvin Light.
  - Byron Light
- Sarah Kreider, b. Aug. 8, 1869 (likely 1868), m. Levi Dohner, dec.; she now a missionary in South Africa for the Brethren in Christ; no children.

- Rev. Daniel Kreider, b. March 29, 1870 (perhaps 1871), m. Anna Hoffer, daughter of John of near Palmyra; miller, now noodle and potato chip manufacturer in Altoona, Pa.; minister of the Brethren; 2 children:
  - Obed Kreider, m. ---- Baker.
  - Asher Kreider.
- Elder Henry Kreider, b. Jan. 10, 1873, m. first in 1894 to Alice B. Johnson of Campbelltown, who died childless in 1896; m. secondly June 15, 1899, to Katie R. Hoffman, of Middletown, daughter of John W., of United Zion Children, her mother later becoming the wife of Bishop Joseph Frank Nissley, of Hummelstown; taught school ten terms in and about Campbelltown; now farmer on the homestead east of Campbelltown; elected to ministry of the Brethren in Christ May, 1900, ordained bishop October, 1912, having the oversight of the Dauphin-Lebanon District, succeeding Bishop Jacob K. Kreider of Fairland. Elder Henry tells us that he once asked a German tramp if they had any Kreiders, Bachmans and Burkholders in Germany. "Ya," came the answer, "they are Dutch as sauer kraut." The bishop has six children: Ethan A., John, Herbert, Mary, Grace and Anna.
- Cyrus Kreider, b. Nov. 4, 1877; d. Mar. 5, 1878.

## **THE DAUPHIN-LEBANON DISTRICT**

The Dauphin-Lebanon church district of the Brethren in Christ, over which Bishop Henry Kreider of Campbelltown presides, comprises the counties of Dauphin and Lebanon. The Kreiders have and are playing an important role in this district. We have stated that preceding Henry as Bishop was Rev. Jacob K. Kreider, of Fairland. So a short account of this district will be pertinent and likely of interest.

The membership of the District is 310, this, as in the Church of the Brethren, doubtless includes only baptized adults, or those who out of faith made intelligent self choice.

The duties of the deacons we are told is about the same as among Brethren, tending tables, caring for sick and poor, and making the yearly church visit to all the members, to ascertain whether they are still in the faith of the Gospel, and if they have anything to bring before the church of consideration. There are four such deacons in this district: David B. Wenger of Fairland, Henry Baum of Palmyra, Enoch McCorkle of Middletown, R. D. 3, and Henry Garman of Harrisburg.

The preachers of the district are: Rev. Jacob D. Books, of Cleona, father was not only a preacher before him, but a bishop; Rev. Jacob B. Funk, also of Cleona, and partly a Kreider; Rev. Jacob L. Brubaker, of Lawn, Palmyra, R. D. 2, superannuated; Rev.

Harrison M. Hostetter of Campbelltown; Rev. Samuel E. Brehm, of Hummelstown; Rev. Clayton M. Engle, of near Hummelstown, on farm for more than 100 years in the Engle family, the Engles were largely the founders of this denomination; Rev. George Detweiler of Harrisburg; and Rev. John A. Garman, of Harrisburg. This makes with the bishop, 10 ministers in the Dauphin-Lebanon District.

The church houses are as follows:

- Fairland, frame, build about 1883, enlarged in 1911, seating capacity about 800. Here the Brethren in Christ held their General Conference in 1912.
- Palmyra, brick, bought of the Church of God, capacity about 350.
- Hummelstown, a frame building, of which further particulars have not been secured.
- Messiah Home Chapel, 1175 Bailiff St., Harrisburg, capacity 400. This home is likely under the care of this district.
- The Brethren in Christ also have a third interest in the Chamber Hill church, south of Rutherford, capacity 350; also a third interest in Shenk's church near Deodate. They rent Epler's church near Colebrook; and also have services in the United

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Thursday.)

Christian Church in Campbelltown.

They have preaching every two weeks at Fairland, at Harrisburg and at Hummelstown, and at these three places have Sunday school ever Sunday. They preach every sixth week at Deodate and every eighth week at Eplers and Campbelltown. We failed to get the appointment at Palmyra.

Midweek and Sunday evening services are held in the different fields in the homes of the members. In like manner Bible study meetings are held. At Fairland and Harrisburg there are Young People's meetings.

Now this is the church machinery throbbing with divine energy, over which Bishop Henry Kreider, of Campbelltown, presides, from whom we received our information.

- DANIEL KREIDER, afore, son of Daniel of Fairland, placed by his father on the farm now occupied by Levi Kreider, belonging to the Kettering estate, about one mile west of the Kreider homestead, but had the western fever, went first to Missouri, where he became a railroad clerk, later went to Denver, Colo., where he engaged in the same work; m. Mary Thomas of near Schaefferstown; 3 children:
  - Clara Kreider, m. -----, now in California; 1 child.
  - Jennie Kreider, m. ---- -----, now in California; 1 child.
  - Eugene Kreider. m. --- -----, resided not far from Denver; jeweler; a number of children.
- LYDIA KREIDER, afore, m. John Hershey of Hummelstown; Brethren in Christ; 2 children:
  - Norman Hershey, d. young.
  - Minerva Hershey, m. Edwin Engle, resides out from Dayton, Ohio.
- EZRA KREIDER, afore, m. Lydia B. Heilman, b. June 5, 152 [sic]; farmer on the western part of the homestead, which he received from his father Daniel, the present Kettering farm; she, Lutheran; he and several of their children buried at the Hill Church; 11 children:
  - Mary Kreider, m. Rudolph Herr; operator of a stone quarry; residence Main street, Palmyra; United Brethren; 4 children: Margaret, Harold, Virginia and Mary.
  - Walter Kreider, dec., m. Ida Steckbeck who later m. Joseph Kreider, Jr. of Sporting Hill, see The News of June 9; farm laborer, largely for his father; no children.
  - Titus Kreider. m. Ethel Niggerson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; manager of a tobacco house in New York city; 1 child: John Raymond.
  - Ellen Kreider, m. John Shirk, banker in Annville; United Brethren; 3 children: John, Lydia and Ralph.
  - Lydia Kreider, m. William Kreider, son of David of Palmyra, of the Palmyra Kreider Shoe Company, See The News of June 9th.
  - Ezra Kreider, Jr., m. Grace Donmoney, from whom we received the records of Ezra, Sr., daughter of Hiram of Cleona; shipping clerk in the C. M. Coover Box Factory; residence Cleona; United Brethren; 2 children: Harold and Jack.
  - Virgie Kreider, m. Joseph Kettering, lumber, coal and feed merchant in Palmyra; United Christian; 2 children: Harold and Mark.
  - Besides the foregoing children, Ezra, Sr., and Lydia Heilman Kreider have buried at the Hill Church the following children:
    - Daniel Kreider, d. Mar. 13, 1886, aged 1 year and 9 days.
    - Harvey Kreider, d. Feb. 12, ----, aged 2 months, 13 days.
    - Annie Kreider, d. Oct. 21, 1891, aged 1 month 8 days.

- Herman Kreider, d. Oct. 27, 1893, aged 4 years and 12 days.
- SALLIE KREIDER, afore, youngest daughter of Daniel of Fairland, m. Aaron Dutweiler, farmer between Annville and Campbelltown, now retired in Annville; United Christian; 6 children:
  - Irvin E. Dutweiler, dec., m. Lizzie Heagy, daughter of Jacob, formerly farmer east of Fontana, now retired in Fairland, with whom she resides; farmer on the Dutweiler homestead, now occupied by a Miller; 1 child: Elmer.
  - Edwin K. Dutweiler, m. Lizzie Kettering, grocer in Cleona; United Christian; 6 children: Mary Jane, dec., Sally Minerva, Cora May, Lizzie K., Aaron K. and Ruth, dec.
  - Mary Dutweiler, m. Allen Light, farmer 2 miles south of Annville; United Christian; 6 children: Sallie, Emma, Erma, Fannie, Ammon and Mary, dec.
  - Ira Dutweiler, single, at home, has a stationery store on Cumberland street, Lebanon.
  - Sallie Dutweiler, died single, aged 19 years.
  - Mabel Dutweiler, single, at home.

Dutweiler records received from the family.

- REV. CHRISTIAN B. KREIDER, the youngest child and second preacher of the family, m. Annie Witmer; farmer, after Kreider fashion the youngest son receiving the homestead, now retired in Fairland; owner of the United Christian campmeeting grounds north of Fairland; preacher of the United Christians; 6 children:
  - Frank W. Kreider, m. Effy Eby; teller in Farmer's Trust Company, Lebanon; residence 214 South Ninth street; Reformed; no children.
  - Daniel Kreider, single, at home; clerk for Gas and Fuel Company.
  - Laura Kreider, m. Harry Honker, attorney in Lebanon, residence Myerstown; Lutheran; 2 children: John and William.
  - Fannie Kreider, m. George Segner, clerk in Myerstown; Evangelical; no children.
  - Sarah Kreider. single, at home, school teacher.
  - Martha Kreider, also single, at home and a school teacher.

Records from Rev. Christian Kreider.

We have now completed the records of Daniel Kreider of Fairland, son of Christian of the same place, son of Michael, son of John who settled on Snitz Creek at the western end of "The Kreider Settlement," son, according to Hon. A. S. Kreider, of Martin the immigrant, who was a squatter in the Lebanon county before the Penns bought from

the Indians. Daniel was the second son of Christian of Fairland, but we have given his record first because we had it better in hand. Now we turn to Michael the oldest son.

## **MICHAEL, SON OF CHRISTIAN OF FAIRLAND**

Michael Kreider, son of Christian of Fairland, was born August 8, 1805, his funeral text as kept by his son, John S., was 1 John 3:2. He was married May 11, 1828, by Rev. Graft, to Sarah Longenecker, b. Dec. 12, 1808; d. June 6, 1854. She at her own request is buried in the Kreider burial plot north of Cleona. He later married Louisa Walter, nee Eisenhauer. He and his second wife, by whom he had no children, are buried at Kimmerling's. His residence at Avon led to his buying a burial plot at Kimmerling's.

As stated, Michael received from his father 9 1/2 acres of land south of the pike at Fairland, which served as a nucleus from which he built up a 150-acre farm, now the Henry farm. He lived on this farm till the death of his first wife, then rented it for ten years to Stoevers, after which he sold it to Fishburn, from whose estate Christian Henry bought it. Michael then lived at Ninth and Walnut streets, Lebanon, later owned and occupied the property opposite the Avon Inn. He then bought and occupied the Felix Light farm at Avon, now the Nutting farm. He bought and sold farms. As we have seen, he was once the owner of the farm east of Schaefferstown, now the home of Elder Henry Kreider, and was doubtless instrumental in placing Kreiders in that section.

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Monday.)

Michael was a director of the Lebanon National Bank. He was a member of the United Brethren Church. He had 10 children, all by the first wife:

- A son, b. Sept, 7, 1829; d. aged 7 days.
- Elizabeth, b. Oct. 31, 1830; d. Aug. 2, 1890.\*
- Levii [sic], b. Nov. 6, 1832; d. Oct. 26, 1868.\*
- Christian, b. June 23, 1835; d. Oct. 21, 1907.\*
- Magdalene, b. Mar. 17, 1838; d. Dec. 25, 1871.\*
- Dr. Cyrus, b. May 29, 1840; d. Feb. 22, 1918.\*
- Sarah, b. Mar. 17, 1842; d. Jan. 21, 1909.\*
- Uriah, b. April 2, 1884; likely d. Apr., 1917.\*
- John S., b. Feb. 27, 1846.\*



- Ana, b. May 31, 1850.\*

-Family Bible in possession of John S.

- ELIZABETH KREIDER, afore, m. Sept. 26, 1850, by Rev. Casper Light, to George Bross, b. April 9, 1825, in East Hanover; d. Feb. 6, 1896; farmer beyond Mt. Zion; Brethren; 5 children:
  - Sarah Bross, b. Sept. 25, 1851; m. Adam Light, farmer at the Twin Bridges over the Swatara, beyond Mt. Zion, now resides in Myerstown, acting as engineer in a shirt factory built on the rear of his lot; Brethren; 7 children:
    - Clara Light, m. Henry Keeney, farmer at Rehrersburg; Brethren; 9 children.
    - Rev. George Light, dec., m. Martha Cassel; school teacher at Hatfield, Montgomery county, minister of Brethren, having acted as assistant Sunday school secretary of Eastern Pennsylvania; 2 children:
      - Mary Light, single, at home, to whom we are indebted for records of her grandmother's family.
      - Emma Light, m. Harry Merkey, farmer on the Light homestead at Swatara; Brethren; 5 children: Ammon, Sarah, Paul, Manna, Adam.
    - Harry Light, m. Alice Geib, daughter of Ephraim of Reistville; farmer near Schaefferstown; Brethren; 4 children: Laura, Mary, Earl and a baby boy.
    - Annie Light, m. Elmer Wagner, farmer near Rehrersburg; Brethren; 4 boys.
    - Sallie Light, m. Paul Weaver, son of Daniel, recently of Maple street, Lebanon; works in Weaver Bologna Factory at Weaverstown, residence on the Light homestead; Brethren; 3 children: Herman, Harold and Harry.
  - Ephraim Bross, April 21, 1853; d. young.
  - John Adam Bross, b. Oct. 19, 1854; m. Salenas Boyer; farmer on this side of Rehrersburg; Brethren 4 children:
    - Mary Bross, m. Pierce Edris, farmer near Rehrersburg; 1 child: Harvey.
    - Sallie Bross, d. single.
    - Lizzie Bross, m. Wallace Kline, repairsman on trolley line; residence Myerstown; Brethren; 3 children: Harry, Beulah and Lester.
    - John Bross, m. Annie Schlaseman; farmer at Millbach; 2 children.

- Daniel Bross, b. Oct. 24, 1856; m. Sarah Meyer, daughter of Eld. Jacob of near Hamlin; Brethren; 10 children:
  - Anna Bross, m. Rev. Jacob Merkey, farmer at Rehrersburg; minister of the Brethren; 2 children.
  - Mary Bross, m. John Lentz, farmer near Hamlin; Brethren; 5 or 6 children.
  - George Bross, m. Minnie Lebo; farmer near Millersburg; 3 children.
  - Sarah Bross, m. David Bashore, farmer near Hamlin; Brethren; no children.
  - Jacob Bross, m. Mabel Bricker; farmer near Hamlin; 1 child.
  - Samuel Bross, m. Mary Demmy; farmer near Hamlin; 1 child.
  - Daniel Bross, m. ---- Demmy, sister of Mary; butcher, with his father-in-law at Greble; no children.
  - Rebecca Bross, single at home; Brethren.
  - Lydia Bross, single, at home; Brethren.
  - Levi Bross, single, at home.
- Elizabeth Bross, b. Aug. 21, 1858; d. Feb. 11, 1863.
- Anna Bross, b. Jan. 21, 1860; d. Feb. 11, 1863.
- Mary K. Bross, b. Feb. 26, 1862; m. Apr. 2, 1881, to Isaac D. Gible, son of Abraham; teacher in eastern Pennsylvania 16 years, moved west in 1898, later employed in concentrating department of lead and zinc mines, Webb City, Mo., residence Carthage, Mo., in 1915; she said to be now in California; he a deacon of the Brethren; 7 children.
  - Laura Ethel Gible, stenographer.
  - Mary Evangeline Gible, school teacher, stenographer and musician; m. Samuel Roswell Hunter, mechanical engineer in Oshkosh, Wis.; 1 child: Mary Elizabeth.
  - Iram B. Gible, salesman for a cracker company in Berkeley, Cal.
  - Eva Jeanette Gible, stenographer, Berkeley, Cal.
  - Naum B. Gible, student of mechanical engineering in Stanford University, Cal.
  - Stella May Gible; stenographer in San Francisco, Cal.
  - Elam B. Gible, student in Berkeley, Cal.

See writer's History of the Royer Family in America, pp. 359-361, records having been secured in 1915.

- Levi Bross, b. June 18, 1869, m. Katie Gible, daughter of Joseph of Fredericksburg; farmer at Fredericksburg; Brethren; 5 children:
  - Groh Bross, single at home.

- Joseph Bross, m. ---- ----, of Fredericksburg; residence, Annville; 2 children.
- John Bross, single at home.
- Levi Bross, Jr., single at home.
- Earl Bross, single at home.
- LEVI KREIDER, afore, m. Susan Strohm; farmer near Shelby, Ohio, where he died aged 36 years; she now in Pinegrove, Pa., having later m. Andrew Zimmerman, dec., conductor on the Pinegrove train; Levi had 1 child, a son, died aged 13 years, buried in Mt. Lebanon cemetery.
- CHRISTIAN KREIDER, afore, m. twice, each time it was the woman from Missouri; had moved to a place 13 miles from Poplin, Mo., before the Civil War; farmer at Rocky Comfort; died about eight years ago, leaving 1 child:
  - Archibald Kreider, m. ---- ----; lives in Missouri; 3 children.
- MARY MAGDALENA KREIDER, afore, m. John Jacob Klick, b. Jan. 18, 1830; d. Nov. 25, 1901, aged 71 years, 10 months and 7 days; shoemaker on S. Ninth street, Lebanon; Reformed; 6 children:
  - William K. Klick, b. Apr. 25, 1857; d. Aug. 26, 1918; m. Martha E. Johannesen, of Chicago; b. at Bergen, Norway, from whom a considerable part of the Klick records; carpenter for many years in Chicago, returned to Lebanon for the second time 2 years ago; d. here and is buried in Mt. Lebanon cemetery; family now resides on southeast corner of Fourth and Lehman streets, Lebanon; Lutheran; 7 children:
    - Emma Klick, m. William O. Koster, machinist, 112 Cumberland street, Lebanon; Lutheran; 6 children: Kathryn, Harold, William, Lillian, Evelyn, and Ethyl.
    - Elizabeth Klick, single at home; clerk in Bon Ton store.
    - Carolina B. Klick, d. in 1901, aged 2 years, buried in Chicago.
    - William J. Klick, single at home; clerk in office of Bethlehem Steel.
    - Irvin C. Klick, single at home; carpenter.
    - Cora J. Klick, m. Guernery Moyer, die setter in Bethlehem Steel; residence 750 South alley; 1 child: Marion.
    - Myrtle R. Klick, d. Sept. 25, 1917, aged 15 years.
  - Emma A. Klick, b. Jan. 14, 1859; d. Jan. 6, 1879.
  - Franklin D. Klick, m. Ellen Bohr; he a farmer at Fredericksburg; Reformed, 1 child:
    - Martha Klick, m. George Shaw, tinsmith, working in the round house at Rutherford; 3 children: George, Richard and Donald.
  - Lizzie A. Klick, b. Sept. 8, 1865; d. nov. 23, 1888, on day set for her marriage.

- Cyrus Klick, m. Mary Cochran; driver of a grocery wagon in Lebanon, but now in hospital; Reformed; 8 children:
  - Paul Klick, d. young.
  - ---- Klick, likely d. young.
  - William Klick, d. aged 20 years.
  - Harry Klick, m. ---- ----, of Allentown; chauffeur; no children.
  - Clifford Klick, to be married on the day of this writing, June 28, 1919, to a lady also of Allentown; he just returned from France.
  - Raymond Klick, single, also just returned from France.
  - Mary Magdalena Klick, d. aged 7 years.
  - Calvin J. Klick, single, farmer, with brother Franklin.

DR. CYRUS KREIDER, afore, m. Caroline L. Walter of Phila.; practicing physician in Monroeville, Ohio, near Lake Erie.

It seems that Dr. Cyrus had intended to settle down in Annville for on April 1, 1867, he bought of Dr. Lorenzo F. Bowers a property in that town. The lot was bounded on the north by Lebanon alley, on the south by Main or Market street, on the east by lot of George Bair, and on the west by lot of John N. Smith, lot formerly owned by Cornelius Smith. Dr. Cyrus sold this lot February 5, 1869, to George Imboden.

Dr. Cyrus Kreider left 4 children:

- Walter Kreider, single in Chicago; General superintendent of Ball's Engine Co.
- Dr. Edward Kreider, specialist on ear, eye and throat, in Monroeville, Ohio; 1 child, a daughter.
- Mabel Kreider, single, principal of Norwalk High School, about 8 miles from Monroeville.
- Charles Kreider, general superintendent of an iron industry in Chicago; 2 children.
- SARAH KREIDER, afore, m. Edward Ramsey, tailor in Lebanon, now resides in Washington D. C.; 5 children.
  - Emma Ramsey, m. Robert Walter, dec., in mail service, Washington, D. C.; no children.
  - Edward Ramsey, in departmental service in Washington. "Peep." Ramsey, machinist in California.
  - Laura Ramsey, d. single, aged about 20 years.
- URIAH KREIDER, afore, m. Sarah Moyer, of Mill Creek Center; farmer near Knoxville, Tenn., later retired n Knoxville; 5 children:
  - Harvey Kreider, m ---- ----; in Miami, Florida; no children.
  - Sadie Kreider, dec., m. Dr. Randall of Knoxville.

- Cora Kreider, m. Harry Muth, grain, feed and lumber merchant in Elizabethtown; no children.
  - Lillie Kreider, dec., m. ---- ----; Knoxville.
- JOHN S. KREIDER, afore, m. first to Emma Groh, secondly to Mrs. Ella E. Early, nee Baumgardner; operator of a brickyard on Canal street, Lebanon, in hyde and leather business, in real estate business and house building, now in the jewelry business; member of the council of Lebanon for the first 4 years of the city's existence, elected county commissioner in 1892, and rather recently city school controller; to him the main are indebted for the information concerning his father's family; 4 children, all by first wife:
  - Harry Kreider, m. Mamie ----, of New York; banker in New York, residence Hoboken, N. J., ; 3 children: Emma, Dorothy and Harry, Jr.
  - Anna Kreider, m. Frank Muth, brother and partner of Harry, afore, residence Elizabethtown; no children.
  - Carrie Kreider, m. Richard Williams of Chicago; real estate agent; 1 child: Richard, Jr.
  - Ralph Kreider, m. Anna Bowman; plumber in the Bethlehem Steel; residence, Lebanon; 5 children: Marion, Ethel, Margaret, Anna and John.
- ANNA KREIDER, afore, m. Cyrus Killian, b. Apr. 7, 1844; d. Nov. 22, 1899; farmer at Midway; Methodist Episcopal; 9 children:
  - Ella Killian, m. Samuel Fasnacht, merchant in Palmyra; United Brethren; 4 children: Esther, Walter, Anna and Clarence.
  - Tacie Killian, m. Christian Bachman, farmer, 1 mile west of Quentin; she, Methodist Episcopal; 4 children: Irvin, Erma, John and Walter.
  - Irvin Killian, m. Alice Risser; farmer near Lawn; United Evangelical; 1 child: John.
  - Katie Killian, m. Rev. A. H. Brubacher, school teacher for 30 years; music teacher and composer, painter, minister of Brethren; residence on the Quentin road beyond the Hazel Dyke, just outside the city limits; no children, but recently took a little girl to raise.
  - Howard Killian, dec., m. Ruth Yountz, who has m. Lester Shrimp; stenographer; 1 child: Kenneth.
  - Anna Kreider Killian had four children that died young: Morris, Annie, Alice and Laura.

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Thursday)

We have considered the history of Michael and Daniel, sons of Christian Kreider, of Fairland. There was a son of John that died aged 21 years, so Christian had as many daughters as sons: Mary, Magdalena and Hannah. We shall now pay our respects to the ladies. No one should grow weary in that duty.

## **MARY KREIDER FUNK**

Mary Kreider, daughter of Christian of Fairland, was married to John Funck. John Funck was a farmer on part of the Funck estate west of Lebanon. We have written a little about the Funks or Funcks,. See the News of June 16 and 19. John and Mary were members of the United Brethren church, and are buried in the United Brethren cemetery at Ebenezer. The tombstones there tell us that John Funk was born March 16, 1805, and died May 1, 1865, and that Mary Funk, daughter of Christian and Magdalena Kreider, was born Nov. 26, 1811, and died Sept. 22, 1857. Some of their children and grandchildren are buried in the same plot.

A little distance west of them in the cemetery rest the old Funks. The bodies and the tombstones of each were removed from the old Funk homestead west of Lebanon to the Ebenezer cemetery. We might say in other words, that the old Funk family cemetery was removed bodily to Ebenezer. The inscriptions on the old stones should be given. One stone marks the grave of Martin Funk, born Jan. 30, 1732, died Dec. 19, 1796. This Funk was born the same year as George Washington, arriving, however, a little more than three weeks ahead of him. And he departed hence about three years ahead of the Father of his Country. The year of the birth of these two great men was also the year that the Penns bought this valley from the Indians. Little Martin likely never saw the smoke going up from an Indian village, for with the purchase, the Indians moved their camp fires across to the other side of the Blue Mountains. If the Indians had practiced an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, they would have come across the Blue Mountains and built a camp fire on the Kreider settlement on Snitz Creek, for we are told that Martin Kreider the ancestor came up from Lancaster county and "[s]quatted" before the land had been bought from the Indians.

But we said we would pay our respects to the ladies, and we are forgetting Martin Funk's wife. She rests fittingly beside her husband and the German seems to give her name as "Judith"; Funk. She was born January 19, also 1732, and died March 12, 1812. Another stone tells us that Martin Funk, doubtless their son, was born Dec. 29, 1766; and died Feb. 17, 1838. His wife's name was Barbara, b. Dec. 10, 1773; d. Jan. 16, 1852. These last were doubtless the parents of John Funck who married our Mary Kreider. The older Martin may have been the one who received a warrant for 200 acres of land in 1759, for at that time he would have been 27 years old. There is a number of old unmarked limestones on the burial plot which suggest that there might have been buried on the old Funk land a generation older than the older Martin. John

and Mary Kreider Funk had the following children with their children, third generation from the Kreider name:

- MARTIN FUNK, m. Sarah Smith, sister of Christian Smith, of Gingrich's meeting house; farmer east of Palmyra; 9 children:
  - Mary Ann Funk, dec., m. David Shenk, carpenter in Hummelstown; United Brethren; 2 children living.
  - Joseph Funk, m. Levina Sanders, dec., farmer north of Palmyra, now in Lebanon with his son Martin; several children.
  - Aaron Funk, m. Fannie Kettering; farmer northwest of Annville; she Brethren; 7 children.
  - Sarah Funk, m. Cyrus Long, laborer in Annville; 2 children.
  - Lydia Funk, m. Moses Gingrich, dec., blacksmith at Ebenezer; she is now in Palmyra; 1 child.
  - Barbara Funk, dec., m. Amos Houser, who remarried; conductor of trolley car; residence in Lebanon; 1 child.
  - Leah Funk, dec., m. Hiram Moyer, farmer in Conewago Valley; Mennonite; no children.
  - Martin S. Funk, m. Sarah Stoeber whose mother Sarah Ann Kreider was a daughter of Gottlieb Kreider; carpenter in Fairland; 3 children living daughters.
  - Christian Funk, m. Alice Reese, dec.; farmer but later thresher; residence Palmyra; 5 children, all sons.
- ELIZA FUNK, m. first to John Bomberger, dec., farmer at Flintville, by whom she had 1 child; m. secondly to Rev. John Strickler, of the United Brethren, by whom she had 2 children, Maggie the well-known teacher of Lebanon being one.
- DANIEL FUNK, was a farmer near Sporting Hill; children:
  - John Funk, m. Rebecca Herr; farmer south of Annville; she United Brethren; children.
  - Cyrus Funk, m. Cora Bender; carpenter in Cleona; United Christian; 2 children.
  - Daniel Funk; m. Franey Smith; farmer near Mt. Nebo; Brethren in Christ; 4 children.
  - David Funk, m. Cora Miller, contractor in Palmyra; United Brethren; no children.
  - Joseph Funk, dec., m. Kate Dohner; laborer near Annville; 4 children.
  - Samuel Funk, contractor in Cleona, m. Rosie Kreider, daughter of Jonas, son of Henry the Aged, see the News of June 9.
  - Rev. Jacob Funk, of the Brethren in Christ, carpenter in Cleona; m. Agnes Kreider, sister of Samuel's wife, also see News of June 9.

- Levi Funk, m. Emma Mohler, of Iowa, rural mail carrier, Bon Ton, Iowa; 1 child.
  - Annie Funk, m. George Miller, dec.; laborer in Cleona; United Brethren; 4 children.
  - Lydia Funk, m. Henry Doutrich, laborer in Lebanon; Brethren in Christ; 4 children.
  - Lizzie Funk, dec., m. David Wenger, carpenter at Fairland, who has since remarried, deacon of the Brethren in Christ; 7 children.
  - Sallie Funk, m. Robert Hetrich, farmer near Mt. Nebo, now lives in Palmyra; United Brethren; 1 child.
- JOHN C. FUNK, b. Feb. 6, 1839, d. Dec. 28, 1873; m. Eliza Bowman who afterward m. John Gossert; farmer north of Zinn's Mill; children:
  - Edwin Funk, single, residing at the Fair Grounds with his half sister, Miss Cora Gossert.
  - William Funk, m. Gertrude Fox; roadmaster; residence near Zinn's Mill; 2 children.
  - Lizzie Funk, m. Frank Nowlen; stone mason at East Annville; no children.
  - Uriah Funk, dec., m. Mary Browniwell; laborer in Lebanon; 1 child; he is buried at Kimmerling's.
  - John Funk, dec., single, a carpenter, buried at Ebenezer; beside whom are buried at Ebenezer:
  - Alice V. Funk, b. Dec. 3, 1860; d. Jan. 2, 1861.
  - Adam Henry Funk, d. Nov. 19, 1876; aged 5 years, 1 day.
- CHRISTIAN FUNK, b. Jan. 29, 1832; d. Jan. 16, 1845.
- LEVI FUNK, m. Mary Ann Stoeve, dec., m. secondly Lizzie Fasnacht; farmer on the homestead and elsewhere; now blind with daughter, Tillie; children:
  - Kate Funk, m. Edwin Gerberich; farmer now retired in Mt. Nebo; 3 children.
  - Henry Funk, m. Eva Long; farmer near Kauffman's church; 1 child.
  - John S. Funk, m. Mary Book, farmer formerly at Hershey, now resides in Palmyra; 5 children living.
  - Sallie Funk, m. Nestor Long, farmer at Fairland.
  - Tillie Funk, m. Attorney Samuel T. Meyer, of Annville; no children.
  - Adam Funk, in the army.
- MARY ANN FUNK, m. John Brubaker, dec., now resides with son John about 4 miles out on the Cornwall pike; 3 children.
  - John Brubaker.
  - Clement Brubaker.
  - Lizzie Brubaker, m. Milton Bomberger.
- LEAH FUNK, dec., m. John Horst, farmer near Schaefferstown; 2 children:



- Irwin Horst, cigar manufacturer in Schaefferstown.
- Laura Horst, m. Aaron Risser, farmer near Bellaire.

## **MAGDALENA KREIDER SHENK**

Magdalena Kreider, the second daughter of Christian of Fairland, was married to Henry Shenk, who died at the age of 39 years, son of Samuel of Annville. Henry owned the mill at Sunnyside and the mill farm. He farmed but did not operate the mill, which he rented out. Magdalena was United Brethren. They have 5 children:

- Christian Shenk , dec., m. Leah Landis, dec., m. secondly to Barbara Funk, who now resides on North Ninth street, daughter of Jacob. See the News of June 19, where Barbara's children are given. By the first wife there were 2 children:
  - Alice Shenk, m. Irvin Garber, engineer on the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad; residence N. Tenth street, Lebanon; Alice has no children, but her husband has three daughters by a former wife.
  - Clara Shenk, died single.
- Dr. John Shenk, dec., m. Laura Hull; practiced in Lititz, Lancaster county; Moravian; 1 child.
- Sallie Shenk, dec., m. Harry Miller of Lititz; no children.
- Mary Shenk, m. Henry Kreider, who resides at 913 Chestnut street; for records of her family see the News of June 9.
- Annie Shenk, dec., m. Peter Zimmerman, salesman at Haak's; residence on North Seventh street, with a son by his second wife; Annie had no children that lived.

## **HANNAH KREIDER BOMBERGER**

Hannah Kreider, afore, youngest daughter of Christian of Fairland, married Joseph Bomberger, b. May 15, 1813; d. Mar. 20, 1877; farmer southwest of Rocherty; United Brethren, but became United Christian; 6 children:

- Christian K., b. Nov. 7, 1837.\*
- Elder Cyrus S., b. Aug. 25, 1839.\*
- Joseph, b. Jan. 11, 1846.\*
- Aaron, b. Oct. 11, 1849.\*
- Mary Ann, b. Mar. 8, 1852\*
- Levi, b. Jan. 3, 1855.\*

-Family Bible in possession of Mrs. Hostetter of Fairland.

- CHRISTIAN K. BOMBERGER, afore, dec., m. first to [something missing ??]  
Rev. Jacob of Cleona; farmer two miles southeast of Lebanon, later recorder of  
deeds of the county with residence in Lebanon; by the first wife the following  
children:
  - Alvin K. Bomberger, m. Elizabeth Geib; farmer near Reistville; she  
Brethren; 7 children:
    - Mabel Bomberger, m. Irvin Schwenk, works in Lebanon.
    - Dora Bomberger.
    - Rebecca Bomberger.
    - Henry Bomberger, was in the U.S. army in France.
    - The other children are single: Mary, Fannie, Esther and Eli.
  - Ida M. Bomberger, m. Alvin Feese, farmer near Rocherty; United  
Christian; 5 children:
    - Carrie Feese, m. George Kreitzer, furnaceman, residing near  
Zinn's Mill; 3 children: Lawrence, Henry and Layton.
    - Raymond Feese, m. Vada Darkes; laborer, residing southwest of  
Lebanon.
    - Harvey Feese, single.
    - Ammon Feese, died of the "flu."
    - Ralph Feese, a student.
  - Alice V. Bomberger, m. Samuel Moyer, farmer at Ebenezer; United  
Brethren; 7 children:
    - Joseph Moyer, m. Mary Light; farmer back of Ebenezer, toward  
Mountville; no children.
    - Morris Moyer, m. Anna Swanger; farmer near Ebenezer; no  
children.
    - Jennie May Moyer, m. ---- Arnold, residing in Ebenezer.
    - Arthur Moyer, m. Ada Light; farmer near Heilmandale; no  
children.
    - Esther Moyer, single at home.
    - Martha Moyer, at home.
    - Harvey Moyer, goes to school.
  - Mary Jane Bomberger, m. David Layser, farmer near Mt. Aetna;  
Lutheran; 6 children: Howard, Clarence, David, Walter, Mary Adeline,  
and John.

By his second wife, Christian K. Bomberger had the following children:

- Elizabeth Bomberger, m. Howard Ilgenfritz, ironworker, 226 S. First  
street, Lebanon; United Evangelical; 3  
children: Elmer, Wilmer and June.

- Lydia Bomberger, m. Charles Deckert, dec., millman in Lebanon; no children; she with her mother on South Fifth street, Lebanon.
  - Anna Bomberger, m. Michael Curtin, repairsman on the railroad, residence Pennville, Lancaster county; 3 children: Edward, Mary and Thomas.
  - George Bomberger, single at home.
  - Charles Bomberger, blacksmith, resides at home.
  - Edna E. Bomberger, single at home.
- ELDER CYRUS BOMBERGER, afore, m. Annie Yordy; farmer on the Yordy estate west of Rocherty; Brethren, elected to ministry in 1878 and ordained elder in 1903; he died in 1908, widow with her son on the homestead; 2 children:
  - Yordy Bomberger, m. Annie Brubaker; farmer on the homestead west of Rocherty; Brethren; 2 children:
    - Howard Bomberger, m. Veronica Zug; farmer on the homestead.
    - Mabel Bomberger, single, at home.
  - Cyrus Bomberger, Jr., m. ---- ----; railroader in Harrisburg; 2 children, girls.
- JOSEPH BOMBERGER, afore, dec., m. Eliza Wilhelm; telegraph operator and later grocer in Harrisburg; children:
  - Joseph Bomberger, Jr., operator at Gardenville, Pa.
  - Agnes Bomberger, with her mother in Harrisburg.
  - Fannie, m. ---- Snyder, engineer in Harrisburg.
- AARON BOMBERGER, afore, dec., m. Leah Dutweiler; farmer, millman and grocer and coal merchant at Midway; widow now resides at 639 Walnut street, Lebanon, from whom we received the record of the family; 10 children:
  - Cora Bomberger, m. Nathan Hoke, dec., millman; she is now on a farm at Bunker Hill; 8 children: Eden, Esther, Catharine, Aaron, Blanche, June, Sylvia and Bert ha.
  - Leah Bomberger, m. Clement Hoke, farmer, but now resides on Quentin Road, just outside of city limits; no children living, but raising Cora's daughter Catharine.
  - Joseph Henry Bomberger, m. Saddle Kochenderfer, was grocer at Hebron, now conductor on trolley car 4 children: Miriam, Mildred, Joseph and one deceased.
  - Catharine Bomberger, m. John K. Miller, clerk for Harpel, Lebanon; residence corner Twelfth and Lehman streets; 2 children: Walter and Richard.

- Aaron S. Bomberger, m. first to Rebecca Ilgenfritz, dec., m. secondly Nora Rosenberger; clerk in hardware store; residence 228 South Fifth street, Lebanon; 1 child.
- Sarah Bomberger, m. John Feeman, plasterer contractor; residence Quentin road beside Clement Hoke; 5 children: Sarah, John, , Dorothy and 1 deceased.
- Lillie Bomberger, m. William Walters, clerk in the Bon ton; residence 7th street near Walnut; 2 children: Eva and ----.
- Irvin Bomberger, single at home; traveling salesman for Eby Bologna company.
- Estella Bomberger, single at home.
- William Bomberger, m. Jennie Lentz; laborer; residence on Lehman street; child, dec.
- MARY ANN BOMBERGER, afore, m. Michael Hostetter, farmer west of Rocherty, now retired in Fairland; United Christian; 1 child:
  - Alice Hostetter, m. William Dohner, laborer in Fairland; 3 children: Carrie, Clayton and Mabel.
- LEVI BOMBERGER, afore, resides in Cleona, m. Cassie and later Malinda Kreider, daughters of Henry the Aged. See News of June 9th.

This brings us to the end of the history of Christian Kreider of Fairland and of his descendants; we now turn to his brother, Tobias, who took up his residence on the eastern end of the old Kreider estate, in the old homestead just north of Cleona.

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Monday)

### **TOBIAS, SON OF MICHAEL THE SETTLER**

Tobias Kreider was the youngest son of Michael who settled on his father's 310 1/2 acre tract at Fairland. Tobias, the youngest son got the homestead, the eastern part of this tract. We have described the old buildings. See the News of June 13. There was no Cleona in his day, yet his buildings stood just north of the present town and the town itself is built on his land. Now since there were a number of Tobias Kreiders, we shall call this one Tobias of Cleona.

Tobias Kreider, of Cleona, was married twice, first to Catharine Kreider (May 1, 1796-Sept. 4, 1826), oldest child of "Johnny" Kreider of the homestead on Snitz

Creek; and secondly to Maria (Mary) (July 16, 1803-March 30, 1858), the third daughter and fifth child of the same father, See the News of May 29, 1919.

Tobias was a class leader of the United Brethren church. Like others, he was wont to give his experience. It is remembered that he once said in an experience at meeting that Anna his first daughter by his second wife, as a little child was pushing her baby child, fell and bit her tongue, from the effects of which she died.

### **The Cemetery North of Cleona.**

The Kreiders here had their own cemetery. It is on the eastern part of the original tract, in the midst of the field east of the buildings, and a good stone's throw east from the road running north from Cleona. It is enclosed with a substantial iron fence, without a gate, which may mean no trespassing, or no more burials. We visited the cemetery twice: in the spring when the wheat in the field has half grown, and recently with wheat in head. Both times we climbed the fence, thus placing in jeopardy both trousers and coat tail, but neither time was there any extra work for the wife. The cemetery is about 20 feet by 40 feet, two rows of graves running north and south. Some of the stones have departed from the plumb line, and the weeds inside of the fence think they have a right to grow as high as the wheat outside. We were able to copy the following inscriptions, which are about all of them:

- Sarah, wife of Michael Kreider, b. Dec. 12, 1808; d. June 6, 1854.
- Christian Kreider, b. Apr. 20, 1780; d. Jan. 18, 1855.
- Magdalena Kreider, b. Nov. 19, 1785; d. April 23, 1836.
- Tobias Kreider, b. Nov. 25, 1788; d. March 22, 1866.
- Maria Kreider, b. July 16, 1808; d. Mar. 28, 1855.
- Hannas Kreider, May, 1790; rest illegible.
- Michael Kreider, b. Nov. 27, 1745; d. Aug. 18, 1817.
- Anna Kreider, b. Jan. 25, 1750; d. Sept. 12, 1805.
- Elizabeth Elliott, b. Nov. 12, 1818; d. Sept. 3, 1854.
- Mariah Daily, b. July 14, 1806; d. Oct. 17, 1857.
- Johannes Kreiter, b. Jan. 7, 1822; d. Feb. 11, 1843.
- Anna, daughter of Daniel and Maria Kreider, b. Jan. 17, d. June 29, 1840.
- Catharine, the first wife of Tobias is no doubt also buried here, but we were unable to identify her grave.
- Elizabeth, daughter of Tobias and Catharine, b. Nov. 15, 1816; d. June 28, 1829.
- Anna Kreider, daughter of Tobias and Catharine, dates illegible.
- Catharine Kreider, daughter of Tobias and Catharine, b. Dec. 23, 1823; d. Mar. 18, 1825.

## **The Family of Tobias of Cleona**

By his first wife Catharine, Tobias had the following children:

- Elizabeth (Betsy), b. Nov. 15, 1816; d. June 28, 1829.
- Mary, b. Aug. 31, 1818; d. July 11, 1863.\*
- Anna, (?)
- John, b. Jan. 7, 1822; d. Feb. 11, 1843.\*
- Catharine, b. Dec. 23, 1823; d. Mar. 19, 1825.

By his second wife Mary, Tobias had the following children:

- Michael K., b. Dec. 10, 1830; d. June 11, 1897.\*
- Anna, perhaps the Anna above, d. from biting her tongue.
- Josiah, b. Nov. 2, 1874; d. April 29, 1877.\*
- Eliza, b. Mar. 15, 1836; d. Mar. 19, 1870.\*
- Eld. Jacob K., b. July 25, 1838; d. Aug. 6, 1913.\*
- Sarah, b. Nov. 5, 1840; d. Mar. 29, 1918.\*
- Tobias, b. Dec. 14, 1842.\*
- Leah, b. Feb. 15, 1847.\*

It will be noticed of the children by the second wife that a son and a daughter alternate throughout. The son John is likely the same as the John credited to Christian, brother of Tobias. John was doubtless son of Tobias.

## **MARY KREIDER BOMBERGER**

Mary Kreider, the only child of Tobias by his first wife, who lived to have a family, was married to Christian Bomberger, b. Dec. 13, 1813; d. Nov. 6, 1858. Christian was also the only child of his mother, Anna Kreider, daughter of "Jacob the Gelder," the first wife of Abraham Bomberger, who after her death married Elizabeth Kreider, daughter of John beyond the tunnel, by which marriage he became the owner and habitant of a part of the Kreider estate there, and is buried on the private cemetery on his farm. Where Anna Kreider Bomberger, mother of Christian, is buried we have not learned; but the Bombergers have taken good care of the legal papers of her ancestors, and to them we and other writers on Kreider history are greatly indebted for information.

Christian Bomberger, Anna's son, after his father's second marriage, lived with his uncle Christian, on the present Hauck farm, along the Lancaster road, about one mile south of Lebanon. The uncle was childless and the young Christian became the owner

of this farm. We have come into possession of some interesting local history which we herewith give under the name

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Thursday)

### **"Klinefelt"**

The Penns on Jan. 27, 1767 gave by warrant a tract of 791 acres and 73 perches to Henry Kline, Abraham Rowland, George Gessman and Jacob Groff. This large tract had been surveyed to Michael Kline, Mar. 1, 1749. Kline likely failed to meet conditions, or abandoned the land. Whether Henry Kline was a son of Michael we are unable to say. In April, 1767, a division of the land was made by John Scull, deputy surveyor, by which Henry Kline, received 376 acres, 40 perches; Rowland, 145 acres and 80 perches; Gessman, 159 acres and 60 perches; and Groff, the remainder of 98 acres and 96 perches. Henry Kline's land, called "Klinefelt," perhaps a name applied to the entire Michael Kline tract at the beginning, ran by Geo. Ebinger's land, by land of Christian Kreider and Adam Bough, and by the land of Rowland and Groff.

The Ebinger land must have included the land on which the village of Midway now stands and the Brethren church property, for John S. Bomberger informs us that years ago there was an Ebinger cemetery in the field adjoining the church property on the east. He says that at least one of the markers was a sandstone, which was taken by some men working in a quarry some distance to the south and used to sharpen the drills.

Henry Kline and his wife, Ann Maria, on Nov. 19, 1779, conveyed 125 acres of their land to their son, Conrad, who on June 14, 1783, conveyed it to Frederick Wolfersberger, who on July 5, 1790, conveyed it to George Cryder, who with his wife Maria on April 16, 1796, conveyed it to Christian Kreider, who April 5, conveyed it to Abraham Reist, Sr., of Warwick township, Lancaster county, Reist getting a little of the old Kreider Settlement land, who on May 30, 1809, conveyed it to Christian Bomberger. Christian left it to his nephew, Christian, who married Mary Kreider, the daughter of Tobias of Cleona by his first wife. Christian Bomberger's son John, the noted Prohibition leader, lived on this farm, which about 1868 became the property of Adam Houck, and is now known as the Houck Farm.

"Klinefelt" was immediately east of the "Kreider Settlement," doubtless extended on south and likely included the village of Rocherty. Christian Kreider at the extreme eastern end of the "Kreider Settlement" on Jan. 7, 1772, bought 48 acres and 27 perches, contiguous to his other land, out of "Klinefelt" from Henry Kline.

But let us return to Mary Kreider Bomberger. Her husband, Christian had inherited the farm under consideration, from his uncle Christian, the "Briller Bomberger," who had built the south end to the present old farm house. Mary's husband was killed by a blast. He had lighted the fuse, the explosion delayed, and he went back to examine.

### **The Bomberger Cemetery**

There is a Bomberger cemetery on this property, surrounded by a good mortar-joined limestone wall, with an iron gate entrance to the south, or rather with an iron barricade, for the gate is rusted fast and we had to scale the wall. The cemetery is about 30 feet square. The large evergreen tree in the center makes it conspicuous for a long distance around.

Inscriptions inform us of the burial of the following persons:

- Catharine, daughter of Henry and Susanna Westenberger, d. July 27, 1848, aged 27 years, 11 months and 4 days
- A daughter of David and Sarah Westenberger, 1846.
- Christian Bomberger, b. May 15, 1778; d. Feb. 18, 1834; aged 55 years, 9 months and 3 days.
- Barbara Bamberger, b. Dec. 14, 1772; d. Nov. 28, 1848.
- Mary Bamberger, b. Aug. 31, 1818; d. July 11, 1863; aged 44 years, 10 months and 12 days.
- Christian Bomberger and his wife, Mary Kreider, sleep beneath the big pine tree alone so far as their family is concerned, and they are likely to sleep thus alone until all who are in the grave shall hear the voice of the Son of man and shall come forth. They had the following children:
  - JOHN K. BOMBERGER, dec., noted Prohibition leader; farmer near Zinn's Mill; m. Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Peter; 7 children:
    - John S. Bomberger, m. Lena Wilhelm; farmer along the Ephrata and Lebanon trolley line, two miles southeast of Lebanon; has in his possession very valuable papers giving light on the Kreider family, and he very generously gave of his time to help extract the information, the writer owes him a great debt; 1 child: Veronica, single, at home.
    - Elizabeth Bomberger, m. Samuel Bowman, laborer at Quentin; 2 children: Miles and Myra.



- Mary Bomberger, m. William Reist, son of Edmund, farmer near Zinn's Mill; 8 children: John, Robert, Isaac, Casper, Harvey, Paul, Martha and Annie.
- Sarah Bomberger, m. Joseph Brandt, farmer between Campbelltown and Palmyra; 4 children, of whom are John and Annie. See The News June 19 .
- Christian Bomberger, m. Ella Stauffer; traveling salesman; residence, 800 North Eleventh street, Reading; 2 children: Mary C. and Addison.
- Peter Bomberger, m. Maggie Hoke; trucker west of Annville; 2 children: John and Clarence.
- Adam Bomberger, single, was in Texas.
- ABRAHAM BOMBERGER, dec., m. Eliza Ruhl; farmer near Reistville; Reformed; 5 children:
  - Moses Bomberger, m. Miss Smith, dec.; 2 children: Lizzie, m. a Bomberger; and Joseph, a student.
  - Daniel Bomberger, m. Sallie Kreider, daughter of John S. of Snitz Creek; trucker adjoining John S. Bomberger along E. and L. trolley line; 1 child: Effie. See The News of June 9 and 12 .
  - Ella Bomberger, m. Isaac Krall, farmer beyond Iona, along the E. & L. trolley line;
- CATHERINE BOMBERGER, m. Josiah Kreider, farmer along Snitz Creek. See The News of June 19.
- MARY BOMBERGER, m. John S. Snavelly, merchant in Lebanon; residence 118 N. 10th street; 4 children:
  - Albert Snavelly, m. first to Esther Jones, secondly to Mary Bossard; machinist in Washington Navy Yard; 1 child, by first wife: Austin J.
  - Edward J. Snavelly, m. Maude Daniel; merchant in Lebanon, in partnership with his father; residence, 119 S. Second street; 6 children: Arthur, Mary, Jane, Louise, Julia and Priscilla.
  - Joseph C. Snavelly, single; first lieutenant in Sanitary Corps, in France.
  - Mary Elizabeth Snavelly, d. young.
- ANNA BOMBERGER, m. Levi Kreider son of Jonas of Snitz Creek; moved to Kansas. See News of June 12th.
- TOBIAS BOMBERGER, m. Annie Kreider; son of Jonas of Snitz Creek; The News June 19.
- DANIEL BOMBERGER, m. Lydia Kreider, daughter of Joseph, Sr., of Fairland. See The News of June 9.

We have finished the record of the children of Tobias Kreider of Cleona by his first wife. As we have seen by his second wife, Maria, he had 8 children-4 sons and 4 daughters. But Maria had been previously married to Joseph Dohner. As we had not learned that Maria had a child by the first husband, at the time that we wrote of the family to which she belonged, we shall here give the imperfect sketch which we have of that child after which will be given the other children of Maria by her second husband, Tobias Kreider:

- LYDIA DOHNER, m. Solomon Gingrich, a farmer of Heilmandale, who died of Paris green poisoning; joined the Brethren in Christ before she died. They are buried at the Hill Church. Lydia was born Dec. 25, 1825; and died Dec. 23, 1896. Soloman was born Dec. 26, 1823; and died July 24, 1886. They had 2 children:
  - Sarah Ann Gingrich, m. first to George Yingst, farmer on the Gingrich homestead, m. secondly to Riley Tompkins, railroader, resided in Heilmandale; 2 children by the first husband:
    - Lizzie Gingrich, m. ---- Leopold; likely now living in Bethlehem, Pa.; 3 children, boys.
    - Emma Gingrich, m. ---- Groh, a baker; had lived in Myerstown; children.
  - Elizabeth Gingrich, m. Deacon Jacob Heagy, of Fairland.

The children of Tobias Kreider of Cleona by his second wife were as follows:

- MICHAEL KREIDER, afore, m. Sarah Horst, b. Sept. 23, 1836; d. April 16, 1916, residing beside her husband at the Hill Church, daughter of Joseph and Catharine Shaeffer Horst; farmer on the homestead at that time consisting of more than 200 acres, which he sold to Henry L. Long; Cleona being built on the southern part of it; United Christian. The fact that so many of these Kreiders were United Christian, or earlier Hoffmanite, shows that they were quite conservative on the subject of higher education; children:
  - John Henry Kreider, the oldest child, b. Jan. 24, 1862; d. May 18, 1881; buried at Hill church.
  - Mary Ann Kreider, b. July 30, 1864; m. Jacob Light, dec., of Union township, farmer near Bellgrove; she for years in connection with rearing her family has operated the farm, which in its spick and span condition is a monument to her credit; 10 children:
    - Milo Light, m. Eva Brand, dec., teacher in the West Chester State Normal School, spends summers in Connecticut, where he owns a farm; 1 child which is buried with its mother.
    - Carmina Light, m. Thomas Lytle, manager of a garage in Philadelphia; 6

children: Thomas, Francis, Wayne, Mary, Elizabeth and one that died in infancy.

- Yetta Light, m. Morris Ellenberger, teacher, later a farmer near Kauffman's church; 2 children: Myrl and Mary. The Ellenbergers have frequently intermarried with the Kreiders. Mr. E. informs us that the first Ellenberger of the Lebanon branch bought land of the Penns immediately north of Annville. The name Ellenberger does not occur in Egle's list of warrantees, but Egle's list notwithstanding its great value is not complete. When Annville township was formed in 1799, the assessment list contains three Ellenbergers-Jacob, John and Jacob, Jr. In that year Henry Ellenberger was a single man. But going to old Lebanon township, we find Nicholas Ellenberger in the list of 1750; and in 1759, John Elingbarger and Jacob Elingbarger. They were likely Mennonites, for among the non-associators of 1777 are John Ellebarger and Jacob Ellebarger.
- Wayne Light, single, in charge of a reformatory for boys 20 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.
- Kreider Light, m. Annie Hostetter; farmer near Mt. Pleasant; 1 child: J. Mervin.
- Mahlon Light, d. aged 10 months.
- Elda Light, dec., m. Paul Wenger, dec., both died of the "flu" and are buried in one grave; no children. See a former issue of The News.
- Vernon Light, single, at home.
- Jacob Light, single, at home.
- Sallie Kreider, b. Dec. 19, 1965; m. David Gingrich, driver formerly of a baker wagon in Palmyra, now works for Miller Organ Company of Lebanon; residence Cleona; United Brethren; 3 children:
  - Ammon Gingrich, m. Lizzie Tice; clerk at Hershey; residence Palmyra; 2 children: Paul and Harold.
  - Harry Gingrich, m. Lottie Miller; piano tuner, Cleona; 2 children: Minerva and Richard.
  - Minnie Gingrich, m. Ralph Houser, formerly in Harrisburg, now in Annville; 1 child: Mervin
- Carmina Kreider, b. Dec. 24, 1867; m. Amos Wagner, farmer, southwest of Harper's; Lutheran; 5 children:
  - Gideon Wagner, m. ----, a widow with 4 children; had been in army; farmer toward Harrisburg, and auctioneer.
  - Carmina Wagner, single, at Simon Behm's southwest of Annville.
  - Lydia Wagner, dec., single.

- Amos Wagner, at home.
  - Claude Wagner, at home.
- David Kreider, b. May 13, 1869, m. Ida Koons; machinist in Phila.; 2 children; Henry and Iona.
- Ida Kreider, b. Aug. 22, 1873; m. Jacob Smith, farmer near Bellgrove; 2 children: Michael and Mary, both at home.
- Minnie Kreider, b. Feb 22, 1873; m. Levi Kreider, son of John of Snitz Creek. See The News of June 9 & 12.
- August Kreider, b. Aug. 10, 1875; d. aged 20 days; buried at the Hill Church.
- Jacob Kreider, b. March 7, 1878; single, has taken up government land in Canada, on which he resides.
- JOSIAH KREIDER, afore. second son of Tobias of Cleona, m. Nov. 18 1858, by Rev. David Hoffmann, to Maria Dutweiler, b. June 3, 1836; d. Mar. 17, 1918, outliving her husband 41 years, both buried in the United Brethren cemetery in Annville; farmer south of the Heilig House, owning also the mill property received from his father July 19, 1862; United Brethren; 8 children:

Descendant, Lori Sue Yordy reports Jacob spelled his name, Yordy.

- Leah Kreider, b. Sept. 9, 1859; m. Jacob Yorty, son of John, of the family west of Rocherty, farmer near Bellgrove, now retired in the town; United Brethren; 1 child:
  - John Henry Yorty, m. Anna Sechrist, daughter of Daniel; farmer on the homestead at Bellegrove; 7 children: Daniel, Anna, Henry, John, Jacob, Herman and Leah.
- Mary Elizabeth Kreider, b. May 4, 1861; d. ---- ----; buried in United Brethren cemetery at Annville; m. William Wertz, dec., furnaceman in Lebanon; 4 children:
  - Gertrude Wertz, d. of the "flu," m. Henry Simmers, dec., 1 child: Harry Samuel.
  - Mary Wertz, m. Albert Watson, machinist, on Orange street, Lebanon; 2 children: Emma and Michael.
  - Harry Wertz, single, was in the army in France, now at home.
  - Stella Wertz, single, clerk for Hauer tobacco firm.
- Elias Kreider, b. March 22, 1863; m. Ella Ziegler, farmer on the Bomberger farm beyond the Tunnel; United Christian; 3 children:
  - Anson C. Kreider, m. Sylva Lutz, ironworker, residence W. Myerstown; no children.
  - Mabel Kreider, single at home.
  - Emma Kreider, single at home.

- Clara Kreider, b. Dec. 10, 1864; d. August 7, 1865.
- Aaron Kreider, b. May 30, 1866; m. Ella Kline; farmer at North Cornwall; Brethren; 3 children:
  - Irvin Kreider, m. Lizzie Krall; farmer at North Cornwall; 1 child: Sallie.
  - Bertha Kreider, single, at home; a teacher.
  - Arthur Kreider, at home.
- Henry D. Kreider, b. April 18, 1868; m. Lizzie Garman; foreman in the Hershey Chocolate Works; residence Palmyra; 2 children:
  - Ella Kreider, single.
  - Raymond Kreider, m. Jennie Shiffler; works in shoe factory in Palmyra.
- Emma Kreider, b. May 2, 1870; d. March 2, 1871.
- Kate Minerva Kreider, b. Dec. 22, 1873; d. ---- ----; buried at Kimmerlings; m. Aaron Allwein, dec., millman; residence Hebron; Lutheran; 5 children:
  - Katie Allwein, m. John Trautman; farmer, Myerstown R. D. 4; no children.
  - Leah Allwein, single at The Narrows, with her uncle, Amos Allwein.
  - Mabel Allwein, m. Howard Arnold, farmer at the Mt. Lebanon cemetery; Catholic; 1 child: Margaret Cecelia.
  - Mary Allwein, also with uncle at The Narrows.
  - Clara Allwein, also with uncle at The Narrows.

General information concerning the family of Josiah Kreider from his son Elias, the dates from the Family Bible in possession of Mrs. Leah Yorty.

- ELIZA KREIDER, afore, m. John Yingst, b. Aug. 9, 1833; d. Aug. 30, 1888, both buried at Mt. Lebanon cemetery; [...]; hardware merchant in Lebanon, Eighth and Cumberland streets; m. twice after death of Eliza, first to Sallie Lehman, who died in childbirth, Sept. 6, 1873, about which time he built the handsome residence on the south side of Cumberland street, west side of the alley between Second and Third streets, the present Evans home; m. lastly to Amanda Klopp, by whom he had 2 children; he died on the train while on a trip to Kansas, where he owned considerable land. Eliza had 2 children:
  - Sallie Yingst, m. Adam B. Schropp, President, Treasurer and Managing Editor of The Lebanon News, residence 829 Church street, Lebanon. To the generosity of Mr. Schropp are the Kreiders and general public indebted to these historical sketches. He is a son of Rev. Henry Schropp, d. Nov. 17, 1890, aged 79 years, 8 months and 10 days, a devoted

minister of the United Brethren, whose great grief was that none of his boys became preachers; and of Priscilla Schropp, d. Dec. 8, 1891; aged 73 years, 2 months and 5 days, who not only provided for her house but saved from the meager pay of a preacher of bygone days. Muzzling the ox that treaded out the corn has kept many a young ox from the treadingout business, to the great detriment of the church. Sallie Yingst had 3 children:

- Daisy Schropp, single, at home.
- Dr. J. Schropp, dentist on S. Eighth street, Lebanon, also resides at home.

Ruth Schropp, m. Henry Wilder, superintendent of State Highways; residence, 825 Church street; 2 children: Adam S. and Arbely E.

- John Adam Yingst, b. Nov. 8, 1859; d. May 29, 1912; m. Cora Strickler; miller with Strickler at 12th and Cumberland streets, Lebanon; residence along the Cornwall pike, a short distance beyond the city limits, where his widow still resides; children:
  - Allan Yingst, m. Daisy Miller; foreman at the Cornwall Ore Banks; residence, Miners' Village; 3 children: Leroy, Ruth, dec., and John.
  - Clifford Yingst, m. Bertha Gantz; blacksmith at 23 N. Seventh street; residence in the homestead along the Cornwall pike; he, Lutheran; she, United Evangelical; 5 children: Nellie, Ethel, Dorothy, Marion, who gave us the record of her grandfather, and Lottie, dec.
  - Nellie Yingst, m. Arnold Heilman, insurance agent in New York; 1 child: Allen.
  - Esther Yingst, single, with Nellie, being a stenographer in New York.
  - Virgie Yingst, single, d. recently.
- ELDER JACOB KREIDER, m. Nov. 22, 1860 to Elizabeth Moyer, b. May 9, 1843; d. Apr. 23, 1917; resided at Fairland, his house being next to the oldest in the place; owned a farm south of the pike; evidently a man of business, for he was executor of the estate of his brother Josiah. Hon. A. S. Kreider tells that when he called on Jacob in reference to getting family records, Jacob had no time for such worldly things. The visitor insisted that God gave us our gifts and among other gifts was that to learn who were our ancestors. The elder was asked if he knew so and so was his cousin. He did not believe it, wanted to know how it was, and the visitor was hardly able to get away from the house.

If the elder was not troubled with such worldly things as ancestors, neither was he troubled with things so worldly as children. He had none. He was the bishop of the Brethren in Christ of the Dauphin and Lebanon District. See a previous article on Elder Henry Kreider of Campbelltown. We are of the opinion that we were told that Elder Jacob was at first United Brethren, and that the school at Annville caused him to become River Brethren, later known as Brethren in Christ. He was elected to the ministry in 1871, and ordained bishop in 1887. He was doubtless a good housekeeper in the church; under him several houses were built in the district, the ones at Fairland, Hummelstown and Harrisburg. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery at the Brethren in Christ, on the hill north of Fairland.

- SARAH KREIDER, afore, next to the youngest daughter of Tobias of Cleona, m. in 1858 to Peter K. Shenk, b. Sept. 21, 1836; farmer east of Campbelltown, now retired in the town. Peter is in his 83rd year, his mind is good, and he tells interesting things. He was the first of his father's family to get religion. It was in 1860, when he was 24 years old. The meetings were held in the school house north of Tobias Kreider's. The preacher was Rev. Lowry, of the United Brethren, whose son was a presiding elder of the same church. On this occasion many got religion. Among the number were Jacob Kreider, later the bishop, brother-in-law of Mr. Shenk, and Samuel Herr, the veterinary, on the hill north of the Heilig House. This was a few years before the split between the United Brethren and the United Christians.

Peter bought his farm of 115 acres east of Campbelltown April 9, 1873, of Samuel Bowman, who had received part of it in 1839 from his father, Jacob Bowman, Jr., and the other part in 1858, which belonged to 225 acres received by Jacob, Jr., from his father Jacob, Sr., on March 22, 1825. Jacob Bowman, Jr., had children, Samuel, John, Christiana and Elizabeth, both single; Catharine, m. David Fernsler and Maria, m. Thomas Leshner, a preacher of the United Christians. Samuel and his two single sisters, as well as Peter Shenk, left the United Brethren and went with Hoffman, who began holding meetings at Brightbill's meeting house along the Horseshoe pike in 1867. About the time that Peter bought his farm here, 1873, the United Christians effected an organization at Brightbill's. Peter says that the burden of Hoffman's preaching in those days was that the college is the world, comes from the devil, that the preacher is made by the Spirit of God, and that when education comes in the Spirit goes out. These two United bodies should be united.

Sarah Kreider Shenk had children:

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- Mary Ann Shenk, b. Feb. 18, 1859; m. Harry Hocker, farmer at Hockersville; United Brethren; 6 children:
  - Arthur Peter Hocker, b. Feb. 7, 1883; m. Margie Grosey, d. of the flu; teacher residing in Palmyra; 6 children: Arthur, Mervin, Martin, Malcolm, Mary and Elwood.
  - Ammon Hocker, m. Ollie Brendle; has a confectionery store in Hummelstown; no children.
  - Sallie Hocker, m. Christian Hershey, farmer not far from Paxtonia; 2 children: Helen and Frances.
  - Edna Hocker, d. aged 2 years and 21 days.
  - Erma Hocker, single, at home.
  - Harry Hocker, single, at home
- Tobias Shenk, b. Aug. 20, 1863; m. Emma Longenecker, dec.; farmer beyond Reading, having been an automobile dealer in Reading; 5 children:
  - Clayton Shenk, m. a lady of Reading; farmer on the homestead; children.
  - Viola Shenk m. Ray Gruber; teacher in Hummelstown.
  - Raymond Shenk, single
  - Larry Shenk, single
  - Mary Helen Shenk, single.
- Elizabeth Shenk, b. Sept. 4, 1869; d. Dec. 10, 1869
- Sallie Shenk, b. Jan 22, 1871; m. Isaac Imboden, a manufacturer in Cleona; United Christian; 8 children:
  - Stella May Imboden, m. Isaac Lentz, farmer near Fontana.
  - Herman Imboden
  - Sarah May Imboden, m. Paul Pfautz, tire vulcanizer in Lebanon; 1 child.
  - Mercy Imboden, strangled.
  - Grant Imboden.
  - Peter Paul Imboden.
  - Vergie Imboden.
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  - Irvin Calvin Imboden.
- Leah Shenk, b. Feb. 19, 1873; d. aged 3 days.



TOBIAS KREIDER, JR., the youngest son of Tobias of Cleona, m. Celesa Kreider, b. Dec. 18, 1847, daughter of Joseph F., beyond the Tunnel; farmer, for a time on farm received from his father near Gingrich's Mennonite meeting house, but sold it and bought a small dairy farm on the Quentin road, a short distance beyond the city limits, being a part of the original "Kreider Settlement"; United Brethren; 5 children:

- Adam Kreider, single.
- Elmer Kreider, m. Erma Moyer; moulder, 1030 Orchard avenue, Lebanon; no children.
- Calvin Kreider, m. Minnie Batdorf; chauffeur for the Good Will Fire Co. on West Lehman street; children: Helen Corine, Marion, dec., Margaret Elizabeth, and Grace Elenora.
- Eva Kreider, single at home.
- Harry Kreider, dec., m. Ida Eckert; moulder; widow now at Pleasant Hill; 3 children: William, Ruth and Allen.

LEAH KREIDER, afore, m. Oct. 24, 1867, to Abraham K. Moyer, b. March 28, 1846; d. ---- ----; farmer near Steelstown; Brethren; 8 children;

- David, b. Dec. 12, 1868.\*
- Clara, b. July 25, 1871; d. aged 2 hours.
- Harry, b. May 17, 1873; d. Sept. 6, 1873.
- Morris, b. April 19, 1875.\*
- Lizzie, b. and d. Oct. 10, 1877.
- Sallie M., b. May 18, 1879.\*
- Charley B., b. Oct. 17, 1880.\*
- Katie A., b. Jan. 23, 1885\*

-Family Bible.

- David Moyer, afore, m. Ada [?ea]ver; head riveter in car shops at Rutherford; residence Palmyra, 409 Main street; Church of God; 2 children: Lewis and Theodore, both at home.
- Morris Moyer, afore, m. Jennie Hetrick, dec., trucker at Shellsville, Dauphin county; United Brethren; 1 child: Ethel Maggie.
- Sallie M. Moyer, m. Robert B. Light, son of Ephraim; clerk for county commissioners; residence 421 N. Tenth street, Lebanon; United Brethren; 5 children: Howard, Margaret, Catharine, Allen and Eloise all at home.
- Charley B. Moyer, afore, m. Maggie Warner, daughter of Joseph; farmer near Bellegrove, on her father's farm; she United Brethren; 4 children: Walter, Herman, Warren and Lloyd.

- Katie A. Moyer, afore, m. Paris Shelly, formerly waiter in restaurant in Los Angeles, Cal., now in Pittsburgh, Pa.; 1 child: Thelma.

We have about finished the records of Michael Kreider the Settler at Fairland. From records of Hon. A. S. Kreider we learn that a few of his daughters have been missed; and it seems that his wife instead of being Ana Stoever was Anna Long. We shall restate his family, which will be valuable by way of review as well as by way of correction.

- John b. March 10, 1771; d. June 4, 1856; m. Anna Troxel; issue.
- Elizabeth, m. Henry Ellenberger, had issue.
- Rebecca, d. June 29, 1849, aged 74 years, 6 months, 8 days; m. John Troxel, son of Rev. John, had issue.
- Maria, m. Benj. Moyer.
- Christian, b. April 20, 1780; d. Jan. 18, 1855; m. Magdalena Stoever, had issue.
- Anna, b. July 12, 1786; d. April 30, 1864; m. John Bachman; 12 children.
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- Tobias, b. Nov. 25, 1788; d. Mar. 22, 1866; m. sisters (1) Catharine Kreider, and (2) Maria Kreider.
- The daughters, Elizabeth and Rebecca, were omitted in the preview, and the name of the wife of Benjamin Moyer had not been ascertained.

We have now considered the history of three of the sons of John Kreider, who located on the western half of the "Kreider Settlement" on Snitz Creek-Henry the Martyr, on the homestead, the present Lorenzo Laudermilch farm; Jacob, who lived in the eastern end of the present farm house of John S. Kreider on Snitz Creek, extreme western end of the Kreider Settlement; and Michael who located on the 310 1/2 acre tract at Fairland. We now come to Rev. Martin Kreider, brother to the three already mentioned, who was located by his father east of the Colebrook road along Snitz Creek.

## **REV. MARTIN, SON OF JOHN THE SETTLER**

We are now taking up a character of no small significance in the religious development of Lebanon county. In The News of May 26th we made the following statement: East of the (Colebrook) road was Martin, a preacher, whose home was a fortress of the United Brethren, from which stronghold they took the town of Lebanon. The basis of this statement will be more plain as we proceed.

First of all it is in place to identify this Martin. Early in these articles, we stated that the 585 acres of the eastern part of the "Kreider Settlement." was taken in 1760 by four of the eight sons of Jacob, who received the warrant in 1741 for 250 acres of land

in Lebanon township in other words, of Jacob the Settler. Jacob's son Martin had the farm of this tract immediately east of the Colebrook road, the farm on which Rev. Martin resided. We then erroneously supposed that Martin, son of Jacob the Settler, and Rev. Martin were one and the same person. Yet we had run up against a difficulty. Christian Kreider, son of Jacob the Settler, had his farm immediately east of his brother Martin. But we found that Martin Kreider in August county, Virginia, gave a bond on March 30, 1772, to Christian Kreider of the province of Pennsylvania: On the back of this bond Christian writes: "Mit meinen Br.: Martin Kreider." So in 1772 Martin Kreider, brother of Christian of the extreme eastern part of the "Kreider Settlement"; was in the Valley of Virginia, and certainly was one of the very first white settlers in that far-off wilderness. Christian died Oct. 13, 1789, but by Aug. 21, 1789, the bond had been satisfied. The bond is now in the possession of John S. Bomberger, farmer north of the C. & L. power house and a direct descendant of this Christian Kreider.

Now, we were confronted with the question: How could Martin Kreider have been in the Valley of Virginia in 1772 and later up to 1821, be on his farm at Snitz Creek? Had he become tired of Virginia and contrary to the tide of migration, returned to the "Kreider Settlement" on Snitz Creek. Hon. A. S. Kreider had secured information from the court records at Lancaster which helped us out of our quandary. He had gathered that on Sept. 7, 1764, Martin Kreider sold his 160 1/2 acres, on Snitz Creek to John Kreider, the Settler on the western part of the Kreider lands on Snitz Creek, and that said John Kreider, and wife, Barbara, on Jan. 14, 1768, conveyed this 160 1/2 acres to Martin Kreider, their son, who was the preacher. So we are dealing with two Martin Kreiders who early lived on one and the same farm. Martin son of Jacob the Settler, who through his father became the owner of the farm in 1768.

So we have John Kreider, the Settler, providing for his four sons as follows: Conveyed to Martin 160 1/2 acres on Jan. 14, 1768, farm east of the Colebrook; conveyed to Jacob 172 1/2 acres, July 6, 1768, extreme western end of the "Kreider Settlement," resided on [sic] old part of John S. Kreider farm house; conveyed to Michael 310 1/2 acres, Jan. 28, 1772, located at Fairland and Cleona; and conveyed to his son Henry the Martyr (regarded as his youngest son) 173 acres, Feb. 22, 1776, being the homestead, the eastern part of John's west end holding in the "Settlement," the present Lorenzo Laudermilch farm.

Hon. A. S. Kreider places John Kreider, Sr., beyond the Tunnel, among the sons of John the Settler, thus giving him five sons. We are not convinced that this John is one of the sons. In fact we are convinced to the contrary. This John was born in 1761 or 15 years after the birth of Henry, who we regard as the youngest son, and 21 years after the birth of John's son Martin. We regard John Sr., beyond the tunnel as the grandson of Jacob the Settler, and when we reach John, Sr., beyond the Tunnel, we shall give

our reasons for our position. In the meantime possess ye your souls in patience. Rev. Isaac Kreider, of Center county, says that one John Kreider, of Conewago, was a son of our Settler John. We know nothing of John of Conewago.

It may here be in place to attempt a list of the children of John the Settler (1715-1785) designated by some as John Jacob, but who signs his name as "Hans Greider," said to be the son of Martin the Immigrant, b. in 1681. children:

- John, said to have died at age 84, and to have lived in Conewago.
- Barbara, m. ----- Sengericht, lived near Conestoga.
- Mary (April 16, 1743-Sept. 28, 1817) m. Abraham Krall (April 5, 1743-Oct. 5, 1823) buried at Krall's Mennonite meeting house near Horst's Mill.
- Elizabeth (?), m. Brackbill, of Bethel township.
- Martin, b. July 14, 1740; d. Nov. 14, 1826.
- Jacob, b. 1742; d. 1822.
- Michael, b. Nov. 27, 1745; d. Aug. 18, 1817.
- Henry b. 1746; d. Nov. 15, 1779.

Mary's record is our own. Hon. A. S. Kreider says that a daughter m. John Knoll; Rev. Isaac Kreider says that a daughter m. Abr. Knoll of South Lebanon. Now we find inscriptions on two old tombstones at Krall's meeting house as given above, the wife's name given as Mary Kreider Krall. We regard Knoll as a slight departure from the correct spelling. It will be noticed that Rev. Isaac gives the same Christian name that is on the tombstone. It will also be noticed that that wife is of the age of John's children, and there seems to be enough space for her in the year 1743. If you can upset our conclusion, you are welcome. And now parenthetically we shall give a short account of

## **MARY KREIDER KRALL**

Mary Kreider, afore, m. Abraham Krall, afore, who April 26, 1794, bought a 215 acre farm of Jacob Thoma, at Horst's Mill, which had been bought by his father, Durst Thoma, from the Penns, Feb. 4, 1762, Abraham Krall on April 23, 1799, conveyed this farm to his son, John, who by endorsement on back of deed Jan. 1, 1846, conveyed it to his son Benjamin, and this 1799 deed is the last one made of the property. Benjamin got all the land except three-fourth of an acre "on which a meeting house stands, and which has been sold and conveyed for that purpose." Anna Krall, daughter of Benjamin, still resides on the farm. After her decease it becomes the property of all of Benjamin's descendants.

Abraham and Mary Kreider Krall likely had but one child. Abraham wrote his family record in German, which translated is somewhat as follows: "In year 1767, the 15th day September, in 4 hours afternoon, is to me my son John Krall born in sign Twins."

"In year 1773 the 10th day September is to me my daughter (daughter-in-law) Elizabeth Gemennin born in sign Cancer."

Then the son John wrote; "In year 1801 the 22nd day November that I John Krall and Elizabeth Krallin) [sic] Gemennin, that to me was married.

"In year 1803 the 7 day January in 7 hour morning is to me my daughter Maria Krallin born in sign of the Lion.

"In year 1813 in 9 day May in 4 hours morning is to me my son Benjamin Krall born in sign Virgin.

Benjamin Krall m. Apr. 22, 1834, to Catharine Brandt; children:

- Maria, b. Mar. 5, 1835; d. aged 10 years.
- Catharine, b. Aug. 6, 1836; m. Beneville Gibble.
- Abraham, b. Mar. 31, 1838; farmer on homestead; children: Monroe at Flintville and Christian at Iona.
- Benjamin b. July [?], 1839; farmer where Grant now lives; children: Nathan on homestead; Grant, north of Horst's Mill; Aaron at Mt. Pleasant; and Lizzie, dec., m. Rev. John L. Royer, of Reistville.
- Anna, b. Nov. 20, 1840; single.
- Christian, b. July 28, 1842; returned to his great-grandmother's people for a wife and m. Christiana Kreider of Snitz Creek. See The News of June 12.
- Elizabeth, b. June 28, 1843; m. Rudolph Moyer, farmer near Kauffman's meeting house.
- Veronica, b. May 5, 1849, m. John Kapp, dec., farmer south of Myerstown.

So much for the descendants of Mary Kreider Krall.

As to the daughter of John Kreider the settler who m. Brackbill, of Bethel township, we have given the name Elizabeth, because we find a Christian Brightbill of Bethel d. prior to 1797, leaving a wife Elizabeth, and it was difficult for a man in ye olden time to have three daughters and not call one Elizabeth. The Brightbill children were: John, Christian, Henry, Jacob, Anna m. Christian Wolf, Barbara m. Jacob Moyer, Elizabeth m. Frederick Sherick, Madlena, Christiana, Maria and Abraham. Take this for what it is worth.

## **The Religious Career of Rev. Martin**

It is said of Christiana Kreider, m. John William Early, that she was the daughter of a Mennonite preacher, who served in his office sixty years. Martin under consideration[, ] this Mennonite preacher, died in 1826, so he was called to the ministry about 1766; or being born in 1740, at about the age of 26 years. 1766 was quite awhile before the organization of the United Brethren church, so Martin may have labored one-half of his years in the ministry for the Mennonites.

Rev. Christian Newcomer, a United Brethren father, writes: "May 27, 1797. This day a sacramental meeting is to commence at Martin Kreider's near Lebanon. Brother Crum delivered the first discourse." Under the date of October 7, 1797, Newcomer continues: "This forenoon we had a blessed meeting at Brother Martin Kreider's; in the afternoon we preached at Lebanon."

We are informed that Martin Kreider's was a regular preaching place of the early United Brethren, and so continued until Light's meetinghouse was built in 1820, at Seventh and Lehman streets. This meetinghouse was built by the Mennonites, but used in common by Mennonites and United Brethren, the line of demarcation at first seems not so closely drawn.

It is stated that Rev. Martin Kreider labored with Behm and Otterbein, the founders of the United Brethren, that he was next to them in age in the United Brethren ministry. These things must be true. Behm had been a Mennonite preacher before he became one of the founders of the United Brethren, so for a number of years he and Martin were together Mennonite preachers. Inasmuch they came together as United Brethren, they must have been kindred spirits in the old Mennonite fold. Both wanted more life, more manifestation of the Spirit. The separation from the Mennonites, doubtless, was gradual, as for awhile they held meetings in the same houses. Rev. Martin is mentioned as a co-laborer with Rev. Henry Landis and Rev. Felix Light.

Rev. Martin is said to be buried in the little private family cemetery on the Lorenzo Laudermilch farm [..... ??] was not far away, but that likely had been strictly Mennonite. Perhaps Rev. Martin wanted to sleep his long sleep in a strictly United Brethren bed, and so started a separate cemetery on his own farm. His grandson, Rev. Christian S. Kreider, was the founder of Salem United Brethren church at Ninth and Church streets, the mother U. B. church of Lebanon; and the grandson may be said to have erected a living monument to the memory of his grandfather; but it seems to us that it would be in place for the spiritual children of Rev. Martin Kreider to erect in Ebenezer cemetery a becoming monument.

It is written of him: "And of his success as a minister we shall be allowed to say that in each generation of his descendants can be found more than one minister, even down to the fourth generation, that since his generation there are rising of nearly a hundred of his offspring, preaching the Gospel of the lowly Nazarene; and while all are not of the church of the United Brethren, the major part of them are."

(To be continued next Monday)

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Thursday.)

### **The Family of Rev. Martin**

Rev. Martin Kreider, we have seen, was born Feb. 14, 1740; and died Nov. 14, 1826. He married Anna Catharine Schmutz, born near the Hebron Moravian church, June 22, 1746; and died Jan. 22, 1821. They are said to be buried in the private cemetery on their farm, doubtless laid out by themselves. If we mistake not we were told that it used to be in an orchard, but it is now out in the open field. They had a large family of children as follows:

- Rev. John, b. Apr. 15, 1766; d. June 17, 1842.\*
- Barbara, b. Oct. 14, 1767; d. July 17, 1807.\*
- Christian, b. May 20, 1769; d. Apr. 1846.[\*]
- Henry J., b. Jan. 28, 1773; d. Feb. 9, 1844.\*
- Abraham, b. Mar. 7, 1775; d. Oct. 14, 1827.\*
- Elizabeth, b. Jan. 3, 1777; d. ----.[\*]
- Catharine, b. Jan. 19, 1779; d. ----.[\*]
- Annie, b. Sept. 17, 1781.[\*]
- Mary, b. Feb. 9, 1783.[\*]
- Christiana, b. Sept. 10, 1784.[\*]
- Susanna, b. Mar. 6, 1786; d. single.
- Martin, Jr., b. Jan. 7, 1788; d. Feb. 7, 1850.[\*]
- Tobias, b. Oct. 17, 1793; d. May 7, 1868.[\*]

It would be going beyond the limits of our subject-The Plain People of Lebanon County-to trace out the descendants of Rev. Martin Kreider. He bought considerable land in Franklin county, which he sold to more than one of his children, the older members of his family moved thither. Rev. Martin's oldest son, Rev. John, was one of the first members of the United Brethren in Franklin county, and doubtless Rev.

Martin went out there frequently to preach, likely thus became acquainted and was thus led to buy land. The migration from Lancaster and Lebanon counties to Franklin in the latter part of the 18th century was very considerable, as a few decades later there was a very considerable migration to Center county. There are close ties between Lebanon and Franklin counties. We shall say a little about Rev. Martin's children who went to Franklin county. Rev. John, Son of Rev. Martin

Rev. John Kreider m. about 1787 raised a Mennonite, but early became a member of the United Brethren. He moved to Franklin county about 1796, and there bought a farm from his father in Hamilton township, now St. Thomas township, his father having bought it of one John Meyer in 1787, some thirty years ago the property of Rev. John's grandson, Joseph. Rev. John was a United Brethren pioneer in Franklin county and with the Huber's effected the first United Brethren organization there, from which they are said to be grown to the leading denomination of the county. He was a very pious man and earnest in his labors for God.

Rev. John Kreider m. about 1787 to Barbara daughter of Christian Smith and Mary Landis, who resided near the Cornwall Hills. She was born June 13, 1772; and died Feb. 27, 1861. The "Religious Telescope" of July 6, 1842, contains the following:

"It becomes my duty to announce the death of Rev. John Crider. . . . Father Crider embraced religion about 40 years ago. He preached the Gospel as near as can be ascertained about 30 or 33 years. . . . It is worthy of remark as showing the zeal of Father Crider in the cause of God that he never left the place where he preached without holding a meeting of social prayer. . . . His remains were interred in the Crider graveyard on his farm by a large concourse of friends and neighbors who assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to one by whom it was richly merited."

His remains were later removed by his son Joseph to the United Brethren cemetery near by. He had children:

- Christiana, b. April 17, 1790; d. Aug. 25, 1869; m. Abraham Bowman, b. in Lebanon county, farmer, Massilon, Ohio.
- Mary, b. Dec. 26, 1791; d. Jan. 24, 1833; m. George Mowers; had children.
- Martin, b. April 17, 1793; d. Feb. 26, 1834; m. Anna, daughter of John Troxel, farmer at Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county; no children. We are of the opinion that we have seen the statement that this was Rev. John Troxel and that he was the father of the United Brethren cause in northwestern Pennsylvania.
- Rev. John went to Montgomery county, Ohio.
- Catharine, b. Aug. 10, 1796; d. June 2, 1878; m. Jacob Shively; no children.
- Abraham.
- Samuel.



- Daniel.
- Barbara, m. Jacob Shively.
- Louisa, m. John Shopp.
- Elizabeth, m. Leightner.
- Rev. Christian, b. Feb. 1 of whom a sketch follows.

Joseph Smith.

### **An Address on Rev. Christian Smith Kreider**

obtained through Hon. A. S. Kreider[:]

*Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends and Members of York First Church, United Brethren in Christ:-I am glad to be greeted by you tonight under the circumstances for which you have invited me-the Fifteenth Anniversary of the organization of this church, and to speak to you of Christian Smith Kreider, the first pastor and organizer of the church.*

*Had the forefathers of the Church been as careful of the history and the work of the Church as you are, and preserved its history it would be an easy task for me to speak of this church's first pastor. But in this they showed no interest, nor kept any record. But is not too late to begin now and record from the aged of the Church, who are with us yet, and from misty records, meager as they may be, and by tradition, though faulty as it often is, be able to give you some information of Rev. Christian Smith Kreider, his Ancestors and their Descendants.*

*We live largely from the past and our only index for the future is guided entirely by that past history, so it is proper in these exercises to speak of that family who did so much and are doing so much now in the branch of the Christian denomination.*

*Bacon says: 'History makes wise men'; and while it is not our province to say anything tonight that will make you wise, but if in what I do say will please you and your patience will bear with me, then will I be fully repaid for being with you.*

*In the year 1716, long before the hostilities for the red men bore down upon the settlers in this and adjoining counties, or before the thunders of the guns in the American Revolution were heard, there landed upon the shores of the Delaware river, in the province of Pennsylvania, a goodly number of emigrants of the devoted, sturdy and God-fearing Swiss, German and Huguenot settlers, a number of whom were followers of Simon Menno.*

*Amongst these was one Jacob Kreider, the head of the numerous family of that name in America, a Swiss Mennonite refugee. As he was a communicant of that denomination commonly called Mennonite, and their creed being adverse to the keeping of records and history, very little is known of him or his descendants, except that which we have by tradition, and that is very meager.*

*Mr. Kreider settled in what was (1729) Lancaster township, in what is now Lancaster, Pa. Had he been a follower of Luther or Zwingli, we surely could have found the accustomed "Tauf Schien," if nothing else, to tell the story of his family, by this accustomed relic and record which is missing amongst this people.*

*He had issue among other children, one son named Martin, who had a son John.*

*This John Kreider resided, prior to the French and Indian War, in what was at that time Donegal Township, Lancaster county, Province of Pennsylvania.*

*He (Jacob) had a brother who had already settled and taken up a large acreage of land in that fertile part of the present territory of Lebanon county, now known as South Lebanon township, which territory was then settled sparsely by the Hebron Moravians.*

*His brother John, who resided across the Cornwall Hills, was a blacksmith by trade, in connection with farming, and it was necessary for the brother residing in Lebanon township to visit him twice a year to secure his smith work, and as there were no public roads across this mountain, it was necessary for him, on his journey, to mark and blaze the trees, so as to find his way back, which required no small amount of labor. He eventually proposed to his brother John to take up his residence in his neighborhood, and if he did so, he would at a nominal price, give him a fine farm out of his large plantation.*

*This was accepted and John Kreider became a citizen of Lancaster county, north of the mountain often called South Mountain, which is now in the present Lebanon county.*

*Here he had born to him a number of children, viz.: Michael, whose daughter Rebecca was the daughter-in-law of Rev. John Troxel, the founder and pioneer of our Church in Northwestern Pennsylvania, in what was then Westmoreland county, and now within the bounds of Allegheny Conference of our church.*

*Another son was Henry, from whom descends your worthy citizen, David Witmer Crider, of York, Pa., wrongly spelled with a C for Kreider.*

*A third son, Jacob, from whom descend the Kreiders of Annville, who are so closely identified with our church, and some of whom are known by many of you.*

*And the last, though oldest, son was Martin Kreider, the grandfather of Christian Kreider.*

*Martin Kreider, the last, was born Feb. 14, 1740, and was reared in the faith of his forefathers and became a minister of the Mennonite Church.*

*In the great religious awakening from morality to experimental religion, in the last quarter of the eighteenth century, he became a follower of Behm and Otterbein and was a co-laborer with them and as is recorded in our Church History, was "the oldest minister in the Church next to Behm and Otterbein." He married Catharine Schutz, who resided south of "Stitse Stettle," in what is now South Lebanon, Pa., and was a neighbor of Abraham Le Roy, whose daughter Susanna was the wife of Rev. Philip William Otterbein, the founder of our Church.*

*Rev. Martin Kreider died Nov. 14, 1826, and is buried in the Kreider farm. In endeavoring to find his grave a few years ago, in company with his grandson, Abraham Miller (an uncle of your former pastor, I. P. Miller), by whom we were informed that he was buried in Kreider Kirche Hofe, naver die Schnitz Krick"; and there we found his grave.*

*Over his grave is erected a very common lime stone, such as is native to the farm and in rude Amentner letters and figures, we found his name and birth and death carved on.*

*He left issue sixteen children. The first child was Rev. John Kreider, the father of Rev. Christian Smith Kreider, who was born in Lebanon and died in Franklin county, Pa., where he (Rev. John) had, in connection with Rev. Samuel Huber, of precious memory, so much to do in establishing the Church in that territory.*

*Rev. Martin Kreider's other children were:*

- *II. Barbara, who became the wife of "long Christian" Kreider.*
- *III. Christian, m. a Mrs. Bowman, whose son Martin was a prominent minister in the Iona Conference until of late years. . .*
- *IV. Henry.*
- *V. Abraham.*
- *VI. Elizabeth, who became the wife of George Kreider.*
- *VII. Catharine, who became the wife of a Mr. Flora.*

- Anna, who became the wife of John Miller, and they were the grandparents of J. P. Miller.
- X. Christiana, who became the wife of Wm. Early, and they were the grandparents of Mrs. Parthemore.
- XI. Martin.
- XII. Tobias.

*Christian Smith Kreider was born Feb. 1, 1811, on the Kreider homestead in Hamilton township, near Kreider church, Franklin county, Pa. His advantages were very small, attending the public schools, such as they were, and working on the farm. He had the special advantage, however, of following precept and example of his grandfather and father, who were both consistent men and ministers of the Gospel.*

*His father's house in winter and barn in summer were the preaching points for the brethren people, and through this instrumentality he was brought to the foot of the Cross and there became a pupil and eventually a "forestayer" or leader in the church, and by the time he was twenty-two years of age he was an exhorter, and at what time he was given an appointment, or where, we know not. At the conference held in the month of February, 1840, he was appointed to the new charge of York Mission, and how well he succeeded is told by the fact that at the conference held Mar. 1, 1841, in Lancaster county, he was returned and at the conference held Feb. 21, 1842, at Funk's church, now known as the Stone Church, Powell's Valley, Dauphin county, Pa., he was returned for the third year. During the three years the mission was built up and many members brought into the church.*

*At the Conference of Feb. 22, 1843, at the Fetterholts Chapel, Franklin county, Pa. he was changed and appointed to the York Circuit, which appointment he filled for two years. The second year the conference gave him as his colleague, Rev. William Wagoner, now a practicing physician of Iowa. Rev. Jacob Rinehart was Mr. Kreider's successor at York Mission station.*

*It was during the session of this conference, 1844, that the death and memorial service were announced of his father, as having occurred during the year.*

*At the conference held at Highspire, Feb. 12, 1845, he was sent to Lebanon Circuit, where he preached and served the people and the cause of the Master very acceptably for the years 1845, 6, 7. He was elected, in the year 1848, Presiding Elder of the Lebanon District, East Penn. Conference, the said conference having been for[??] at the Annual Conference held [at] Springville in 1846, of the territory lying east of the Susquehanna River. In the year 1845, he built the Salem church of Lebanon, which was razed to the ground the past summer and a new edifice thereon erected.*

*Mr. Kreider always preached in the German and was of a mild disposition and possessed in a remarkable degree an abundance of the milk of human kindness. He was a deep reasoner and a sound theologian. One of his favorite texts was Ps. 73:24: "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel and afterward receive me to glory": or in German: "Du littest mich nach deinem Rathe und nimest mich endlich mit Ehren an."*

*He believed strongly in the "mourner's bench," which so many professing Christians of today dislike, and many "Amens" from the hearers when he expounded the Gospel to them.*

*It is said that when he traveled the York Circuit, he had an appointment some miles from this city, at or near John Kohr's who owned a watermelon patch. In the same community lived an ungodly man and Mr. Kohr's patch received frequent nocturnal visits, but no one was suspicioned. During the Fall, Rev. Christian S. Kreider began a protracted meeting, and one of the first to appear at the mourner's bench was the ungodly man. This somewhat nonplussed and annoyed the brethren, which the pastor noticed, when in his inimitable and calm way he suggested that they "continue to sing and pray a little while yet, as it would not hurt the mourner to do so." As they continued the seeker would continually pray for more strength. "Oh, Lord, give me strength!" he repeated time after time. Presently he seemed to secure the strength he was after, when he arose, and gazing across the congregation, he claimed not only to have the strength to get up, but had sufficient strength to confess that it was he who paid the nightly visits to John Kohr's watermelon patch, and that if he was present in the audience he would ask his forgiveness. Mr. Kohr, being present, arose and forgave him, and it is presumed he became a better man afterward.*

*In that period of time, covering between the years 1841-6, a great outburst of conviction and conversion swept through many of the surrounding counties, as well as in York county; and to the power and exertion, backed by the Holy Spirit, were such men as Rev. Kreider permitted to do much for fallen humanity.*

*After engaging in the work of the Presiding Eldership, his health failed and gradually declined; and during the last part of the year 1749, he was for the most part unable to attend to the duties of his office. During this affliction he had his home with Daniel Myers, whose ancestor was the founder of the town of Myerstown, and who was the father-in-law of the late Rev. Geo. A. Mark.*

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**HISTORY OF THE KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Monday)

*In the month of January, 1850, his disease began to increase, until March 7, 1850, at three o'clock in the morning his spirit took its leave from the body and its flight to the realms of eternal bliss, leaving the world in a firm reliance on his Redeemer, composed in his mind and sensible to all surroundings to the last and ever submissive to the Divine will, he passed from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant above.*

*His body was laid away March 9, in the church graveyard in connection with the U. B. Church at Myerstown, followed by a large concourse of people, the greater number of whom mourned the loss of their friend and brother. A large number of his ministerial brethren were in attendance. Rev. John A. Sand preached the funeral sermon from Daniel 12th chapter and 3rd verse: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."*

This may seem like a long address in connection with the name of one man in these articles; but be it remembered that the foundations of his character were laid in Lebanon county and here he did his great work-he and his grandfather in large measure laying the foundations of United Brethrenism in this valley.

Rev. Christian, when in charge of the Lebanon Circuit, held meetings in the country in the homes of members. Mrs. Maria Smith, 623 Walnut street, in her 80th year, daughter of Rudolph Kreider, who lived on the Evan Shaak farm south of Avon, says that he used to preach in her father's house. The Home of Rev Martin.

Doubtless a goodly number are interested in knowing in what sort of a house the United Brethren church in this section had its origin. It stood on the identical spot on which now stands the farm house of the western farm of Henry Bomberger, along the Colebrook road at Snitz Creek. It is east of the barn, and near, a little south of, the family cemetery, which years ago was in the orchard, now in the open field. It was a long house built by the process of addition, four parts; three added to the original.

This may have been the very first Kreider domicile along Snitz Creek, the original part that erected by the "squatter." Kreider, before the Penns bought the valley from the Indians, if that tradition is correct. The address on Rev. Christian S. Kreider, it will be noted in large measure upholds the position at first taken by us in regard to the first Kreiders. Jacob who settled at Lancaster city about 1715, was the original. Of the son Martin, doubtless the one born in 1681 we had not known. Jacob the father of Martin, likely then was born as early as 1650. It was Martin's son who first came to Snitz Creek, and who blazed the trees to be able to find his way back. This must have been

Jacob, father of the four sons who in 1760 divided up the 575 acres. John, the blacksmith, was his brother and was offered part of Jacob's large holdings. John took up the western part of the settlement, and built his house where Lorenzo Laudermilch's house now stands. This must all have been "squatter" business. Later, June 3, 1741, the Penns gave these "squatter" bothers warrants for land. This is the only way in which we can reconcile the traditions and the legal facts. Hon. A. S. Kreider, however, contends that the father Martin had himself first "squatted" here.

But Jacob was here before John, and Jacob's family had the eastern part of the settlement; and we are told the homestead of the eastern part was this particular farm, later occupied by Rev. Martin. So United Brethrenism would seem to have started with the oldest Kreider house of all.

The old house faced toward Snitz Creek. The main log section from the east. The easternmost part was a log kitchen, one story and not so deep as the main house. The large log part had three rooms down stairs. The room next to the log kitchen extended all the way across the main house, and was perhaps not more than onethird of its length. It was the living room. The front door was in two, an upper and lower section, like the stable doors in our barns. Mrs. Maria Smith, aged 80 years, the only person whom we have met who remembers the old house, cannot remember a fireplace; but we think there must have been a big chimney place in this room, not unlikely on the side away from the kitchen. Early colonial architecture and conveniences, it seems to us would require it. The large front room, or parlor, likely where the meetings were held, took up the greater part of the remainder of the first floor, a small bedroom being to the rear of it. The large log part was two stories high. Right west of this large part was built a brick section, perhaps when Rev. Martin's son Abraham went to housekeeping on the homestead. The brick section, also two stories, had two rooms down stairs. A frame section, one story, was built joining the brick on the west, serving as a kitchen and store room for the family in the brick section. Many of the old farm houses have attained to great length by this process of additions, the old folks semi-retiring in one part and the successor to the homestead becoming the farmer and occupant of the other.

So this is a picture of the old, likely oldest, Kreider home. Doubtless Behm and Otterbein knew the house well. We know that Newcomer and others preached here and held communion services. Doubtless they often walked into the orchard back of the house and sampled the apples. The law of Moses permitted that. Who will doubt that more than one sermon that fed and fired the little beginning of United Brethrenism in Lebanon county was prepared in the solitude by the Snitz Creek, where the soul of the preacher went up and the spirit of God came down.

But the old preachers were interested in the barn also. While the men were feeding and the women milking and hunting the eggs, the preacher would walk out to look at the barn, for he had a barn where he came from, and his own horse was in the stable, for that was the only method of travel in those days. And then many of the old preachers met their God in the haymow. It is a question whether this one was so private, for it was of logs and not weatherboard. You could see between the logs. The old thatched roof was a foot thick and had lasted for 100 years, so the barn must have been built as early as 1756 at least. Would it not be well to go back to [...] straw roofing?

Then after the work was done, all gathered about the table, richly laden with the fruits of the earth, which ever were recognized as gifts of heaven, for which hearty thanks were always given. Then often late they would discuss the welfare of Zion. Remarks were picked up by the children sitting round that later made them pillars in the church. Worship before retiring and worship again in the morning. It was a manner of life that God has greatly blessed. But the curtain must be drawn. It will do you good to retire behind it alone at times and let the world take care of itself. Other Children of Rev. Martin Who Went to Franklin County.

- Barbara Kreider, m. "long Christian" Kreider, (son of Tobias) b. Dec. 21, 1766, in Lebanon county; d. Feb. 25, 1840; farmer in Franklin county; 12 children.
- Christian Kreider, went to St. Thomas township, where he bought a farm from his father, later owned by his youngest child, Abraham, b. April 22, 1811; 7 children.
- Henry Kreider, moved to Hamilton township, farm later owned by son John; 12 children.
- So the four oldest children of Rev. Martin went to Franklin county. 3 sons and 1 daughter, and that daughter married a Kreider. All had large families so that Franklin county should be pretty well leavened with Kreiders. But many descendants of these went on into Ohio and farther West.

Abraham, the fifth child, settled on the homestead, most of younger children remained here. The Franklin county fever had likely died out. Let us now turn to.

### **ABRAHAM, SON OF REV. MARTIN**

Abraham Kreider, the fifth child, m. Catharine Laudermilch, b. May 21, 1785; d. Sept. 4, 1873. They are buried in the old family cemetery on the present Lorenzo Laudermilch farm. He was a farmer on the homestead, and we have surmised that the brick part of the old farm house was built for him or his parents at this time. He is noted for having 5 daughters, no sons. They were:



- CATHARINE KREIDER, b. Jan. 25, 1811; d. Feb. 13, 1885; m. Moses Kreider, brother of "Big Jacob"; the county commissioner. See The News of June 5. Moses became the owner of the homestead of his wife, tore down all the old buildings and erected new ones, rebuilt the farm house along the road, and lastly built the new barn, which has the inscription, "Built by Moses and Catharine Kreider, A.D. 1856." It may be that Moses first laid out the family cemetery here. Here he and his wife, and some of his children are buried.
- MAGDALENA (MOLLY) KREIDER, b. Jan. 24, 1813; d. Dec., 1844; m. May 15, 1832 to Henry Light, b. June 3, 1804; d. Oct. 11, 1858; farmer in Swatara township, near Bunker Hill, who after his wife's death m. her youngest sister, Rebecca; Magdalena had children:
  - Levi Light, b. May 3, 1837; m. Rosie Light; farmer south of the Almshouse; 5 children: Samuel, George, John, Rebecca and Emma.
  - John Light, m. Susan Light; laborer in West Myerstown; children.
  - Elizabeth Light, m. first to Jacob Wengert; m. secondly to Jacob Wagner; she died in Union Deposit; had children by both husbands.
  - Casper Light, b. Dec. 2, 1844; went West, where he married.
- CHRISTIANA KREIDER, b. Oct. 9, 1814; d. Dec. 27, 1881; m. Solomon Kreider, son of Tobias, whose record we shall give under that of her husband.
- ELIZABETH KREIDER, b. Feb. 17, 1817; buried at Iona Dec. 4, ----; m. Rudolph Kreider, brother of Moses, who married Elizabeth's sister Catharine. See The News of June 5.
- REBECCA KREIDER, b. April 7, 1819; d. Sept. 27, 1875; m. Oct. 15, 1845 to Henry Light, afore, previously m. to her sister Magdalena; Rebecca's children were:
  - Cyrus Light, b. May 4, 1846; m. Fidelia Light; farmer near Bunker Hill; children.
  - Catharine Light, b. May 9, 1849; m. ----- Sholly; lived near Bunker Hill; children.
  - Jacob Henry Light, b. Aug. 20, 1852; m. ---- Wenger; laborer near Bunker Hill; no children.

## **ELIZABETH KREIDER KREIDER**

Elizabeth Kreider, afore, the second daughter of Rev. Martin, was married to George Kreider. The writer on the family of Rev. Martin says of Elizabeth and her husband: "We have made diligent effort to trace them but with no success; they having at an early day 'gone west,' wherever that is." This George was doubtless the George, son of George one of the four sons of Jacob the Settler, who divided the 585 acres, George's farm being the one bordering on the west side of the Colebrook road. We shall then

discuss the subject of "watering meadows, ." previously referred to. Elizabeth is said to have had children. She had died by 1821, when her father made his will.

### **CATHARINE KREIDER FLORA**

Catharine Kreider, afore, the third daughter of Rev. Martin, m. ---- Flora (Florentine Miller, says Reuben Light). It is said that she died leaving one child, Martin, and that Flora (perhaps Flory) was still living in 1821 when her father made his will, for in writing of Catharine, he says: "Now the wife of Flore."

### **ANNA KREIDER HOKE**

Anna Kreider, afore, the fourth daughter of Rev. Martin, married Michael Hoke, farmer near Zinn's Mill; buried at Tabor Reformed church, Lebanon. We shall now find marriages between the Kreiders and Hokes somewhat frequent. We do not find the Hokes among the very first land owners. We find one George Hoke who, a great-grand-daughter thinks was the immigrant, to be the owner of 40 acres of land in 1780. He may have been the father of Michael. They likely lived about Hoke's meeting house. Anna Hoke had the following children:

- Catharine Hoke, b. Nov. 27, 1805; m. Joseph Hoke; had children.
- David Hoke, b. Dec. 27, 1806; had children.
- Christiana Hoke, b. Jan. 9, 1808; single
- Elizabeth Hoke, b. Jan. 9, 1809; m. Samuel Kauffman; had children.
- Fanny Hoke, b. Feb. 20, 1810; d. July 19, 1861; m. George Hoke; children.
- George Hoke, b. Aug. 6, 1811; m. Caroline Curry.
- Michael Hoke, b. Sept. 15, 1812; children.
- Anna Hoke, b. Dec. 22, 1813; m. Jacob Light, brother of Henry, afore; farmer near Bunker Hill; children.
- Martin Hoke, b. Apr. 27, 1816; m. Christina Kreider, daughter of Martin, son of Rev. Martin.
- Henry Hoke, b. May 26, 1819; m. Mary Killian; children.
- Mary Hoke, b. Nov. 1, 1820; m. Henry Schimp; children
- Andrew Hoke, m. Elizabeth Kreider, daughter of Gottlieb.

### **MARY KREIDER MILLER**

Mary Kreider, the fifth daughter of Rev. Martin, m. John Miller. She was a devoted member of the Salem United Brethren church. She had the following children:

- Martin Miller, b. June 26, 1808; d. Aug. 22, 1887; m. Catharine Peffley; children.

- Catharine Miller, b. Nov. 10, 1809; m. George Lutz of near Fredericksburg; no children.
- John Miller, b. Dec. 9, 1811; d. Oct. 29, 1856; children; settled in Monroe Valley and there organized the first United Brethren class.
- David Miller, b. Feb. 20, 1812; d. Oct. 16, 1852; single.
- Mary E. Miller, b. Dec. 6, 1813; d. Dec. 17, 1886; single in Lebanon; buried at Ebenezer.
- Abraham Miller, b. Oct. 6, 1815; m. four times; children.

The author of the address on Rev. Christian S. Kreider takes occasion to state that John and Mary Kreider Miller were the grandparents of Rev. J. P. Miller.

### **CHRISTINA KREIDER EARLY**

Christiana Kreider, afore, the sixth daughter of Rev. Martin, m. John William Early, b. March 5, 1782, in Londonderry township; d. Dec. 12, 1863. It is said of him that while he never moved out of his native township, yet he was born in Lancaster county, married (the first time) in Dauphin county, and died in Lebanon county. Mr. Early was a prominent man. He was commissioned by Gov. Hiester as justice of the peace Dec. 2, 1823, for district five, comprising the townships of Annville and Londonderry. Christina Kreider was his second wife. By his first wife, Catharine Hershey, he had 7 children. He married Christina Kreider Jan. 31, 1816, and she is buried at Bindnagle's church. It is said of her: "She was a very pious woman, and an affectionate mother, much devoted to her God and not given to chiding." She had the following children:

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### **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS,**

(Continued from Thursday.)

- Catharine Early, b. Nov. 7, 1816; m. Gabriel Wolfersberger; resided in Harrisburg.
- Joshua Hiester Early, b. Jan. 25, 1818; m. first to Mary Maulfair, and had Elizabeth, Thomas, John, William and Joshua; m. secondly to Sarah Weidner, by whom 3 daughters.
- Martin German Early, b. Jan. 10, 1820; m. Sarah H. Hummel.
- Christian Early, b. Jan. 10, 1820.
- Mary Magdalene Early, b. Nov. 26, 1822; d. Sept. 22, 1846.
- Elizabeth Early, b. Aug. 24, 1824; d. without issue.

- Aaron Daniel Seth Early, b. May 14, 1828; m. Amanda Mark, sister of Rev. George S. Mark; resided in Harrisburg; had children.

The ancestor of the Early family was John Early (Johannes Oehley), a native of Jesingen, in the kingdom of Murtemburg, Germany, where he was born Jan. 9, 1724, son of Thomas and Margaret Early. He emigrated to America in 1750, arriving at Philadelphia, where he took the oath of allegiance to England August 24, 1750. He was a carpenter by trade, stopped first at Reading, but subsequently secured title to a large tract of land called "Betimes," in what was then Derry township, Lancaster county. We understand it was about 500 acres, and immediately south of Palmyra. He died Sept. 19, 1796, and is buried at Bindnagle's church. See Egle's History of Lebanon County, pp. 238 and 239.

## **MARTIN, SON OF REV. MARTIN**

Martin Kreider, Jr., afore, next to the youngest son and child of Rev. Martin, m. Elizabeth Hoke, daughter of George; farmer our notes say in Lebanon county, likely in South Lebanon or South Annville township. children:

- George, b. April 25, 1813; m. Cath. Kick; moved to Ohio.
- Martin, Jr., b. Oct. 2, 1814; d. Nov. 23, 1877.\*
- Daniel, b. Nov. 16, 1816; went west; children, but family extinct.
- Christina, b. Oct. 29, 1818; d.----.\*
- Jacob, b. Nov. 2, 1820; d. at Dayton, Ohio; single.
- Elizabeth, b. Nov. 4, 1823; d.----.\*
- Catharine, b. Nov. 4, 182[8]; d. Nov. 23, 1916.\*
- MARTIN KREIDER, JR., JR., afore, who has preserved all that is left of the family name of his grandfather, Rev. Martin, in Lebanon county; m. Elizabeth Fausett, b. Mar. 3, 1828; d. Feb. 22, 1878; both buried at Gingrich Mennonite meeting house; wheelwright between Fontana and Bismarck; Reformed; children:
  - Margaret Kreider, b. Dec. 8, 1849; d. Aug. 28, 1850.
  - George Kreider, b. Jan. 21, 1851; m. Ellen Ruhl; farmer near Midway; now resides east of the Red Schoolhouse; Reformed; no children.
  - Sarah Kreider, b. March 26, 1853; d. in 1896, at the birth of her eleventh child; m. Frank Hostetter, formerly farmer, now miller at Bachman's Mill east of Fontana; 11 children:
    - Irvin Hostetter, m. Clara Lauser; automobile dealer in Palmyra; Reformed; 1 child: Ira.
    - George Hostetter, m. Ella Ebersole; millman, Cleona; Mennonite; 2 children: Sarah and Mary.

- Lizzie Hostetter, m. Harrison Haldeman, motorman, Campbelltown; 1 child: Penrose Longenecker, m. Cora Bender; resides at the Bachman's mill, 1 child: Edith.
- John Hostetter, m. Sadie Ebright; farmer near Union Deposit; Brethren; 6 children Marvin, Florence, Harold, Mary, Clayton, and Charley.
- Mary (Mame) Hostetter, m. James Kelly, painter near Lawn; she having 11 children, is said to be "wearing her mother's shoes out": Freeman, Chester, Richard, Violet, Sarah, Edwin, James, Russell and Frank, twins, Helen and Clinton.
- Monroe Hostetter, m. Martha Meily; farmer on the Samuel Lentz farm near Hamlin; Brethren, 3 children: Robert, Frank and Martha.
- Lillie Hostetter, m. Oscar Smith, farmer beyond Jonestown; she Reformed; 1 child: Alice.
- Frank Hostetter, m. Cora Anspach; farmer near Bellgrove; 3 children, of whom one is Victor, other names not learned.
- Sallie Hostetter, m. Frank Kreider, farmer toward Myerstown; Reformed; no children. Frank and Sallie are twins.
- Charley Hostetter, m. Susan Kreider, daughter of Felix; farmer on his father's farm at the mill; 1 child: Earl.
- Charles Kreider, b. Sept. 27, 1854; d. ---- ----; m. first Dec. 24, 1881, to Sarah A. Herchelrode; m. secondly to Mrs. Matilda Shirk, widow of Jacob; laborer in the mills in Lebanon; 1 child by first wife.:
  - Ira Kreider, the only one of his generation retaining Rev. Martin's family name in Lebanon county, which is likely to run out with him, as he has no sons; m. Ella Leininger of Lebanon; patternmaker in the Bethlehem Steel; residence; 316 South Second street, Lebanon; 3 children: Elizabeth, Barbara and Julia.
- Mary Kreider, b. Sept. 13, 1858; m. Benjamin Bixler, dec., a blacksmith in Brickerville, Lancaster county; Lutheran; 2 children:
  - Katie Bixler, m. John Shenk, farmer at Steelstown; United Evangelical; 3 children: Ira, John and Warren.
  - Sadie Bixler, m. Henry Bamberger, runs a gasoline truck; residence, Five Points, Lebanon; no children.
- John L. Kreider, b. Nov. 25, 1864; m. Alice Phillips, of Five Points; carpenter, residence 20 Pershing avenue, Lebanon; Reformed; no children:
- CHRISTIANA KREIDER, afore, m. Martin Hoke, b. Apr. 27, 1816; d. --- -----; near Fontana, son of Michael, son of George, thought by Martin's daughter to have been the immigrant; Martin's mother, Anna Kreider, was daughter of Rev.

Martin; both Christiana and Martin are buried at Hoke's meeting house; farmer 2 miles south of Fontana, at Round Top; United Brethren; 3 children:

- Rudolph Hoke, b. Aug. 22, ----; m. Louisa Swanger; laborer in Annville; no children.
- Catharine Hoke, b. July 8, 1850; m. Peter Lineaweaver, laborer at the Bethlehem Steel; residence south of Fontana, at Round Top, close to her father's home; no children. From her we received this information concerning her father's family and that of her aunt's, Elizabeth and Catharine.
- Martin Hoke, Jr., b. Aug. 8, 1860; m. Rachel Saylor, dec., laborer in Mt. Lebanon cemetery; residence at Five Points; no children.
- ELIZABETH KREIDER, afore, m. Daniel Brightbill, farmer at different places, likely about Palmyra; she died in Grantville, another account says at Lawn; children:
  - John Brightbill.
  - Mary Brightbill.
  - Samuel Brightbill.
  - Isaiah Brightbill.
  - Aaron Brightbill.
  - A daughter whose name was not remembered.
- CATHARINE (KATE) KREIDER, m. John Gundryman, laborer in South Annville township and at Bachmansville; she is buried in Mt. Annville cemetery; 4 children:
  - Martin Gundryman, laborer in Palmyra.
  - Catharine Gundryman, m. Harry Nye, trucker at Sand Hill.
  - Christian Gundryman, m. Harry Smith, a laborer in Annville.
  - Jacob Gundryman, carpenter; buried at Bellegrove; 1 child a daughter.

Mrs. Lineaweaver says that her uncle, George Kreider, was a shoemaker, that he went to Dayton, Ohio, and that when well advanced in years he married a young woman, but had no children.

Of her Uncle Daniel Kreider, she says that in the west he built a large mill, went aloft to inspect the roof before it was finished, that in descending the ladder gave way, he fell and was killed. Contrary to the account afore she thinks he was never married, but by neither account has he descendants living.

The youngest son and child of Rev. Martin Kreider was Tobias, who was never married. He died in Franklin county aged 75 years. This brings us to the end of the history of Rev. Martin Kreider.

When we consider what Rev. Martin did in himself, founded the work of the United Brethren in the Lebanon Valley, that his son, Rev. John, laid the foundation of that church in Franklin county, that his grandson founded Salem of Lebanon, the mother church of the city, and was about the first presiding elder of the church in the Lebanon Valley, and when we consider all the preachers who sprang from him and the devoted lay members, we venture the assertion that he did more for the United Brethren church than any other man that ever lived. When we consider along with this what a branch of the family of his brother Jacob did for Lebanon Valley College and what members of other branches have done, the question begins to formulate itself: What would be left of the United Brethren Church if all the Kreider blood were taken out of it?

We are also at the end of the history of the descendants of John who located on the western part of the "Kreider Settlement." We have entered the inmost depths of the labyrinth, and are still alive. But there still remain some Kreiders whom we have not visited. We know a number who have waited long to see if we would ever come to them, and some are waiting still. We must go back to Jacob who located on the eastern part of the "Settlement" in order to reach them.

## **JACOB THE SETTLER ON SNITZ CREEK**

The patient reader has accompanied us in our wanderings and explorations, in our attempts to solve the early Kreider problem, doing much to help us on our way. Some may say you should have completed your work and known your mind before you went to print. It is easy for those who do nothing to criticize, and the ugly thing about it is that the criticism of such is always of the destructive kind. It is the criticism of the men who are wholesouled in the struggle that is legitimate, and consequently is welcome. The other kind bears the marks of illegitimacy, born out of wedlock. It was not the purpose of these papers to complete the history before beginning publication, but publication was commenced, and had been so intended, as soon as a proper beginning had been secured. The writer also lacked the advantage of being one of the family who for many years thought, talked and investigated the subject. It perhaps is no reflection on him that he has displayed a zeal that again and again has called forth the inquiry: "Why, are you a Kreider?." If we have not been a Kreider, neither have we been a busy body. And we are glad to state that we have never been treated as we were once treated in gathering the history of a family outside of Lebanon county. We had been very courteously received into a home with some marks of culture miles away, had been invited to take a seat in the parlor. A few preliminary remarks had been made on both sides, with mutual satisfaction and pleasantness. Our purpose was, we are sure, becomingly introduced. Instantly the lady arose, opened the door and with remarkable brevity and stiffness said: "I show you the door." We arose with the remark: "We entered your house as a gentleman on a mission requested by the family.

The house is yours and on your request we leave." And we were off for more pleasant fields. We later learned that there were things about this particular branch of that family that were more than shady. Worthy representatives of good families always delight in examining their history, and are always grateful to persons who render service along this line. As the journey among the Kreiders thus far has been very pleasant, we anticipate that the home stretch will be of a similar nature.

As to Jacob, the Settler on Snitz Creek, in the first issue of these articles we quoted from two legal papers which gave the names of his wife and children. There is no doubt on this subject. And his own name is equally certain. Some call him Abraham. His name was Jacob, plain Jacob; nor was it John Jacob. The legal papers, so far as we know have no mention of a John Jacob. It was John and Jacob on Snitz Creek-John to the west and Jacob to the east. Both received land warrants on the same day, June 3, 1741. Tradition and a legal paper say their father was Martin, and according to the gentleman who made the address on Rev. Christian S. Kreider the father of Martin was the Jacob who settled in at Lancaster about 1715. Perhaps this Jacob had the four sons. The four sons tradition may be from the fact that John the Settler on Snitz Creek had four sons. We have doubts about the Martin, born in 1681, who had sons, Joseph and Frederick, being the Martin, however, here in question. If he were the Martin in question, [how??] his sons or grandsons would be called Joseph and Frederick. That was the way they did things in those days - named after the relatives. Then they had many children and few names; now we have many names and few children. Then they accomplished much and talked little; today we talk much and get nothing done.

Jacob's wife's name was Mary. Jacob died before 1748. In that year, June 15, as we say at the beginning, Mary had additional contiguous land surveyed to her, the first survey to her was May 14, 1742, likely a resurvey of land given her husband by warrant in 1741, making in all 585 acres, which in 1760 was given by Patent Deed to her sons, Christian, Martin, Tobias and George. The four son tradition may originate here. By Oct. 2, 1751, the widow of Mary had married Henry Xander, (Sanders), whose wife, Anna Eliza, b. Aug., 1701; d. May 23, 1750, or a year and one-half before the above date, which was likely very soon after their marriage, for on that date for a consideration they transferred the 585 acres to the before-mentioned sons of Jacob and Mary Kreider, which land, however, was not yet patented. The sons then secured a patent deed but the mother had first to sign a similar paper to the former in her previous name, Maria Kreider, as we saw at the beginning.

Heinrich Xander and his first wife were Moravians and are buried at Hebron. He was a notable character in the early days of our county. He was born Nov. 16, 1703, and died Oct. 17, 1772. He had taken up 150 acres of land March 20, 1743, likely a short distance east of Annville. On Nov. 26, 1753, two years after his marriage to Mary Kreider, he took up 200 acres more; and May 12, 1767, he took up 50 acres



additional, making in all 400 acres. In the cemetery at Hebron is a stone which Egle has interpreted as having the name Maria Yeader, b. Jan. 10, 1702; d. 1769. Some of those names are hard to decipher, and we more than half believe that it should be Maria Xander, the second wife of Xander, and formerly the wife of Jacob Kreider, the settler at Snitz Creek. The Christian name agrees, and the dates are about what we would expect. There may be a mistake in interpreting the X and the n. Not unlikely the old Kreider cemetery began with the burial of Jacob.

The legal papers tell us very explicit that Jacob and Mary Kreider had 8 sons and 1 daughter. They were as follows:

- John, likely b. about 1724.\*
- Christian, b. likely about 1726; d. Oct. 13, 1789.\*
- Francis, d. before 1751.\*
- Martin, b. in 1730-from Egle.\*
- Tobias, b. Mar. 23, 1734; d. July 31, 1806.\*
- George, b. 1736-from Egle.\*
- Henry, b. 1738-from Egle.\*
- Jacob, b. 1740; m. Ann Light - from Egle.\*
- Ann (Veronica), b. 1742-from Egle.

The children of Jacob doubtless range in birth from about 1724 to 1742, likely the year of his death; the children of his brother John from about 1740 to 1750, which would rather justify the conclusion that Jacob was the older of the two.

### **JOHN, SON OF JACOB THE SETTLER**

Of this John we know very little. He was likely the oldest of the children, as in the lists his name always comes first. He was likely born about 1824 [sic 1724]. If "Maria Yeader," afore, was his mother, she would have been 22 years of age in 1724. He took up none of the home tract on Snitz Creek. He likely went to other parts. He may have been the John who is said to have lived at Conewago, and the Rev. Isaac Kreider says was a son of John the Settler, brother of Jacob, the father of this John. It is useless to surmise further.

### **CHRISTIAN, SON OF JACOB THE SETTLER**

Christian Kreider is doubtless next to oldest son of Jacob, the Settler. We have a number of Christians. He is the oldest of all. He was one of the four brothers who divided up the old Kreider tract. He received 172 acres, it being the extreme eastern part of the "Kreider Settlement." He bordered on "Kleinfelt," of which we have written and out of which he bought Jan. 7, 1772 48 acres and 27 perches of land

which lay along the lane running into the old John Q. Royer farm and up to the Bomberger cemetery. The road running to Zinn's mill, we are told, constituted the southwestern boundary of the Kreider Settlement. Christian's two tracts, his descendant, J. S. Bomberger, tells us, comprised the eastern farm of Henry Bomberger, the Royer, now Spitler farm, the southeastern part of the Frank Hauck estate, the purchased tract being partly an addition to the Mace farm, the balance being in the Adam Hauck estate, with the exception of a small strip of the Louser farm.

Christian made his will Aug. 15, 1789. To his son Jacob he bequeathed 108 acres, which was then bounded by land of Martin Cryder, Frederick Zimmerman and George Hock (Hoke). To his son Christian, Jr., he gave the remainder of his land, 102 acres, containing the buildings, bordered by lands of Frederick Wolfersberger, George Ellinger, George Hock, Philip Greenawalt, Frederick Zimmerman, and Jacob Cryder.

The care of his wife Mary he left jointly to his sons Jacob and Christian. "I give and bequeath to my Beloved Wife that little room wherein my son Christian now liveth for her residence together with the stone [stove] in it. And my son Jacob shall supply my said wife yearly with four cords of good fire wood, and my son Christian with three cords ditto, well split and cut for the stove, to be carried before her door." Each son was to supply her with ten bushels of potatoes yearly. Jacob and Christian were the executors.

Christian seems to have been a man of considerable influence and wealth. He had 4 children:

- Jacob, b. ----; d. in 1819.\*
- Christian, received half of homestead; perhaps never married.[\*]
- Anna, m. Jacob Secrist, of whom we have no additional knowledge.
- Tobias, b. Dec. 8, 1759; d. July 22, 1835.\*

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Monday)

### **JACOB "THE GELDER"**

Jacob Kreider, the son of Christian of the east end of the "Settlement" commonly called yet to this day "Jacob the Gelder," received from his father the western part of his lands, 108 acres, for it bordered on Christian's land to the west. In other words,

Jacob's farm was the eastern farm of Henry Bomberger. Jacob acquired another farm in East Hanover township, Dauphin county. He is said to have become "quite wealthy."

Jacob made his will Jan. 6, 1819, and it was probated Feb. 16, 1819, so we know very nearly the date of his death. The executors of his will were John Yordi, likely the Mennonite preacher, and Christian Bomberger, doubtless the Christian Bomberger, Sr., of the present Adam Hauch farm, and brother to Jacob's son-in-law, Abraham Bomberger. His children, as named in his will were:

- Jacob, deceased, at time of father's will, had children, said by Hon. A. S. Kreider to have gone west.
- Christian, went to Franklin county, 4 miles west of Chambersburg, says Hon. A. S. Kreider.
- Mary, m. Jacob Kreider, the Jacob to be determined.\*
- Elizabeth, b. 1784, d. 1812.\*
- John, d. in 1836.\*
- Anna, m. Abraham Bomberger, see a back number of The News.
- Catharine, b. 1790; d. 18[33].\*
- Joseph, b. Mar. 5, 1797; d. Jan. 30, 1864.\*

## **CATHARINE KREIDER REIST**

Catharine Kreider, afore, after her sister Elizabeth's death married the widower, Christian Reist, afore, being the second of his three wives. It is in place to add that beside the properties owned near Buffalo Springs, Christian Reist bought 300 acres of land near Linglestown, Dauphin county, intending to place two of his sons on farms from this tract. Christian himself moved to this place where he died in 1852, and is buried at Linglestown. Catharine, his second wife, and the following children:

- Abraham, b. in 1814, died 1900.\*
- Elizabeth, b. in 181?.\*
- Christian, b. in 1817; d. in 1871, moved to Linglestown; children of one of his daughters still reside there.
- Jacob, b. in 1819; d. in 1883; single.
- Henry, b. in 1822; d. in 1888; moved to Ohio; childless.
- ABRAHAM REIST, afore, m. Nancy Bomberger (1817-1868); farmer on homestead at Buffalo Springs; children:
  - Edmund Reist; (1837-1910); married Catharine Shaeffer (1838-1910); farmer near Schaefferstown; children:
    - Aaron Reist, farmer in North Cornwall township.

- Jacob Reist, a farmer southwest of Fontana.
- Abraham Reist, farmer on the old Reist homestead.
- Mary Reist, single.
- Clara Reist, m. Aaron Mase (Mays), farmer on the Colebrook road just beyond Snitz Creek, immediately south of the "Kreider Settlement."
- William Reist, a farmer at Zinn's Mill.
- Herman Reist, farmer at Millbach.
- William Reist (1840-1891), m. Barbara Royer of near Reistville, then called Achey's Corner; built and conducted a store at the corner, secured a post office for the place, and the town was called after him Reistville; no children.
- Abraham B. Reist, moved to Pasco, Washington.
- Catharine Reist, m. George Royer, farmer near Millbach; children.
- John B. Reist (Nov. 24, 1846-April 16, 1916); m. in 1869 to Emma Holstein, who now resides in Schaefferstown; farmer on the homestead 24 years, then near Groh's Mill; he the genealogist of the Reist family; children.
- Mary A. Reist (1859-1915), m. Allen F. Wenger, dec., teacher and farmer near Schaefferstown.
- ELIZABETH REIST, afore, m. Ezra Bucher (1818-1883), farmer at Rexmont; children:
  - John (Johnny) Bucher (1839-1912) farmer on the homestead; children.
  - Rev. Cyrus Bucher, minister of Brethren, Astoria, Illinois; children.
  - Christian Bucher, retired farmer at Reistville; children.

JOHN KREIDER, afore, has not been positively identified. Hon. A. S. Kreider in his outline simply has his name, without any remarks whatever. The father, Jacob, mentions his son John in his will. We find that Gottlieb Kreider, son of "Big Tobias" Kreider on Feb. 20, 1833, conveyed two lots in the borough of Lebanon to John Kreider, gentleman. This John would seem to be about the age of John under consideration.

Again we find that John Kreider of Lebanon township made his will May 10, 1836, and that it was probated September 15, 1836. William Smith and his son Michael are appointed executors. This would seem of a certainty to be the John in question; for he says that his son Michael is to receive his own share in his father's estate in Hanover township, which estate has not yet been settled. We have seen that "Jacob the Gelder," father to this John, had acquired a farm in East Hanover township, so we regard the identification here as practically complete.

It seems that the family has lost sight of John, who must have died between May 10, 1836, and Sept. 15 of the same year. His brother Jacob had married a Catharine Smith. The fact that John makes William Smith one of his executors, may be sufficient to suggest that John had also married a Smith.

John left all his personal property and his share of his father's estate in Hanover township to his son, Michael, no other son being mentioned, would seem to indicate that Michael was his only son. What became of Michael we know not.

He had a daughter, Rosanna, whom he designates "my youngest daughter," who is to stay with her brother Michael as long as is mutually agreeable. John S. Bomberger informs us that John's brother, Jacob, Jr., married Catharine Smith and had children. Philip and 2 single daughters, Rosanna and Anna, a deaf mute, who he says went to Center county. Perhaps John S. Bomberger was a little confused in names, perhaps this son and two daughters were children of John instead of his brother Jacob. John we know from his will had a daughter Rosanna, and perhaps Phillip should be Michael. If our supposition is correct, then the children of John went to Center county. If we want to hold John Kreider to strict grammar, if he had but two daughters, he should have said of Rosanna, "my younger daughter"; but almost anything passed muster in the good old days. Today we strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. But let us use good grammar, it is better than slang. On April 9, 1850, Rosanna Kreider, "single woman of Millheim in the county of Center," sold to Abner [?] Hartman, of Lebanon borough [??] property in Lebanon borough. Th[??] is no doubt the daughter of John, for John had owned lots in the borough of Lebanon. We are informed that Rose (doubtless Rosanna) Kreider of Center county, left a snug sum of money to her kin.

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Thursday.)

### **JOSEPH AT THE SWATARA**

Joseph Kreider, son of Jacob, the Gelder, was married to Mary Light, b. Aug. 3, 1795 and d. May 15, 1877. This marriage brought together likely the two largest families of Lebanon county. It is not the first marriage between the Kreiders and the Lights, nor was it the last.

The fathers of Joseph and Mary were likely intimate friends, for we find that Henry Light and Jacob Kreider together bought 142 acres of land in East Hanover township of one Martin Bucher, on Oct. 3, 1797. These two men we regard as the fathers of the

above couple. This land remained in the names of these two men till after their deaths, when Henry Light (likely Jr.) and John Light as executors of Henry Light, and Joseph Kreider as agent for the heirs of Jacob Kreider, deceased, sold this farm to John S. Kreider.

Joseph Kreider bought a farm of Henry Light, likely his father-in-law, on April 3, 1822. It is located on the road from Mt. Zion to Jonestown, a little west of the road from Lebanon to Fredericksburg, to the south of the Swatara Creek. It had been bought by Henry Light from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on March 13, 1811. The Kreider ownership brought to the tract its prominence.

Joseph Kreider was doubtless a religious man. Both he and his wife were from the Mennonites. Joseph was a trustee of a small log church built on this tract. We shall say more of it later. Both he and his wife were first buried in the cemetery connected with this little church, but after the sale of the property, their remains were removed to the United Zion Children church northeast of Jonestown. They had but three children:

- Joseph L., b. Mar. 6, 1824; d. Sept 6, 1893.
- Mary, dates of birth and death not secured.
- Henry L., b. Oct. 1[?], 1831; d. Jan. 24, 1912.

Before taking up these children of Joseph Kreider of the Swatara, we wish to consider the little log church.

## **KREIDER'S MEETINGHOUSE ON SWATARA**

This is one of the lost churches of Swatara of which Dr. Ezra Grumbine wrote so interestingly for the Lebanon County Historical Society. See Vol. I of the Society's publications.

The house was built of logs, which fact would lead us to think it was erected before the Revolution. But this particular tract was settled some what late, it being purchased from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as late as 1811. Logs were likely much in evidence yet and so were used. Dr. Grumbine says it was built in 1838 for a school house; and he gives the names of two of the teachers-Ferdinand Deitzler and John Peter. It was built on the land of Joseph Kreider on a rocky slope or hill, called "Ox-Head," likely because some one had seen in its shape a resemblance to an ox's head.

The Doctor says it was built by the farmers of the community, which was to be expected in the building of a school house. Each farmer brought a log or two, gave some labor, and some contributed money. Abraham Light and Christian Wenger constituted the building committee.

There is an incident related to the writer which Doctor Grumbine does not give. There were two preachers in the community, whose given name in both cases was Christian. The one, after having brought his log, turned to the other and said: "Now, Crist, bring your log that you promised."

The answer came, "I did not promise a log."

"Crist, you know you promised a log."

"Crist, you know I did not promise a log." A quarrel followed.

The neighbors thought this was too bad, and insisted that the preachers make up, which they agreed to do. Peace was restored. Then one turned to the other and remarked: "Now, Crist, we are friends; but you know, Crist, that you did promise to give a log."

"Crist, you know I did not promise to give a log."

And the quarrel was on worse than before. "He that repeateth a matter separateth very many friends."

The school was likely Kreider's school before it was Kreider's meetinghouse. When the public school system was accepted, the log school house was deemed inadequate.

Dec. 15, 1847, Joseph, Sr., transferred the part of his farm on which stood the school house to his son, Joseph L., who the following year transferred, for \$1.00, 81 perchers of land on which the house stood to Joseph Kreider, Sr., Henry Light and John Firestein, as trustees of the meetinghouse, designated as "Church of Christ," but commonly designated Kreider's. The deed states that it is "for the sole purpose of a place of religious worship of God by the people of the Church of Christ and for a place of burying the dead; as also the privilege unto Christian Wenger to hold his meetings in the house of the above tract of land."

"Rev. John Light preached the dedication sermon to a crowded house. Others who preached here says Dr. Grumbine, were Rev. Chas. H. Linebach, Reformed; Revs. Henry Gelbach and John Light, United Brethren; Rev. John Firestein, United Zion Children; Rev. Christian Wenger, of the German Baptists; Rev. George Petry, Winebrennarian; and Rev. Christian Siegrist.

The last trustees were Henry Bean, David Light and John Firestein. Joseph L Kreider always looked after the house. The last religious service was that in connection with the burial of Mrs. Joseph Kreider in the summer of 1877. From this on the house was neglected and fell prey to vandals. The property was sold Jan. 11, 1896, for \$55, the land bringing \$5 and the house \$50. The bodies here buried were removed to the other cemeteries, likely the most to the cemetery of the United Zion Children church northeast of Jonestown, to which place the Kreider bodies were removed.

There are two points in Dr. Grumbine's paper about which something should be said. He says that in the earlier days a distinction was made between church people and meetinghouse people. He calls attention here to a distinction that is worthy of a great church historian, a distinction in truth, that is being obscured today. The Lutheran and Reformed were church people; the Dunkers, Zion Children, River Brethren, now Brethren in Christ, the United Brethren, the Evangelicals and Winebrennarians, and also the Mennonites, were called meetinghouse people. The former belong to Protestantism, and are Pauline; and the latter belong to Brethrenism and are Johannine; Protestantism tries to spread its wings over Brethrenism today and include it in itself for the simple reason that Brethrenism is the ruling phase of Christianity in the modern world. Christ has place for both in his Church, but the saddle belongs to Brethrenism just now, and through the grace of God given to her, she is able to fill her appointed place. Peter wanted to know what John should do. Christ replied: "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee, Follow thou me." There were things beyond Peter, and when Paul spread himself beyond his measure, he made a calf of himself. Consider the four beasts in Revelation that praise God. The people who distinguished between church people and meetinghouse people knew something. It was "Kreider's meetinghouse."

The Doctor's other point is this:

He says in substance that the little house failed to leaven the community with peace, for there is [??] section in the county that has furnished more litigation than the neighborhood of this log meetinghouse, and then he calls it a German Baptist church and a Dunker church. The German Baptists as they were previously designated, is the church in which the writer is an unworthy minister, and the faith of which church is his faith. The German Baptists are the same as the Brethren, Church of the Brethren, often called Dunkers. Now Christian Wenger, mentioned as the main preacher in Kreider's meetinghouse, was not of the Church of the Brethren, as it is denominationally designated. None of the preachers designated by the Doctor are Brethren preachers. The failure to leaven that community with the peace of God rests with these that preached there. None of the blame is due the Brethren, for they were not in it. The Doctor was so considerate as to tell us that the Brethren so far as his experience went, and it went pretty far, always paid their doctor bills; and a people who pay their doctor bills are poor people to count on for litigation.

The Doctor says that he has visited some of the noted churches across the sea, but never has he received the sense of satisfaction which was his when he looked back at a little group gathering to worship in the little log church on the hill. What would have been the difference in the result, if in place of the Reformed preacher, say Elder Abraham Zug, of Richland.



## THE CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AT THE SWATARA

Joseph Kreider, who lived on the south side of the Swatara, a little west of Freeport Mills, on the road from Mt. Zion to Jonestown, had, as we have seen, three children, two sons and one daughter. We shall now become acquainted with these children:

- JOSEPH L. KREIDER, afore, was married to Hannah Daub, b. Sept. 25, 1825; d. Dec. 8, 1895. He received from his father a part of the homestead, taking up his residence, we understand, in the farmer's house. We have seen that his father transferred in 1848 to him that part of the homestead on which the church stood, and that in 1849 he transferred to trustees the church property itself, he being caretaker of the church. Perhaps the sons of Joseph were victims of the disturbed conditions of the community. Notwithstanding their efforts to build up a school and a church, the most worthy of enterprises, things did not go. Joseph moved to Monroe Valley, where he operated a saw mill; later he bought a property at Bunker Hill and built a house thereon, where his daughter, Mrs. George Feaser, now lives. Here he and his wife died. They are buried at the United Zion Children cemetery, northeast of Jonestown. They had children:
  - John Henry Kreider, d. young.
  - Eli Kreider, d. young.
  - Lizzie Kreider, m. George Feaser, farmer at Bunker Hill; United Brethren; 6 children:
    - Alice Feaser, m. Richard Miller, cigarmaker at Ebenezer; no children.
    - Joseph Feaser, m. Alice Filbert; engineer on railroad, residence, Phila.; 1 child: Joseph, Jr.
    - Annie Feaser, m. Edgar Yocum, farmer near Bunker Hill; 2 children: Sylvia, Clarence, Paul, Clyde, Earl, and third young.
    - George Feaser, m. Sadie Walmer, been a soldier in France, just returned.
    - Robert Feaser, m. Amanda Swanger; heater, Canal street, Lebanon; 1 child: Christiana.
    - Harry Feaser, single, at home.
- Emma Kreider, m. Frank Killinger, formerly tenant farmer about Schaefferstown and Millbach, now millman, 1120 Guilford street, Lebanon; 8 children:
  - Lizzie Killinger, m. Irvin Rupp; 5 children: Charles, Alice, Mary, Emma and Frank.

-Records from Mrs. Geo. Feaser.

- Marcella Killinger, m. A.B. Williamson, captain on a trading vessel; no children.
- Tillie Killinger, m. Edwin Sanders, blacksmith, but now working in an abattoir in Reading; 1 child: Marie.
- Florence Killinger, m. Harrison Hartman, cigarmaker in Schaefferstown; 1 child: Lucie.
- Ada Killinger, m. Samuel Neuin, dec., boiler maker; she now with parents; 2 children: Verlana and Samuel.
- Emma Killinger m. Harvey Neuin, twin brother of Samuel, also boiler maker. Eleventh and Chestnut Sts., Lebanon; 2 children: Alverta and a baby.
- Jacob Killinger, single, at home; millman.
- Edna Killinger, single at home.

-Records from Mrs. Frank Killinger.

- MARY KREIDER, afore, only daughter of Joseph at Swatara, m. William S. Miller, tanner near Schaefferstown, later moved to Womelsdorf; Reformed; 4 children:
  - Joseph Miller, dec., twice married; resided near Sheridan, but later a railroad watchman at Richland, where he died; 4 children: Harry, William, Mame and another daughter.
  - Amanda Miller, dec., m. George Putt, bricklayer at Robeson; children: Harry, Laura, Bertha and several died of diphtheria.
  - Thomas Miller, m. Amelia Smith; marble cutter in Phila.; 2 children; Edwin and Wilmer.
  - John S. Miller, m. Rebecca -----; merchant in Robeson, now shoe salesman in Reading; a considerable family, one child being William.

-Miller records from Mrs. Killinger and Mrs. Feaser.

- HENRY L. KREIDER, afore, youngest child of Joseph at Swatara, m. Caroline Groy, b. Jan. 28, 1838, now living with her daughter Annie, at Bunker Hill. Henry is buried at the United Zion Children cemetery northeast of Jonestown. He was a farmer on the homestead for a number of years, then moved to Groy farm, property of his wife, beyond the Swatara, she being a daughter of Harvey Groy who erected a clover hulling mill which later became Groy's grist mill. Henry Kreider later moved to Bunker Hill; United Brethren; 5 children:
  - Lizzie Kreider, b. Jan. 29, 1862; d. Dec. 27, 1864.
  - Uriah G. Kreider, b. July 12, 1864; m. Alice Boltz, b. June 20, 1867; school teacher 18 years in Swatara township; clerk in Register of Wills office, Lebanon, 8 years; for last 7 years clerk in state capital at

Harrisburg; residence North Twelfth St., Lebanon; he leans toward the United Brethren; she Reformed; no children.

- Dr. John H. Kreider, b. in 1870; m. Alice Lentz; practicing physician in Harrisburg; was with U.S. Army in France and still retained in Government service in Pittsburgh, Pa.; 2 children: Ada, stenographer in Harrisburg; and Homer, law student at Dickinson.
- Annie Kreider, b. in 1867; m. John Spangler; farmer near Bunker Hill; mother aged 81 years resides with her; United Brethren; no children living.
- Edwin G. Kreider, b. in 1873; m. Lillie Billet of Bunker Hill; chauffeur for the Bethlehem Steel; residence, South Second street, Lebanon; 5 children: Warren, Alice, Wayne and 2 deceased.

-Henry L. Kreider records chiefly from son, Uriah G.

This brings us to the end of the records of Joseph Kreider, born on Snitz Creek, likely got a wife from along the Swatara, to which place he moved. His older son, Joseph L., has no male descendants bearing the name Kreider. The younger son, Henry L., in accord with Kreider custom, received the homestead which, however, reverted to the Lights. He has three grandsons who may keep up the family name: Homer, the son of Dr. John H., and Warren and Wayne, sons of Edwin G. Though these Kreiders had become separated from their kin almost beyond recognition, we are glad to see them reunited, for the Kreider chain in them is not weak, not being broken under severe trial.

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Monday)

### **JACOB WHO DIED YOUNG**

Jacob Kreider, Jr., was likely the oldest son and child of Jacob the Gelder, at the east end of the settlement. He is named first in his father's will, he had died and guardians were appointed for the children. Jacob was born Dec. 10, 1778, and died April 30, 1812. His wife, Catharine Smith, daughter of David, m. an Orth, was born in 1782, and died, the obscure lettering seems to be, May 7, 1833. She likely was Reformed, for they were buried in the Tabor Reformed cemetery of Lebanon, likely became Reformed through the Orths, the Smiths being Mennonites. His will and his real estate transactions, if he had any, are likely recorded at Harrisburg, inasmuch as Lebanon did not become a county till the year after his death. From the date of his birth, 1778,

he apparently being the oldest child, we may make a guess at the date of his father's birth; we should say between 1750 and 1755, while the father's father Christian, was doubtless born between 1725 and 1730. We know nothing of the occupation or residence of Jacob, Jr. His burial at Tabor Reformed suggests that his residence may have been in the town of Lebanon, for his single daughter Rosanna who moved to Center county sold in 1850 property in Lebanon borough. The bodies of Jacob, Jr., and his wife, along with others, were a few years ago removed to the Mt. Lebanon cemetery. The guardians of Jacob's children were Peter Smith, Joseph Bomberger and John Smith. The children were:

- Philip, went to Center county.
- Rosanna, went to Center county.
- Anna, went to Center county.
- Henry, of whom we have learned nothing, perhaps d. young.
- Elizabeth, b. July 25, 1812, after her father's death; d. Oct. 23, 1871.

## **PHILIP OF CENTER COUNTY**

Philip Kreider, son of Jacob, Jr., likely joined the migration from Lebanon county to Center county along about the third decade of the 19th century. If he was the oldest of the family which is likely, he must have been born very soon after 1800. The impression is that he got his wife in Center county, but he had a daughter, Elizabeth, that was buried in Tabor Reformed cemetery, whose body has also been removed to Mt. Lebanon cemetery. Burial here suggests residence here at time of death. The body may have been brought from Center, but this would hardly have been the case if the mother were from Center county. Philip is said to have been a farmer, likely near Coburn, Center county. It would seem that he was well-to-do. He had the following children:

- ELIZABETH KREIDER, d. young, buried at Mt. Lebanon cemetery.
- PHILIP KREIDER, farmer, near Wolf's Store, Center county, had children:
  - Newton Kreider, resides in Mifflinburg, Union county.
  - May Kreider.
  - Wallace Kreider, retired farmer in Rehrersburg, Center county.
  - Rev. Henry Kreider, professor in University in Toledo, Ohio.
- DR. JACOB KREIDER, resided in Bucyrus, Ohio; had 2 children.
- MALINDA KREIDER, m. George Stover, of Coburn, Center county; distiller, said to have been very wealthy; children:
  - Perry Stover.
  - Kreider Stover.
  - Myra Stover.

- MARY KREIDER, m. Daniel Weaver, farmer, miller and postmaster, later retired at Wolfe's Store; children:
  - Clayton Weaver.
  - Susie Weaver.
  - Linnie Weaver.
  - Prof. Ammon Weaver, in North Dakota.
  - Calvin Weaver.
  - Ora Weaver.

These Kreiders settled in the extreme eastern part of Center county, while the Kreiders previously referred to as going to Center county settled in the southwestern part of this large county, and across the northern Huntingdon and northern Blair counties, perhaps 40 miles away.

#### Rosanna and Anna

These two Kreider sisters also went to Center county. Both remained single. Anna was a deaf mute. We find in the records in the Court House in Lebanon that Rosanna Kreider, "single woman of Millheim, in the county of Center," sold to one Abner W. Hartman, a property on the west side of Market street, Lebanon borough, April 9, 1850. With the conveyance went the right to alley and pump, likely referring to the old pump in the center of Market Square, now the broad part of Ninth on both sides of Cumberland. Rosanna is said to have been quite wealthy and is still remembered by relatives in Lebanon who continue to visit in Center county.

#### **ELIZABETH KREIDER RISSE**

Elizabeth Kreider was certainly the youngest child of Jacob, Jr. Jacob died April 30, 1812, and Elizabeth was born July 25, 1812. She married Christian Risser, born Jan. 7, 1809; d. April 9, 1876. He is said to have been related to the Mennonite Rissers of Lancaster county. He was a farmer at Midway on the farm now owned by Attorney Warren Light. Some of the descendants have an impression that this had been an old Kreider farm, and that Christian Risser got it through his wife. This, however, is a mistake. It had been the property of Christian Risser's father, John, who died intestate and by order of the court became invested in his oldest son Christian, who on April 9, 1844, made assignment to John Smith, who sold it to another Smith. It later became one of the numerous farms of the grandfather of the late Dr. Gloninger, and on his death was inherited by one of his daughters, the mother of Attorney Warren G. Light. Christian Risser continued for many years to farm the old homestead, till the death of Mr. Gloninger, when all the old tenants were ousted. One of the granddaughters of Christian Risser tells us that her grandfather was carried out in an arm chair and died

nine days later, aged 69 years, partly at least, of a broken heart. It was an old Risser homestead, not a Kreider. Elizabeth Kreider Risser had it is thought 13 children, of whom only the 8 following lived:

- VERONICA RISSER, m. George Fessler, proprietor of a hotel in Pinegrove, later moved to Kansas, and d. in Texas; 4 children:
  - Benjamin Fessler, lived in Texas.
  - Matilda Fessler, m. ---- Fife; lived in Texas.
  - William Fessler, lived in Kansas.
  - Mary Fessler, m. ---- Coffler; lived in Kansas; children.
- SUSAN RISSER, m. Joseph Snavelly, farmer at Midway, just across the railroad from the Risser homestead, lived in an old log house now torn down; she, Reformed; he, Lutheran; 5 children:
  - Elias Snavelly, dec., carpenter, on Schaefferstown road, now Pershing avenue; widow now on southwest corner of Ninth and Cumberland streets; Lutheran; 1 child: Virgie.
  - Cyrus Snavelly, carpenter, 336 Pershing avenue; Lutheran; 4 children, of whom only James is living.
  - Lizzie Snavelly, d. single.
  - Joseph Snavelly, m. Susan Evans; millman, 446 Pershing avenue; 5 children: Sallie; Jennie, m.; Florence, m.; Irene and Hilda.
- PHILIP RISSER, m. Amanda Fortna; farmer near Midway, d. at Bismark, now Quentin; Reformed; 3 children:
  - Franklin Christian Risser, b. Oct. 3, 1861, dec.; m. Matilda Horst, farmer at Yeagleystown, also teamster for Freeman; 1 child: Irvin, in the West, likely in Illinois.
  - John Fortna Risser, b. May 29, 1864; furnaceman, 607 Walnut St., Lebanon; 1 child: Daisy.
  - David Light Risser, b. Oct. 30, 1867; formerly coal merchant at Midway; now resides at 713 Walnut street, being foreman in city sewerage construction; 1 child: Roy H.
- ROSANNA RISSER, d. single.
- JOHN H. RISSER, dec., m. Hannah Geesaman, dec.; grocer at Tenth and Walnut streets, Lebanon; Reformed; 8 children:
  - Lizzie Risser, m. Benjamin Beicher, grocer at Tenth and Walnut streets; 2 children: George and May.
  - Mary Risser, m. Frank Z. Miller, bookkeeper at Shenk's; residence 213 South Tenth street; 2 children: Esther Elizabeth; student at Lebanon Valley College; and John Franklin.
  - Hannah C. Risser, single; clerk at Shenk's resides with sister Mary.

- Veronica Risser, single, clerk in Williamsport, Pa.
- Kate Risser, single, clerk in Biecher's store.
- Laura Risser, m. Rev. Frank S. Bromer, Reformed minister in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 2 children: Dorothy and J[???].
- Bertha Risser, dietitian in Germantown High School.
- Jane Risser, teacher, in Cedar Rapids.
- Adam Risser, d. aged 10 months.
- John Henry Risser, d. in infancy.
- CHRISTIAN RISSER, JR., m. Catharine Long; farmer on the Gloninger farm near the Fair Grounds, d. on the Howard Shirk farm; she d. at Pleasant Hill; he, Reformed; she, Lutheran; 9 children:
  - Alice Risser, single, seamstress at Pleasant Hill.
  - Rosanna Risser, m. David Boyer, farmer till recently immediately west of Fontana, now resides at Riegert's school house and is repairsman on the trolley line; 5 children: Katie; m. Clayton Ensminger; Irene, m. Walter Heisey; Rosanna, m. George Miller; Elsie and David.
  - Catharine Risser, m. recently to Harry Achey of Forneydale, of the Achey's of Achey Corner, now Reistville, engineer at coke plant; he has children by a former wife.
  - Daniel Risser, m. Lizzie Ann Clendenine, carpenter at Pleasant Hill; 1 child: Maude.
  - Fannie Risser, m. Charles Himmelberger, formerly cigarmaker, now furnaceman; 434 North Twelfth street; 2 children: Catharine and Lloyd.
  - Maggie Risser, m. Ross Stein, conductor on trolley car; residence, Pleasant Hill; 6 children living: Aaron, Viola, Dorothy, George, Christine and Clarence.
  - John Risser, m. Margaret Freimeyer; formerly cigarmaker, now railroader; residence 327 Doe avenue, Lebanon; 1 child: Eloise Catharine.
  - Sadie Risser, m. Paul Weigley, machinist; 1215 Forge St., Lebanon; 6 children: Pauline, Elizabeth, and 4 deceased.
  - George Risser, m. Lucy Weigley, sister of Paul; recently returned from army service in France; gas pipe fitter; residence, 1218 Forge street; no children.
- ELIZABETH RISSER, b. April 22, 1846; d. Jan. 25, 1893; buried in Mt. Lebanon cemetery: m. Henry Dohner, dec., a widower, laborer near Midway; she, no children.
- CATHARINE RISSER, b. Feb. 2, 1852; d. Aug. 22, 1896; buried in Mt. Lebanon cemetery; single.

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Thursday)

### **CHRISTIAN KICKED BY A HORSE**

If you put 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and 5 together, three 5's you get 15. You likely did not realize before that that was the case. By putting a number of things together we have identified the above Christian. If anyone can show any mistake in our arithmetic, we shall stand corrected.

Only a few days ago John S. Bomberger asked us again: "What became of Christian the son of Christian at the east end of the "Settlement" of Christian the brother of Jacob the Gelder, who along with Jacob[?] inherited the homestead, father's will made in 1789?"

Hon. A.S. Kreider says of this son Christian, "Know nothing."

Mrs. Annie Miller, widow of Abraham H. Miller, the organ manufacturer, informed us that her grandfather was Joseph Kreider, that he came from the Snitz Creek, lived in East Hanover, and she understood that his father came from Germany. When you get into the hazy past, "from Germany," or "from the old country," is about all you can get.

"Can you not recall your great grandfather's name?"

"No, only I am sure he came from Germany."

"Can you not remember anything that your parents said about him?"

"Yes, he was kicked by a horse. He died from being kicked by a horse."

We have found other descendants who have the tradition, but none have known his name, nor anything more about him. The horse evidently did quick, sure work, left no opportunity for making a will. No will is on record.

The father, Christian, Sr., in his will, dated 1789, writes thus:

"I give and bequeath to my beloved wife that little room wherein my son Christian now liveth for her residence together with the stove in it."

The son Christian got the part of the farm on which the old buildings were. He evidently had to get out of that little room. But he was going to stay on the farm, for



he had to help take care of his mother. See a few numbers back of the News. Likely he was just about getting married and was to occupy the rest of the house. We have not been able to lay our hand on any deed referring to the transfer of the farm from Christian [??????] [??????] [H????] [Bom]berger, of Ninth and Walnut streets might have it, but we have been unable to consult him.

We find that on May 1, 1801, a Christian Kreider was one of the executors of one George Eby, helps to transfer a farm which must have been a short distance southeast of Lebanon. The Christian we think must have been the Christian who lived in the little room. In 1822 this farm became the property of a Joseph Kreider, who in 1825 sold the farm to a Jacob Light, and we have the best of reasons for believing they moved to Swatara or East Hanover. This Joseph was doubtless the grandfather of Mrs. Abraham Miller. Elizabeth was the wife in both cases. Here we have the names of Christian Kreider and later of Joseph Kreider associated together in one and the same property. This Joseph was doubtless the son of Christian. Where else could you put him? For remember we have cleaned up nearly all the other Kreiders.

Now, one Barbara Kreider of Lebanon township, nee Snavely, for in her will, dated Jan. 2, 1819, she says, "My dearly beloved brothers Christian Snavely and Henry Snavely" had a son Joseph, who was one of the executors of her will.

Furthermore, in talking with Amos Kreider, of Ono, cousin to Mrs. Miller, we mentioned the Snavelys; and Amos at once said: "Yes, my grandfather, Joseph Kreider, when a young man spent much of his time with the Snavely's." Mr. Albert, of Palmyra, says that his grandfather went to live with the Snavelys when 9 years old and that he had to clean the stables for 40 cows.

Now, let us put our figures together. Joseph, the grandfather of Mrs. Miller, was the son of Barbara Kreider, nee Snavely, who made her will in 1819. This Joseph was the man who bought the farm southeast of Lebanon in 1822, and he is the son of Christian who as executor transferred that same farm in 1801; and that Christian is the son of the Christian of the extreme east of the "Kreider Settlement," who made his will in 1789, and ousted his son Christian from the little room, in behalf of his mother. In other words this Christian is the great-grandfather of Mrs. Miller; he was the Kreider kicked and killed by a horse, and who has vanished from human recollection as completely as if the earth had suddenly opened and swallowed him up. Is there any mistake in our arithmetic?

So we say that Christian Kreider, Jr., son of Christian, Sr., of the east end of the "Kreider Settlement," married Barbara Snavely, of the Snavely family beyond West Lebanon. Christian, Jr., inherited the eastern part of the homestead, 108 acres, on which were the buildings he occupying "the little room with the stove [stove] in it" till

the time of his marriage or rather to the time of his father's death, after which it was to be occupied by his widowed mother. Christian was to supply three cords of fire wood to his mother every year to his brother Jacob's four, "well split and cut for the stove to be carried before her door." Each son was to supply the mother with ten bushels of potatoes. Christian, along with his brother Jacob, was executor of his father's will. He must have been a thoroughly responsible man, for May 1, 1801, we find him along with George Strohm, executor of the will of one George Eby.

The manner of Christian, Jr.'s death is described to us as follows: He led the horse with the bridle to the bars of the pasture field, slipped off the bridle leaving the horse pass through. Then in order to give the horse a send-off, in thoroughly good fellowship, struck him with the halter on the haunches. The horse in frolic, made a start, and in preparation for a dash into the pasture, kicked back into the air with his hind feet. But alas the kick at random sent, hit and killed his master. The time of this event is uncertain. It was doubtless just at little before his son Joseph, then aged 9 years, went to Snavelly's. Joseph was born Feb. 3, 1793, and would have been 9 in 1802, in the pasturage season of which year the father likely was killed. According to the mother's will, in which she spells the name "Greider", there were 3 children:

- Mary, m. Christian Light. We need more light before writing about her.
- Joseph, b. Feb. 3, 1793; d. June 15, 1878.
- John (S.)

## **JOSEPH OF BLACK OAK HILL**

Joseph Kreider, whom we designate as of Black Oak Hill, did not always live there. Let us not confuse him with his cousin, Joseph of Swatara, on whose farm the log meetinghouse stood. We shall see, however, that both Josephs were associated with meeting houses.

Joseph Kreider of Black Oak Hill was married to Elizabeth Light. On April 3, 1822, he bought a farm of 86 acres and 70 perches from one Henry Ebey, which joined lands at that time of Abraham Groh, Frederick Fernsler, George Shott, Peter Gloninger, John Reiser, dec., John Ruhl, John Gossert and John Eby, likely a short distance southeast of Lebanon. This farm he and his wife Elizabeth sold to Jacob Light, April [missing section.]

We find that Joseph Kreider acquired a farm of 97 acres in East Hanover in 1844, which he transferred by assignment in 1846, in later becoming the property of his son, Levi.

It seems that later Joseph bought land in Swatara township, for on Mar. 2, 1849, Joseph Grider, of Swatara township, and wife, Elizabeth, transferred 31 1/2 perches of land in Swatara township along the public road to Jonestown and other land of Joseph Greider, to John Miller, Jacob Peter and Martin Wengert, "that they shall erect and build thereon a house or place of worship for the use of the members of the Evangelical Association in the United States of America, according to the rules and discipline which from time to time may be agreed upon and adopted by the ministers and preachers of the said Association of their General Conference." This house was burned down, the cemetery remains; but a new church has been erected "farther down."

There are other deals of Joseph Kreider on record. On April 3, 1850, Joseph Kreider of Swatara township and wife, Elizabeth transferred to David Waltz 2 1/2 acres of land along the road from Union Forge to Lebanon, being part of land bought by Joseph April 21, 1836.

On October 26, 1859, Joseph Kreider and wife Elizabeth of East Hanover transferred 1 acre and 136 perches of this Waltz land which had reverted to him. It will be noted that between 1850 and 1859 his residence had changed from Swatara to East Hanover township.

Joseph, we understand, was a member of the Evangelical Church which might also be inferred from the foregoing sale of land for a church. But it would seem that he was somewhat of an athletic and sporty turn. And these Kreiders were strong men physically. It is related that on one occasion, perhaps at a sale, the weight of his fist fell on a certain fellow and Joseph was afterward told that he had knocked down the right man, the fellow being found guilty of some misdemeanor. It is said that at the age of 75 years he would take a broom handle and jump over it between his hands. An Irishman was accorded the championship for the running broad jump at a certain place. It is said that Joseph came along and made of him a back number. Joseph, however, was no doubt somewhat steady, as compared with his brother John, for Joseph along with Christian Light, doubtless his brother-in-law, were made executors by Joseph's mother of her will, while John was not allowed more than the income of his inheritance unless he should steady down, or steady up, whichever is proper. This will was dated Jan. 2, 1819.

Since writing the foregoing we have learned from John Albert of Palmyra, grandson of Joseph Kreider, that a number of years before his death Joseph bought a small farm of about 20 acres for his daughter, Mrs. Albert, about one mile north of Palmyra, now the home, completely rebuilt, of Mr. Poorman the butcher of Palmyra. Here both Joseph Kreider and his wife died. They are buried at Steelstown. They had children:

- Levi.
- Edward, b. July 27, 1826; d. Dec. 14, 1895.
- Joseph
- Elizabeth, b. Dec. 18, 1832; d. Sept. 7, 1897.
- John.

## **The Josephs**

It will be noticed that the Joseph Kreiders are multiplying. A few words to distinguish them. The present Joseph was the son of Christian, kicked by the horse. His wife was Elizabeth Light. He had a son Joseph, merchant, who went to Kansas. A week back we considered Joseph, m. Mary Light, son of Jacob the Gelder, and a cousin to the preceding Joseph, and father of Joseph L. On this Joseph's lands was Kreider's log meeting house. Then west of Rocherty in Cornwall township was Joseph, wife also Elizabeth, and uncle to Hon. A.S. Kreider.

In North Lebanon township was Joseph J. Kreider, wife Rebecca. Then there was Joseph of Fairland, and his son Joseph still on the homestead beyond Fairland. We shall find a Joseph Kreider in the southern part of our county, son of Tobias, the school teacher. North of the tunnel was Joseph Kreider, with wife Lydia. And recently died Joseph H. Kreider the miller and journalist of Annville. Do not become confused among the Josephs.

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Monday)

### **LEVI OF EAST HANOVER**

Levi Kreider, afore, of East Hanover township, was born near Bunker Hill, and was married to Elizabeth Shirk, of North Annville township. He was a farmer near Magillstown. He was a man of great physical strength. One of his stunts was carrying twelve bushels of wheat on his shoulders - 720 pounds. This was done by placing a three-bushel bag on each shoulder, and crossing two more three-bushel bags above the first two. His son tells that once when he was with his father fishing, his father with a short run leaped a four-rail fence without touching it. He had but one child:

- AMOS KREIDER, m. Agnes Good; farmer, now retired in Ono (Mt. Nebo); United Evangelical; from him were received the records of his family and valuable help in solving the problem of his ancestry; 3 children:

- Carrie Kreider, m. Elias Wengert, carpenter, 515 North Tenth street, Lebanon; United Evangelical; 1 child: Howard.
- Sadie Kreider, m. Harry Wengert, deceased, cousin to Elias; farmer, had moved to Cleona, where he died January 29, 1919 [??]. United Evangelical; 4 children: Irene, Dora, Ruth and Anna.
- Ira Kreider, m. Annie Hoke, daughter of Joseph, clerk in Court House; teacher in East Hanover, Bismark, West Lebanon and Palmyra, now operates an automobile garage in Ono, along with a rural mail route; United Evangelical; 4 children: Clyde, dec.; Ralph, Herbert and Dorothy.

## **EDWARD THE STEWARD**

Edward Kreider, afore, married Maria Scherck (Shirk), b. July 18, 1825, in Annville township; d. Sept. 13, 1907; both are buried in Mt. Lebanon cemetery. Maria was a sister to Levi's wife, and both were first cousins of the father of the late Howard C. Shirk, Esq., of Lebanon. He was a farmer in East Hanover. The records show that Edward bought a 13-acre tract in 1848, on the road from Jonestown to Harrisburg, in Union township, which he sold to Cyrus Schools, Esq., April 2, 1853, at which time Edward is said to have been in Swatara township. He was steward at the Lebanon county almshouse for 7 years, which was in the early sixties. For a time afterward he was proprietor of a hotel above Jonestown, after which he moved to Lebanon, where he died. He had 7 children:

- Rosanna, b. Oct. 4, 1847, in Annville township.
- Samuel, b. Mar. 29, 1850, in Swatara township.
- Emma Elizabeth, b. June 16, 1853, in Union township; d. June 8, 1882.
- Catharine, b. April 22, 1857, in Union township.
- Edward Lincoln, b. April 26, 1861, in South Lebanon township.
- Dawson, b. Mar. 26, 1865, in South Lebanon township.
- Mary, b. May 15, 1867, in Union township.

-Family Bible.

The places of birth show the place of residence. Edward L. and Dawson were doubtless born at the almshouse.

- ANNA (ROSANNA) KREIDER, afore, m. Abraham H. Miller, founder of the Miller Organ Company of Lebanon, being in charge of it for 35 years, besides maintaining an up-to-date-music store on Cumberland St., director of the Peoples National Bank; superintendent of Tabor Reformed Sunday school about 15 years and of St. Mark's for 25 years; died from injuries received while

operating the elevator in his factory; widow still resides in the home on North Eighth street. Four children:

- Grant L. Miller, m. Carrie Baker; manager of Miller's Music Store; residence 415 Cumberland street; 1 child: Grant L. Jr.
- Ida Miller, m. John C. Borgner, clerk in organ factory; residence, 526 North Eighth street; 4 children: Annie, June, John and Rena.
- Rena Miller, m. Dr. Clyde C. Saylor, practicing physician at Fifth and Lehman streets; no children.
- Ray Miller, m. Nancy Bibighaus; manager of the Miller Organ Factory; residence Fourth and Cumberland streets; 1 child: Nancy.
- SAMUEL KREIDER, afore, m. Carrie Gernert; proprietor of a hotel at Mt. Nebo (Ono), then farmer in North Annville township, then three years proprietor of Red Horse Hotel west of Jonestown, now proprietor of hotel in Jonestown; 8 children:
  - Clinton Kreider, deceased, m. Annie Fegan; barber for 22 years at 632 Cumberland street, Lebanon, the writer being one of his patrons; residence, 111 E. Cumberland, where his widow now resides; Lutheran; 3 children: Edna, teacher, Olive and Norris.
  - Cora Kreider, m. Amos F. Rutter, cattle dealer in Jonestown; 1 child: Edna.
  - Mary Kreider, single at home.
  - Harry Kreider, single, at home.
  - John Kreider, m. Mabel Bohr, proprietor of hotel at Bordnerville, also farmer; 3 children: Harrison, Mabel and John.
  - Morris Kreider, d. aged 17 years.
  - Sarah Kreider, m. Samuel Shenk, iron worker, 75 Moravian street, Hebron; 4 children: Samuel, Paul, Isabel and Lucille.
  - Mabel Kreider, m. Clarence Herr, garageman in Lebanon; residence, South Eleventh street; no children.
- EMMA KREIDER, afore, dec., m. Hesbon Hersh; no children.
- CATHARINE (KATE) KREIDER, afore, is single; residence 1028 Guilford street; owner of the Family Bible, from whom we received the records.
- EDWARD LINCOLN KREIDER, afore, m. Frances Stevens, of Parsons, Kansas; salesman for the Miller Organ company; residence 228 Lehman street; Lebanon; Lutheran; 3 children: Arthur, in the U.S. Navy; Miriam and Walter.
- DAWSON KREIDER, afore, dec., m. Emma Fisher, worked in the Miller Organ Factory, no children; widow later m. John Oberholtzer, ex-county sheriff, and well known as proprietor of the Hotel Wallace, Ninth and Chestnut streets.
- MARY KREIDER, afore, dec., m. Charles Ray, millman of Reading, Pa.; no children.

## JOSEPH, EAST AND WEST

Joseph Kreider, Jr., married Lucinda Frantz, who died a few years ago with Mrs. Miller on North Eighth street, Lebanon. Joseph was a Civil War veteran, a huckster at Ono, a butcher at Grantville, a coal merchant in Lebanon, being a partner with Rev. Knerr, general merchant in Avon, then was a merchant in Parsons, Kansas, where he died. He had 2 children:

- Aaron Kreider, dec., merchant in Parsons, Kansas; left 2 children: Claude, in California, and Anna, with Claude.
- Elizabeth Kreider, d. young.

## ELIZABETH KREIDER ALBERT

Elizabeth Kreider, daughter of Joseph, of Black Oak Hill, married Joseph B. Albert, b. June 3, 1812; d. July 22, 1896; both buried at Steelstown. They lived on a small farm north of Palmyra, bought by her father, her parents living with her for a number of years, where both died. The farm became the property of Mr. Albert; it is now a Poorman home. They were United Evangelical. They had 4 children:

- LIZZIE M. ALBERT, b. July 7, 1859; d. Mar. 26, 1906; m. Alvin S. Bowman, teacher in Palmyra; has since remarried, is justice of the peace and resides on North Railroad street Palmyra; Lizzie had 1 child:
  - Joseph M. M. Bowman, d. Jan. 21, 1888; aged 5 months and 17 days, buried in the Steelstown cemetery, as is also his mother.
- GABRIEL KREIDER ALBERT, d. from the sting of a bumble bee, Sept. 4, 1860; aged 3 years, 9 months and 22 days.
- MARY A. ALBERT b. Mar. 15, 1861, m. Philip Allwein, b. Sept. 1, about 2 years before his wife; d. aged 57 years; buried in East Harrisburg cemetery; track foreman at Rutherford; United Evangelical; she at Pennbrook; children:
  - Joseph Allwein, b. May 24, 1882; m. Mary Witmer; engineer in Rutherford yards; United Brethren; 5 children: Marion, Anna, Witmer, Mary Catharine, Delbert.
  - Irvin Allwein, b. June 24, 1884; m. Frances Heisey, daughter of Jacob of Conewago, from whom we received the Allwein records; Brethren; residence North Railroad street, Palmyra; 4 children: Elizabeth, Samuel, Ellen and Frank.
  - Edgar Allwein, b. Nov. 6, 1885; d. Feb. 24, 1811; m. Jessie Wenrich; laborer on railroad at Enola, Pa.; 2 children: Wilson and Melvin.
  - Elizabeth Allwein, b. Jan. 9, 1888; m. Charles Bell, sign painter in Harrisburg; no children.

- Mabel Allwein, b. Dec. 16, 1889; single, in Philadelphia.
- Marjory Allwein, b. Oct. 15, 1898; m. Edwin Stahler, railroader at Enola; United Evangelical; 1 child: Geraldine.
- Mary Allwein, b. Feb. 22, 1904.
- JOHN ALBERT, b. Nov. 21, 1862; m. Mary A. Brehm; quarryman, in which occupation he lost his left foot; residence 106 Locust street, Palmyra; Brethren in Christ; 6 children:
  - Enos Albert, d. aged 21 years; single.
  - Grant Albert, m. Mary Fox; shoe cutter; residence 104 Cherry street, Palmyra; Brethren; 2 children: Charles and John F.
  - Andrew Albert, shoe cutter in Palmyra; single; d. aged 28 years.
  - Mary May Albert, d. aged 7 months.
  - Victor Albert, m. Susan Moyer; shoe cutter in Phila; no children.
  - Catharine Albert; single, at home.

## **JOHN OF KANSAS**

John Kreider, perhaps the youngest child of Joseph of Black Oak Hill, m. Rebecca Alleman. John moved to Kansas. He was a farmer, near Carlton of that state, where he likely died. He had 2 children.

- Lizzie Kreider, married and has children.
- Elmer Kreider, single at home.

This brings us to the close of Joseph Kreider of Black Oak Hill, son of Christian who was kicked by a horse, son of Christian who lived at the extreme eastern part of the "Kreider Settlement." on Snitz Creek, son of Jacobone of the two Kreider settlers there, son of Martin of Lancaster Co., son of Jacob the immigrant, who located on what is now the southern part of Lancaster city about 1715. But Joseph above had a brother. A few words are in place about him before we close the chapter of Christian who was kicked by a horse.

## **JOHN SNAVELY KREIDER**

When Barbara Kreider, nee Snavely, widow of Christian killed by a horse, made her will in 1819, beside a son Joseph, she mentions a son, John. John was to receive only the income from his inheritance, unless he mended his ways, in which case he was to receive the principal. Mr. John Albert, of Palmyra, says he knew that his grandfather had a brother, John, that he was never married, and he understood he was rather wayward. Mr. Albert, who was born in 1862, never saw his great uncle. It is likely that John died somewhat young.



On March 31, 1838, Henry Light and John Light, executors of Henry Light, dec., and Joseph Kreider, as agent for Jacob Kreider, dec. (Jacob the Gelder), transferred 111 acres of land in East Hanover township to John S. Kreider. This was likely cheap woodland. Joseph Kreider the agent was a first cousin to John Snively Kreider. We regard the John S. Kreider herewith the John whose inheritance had been withheld. He must have had money to buy land, so we take it that he mended his ways and received his inheritance.

About all the old Kreiders were farmers. We are now to meet one who was an educator.

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Thursday)

### **TOBIAS THE SCHOOL-TEACHER**

Tobias Kreider was likely the youngest child of Christian, whose farm was to the extreme eastern end of the "Kreider Settlement," who made his will in 1789. Tobias had a sister, Anna, m. Jacob Sechrist, about whom we have learned nothing, beside the two brothers, Jacob the Gelder, and Christian, kicked by a horse, already considered.

Tobias is said to have been weak of body, too weak to farm, so it was decreed that he was to be a school teacher. Despite his weak body he likely became the most noted Kreider of his day; and he lived to a good old age. He was born Dec. 8, 1759; and died July 22, 1835, aged 75 years, 7 months and 14 days. He was married to a woman of Irish descent, Mary Thompson, b. May 21, 1772; d. April 2, 1857. Tobias lived in the brick house on the Colebrook road, southwest of Rocherty, east of the school house. He joined the River Brethren church, and departed from the Mennonite custom of wearing a beard.

When Jacob Kreider, of Snitz Creek, made his will August 2, 1805, he named as one of his executors, "my trusty friend, Tobias Kreider, Schoolmaster." He no doubt taught school in the school houses about in the neighborhood. He also taught in the borough of Lebanon, for Mrs. John S. Bomberger, a daughter of Tobias Willhelm, says that her grandmother went to school to Tobias Kreider in Lebanon borough, and that when the son, her father, was born, the mother called him after her old school teacher. He is said to have been a very cross school teacher. Perhaps physical defects used as teachers in by-gone days, was a cause of teacher crossness.

He did something that few, if any other old Lebanon school teachers did, viz., composed his own text book, his own arithmetic, for use in his schools. It was in German script and has been seen by John S. Bomberger, who says that after pages were torn off fore and aft, it was still about one inch in thickness, and the pages were in size about 8 x 10 inches. He thinks the book is still in existence. It should become the property of the Lebanon County Historical Society. It might inspire some Lebanon county teachers today to become productive.

Tobias was also a scrivener and a surveyor, so says John S. Bomberger. We are told that many old survey diagrams made by him are yet to be seen. We find that Tobias Kreider, Jr., was commissioned as deputy surveyor of Lebanon county June 7, 1824. This may be our Tobias. While his father's name was not Tobias, yet he had an uncle Tobias, who lived west of the Colebrook road; and he is likely designated Jr. in respect to the uncle. Yet Tobias, Jr., may have been the son of the uncle Tobias, for he had a son by that name; and the school teacher also had a son Tobias. Tobias' successor as deputy surveyor, Ezekiel Cherington, was commissioned May 27, 1836, or almost a year after the death of Tobias Kreider, so Tobias likely held the position till his death, or for a period of 11 years.

Tobias Kreider, Jr., was also appointed a justice of the peace for the First District of the county, composed of the borough and township of Lebanon. This appointment was made February 12, 1828. It will thus be seen that Tobias Kreider was a citizen of note.

Tobias Kreider, the teacher, made his will Dec. 5, 1831. It was probated October 13, 1835. In his will he is designated "yeoman," doubtless a self-designation which could indicate that for some time he had given up teaching. His son Tobias and John Forney are named as executors. His farm, however, was not extensive, two contiguous tracts containing together 5 acres and 148 perches. His land joined land of Jacob Dohner and Jacob Smith. He bequeathed all his property to his wife, Mary, except Benjamin's shop. In the brook on this property was performed in 1861 the first baptism of the Brethren in the neighborhood, 6 persons, who formed the nucleus of Brethren that resulted in the erection of Long's Brethren meeting house in 1869. Both Tobias and his wife are buried at Gingrich's Mennonite meeting house.

Tobias, Sr., the schoolmaster, mentions 7 children in his will, all sons. It seems that he had no daughters. Another son is said to have died in infancy, so he had 8 children. The seven named in the following order:

- Samuel, went to Indiana about 1835 - A.S. Kreider.
- Jacob, d. in 1845.
- Benjamin.
- Tobias, Jr., d. about 1864.

- Christian.
- Obed.
- Gotlieb T., b. May 4, 1808; d. June 5, 1871.
- John, not mentioned in will, said to have died in infancy.

Buried near Tobias and his wife are 3 Kreiders, likely his daughters, all of whom died before he made his will, which, of course, is sufficient reason for their not being mentioned therein. They are as follows:

- Sarah, b. April 25, 1791; d. Sept. 7, 1830.
- Catharine, d. aged 8 years, 8 months and 13 days.
- May, b. Nov. 23, 1795; d. Nov. 23, 1821.

## **JOSEPH THE DROVER**

It is difficult to get information concerning Joseph Kreider, the son of Tobias, the school teacher. This is likely due to the fact that the mothers of his children died when the children were young, and they seem to have been raised by relatives of the mothers. His oldest child, Elias, is said to have been the only child of his mother; her name we have been unable to learn. He then married Mary Stauffer, who likely was the mother of all the rest of his children, she dying when the youngest child, John, was two days old. We understand he married again. He went to Harrisburg and later to Pinegrove where he died and is buried. All a granddaughter ever heard about him was that he was a drover. He had children:

- Elias, b. June 12, 1820; d. Sept. 28, 1908.
- Elizabeth.
- Sarah.
- Mary.
- Jacob.
- John B., b. Nov. 12, 1837.

## **ELIAS OF IONA**

Elias Kreider, of Iona, was the oldest child of Jacob the Drover, and the only child by his first wife. He married Mary Strohm, b. Dec. 30, 1823; d. Nov. 20, 1906. By occupation he was a blacksmith. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, and is buried in the old United Brethren cemetery at Iona. He had children:

- Henry, b. Oct. 5, 1844.
- Aaron S., b. August 17, 1850.
- Jacob, b. Aug. 21, 1858.

- Rebecca, b. July 8, 1859.
- Leah, single, on homestead in Iona.
- Elizabeth, single, also in Iona.
- Mary, single, housekeeper in Schaefferstown.
- Moses, twice married, lived in Lebanon; no children.
- Elias, Jr., b. Mar. 17, 1869; d. Aug. 31, 1909; epileptic. 5 died small.
  
- HENRY KREIDER, afore, m. Malinda Schneider (Snyder), b. Sept. 24, 1849; blacksmith, but now a laborer, residing at 22 Pershing avenue, Lebanon, Pa.; children:
  - Elizabeth Kreider, b. Dec. 11, 1871; m. Albert Phillips, plumber beyond Five Points; 4 children: Carrie, Ammon, Henry and Allen.
  - Mary Kreider, b. Apr. 9, 1873; d. Nov. 12, 1878.
  - Samuel Kreider, b. May 30, 1875; m. Ella Seitzinger, foreman in nut department of Bethlehem Steel; residence, 21 Pershing Ave.; 2 children: Mabel and Stella, both single.
  - Uriah Kreider, b. June 6, 1877; d. Aug. 18, 1878.
  - Sarah Kreider, b. April 19, 1881; m. Harry Krick, now in Chicago; no children.
  - Lillie Kreider, b. Sept. 17, 1882; m. Isaac Bowman, baker in Annville; 4 children: Harold, Leroy, Lillian and Hilda.
  - Paul Kreider, b. Nov. 11, 1884 m. ---- ----, clerk, 18 Pershing avenue; 4 children: Pauline, Miriam, Luther and Beatrice.
  - Henry S. Kreider, b. Oct. 18, 1886; m. Martha Urich; residence, Phila.; 2 children: Martha and Luella.
  - Monroe Kreider, b. Oct. 23, 1888; m. ---- ----; residence, 338 Pershing avenue; 3 children: Mary, Ethel and Irene.
  - Cora Kreider, b. Sept. 17, 1890; d. aged about 2 years.

- From the Family.

- AARON KREIDER, afore, m. in 1876 to Mary Miller, b. Jan. 15, 1856, of Fulton county; Pa.; laborer, 20 Hoffman street, Lebanon; 6 children:
  - Charles Kreider, b. Dec. 3, 1876, m. Lizzie Smith; heater, North Third avenue; no children.
  - Penrose Kreider, b. March 21, 1880; single at home.
  - Ida Kreider, b. August 7, 1882; m. Francis Bashore, furnaceman, 22 South Fourth avenue; 1 child: John.
  - Miles Kreider, b. Nov. 15, 1884, m. Lillie Feeman; nutmaker, Mifflin street, near Second; 3 children: Irene, Arthur and Richard.
  - Mark Kreider, b. June 8, 1889; d. aged 21 years.

- Mary Kreider, b. Nov. 4, 1894; m. Robert Shaak of 24 Hoffman street; 2 children: Pauline and Mary.

- Mrs. Aaron S. Kreider.

- JACOB KREIDER, afore, m. to Emma Deem, b. July 11, 1862; clerk in store, now employed at Lebanon Valley College; residence 17 S. Fifth street, Lebanon; United Brethren; 2 children:
  - Emma Kreider, teacher, being a high school, State Normal and college graduate; d. of the "flu."
  - Asaph Kreider, single; automobile repairsman in Lebanon.
- REBECCA KREIDER, afore, m. Henry Miller, d. Mar. 17, 1898, aged 63 years; laborer at Avon; Lutheran; 11 children:
  - Aaron Miller, b. Dec. 12, 1870; m. Kate Moore; bricklayer at Cleona; United Brethren; 12 children: Michael, Victor, Annie, Bertha, Irene, Nestor, Mildred, Paul, Mary, Lena and 2 deceased.
  - Harvey Miller, b. June 21, 1872; m. Sallie Heisey, dec.; m. secondly Lizzie Waltz; works in shoe factory; residence, 337 Partridge avenue; United Brethren; 3 children by first wife: Sallie, Lee and Theodore.
  - Morris Miller, b. Dec. 5, 1873; m. Anna McMinn; cigarmaker in Avon; United Brethren; 1 child; Eva, m. Harvey Riegel.
  - Jennie Miller, b. Nov. 11, 1876; m. Henry Risser, printer; residence, 220 S. Eleventh street; Lutheran; 8 children: Robert, m. Mabel Sholly; Agnes, m. Paul Boughter; James, Franklin, Anna, Marion, dec., Julia, Edward.
  - Katie May Miller, d. aged 3 years.
  - Moses Miller, b. Oct. 11, 1881; m. Emma Donmoyer; bricklayer, 427 Guilford street; no children.
  - Albert Miller, m. Elizabeth Brown; millman, 1145 East Lehman street; Brethren; 3 children: Leroy, Lloyd, and John.
  - Adam Miller, m. Sadie Bord; machist [sic], now creameryman; 624 North Second street, Lebanon; Reformed; 1 child: Pauline.
  - Raymond Miller, m. Ruth Behney; millman; residence, Spruce street, Lebanon; United Brethren; 1 child: Brice.
  - Emma Miller, m. Henry Arnold; boarded at various places; 1 child: Catharine.
  - Edna Miller, m. John Bord, millman, 512 Guilford street; 1 child living: Helen.

## ELIZABETH KREIDER SHUTTER

Elizabeth Kreider, afore, daughter of Joseph the Drover, m. John Shutter (Schott) from near Mt. Gretna, b. Feb. 12, 1812; d. May 10, 1895; farm laborer near Iona; having been in Illinois four years; United Brethren; 5 children:

- REBECCA SHUTTER, b. May 29, 1854; m. John Wesley Fernsler, b. Oct. 8, 1850; d. Oct. 4, 1913; foreman in the mill in Lebanon; residence, 213 E. Cumberland; United Brethren; 2 children:
  - Ida Alice Fernsler, m. Henry Barlet, nutmaker, 52 East Cumberland street; 8 children: Roy, Ralph, Paul, Anna, George, Catharine, Olive and John, dec.
  - Elizabeth Ann Fernsler, m. June, 1919, to Roy Kindt, millman, Lebanon.
- GEORGE ALFRED SHUTTER, b. Aug. 20, 1857; m. Ida Fox, dec.; millman, 540 Church street; 4 children:
  - Sallie Shutter, m. Herbert Holtzman, in Steelton; 2 children.
  - Katie Shutter, m. Irvin Gordon, in Hershey.
  - Howard Shutter, at home.
  - Goldie Shutter, at home.
- FRANKLIN SHUTTER, b. May 7, 1859; m. Emma Beard; laborer in Lancaster county; 3 children:
  - Laura Shutter, m. Wm. Weinhold, with whom the father resides.
  - John Shutter, m. ---- -----; plumber on Hoffman street, Lebanon; children.
- JOHN ADAM SHUTTER, b. Apr. 6, 1861; foreman in scrap yard; residence 225 Lehman street, Lebanon; m. twice; children:
  - Edith Shutter, dec.; m. ---- ----.
  - Emma Shutter, m. ---- ----, in Fredericksburg.
  - John Shutter, in Annville.
  - Mary Shutter, at home.
  - Carrie Shutter, being by the second wife.
- JOSEPH P. SHUTTER; b. July 29, 1874; m. Susan Witemoyer; farmer formerly [sic], now laborer; residence North Eleventh Avenue, Lebanon; United Brethren; 5 children:
  - Harvey Shutter.
  - Edgar Shutter.
  - Ellen Shutter.
  - Jacob Shutter, Jr.
  - Mary Shutter.

**SARAH KREIDER LEAR**

Sarah Kreider, daughter of Joseph the Drover, m. Jacob Lear, dec.; she lived a long time in Palmyra and later moved to one of her children in Annville; children:

- FAMMIE LEAR; m. William Fertig, laborer in Lebanon; children:
  - Ella Fertig, m. ----- Ditzler; residence, Partridge avenue, Lebanon; 2 children: Claire and Herbert.
  - Mary Fertig, m. ---- ----.
  - Violet Fertig, m. Arnold of Campbelltown.
  - Fred Fertig, m. ---- -----; works on farm toward Cornwall; 2 children.
- AMOS LEAR, m. ---- -----; huckster in Annville; children.
- LIZZIE LEAR, m. John Donmoyer, dec., of the Independent District; 4 children:
  - William Donmoyer, dec.
  - Harry Donmoyer, m. ---- -----.
  - Laura Donmoyer, m. ---- -----.
  - Mary Donmoyer, m. ---- -----.
- ELLA LEAR, m. ---- Reedy; no children.
- MARY LEAR, m. George Newhouser, cigarmaker in Reading; children:
  - Clarence Newhouser, m. ---- -----
  - Laura Newhouser, dec.
  - George Newhouser, m. ----Lenich; candymaker in Reading.
  - Lillian Newhouser, single.
  - Edwin Newhouser, single.

-Lear Records from Miss Ida Kreider of Lebanon.

## **MARY KREIDER SPANGLER**

Mary Kreider, daughter of Joseph the Drover, m. William Spangler, of Myerstown. They had children, some of whom we are told reside in Lebanon, but we have been unable to secure the Spangler records.

## **JOSEPH OF LITITZ**

Joseph Kreider, son of Joseph the Drover, went to Lititz, Lancaster county. He was wheelwright there. Later he moved to Lancaster city, where he conducted a grocery. We have not learned to whom he was married, but are informed that he had 2 children: Elias and a daughter.

## **JOHN THE CONSTABLE**

John B. Kreider, son of Joseph the Drover, was the youngest child of the second wife, being but two days old when his mother died. He was reared by his mother's people, who knows little of his father or of his father's people. Yet some of the information which he gave is quite valuable. He was married June 10, 1856, to Susannah Blouch, b. Oct. 17, 1834; d. March 4, 1906. John was in the cavalry in the Civil War, under Captain William Tice of Myerstown. Says John:

"He was a good captain. He was good to me. He was a horse doctor. He got me a furlough for thirty days. He wanted some horse powder from home. When the horses backs got sore, he rubbed on stuff that healed them. I was in the battle of Gettysburg. For three days we had nothing to eat. My horse was shot under me. He was shot in the breast. If it would have been higher, it would have got me."

John learned cabinet making in Myerstown. "I got \$25 a year and bench tools and 12 days in harvest. That's all I got." He followed various lines of work-carpentering, fencemaking, butchering, etc. He was constable in Lebanon for 28 years, and during all this time was tip-staff in the Court House. He now resides with his daughter, Mrs. Keefer, 425 New street, Lebanon, He has 7 children:

- John Henry, b. April 1, 1858.
- Samuel, b. Nov. 9, 1859.\*121
- Ann Mary, b. July 30, 1861.
- Rebecca, b. Dec. 26, 1862.
- Sarah, b. Aug. 26, 1864.
- Kate, b. Dec. 28, 1866.
- Tacie, b. Jan. 18, 1875.
  
- JOHN HENRY KREIDER, afore, b. in Schaefferstown; m. Emma R. Wagner, of Lebanon; now hostler for Paul Kunst, of Lebanon; residence, 536 Fail avenue; 2 children:
  - Kate Kreider, m. William Shriver, from whom she was divorced, later m. Lewis Northheimer, stone mason, 440 Oak street, Lebanon; 3 children, all by first husband: Violet, with grandmother; Alice, dec.; and Dorothy, adopted by Lloyd Schott, of Lancaster county.
  - Esther Kreider, m. Raymond Moyer, rougher; resides at Sunnyside; 1 child: Emma.
  
- ANNA MARY KREIDER, dec., afore, m. Albert Shaeffer, cigar packer; 5 children living:
  - William Shaeffer, in Lebanon.
  - Virgie Shaeffer, m. Irvin Sattazahn, dec.; she in Phila.
  - Augustus Shaeffer, at Rutherford.
  - Ralph Shaeffer, at Rutherford.



- Frantz Shaeffer, at Chester.
- REBECCA KREIDER, afore, record misplaced.
- SARAH KREIDER, afore, m. Samuel Meiley, typist for the Report; residence, South Eleventh street; 6 children:
  - Helen Meiley, m. Al Rose, in Pittsburgh; no children.
  - Howard Meiley, single.
  - Walter Meiley, single.

3 children d. young.

- KATE KREIDER, afore, m. Harrison Reich, nurseryman at Pleasant Hill; 1 child:
  - Anna Reich, m. Harrison Frantz, millman; reside with her parents.
- TACIE KREIDER, afore, m. Harvey Keefer, cigarmaker, 425 New Street, Lebanon, with whom her [??]er resides; 3 children:
  - Mabel Keefer, dec., m. Raymond Ulrich; no children.
  - Raymond Keefer, m. Maggie Helder, of West Myerstown, about to move to Harrisburg; 1 child: Dorothy Isabel.
  - Lester Keefer, single, at home; edge trimmer in Shoe factory.

-Records from members of the family.

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Thursday.)

### **BENJAMIN WHO HAD THE SHOP**

Tobias Kreider, the school teacher left all his home property to his wife, except Benjamin's shop. This shop must have stood on the home property southwest of Rocherty. It was likely Benjamin's property.

Now, what kind of a shop was it? What was Benjamin's trade? Benjamin had a nephew, Gottlieb Kreider, who was a blacksmith. Mrs. Jacob Becker, of Palmyra, is a daughter of Gottlieb, the blacksmith. She says that she can remember when her father's old Uncle Benjamin from Harrisburg used to visit them that he would stand around in her father's blacksmith shop and tell her father how to make things. She thinks that he could not have told her father how to make blacksmithing things if he

himself had not been a blacksmith. It strikes us that this is pretty good reasoning not only for a woman, but also for a man. So we shall adopt it, and say that Benjamin Kreider was a blacksmith on the homestead.

Benjamin, we are told, was married twice, but we have not learned the names of either of his wives. He had no children. Mrs. Becker says that in his old age he lived in Harrisburg, not unlikely he died there and is there buried. It may be that Sarah Kreider, b. April 25, 1791; d. Sept. 7, 1830; or Mayd [sic] Kreider, b. Nov. 23, 1795; d. Nov. 23, 1821-both about Benjamin's age and buried beside his parents, either might have been one of the wives of Benjamin, or they might have been his two wives, both dying young. It is only surmise.

## **TOBIAS THE SURVEYOR**

Tobias Kreider, Jr., is the fourth son mentioned by the father in his will, and he is named as one of the executors of his will. He was likely best fitted of all the sons for such work.

When we asked John B. Kreider, of 425 New street, aged more than fourscore, son of Joseph the Drover, what was the occupation of his Uncle Tobias, He at once replied: "He was a surveyor. He moved to Pinegrove." He is doubtless the Tobias who was deputy county surveyor from 1825 to 1836, and who was also justice of the peace. For in both cases it was Tobias, Jr. John S. Bomberger in saying that the father Tobias, the school teacher, was a surveyor, likely got father and son mixed.

The records inform us that Tobias Kreider, Jr., executor of his father's will, on April 1, 1858, sold 6 acres of land, 2 contiguous tracts, to Christian Dohner of Cornwall. It ran by land of the heirs of Moses Dohner. The 6 acres were certainly the Tobias Kreider homestead. The sale was 23 years after the father's death (1835); but the mother to whom the home was willed did not die till April 2, 1857. So the home was sold one year less on[e] day after the mother's death. Perhaps at this time Benjamin gave up his shop and went to Harrisburg. As a Dohner home, the first baptism of the Brethren in this neighborhood was performed in the stream on the property; and Dohner and his wife were two of the six persons baptized.

Tobias, Jr., may have married a Dutweiler, for Miss Ida Kreider, of Walnut street, Lebanon, says that when his descendant came over to Lebanon county to visit, they always went to see the Dutweiler's. Tobias, Jr., had 3 children:

- REUBEN KREIDER had a shoe store in Hazleton, and some office, perhaps alderman. He was married but we know not to whom. He had no children of his own, but adopted 1 child:

- Minnie Kreider, married, and resides in Hazleton.
- JACOB KREIDER, perhaps a carpenter; residence, Hazleton; 4 children:
  - Emma Kreider, dec.
  - Belle Kreider, a teacher, m. Evan Herbert, a mineralogist [sic] in Butte, Montana.
  - Sallie Kreider, m. ---- -----; resides in Ohio.
  - Lizzie Kreider, m. ---- -----; resides in California.
- TOBIAS KREIDER, JR., JR., a G.A.R. man; resided in Mauch Chunk; 3 children:
  - Robert Kreider.
  - William Kreider.
  - a daughter, dec.

-Miss Ida Kreider.

## **CHRISTIAN OF MANHEIM**

Christian, the fifth son of Tobias the school teacher, lived in Manheim, Lancaster county. The older living relatives in Lebanon county still remember him. He likely died in Manheim, though someone thought he finally went West. He is said to have had 2 children:

- Rebecca Kreider, m. Christian Rife.
- Harriet Kreider, m. ---- Wolf.

According to Hon. A.S. Kreider he had a son Harry.

## **OBED KREIDER**

Obed Kreider, sixth son of Tobias, the teacher, is said also to have lived in Manheim, and later to have gone to Ohio, near Dayton. He was a school teacher. He married -----  
- Boggs; had no children.

## **GOTTLEIB THE SCHOOL TEACHER**

Gottlieb T. Kreider was likely the youngest son of Tobias, the school teacher. He was a character, none of your kid glove school teachers. He was likely a good teacher, but some of his ways would not be allowed in the teaching profession today. He lived along the Horseshoe pike, about one mile east of Fontana, later moved to Annville. He was married twice, first to Catharine Berry, by whom he had 4 children; secondly to Elizabeth Fernsler, by whom he had 3 children. His children were:

- GEORGE W. KREIDER, the Squire, b. in 1831; m. Anna M. Leas; a teacher, a saddler in Campbelltown, and later an alderman in Lebanon; doubtless the George W. Kreider, of Londonderry township, who figured in legal transactions in the sixties; 2 children:
  - Laura Kreider, a teacher, m. Joseph Lebig, also a teacher, now justice of the peace in Quentin; no children.
  - Ida Kreider, single, a teacher; residence, 708 Walnut street, Lebanon; from her considerable information.
- WILLIAM KREIDER, b. in 1830; d. in 1908; m. Elizabeth Witmer; taught school two terms, tailor in Bismarck, now Quentin; later lived in Annville with his daughter; 1 child.
  - Lizzie Kreider, m. John Nye, teacher; residence Main street, Annville; 8 children: Carrie, teacher, m. John Louser, Palmyra; Florence, Victor, Byrl, Allegra, Edith, Queba, and Mildred.
- GOTTLIEB KREIDER, JR., b. Apr. 24, 1823; d. Feb. 12, 1904; m. Aug. 9, 1855, to Mary (Polly) Hoke, b. Aug. 24, 1836; d. Dec. 1, 1910; both buried at Gingrich's meeting house; Mary a great-granddaughter of Rev. Martin Kreider; blacksmith, half a mile north of Zinn's Mill on the corner of the road turning off to Midway, the blacksmith shop has been removed; son of Tobias now living in the house which was built by his father; 7 children:
  - George Kreider, b. Nov. 6, 1856; m. Mary Becker, blacksmith at home, proprietor of Park Hotel, Lebanon now works in cotton mill in Lancaster county; 2 children:
    - Gertrude Kreider, m. Samuel Peters, drayman, Palmyra; 1 child: Jacob.
    - Sadie Kreider, m. William Frederick automobilist in Hershey; no children.
  - Mary Kreider, b. Nov. 11, 1859; m. Jacob Becker, veterinary, 109 Railroad street, Palmyra; no children; from her helpful information.
  - Gottlieb Kreider, Jr., Jr., b. Jan. 8, 1864; m. Tillie Dupple; farmer west of Fair Grounds till recently, now between Campbelltown and Palmyra; children:
    - Ammon Kreider, m. Sallie Dietz; lost a leg and otherwise incapacitated for work; residence, 349 Main street, Palmyra; 2 children: Miriam and Clarence.
    - George Kreider, farmer in California, formerly Latrobe no Pippon; 3 children: Irene Catharine, Leora and Lela.
    - Gottlieb Kreider, Jr., Jr., m. Helen Mease; chainmaker; residence, Lickdale; 3 children: Byron, Dora and Ralph.

- Mary Kreider, m. first to Fred Gas, by whom she had 1 child; m. secondly to Charles Shive, fireman at Enhaut; 4 children in all: Rosabella, Erma, Paul and Mark.
  - Matilda Kreider, m. Jacob Schell; she with her parents; 1 child: Norman.
  - Frank Kreider, m. Edith Bricker; shoe cutter in Elizabethtown; residence, Deodate; 2 children: Dorothy and Catharine.
- William Kreider, b. Sept. 16, 1868; m. Maggie Heilman, quarryman, Cleona; Lutheran; 4 children:
  - Harvey Kreider, m. ---- Steckbeck; clerk in mill; residence, Sand Hill; no children.
  - Mary Kreider, single at home.
  - Two children deceased.
- Veronica (Franey) Kreider, b. Feb. 23, 1870; m. Grant Light, farmer south of Annville 29 years, now with daughter near E. & L. power house; 1 child:
  - Sallie Light, m. Irvin Krall, farmer near power house southeast of Lebanon.
- Tobias Kreider, b. Nov. 12, 1874; m. Clara Bowman; heater, residing on the homestead on Snitz Creek, north of Zinn's Mill; no children.
- Sarah Etta Kreider, b. Feb. 14, 1881; single; seamstress, residing with her niece, Mrs. Samuel Peters, of Palmyra.
- CATHARINE (KATE) KREIDER, m. first to --- Foltz, by whom she had no children; m. secondly to Henry Peffly, dec.; she now resides on 12th street, Lebanon; 4 children:
  - Catharine Peffly, dec., m. Simon Fetterolf, dec.; lived in Highspire, Pa.; no children.
  - Amelia Peffly, dec., was married but had no children.
  - Gottlieb Peffly, m. several times; policeman in Lebanon; 1 child: Norman.
  - Oscar Peffly, married; also a policeman in Lebanon; children.
- ADELINE KREIDER, m. George Gaswint, farmer at Longfort, Clay county, Kansas; 10 children.
- SAMUEL KREIDER, m. Amelia Hollinger; laborer in Lebanon; 1 child:
  - George Kreider, resides on The Heights, Lebanon.
- LYDIA KREIDER, last child of Gottlieb the school teacher, m. twice, first to -- Barnhart, secondly to John Walter, dec., a quarryman of Annville; she now with daughter in Akron, Ohio; 2 children:
  - Mary Barnhart, single.
  - Irene Walter, who resides in Akron, Ohio

We have now completed the records of Tobias Kreider, the school teacher, the youngest child of Christian, who resided at the extreme eastern part of the Kreider settlement, son of Jacob the settler. We shall now turn our attention to Christian's brother Martin.

## **MARTIN WHO WENT TO VIRGINIA**

Martin Kreider was one of the four sons of Jacob the Settler, who secured a patent deed in 1760 for the paternal or rather material estate of 585 acres on the Snitz Creek. Martin's farm out of this tract was immediately east of the Colebrook dam and contained 160 1/2 acres. It lay between the farms of his brother Christian on the east and George on the west. It was almost rectangular in shape, being slightly narrower in the center than at the ends. It extended southwest to the road that branches off at Bomberger's school house, the mill road; and northeast to the Seefley and Hans Zimmerman lands, to the Cornwall pike. It embraced the western farm of Henry Bomberger, the Tobias Kreider and Martz properties, and the land on which Haucksville stands, and the Frank Hauck farm.

We have seen that Martin did not long retain this farm. On Sept. 7, 1764, he sold his 160 1/2 to his Uncle John Kreider, on the western half of the "Settlement." John Kreider and Barbara his wife, on Jan. 14, 1768, transferred this farm to their son, Rev. Martin Kreider, concerning whom we have already written at length.

On March 30, 1772, Martin Kreider in Augusta county, Virginia, had given a bond of £66. to Christian Kreider of the Province of Pennsylvania. This was Christian of the extreme eastern part of the "settlement," about whom we have just written. On the back of this bond Christian writes, "mit meinen Br. Martin Kreider."

So the identification is absolute and complete. By 1772 Martin Kreider under consideration was living in Augusta county, Virginia. Augusta county is between the Blue Ridge and the Allegheny mountains, in other words in the Valley of Virginia, a continuation of the Cumberland Valley, and like it surpassing in fertility. We have learned nothing about the family of Martin, but if he had no children, he was no Kreider. We shall instead say a little about

## **THE SETTLEMENT OF THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA**

Kerchival, in his History of the Valley, says:

*"A large majority of our first immigrants were from Pennsylvania, composed of native Germans or German extraction. There were, however, a number direct from Germany, several from Maryland and New Jersey, and a few from New York. These*

*immigrants brought with them the religion, habits and customs of their ancestors. They were composed generally of three religious sects, viz., Lutheran, Mennonites and Calvinists, with a few Dunkers (Brethren). They generally settled in neighborhoods pretty much together."*

Martin Kreider was a Mennonite and he certainly was one of the very first settlers in the Valley of Virginia. Jamestown on the eastern coast of Virginia was settled in 1607, but the valley west of the Blue Ridge mountains had very few settlers before the Revolution. "The Great Oppression" instituted against the peace of the people of Pennsylvania during the Revolution, supplied the Valley of Virginia with very good citizens. Elder D.H. Zigler, of the Valley of Virginia, whose ancestor was one of the first settlers in the Bethel region northwest of us writes:

*"In the introductory chapter, it has been shown how the Brethren in Pennsylvania refused to engage in warfare or take an oath. As a consequence of this, their property was confiscated. Therefore, destitute of earthly possessions they entered this new country. . . God never forsakes his people in their faithfulness to him. This is abundantly shown in this instance, for rich was the inheritance they were to possess. In their lives, we see fulfilled the words of Christ. Mark 10:29, 30.<="" i="">*

*Mr. Zigler adduces proof that an agreement had been entered into by the English and the Indian, that the white was not to pass over the Blue Ridge; and quotes from a Quaker writer who states:*

*"The English going beyond the bounds of their agreement, eleven of them were killed by the Indians while we were traveling in Virginia. The English encouraged the Germans to settle in the valley, because they became a good barrier for all that part of the country."*

*"The Indian welcomed the German neighbor from the north. The kind treatment of the dusky man of the forest received at the hands of William Penn had reached his ears. Therefore the settler wending his way from thence was not looked upon with suspicion as<="" i="">*

*See "A History of the Brethren in Virginia," by D.H. Zigler.*

*The man who has killed his fellow man startles at the sight of his own shadow, where the man who has under similar provocation refused to injure his fellow, lies down and sleeps without fear. Conscience does the work in both cases.*

*Upon the scene just described Martin Kreider of Snitz Creek, a Mennonite, was one of the very first to enter. An intimate connection exists between Lebanon county and the*

*Valley of Virginia. Lebanon county will not be the most enlightened county in our country as long as we do not know these things.*

*It is not our purpose to visit Kreiders in the Valley of Virginia, so we call on another early Kreider on Snitz Creek.*

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Monday.)

### **TOBIAS THE FIRST**

We have met many Tobias Kreiders in the last four months, but now we are to meet the first one to bear the name in Lebanon county. This Tobias now under consideration was one of the four brothers, sons of Jacob the settler, to divide the 585 acres on Snitz Creek.

Tobias received 149 1/2 acres of this tract as his portion; it was the extreme western part of it, as the extreme eastern part fell to his brother Christian, with the brothers Martin and George in between. Tobias' tract was bounded on the north by land of George Stites, the founder of Lebanon, on the east by George Kreider, on the south by the land of one Adam Bough; the present Mace farm, and on the west by the land of his Uncle John Kreider, the present Lorenzo Laudermilch farm. In other words, Tobias' farm embraced the present Urich farm.

The old Kreider cemetery was laid out on the line between the two original Kreider tracts, the eastern half of it being on the land of Tobias. His father Jacob was likely the first Kreider buried here.

Tobias Kreider, the First, was born March 23, 1734; made his will Aug. 3, 1803; and died July 31, 1806; aged 72 years. His wife's given name was Mary. He makes his son Christian one of the executors of his will. Christian in 1808 lived in Hamilton township, Franklin county. The Franklin county fever struck the family of Tobias very hard. Tobias leaves all his plantation of 149 1/2 acres to his son Tobias, Jr., known as "Big Tobias." which plantation in 1803 joined land of George Kreider (to the east), John Kreider (to the west), Leonard Zimmerman (to the south), and the out lots of Lebanon (to the north).

Tobias, the First, had 7 children:



- A DAUGHTER, m. ----- Lantz. This Lantz lived in Lancaster county, not unlikely a son of Philip Lantz who married a daughter of Peter Yordy, later settled immediately south of the Kreiders and west of Rocherty. This daughter died early when she had but one child, a son, whom she named after her father, Tobias Lantz (1794-1876). Tobias was brought over from Lancaster on horseback by his deceased mother's sister, and evidently was reared here on the grandfather's farm. He became the father of our illustrious citizen, Senator Cyrus R. Lantz. Tobias Lantz became the owner of a part of the old homestead south of Snitz Creek, now owned by Mr. Ziegler. He was a school director, trustee of Kreider's school on Snitz Creek. He married Charlotte Ressler (1802-1848). We found Senator Lantz too busy as President of the Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, to look back over his ancestry. We despair of catching the Senator when he is not busy. So for the present we shall simply give a list of his father's children:
  - Eliza Lantz, m. Jacob Emrich.
  - Catharine Lantz, m. Daniel Bleistein.
  - Sarah Lantz, m. John Benson, Esq.
  - Senator Cyrus Ressler Lantz, b. Aug. 26, 1842; m. Apr. 29, 1865, to Mary A. Kauffman, dec., of North Lebanon township; teacher, soldier, lawyer, Senator, banker, churchman, in short, always at the head of the procession and often the instigator of it; 2 children: Lily Jane, m. Jacob Ely Reinhoehl, dec., attorney and extensive real estate owner and builder of Lebanon; and Rev. Harry K., a Lutheran clergyman.
- CHRISTIAN B. KREIDER, b. in 1766; known as "Long Christ"; executor of his father's will; m. Barbara Kreider, daughter of Rev. Martin; went to Franklin county, perhaps later to Ohio; had a family.
- TOBIAS KREIDER, b. May 27, 1772; d. Nov. 8, 1845. More later.
- MARIA KREIDER, m. John Stauffer, perhaps of Lancaster county, or the Stauffers of Fontana; she likely the aunt who brought young Tobias Lantz on horseback from Lancaster county to the Kreider homestead, after the death of his mother.
- JOHN KREIDER, b. June 12, 1774; d. Nov. 10, 1801; likely the son who had gone to Virginia, returned to receive his inheritance, died here, and is buried in the old Kreider cemetery. Likely unmarried.
- ABRAHAM KREIDER, b. Jan. 6, 1777; d. Sept. 2, 1838; m. Elizabeth Kreider, b. Nov. 11, 1776; d. Aug. 28, 1838; moved to Franklin county; 2 children:
  - Susanna Kreider, b. Jan. 16, 1801; d. April 7, 1883; m. Christian Coover, b. Nov. 27, 1802; d. May 27, 1875; children: Mary, with daughter in Green Village, Franklin county; George; Henry; John and Jacob.
  - Elizabeth Kreider, b. May 27, 1806; d. Nov. 24, 1885; m. Christian Brechbill, b. Oct. 26, 1802, a weaver and blacksmith.

- GEORGE KREIDER, m. Sarah ----; went to Franklin county, in 1819 sold his farm there to "Christie" Kreider, and then moved to Stark county, Ohio; from age of children would seem to be the oldest of the children of Tobias; likely one of the Georges who were non-associators in 1777; children:
  - Elizabeth Kreider, m. William Beard; had 10 children.
  - Mary Kreider, b. Jan. 7, 1789; d. Jan. 22, 1822; m. Joseph Bretz, who later m. Mary Kreider; children: George, Philip, Catharine and Mary. George Kreider.
  - Sarah Kreider.
  - Susan Kreider.

## **KREIDER'S SCHOOL ON SNITZ CREEK**

Considering the intelligence of the Kreider's have you never wondered that the Kreider Settlement did not produce a school house? We have just seen a long string of Kreider school teachers. School teaching must have been in them or it would never have come out. Of course, sometimes it does not come out; sometimes it is only put on. The old Dunker preachers used to say that a sheep grows wool, it is in the nature of the animal to grow wool. So plain clothing, they said, grew out of the plain life within. The Mennonites were likely the same way. So when you see a Kreider teaching school it is likely because it is in the blood. And the Kreider Settlement had a school house. It was in the blood.

Jacob Kreider, doubtless Big Jacob the Commissioner, and Elizabeth on March 31, 1831, transferred for one dollar a lot of 20 perches of land to Tobias Lantz and Samuel Hauck "Trustees of a certain school house which shall be erected and shall be called Kreider's School House." It was on "a Road running between this land and other land of Jacob Kreider to Colebrook Furnace." by land of Samuel Hauck and of Leonard Zimmerman. The land was to revert to the original owner if the property ceased to be used for school purposes.

This school house is now called Bomberger's. Tobias Lantz was the father of our Senator Lantz, Tobias' mother having been a Kreider, daughter of Tobias, the First.

We, of course, have seen school interest cropping out of the Kreiders along the way, not only in the lower grades but also in the upper. Though near the close of Kreider history, we shall yet see a little Kreider interest in education before we get to the end. But remember there was a Kreider school on the old Kreider Settlement on Snitz Creek, and we are sure it did not begin with the above deed of 1831.

## **BIG TOBIAS**

"Big Tobias" Kreider was the only son, perhaps the only child, of Tobias the First, who remained in Lebanon county; and he inherited the home place, the brother John likely having an interest in it. Tobias' brother Christian, executor of the father's will, conveyed the home farm of 149 1/2 acres of Tobias on Nov. 8, 1808. He also owned lots in Lebanon. Tobias married Barbara Long, b. April 13, 1782; d. May 27, 1877. He is said to have died of typhoid fever; he died 32 years before the death of his wife, who it will be noticed lived to be 95 years old. Tobias made his will Feb. 22, 1836, and names as executors his son Solomon and his nephew Tobias Lantz. The home farm is left to his sons Solomon and Abraham. He had 3 children:

- Gottlieb, b. Feb. 4, 1804; d. Aug. 27, 1875.
- Solomon, b. Oct. 13, 1807; d. Jan. 18, 1880.
- Abraham, d. between Dec. 21, 1857 and April 27, 1858.
- Tobias, Jr., Jr., b. Nov. 24, 1814; d. Dec. 6, 1822; no positive testimony that this child was a son of Tobias, but we are inclined to the view that it was he who "died young of typhoid fever," instead of "Big Tobias," whose son we regard him as being. This child, Tobias, is buried in the old Kreider cemetery.

## **GOTTLIEB OF HARRISBURG**

Gottlieb Kreider, doubtless the oldest of his parents, was married Oct. 16, 1823, to Sarah Light, b. May 10, 1805; d. Mar 30, 1834; buried in the old Kreider cemetery. She was a daughter of Henry and Magdalena Light. Gottlieb was a butcher in the borough of Lebanon, for on Feb. 20, 1833, Gottlieb Kreider of the borough of Lebanon, butcher, and wife Sarah conveyed two lots in the borough to John Kreider of Lebanon township, gentleman. After the death of Sarah, Gottlieb married Mrs. Margaret Stager, nee Hess, but he is buried beside the first wife in the old Kreider cemetery. We have no particulars about the second wife.

From Lebanon Gottlieb moved to Pinegrove, where he must have farmed, for the records tell us that "Gottlieb" Kreider of Pinegrove, Schuylkill county, yeoman, on April 17, 1847, conveyed to George Gleim, gentleman, of Lebanon, lots in Lebanon which "Gottlieb" had received from the estate of his father, Tobias, his mother and brother having conveyed them to him. Gottlieb brought over from Pinegrove the first coal brought from that place to Lebanon. He moved from Pinegrove to Harrisburg, where he died. He is also said to have been a brickmaker. He had 9 children, 4 by his first wife:

- SAMUEL KREIDER, lived in Harrisburg; 3 children:
  - Anna Kreider, married twice.
  - Frank Kreider, in the west.
  - Alexander Kreider, d. in South Dakota, but buried in Harrisburg.

- MARIA KREIDER, m. William Fenstamacher, coachmaker in Shippensburg, Pa.; children, of whom 4 live in Shippensburg.
- ELIZA KREIDER, m. Andrew Hoke, farmer near Derry Station; both died in Palmyra; he New Mennonite; 4 children:
  - Clinton Hoke, in Palmyra.
  - Uriah Hoke, m. John Horstick, in Palmyra.
  - Lucinda Hoke, m. Israel Emmit, in York county.
- SARAH ANN KREIDER, b. Jan. 10, 1831; d. July 20, 1883; m. Tobias Stover, b. Sept. 22, 1820; d. July 20, 1862; farmer on the present Harry Horst farm west of Pleasant Hill; 5 children:
  - Jeremiah Stover, m. Lizzie Hunsicker, of near Stoevers Mill; farmer near Kimmerling's; Reformed; 1 child.
  - Cora Stover, m. Harry Light, son of Dawson; farmer on the Stoevers homestead; 3 children: Frederick, Alice and Elizabeth.
  - John B. Stoevers, m. Sophia Arndt; proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, Independent District; 1 child.
  - Carrie Stoevers, m. Charles Gates, photographer on North Fifth street, Lebanon; residence, Willow street; 1 child; John.
  - Sarah A. Stoevers, m. Martin Funk, carpenter at Fairland; Brethren in Christ; 5 children:
    - Mamie A. Funk, m. Frank Seibert, painter and paper hanger at Fairland; United Brethren; 4 children living: Spurgeon P., Margaret A., Woodrow Wilson and Mitchell Palmer.
    - Carrie M. Funk, single, at home.
    - Sarah Funk, d. aged 14 years.
    - Lydia A. Funk, m. Miles R. Kreider, son of Jacob S., dec.; farmer on the Kreider homestead along the Campbelltown trolley line at Snitz Creek.
  - Marie Stover, d. aged 13 years.
  - Alice Stover, dec., m. Henry F. Long, carpenter, now coal merchant at Fifth and Guilford streets, Lebanon, whose second wife recently died, Alice had 3 children:
    - Oscar Long, milk dealer in Annville; 3 children: John, Ethel and Stella.
    - Sadie Long, m. Paul Lawrence, electrician of Hebron; 1 child: Henry.
    - Henry S. Long, m. Sallie Himmelberger; with father in the coal business; residence, Spruce street; 2 children: Alice and Carl.

-Stoevers Records from Mrs. Sarah A. Funk.

- GEORGE KREIDER, oldest child by the second wife, an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, residence Harrisburg.
- SOLOMON KREIDER, also engineer on P.R.R.; residence Harrisburg; children.
- MAGGIE KREIDER, m. John Witmeyer, in Harrisburg; children.
- TOBIAS KREIDER, brakeman on railroad; residence Harrisburg; children.
- PETER KREIDER, excavating contractor in Harrisburg; 2 children, daughters, both single in Harrisburg.

-Gottlieb Kreider Records from Mrs. Funk.

## **SOLOMON OF SNITZ CREEK**

Solomon Kreider, son of "Big Tobias," married Christiana Kreider, daughter of Abraham, son of Rev. Martin, on the east side of the Colebrook road. See a former issue of The News. Big Tobias by his will of Feb. 22, 1836, left his farm to his sons, Solomon and Abraham. Abraham conveyed his share to Solomon on December 29, 1847. Solomon had 2 children:

- Henry A., b. in 1842.
- Tobias, b. in 1846, single; farmer for a time on the homestead with his brother; now living at the Blue mountain, in Berks county, where the Seven Star hotel was; father and mother died with him.

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

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- HENRY A. KREIDER, afore, m. Sarah Heilman, daughter of Joseph; farmer for a time on the homestead, later moved on the Lantz property south of the Snitz Creek, now owned by Mr. Ziegler; Reformed; 8 children:
  - John H. Kreider, b. in 1864; m. Lizzie Bomberger, daughter of Christian; farmer in Heidelberg township, near Johnstown; Reformed; 3 children:
    - Bessie Kreider, m. Henry Kegerreis, farmer near Reistville; Brethren; 1 child: Alice.
    - Arthur Kreider, single, at home; was in Camp Lee.
    - Paul Kreider, single, at home.
  - Mary Kreider, b. in 1867; m. Jacob Miller, foundryman; residence on the Cornwall pike; Reformed; 1 child:
    - Lizzie Miller, single, at home.

- Kate Kreider, b. in 1869; m. William Garman; farmer near Mt. Zion; She, Reformed; no children.
- Theodore Kreider, b. in 1871; m. Harriet Lane; employed by Luther Bachman, the farm implement dealer; residence near Zinn's Mill; Reformed; no children.
- Sallie Kreider, b. in 1874; m. Robert Fies, farmer near Rexmont; she, Reformed; he Lutheran; 4 children:
  - Elmer Fies, dec.
  - George Fies.
  - Walter Fies.
  - Anna Fies.
- Solomon Kreider, Jr., b. in 1876; d. aged 11 years.
- Anthony Kreider, b. in 1878; m. Kate Newgard; works in shoe factory in Elizabethtown; Mennonite; 2 children:
  - Harry Kreider.
  - Sylvester Kreider, d. in infancy.
  - Frank Kreider, m. Sallie Hostetter; farmer south of Myerstown; Reformed; no children.

-Records of Solomon from John H. Kreider.

## **ABRAHAM OF NORTH LEBANON**

Abraham Kreider, son of "Big Tobias" married Dec. 22, 1839, to Mary (Polly) Rittle of Kimmerlings, b. Oct. 19, 1819; farmer, selling his part in the homestead to his brother Solomon in 1847; farmer north of Mt. Lebanon cemetery, on the farm now owned by Henry Sholly at East Reinoehlsville, which Abraham likely bought as early as 1847 at least. Several acres of this farm are now in the Mt. Lebanon cemetery. After Abraham's death his widow continued on the farm till she was married Feb. 7, 1861, to John Custer. Both Abraham and his wife were Reformed and are buried at Kimmerling's church. He made his will Dec. 21, 1857, his son John not yet being of age, and it was probated April 27, 1859. He orders that he be buried at Kimmerlings. The executor was Martin Light. Abraham had 2 children:

- Elizabeth, b. April 1, 1841; d. Oct. 30, 1907.\*
- John B., b. Aug. 30, 1846; d. Feb. 2, 1902.\*
- ELIZABETH KREIDER, afore, m. Henry Sholley, b. Aug. 22, 1840; farmer on the Kreider homestead at East Reinoehlsville, which he still occupies; county commissioner, school director and road commissioner; Reformed; 6 children that lived:

- Alice Sholley, m. Dawson Light, farmer near Kimmerlings's, under whom as school director, the writer taught school at Kimmerlings; Reformed; 6 children:
  - Henry Light, m. Cora Stoevers; farmer near Kimmerlings; 3 children: Frederick, Alice and Nora.
  - Frank Light, m. Naomi Miller; farmer and dairyman; Eustontown; 2 children: Ada and Ira.
  - Martin Light, m. Sadie Meily; farms with father; 2 children: Elmer and Mary.
  - Nora Light, single, at home.
  - George Light, single, at home.
  - Elizabeth Light, m. Abel Houck, farm hand on Houck farm, south of Lebanon; 1 child, a son.
- Emma Sholley, killed by trolley; m. Thomas Bomberger, butcher till recently at Eleventh and Lehman streets, Lebanon; Reformed; 3 children:
  - David Bomberger, m. Edith Burns of Lebanon; butcher at Avon; 1 child Catharine.
  - Harry Bomberger, m. twice; druggist, perhaps in Chester; 1 child.
  - Paul Bomberger, killed by trolley with mother.
  - Robert Bomberger, m. Katie Rittle, scholar under the writer at Kimmerlings; bricklayer, at Avon; 1 child: Arlene.
- Elmer Sholley, m. Sallie Thomas; iron worker, Lehman street, Avon; Reformed; 4 children:
  - Garada Sholley, m. Harry Walter, school teacher, North Second street, Lebanon; 1 child: Elvin.
  - Alata Sholley, d. in infancy.
  - Elsie Sholley, m. Harvey Hoffa, farmer north of United Brethren campmeeting grounds; 1 child: Pauline.
  - Geneva Sholley, single, at home.
- Ida Sholley, m. Frank Blouch, farmer near East Reinhoehlsville; 3 children:
  - Elmer Blouch, d. aged 5 years.
  - Charles Blouch, single, machinist in garage.
  - Earl Blouch, m. Bessie Wolf; farmer at home; having been in Camp. Charles and Earl were scholars under the writer at Kimmerlings.
- Clara Sholley, single at home; Reformed.
- Kate Sholley, m. Harry Geesey, iron worker, Maple street, Lebanon; 3 children: Ruth, Elizabeth and Carl? all single.

-From Mrs. Ida Blouch.

JOHN B. KREIDER, afore, m. Oct. 19, 1867 to Sara Ann Sholley; farmer on the homestead, which he sold to his brother-in-law, Henry Sholley, then carpenter at Avon, where he died; 3 children:

- George Kreider, b. April 14, 1868; m. Sallie Mace of Lebanon; has a rubber tire store in Reading; 1 child: Guy.
- Mary Elizabeth Kreider, b. Sept. 28, 1869; m. Henry Werner, dec., clerk in store in Avon; 1 child:
  - Mabel Werner, m. Percy Habecker, mail clerk, Akron, Ohio, with whom mother resides; 2 children: Rosemary and Robert.
- Sarah Susan Kreider, b. July 10, 1877; m. George Zerbe, by trade a miller, now an iron worker; residence Avon; no children; the mother resides with her, from whom we received records of Abraham Kreider of North Lebanon.

## **GEORGE THE FORGOTTEN**

Likely all men would like to be remembered by their descendants. To cultivate the memory of those who begot us is commendable. It is keeping the first commandment with promise. The one perfect man saw to it that his ancestry is put down all the way back to Adam, not for his own satisfaction only but for an example to us who strive to follow in his footsteps. We are now writing of a Kreider, the last of our history, who is likely unknown to every one of his descendants - George, who had the farm on Snitz Creek on the west side of the Colebrook road.

Egle in his History of Lebanon county has little about the Kreiders, but he has somewhere gotten a list of the children of Jacob who settled on Snitz Creek, with the year of birth of all but the three oldest. George was born according to Egle in 1736.

George, as intimated, was the last of the four brothers to divide up the 585 acre tract. He received the smallest portion of all, only 104 1/2 acres. Whether this was because he was the smallest man, or whether because the land was esteemed as more valuable we know not. It was wedge-shaped, coming almost to a point across the Snitz Creek, to the Mace farm; and extended north to the land of one Joseph Seefley, whose land was immediately east of George Stites. It included the Brightbill farm and the old Herr home.

George Kreider, Sr., of Lebanon township, Dauphin county, yeoman, and his wife Mary on April 18, 1800, conveyed this farm to their son, George, Jr.,



"it being a Piece or Parcel of a larger Tract which the Honorable the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania in and by their certain Patent or Grant bearing date the sixth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty, for the consideration therein mentioned did give, grant, release and confirm unto Christian Kreider, Martin Kreider, Tobias Kreider and George Kreider. . . . And whereas the said Christian Kreider, Martin Kreider, Tobias Kreider and George Kreider have made full, perfect and absolute partition of the said Tract of Land and in and by their certain Indenture bearing date the twenty-sixth day of July in the year of our Lord 1760."

In 1800 this land ran by land of Martin Kreider, John Light and Tobias Kreider.

Now we know that George of the four brothers had a son, George. Did he have any other children? North of the Tunnel there lived a family of Kreiders. They seem to feel that they are related to the other Kreiders. Yet neither they nor the others can find any connection. On the farm close to the canal is a small private cemetery. The first row of graves are of Walters; the second, Kreiders; and the third, Bombergers. Joseph Kreider, who later retired to Ebenezer, owned the farm. He helped to build up the Ebenezer United Brethren church, and he wanted to be buried there, and he wanted his parents there, but his grandparents he feared had too thoroughly gone back to mother earth for removal, so he left them in the old graveyard, not altogether without Kreider companionship. At the other end of the Kreider row is the oldest stone of all. It is limestone; moss covered, with lettering apparently as follows: "G. K., 1821 A. 90." In regard to the year, the last figure may be a 7, for at the upper end of the figure a stone chip has been broken off. We believe it to be 1827. This is without doubt the year of death and "A 90" surely gives the age at death. 90 from 1827 is 1737, or one year after the birth of George Kreider, of Snitz Creek, according to Egle. It is likely that George died early in the year 1827, before he reached his birthday, and so was only 90 years of age when he died. Furthermore, to prove the identity, we would say that there is no other Kreider of like age whom we have discovered whose initials would be "G. K." We are quite certain that beneath this stone is all that was mortal of George Kreider, of Snitz Creek, and that Johannes Kreider, b. July 14, 1761; d. July 22, 1847; aged 86 years and 8 days, the grandfather of Joseph of Ebenezer, was the son of old George of Snitz Creek. The descendants of Johannes above can now begin to reckon their relationship to the other Kreiders. They are no longer a branch cut off. So now we credit George Kreider of the four brothers of Snitz Creek with 2 children, he may have had more.

- George, Jr., of the homestead.\*
- John, b. July 14, 1761; d. July 22, 1847.\*

George, Sr., afore, and George, Jr., afore, and George the son of Tobias the First, are no doubt the three George Kreider's listed as non-associators in 1777.

## **GEORGE WHO WENT TO THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY**

George Kreider, Jr., was dissatisfied with his inheritance. He began selling it off. April 6, 1811, George Kreider, Jr., yeoman, and his wife Elizabeth conveyed to Frederick Embich, of the borough of Lebanon, joiner, 2 lots, one "by the great road," Abraham Kreider's, Michael Krause's, containing 10 acres and 20 perches; the other "by land of the out lots," by land of Jacob Buecher, Jr., of Tobias Kreider, and Bernard Embich, 2 acres and 17 perches.

On April 1, 1812, George Jr., and wife Elizabeth transferred to Jacob Arndt, of the borough of Lebanon, hatter, two tracts, one "on the Great road leading from Lebanon to Coalbrook furnace," containing 38 acres and 64 perches, likely the present Brightbill farm; the other by land of Henry Shantz, Joseph Zuber, and Peter Shindel, containing 2 acres and 68 perches.

So George Kreider, Jr., sold out and went to the Shenandoah Valley. He likely had children, but we have learned nothing about them. But why did he move? This brings us to

## **LIVING ON A SHOE-LATCHET**

Some weeks back we stated that at some future time we would write on this important subject. The time has now arrived. It is handed down by tradition through a hundred years that the reason that George Kreider moved away from Snitz Creek was because he could not live on a shot [sic] latchet. At least George declared in connection with selling: "I cannot live on a shoe latchet!"

Now, it so happens that some people must have the simplest matters explained. So we are constrained to explain. It has already been stated that George's farm was wedge-shaped, the point at the south extending across Snitz Creek. We are informed that in ye olden time farmers got hay differently from the way they do today. Perhaps some have seen our foreign population cutting the long grass in swampy lands along the Quittapahilla, leaving it dry in the sun, and in a few days erecting it into a decent hay rick. These people came practically from the abode of our ancestors and still retain their customs. We have passed on, are so taken up with the new things, that we fail to show to our forefathers the respect of learning how they lived. Well, our forefathers got their hay in the same old way that these foreigners get it today. No plowing and harrowing and rolling and drilling and no sowing timothy seed and clover seed. We have become so smart that we have ceased to be smart. They knew that water made grass grow, so they WATERED MEADOWS.

Now, George Kreider's farm being wedge-shaped with the point going across the Snitz Creek, had very little meadow land. So narrow was his strip of meadow land that he likened it to a shoe latchet. George could not live on a shoe latchet, so he sold out and moved to the Shenandoah Valley. Who would not sell out if he had to live on a shoe latchet?

## **JOHN WHO MARRIED TWIN SISTERS**

It is a long way back and it is not remembered who they were, but Hon. A.S. Kreider has the tradition that John Kreider, Sr., who lived north of Gravel Hill, married twin sisters. It has not been uncommon; we have seen[, ] for Kreiders to marry sisters, but to the John in question we award the cake. The given name of one wife is Barbara b. Sept. 28, 1759; d. Feb. 2, 1825. The other wife had the same birthday.

We have already given our reasons for concluding that John above was a son of George of Snitz Creek. Assuming that our position is correct, and we have no doubt of it. George, the father, after conveying his home farm to his son George, Jr., likely went to his other son, John, across the Gravel Hill, or perhaps he took up abode with John when George sold out and went to the Shenandoah Valley. The fact that George's tomb stone is alone suggests that the wife, Mary, who was alive in 1800, may have died and been buried in the old Kreider cemetery along Snitz Creek.

We cannot determine when John bought this farm or when his father bought it for him, if that were the way. We have been unable to lay our hands on any of the old deeds, and they are not on record in the Court House. But John bought land to the original Kreider tract.

On April 1, 1805, John Kreider, Jr., received from the heirs of one John Walter, through Christian Long the Elder, three tracts of land, adjoining John's other land, and adjoining land of Henry Beshore and Jacob and John Snavelly, which three tracts were 124 1/2 acres of warranted land, 1 acre and 70 perches of warranted land, and 5 acres, 72 perches of patented land. These lands were of two original tracts:

May 23, 1741, one Martin Kerstetter received warrant for 250 acres, whose heirs Oct. 11, 1759, transferred it to Philip Greenawalt, who July 30, 1764, transferred it to Jacob Ziegler, who April 18, 1768, to Jacob Gingrich and Christian Gingrich and wife Catharine, May 1, 1770, their half to Jacob, who with wife, Elizabeth, on April 3, 1776, transferred 124 acres of his land to John Walter, afore.

Also the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania by two warrants, one dated 3rd month, 1741 the other Oct. 23, 1745 gave to Charles Shally (Sholly) 216 1/2 acres to John Snevely. John Walter willed Nov. 4, 1797, that his trusty friend, Christian Long, Jr., execute a

deed to his land, which was to be sold. The carrying out of this will resulted in John Kreider, Sr., buying the three adjoining tracts as previously stated.

We are informed by a great-grand-daughter that John, Sr., was a lay preacher of the United Brethren Church.

(To be continued next Monday)

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Thursday.)

### **THE CEMETERY**

Walter in his will says:

"And it is my will and do hereby order that the Grave Yard which is already on my said Land shall be for no Other Use of a Grave Yard and the Possessor or Possessors of my said Land and Plantation whereon I now live shall keep it in good fence forever."

This cemetery is on what has long been known as the Bomberger farm. It is west about 200 yards from the old Kreider home, and a short distance north of the canal. It is about 12 x 24 feet, surrounded on all sides but the south by a good rail fence. Along the south runs a wire fence. As stated previously there are three rows of graves-first to the south is the Walter row; next, the Kreider; and to the north, the Bomberger. The following inscriptions we were able to decipher:

- John Walter, b. Sept., 1731; d. Jan. 18, 1804.
- There are two other Walter stones.
- G. K. 1827 A. 90.
- Johannes Kreider, b. July 14, 1761; d. July 22, 1847; aged 86 years and 8 days.
- Barbara Kreyder, b. Sept. 28, 1759; d. Feb. 2, 1825; aged 65 years, 40 months and 4 days.
- Two bodies have been removed from the Kreider row, leaving a vacant space.
- Abraham Bomberger, b. Oct. 14, 1786; d. Oct. 4, 1859.
- Elizabeth Kreider, wife of Abraham Bomberger, b. Nov. 4, 1791; "fell asleep" Jan. 17, 1883.
- Marie Bomberger, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth, b. Sept. 16, 1829; d. April 1, aged 10 years, 9 months and 13 days.

## The Family of John, Sr.

John Kreider, Sr., north of Gravel Hill had, according to Hon. A.S. Kreider, 3 children:

- John, Jr., b. Aug. 2, 1784; d. Jan. 26, 1867.\*
- Elizabeth, b. Nov. 4, 1791; d. Jan. 17, 1883.\*
- A daughter, m. Bashore, went to Ohio.

On April 2, 1836, John Kreider, of Lebanon township, yeoman, conveyed to one George Heckerdown, two tracts of land in Lebanon township, amounting to 38 acres. It ran by land of Widow Feeman's of Christian Kreider, by Lantz's lot, along the road to Lebanon, by land of John Bohr, of Ludwig Yingst, it being part of 203 acres bought by one Henry Beshore from Pennsylvania in Nov., 1788, 70 acres thereof having been bought by John Kreider Mar. 27, 1819.

This Beshore land was likely a short distance from Heilmandale station, there being a Beshore cemetery on the Kline farm. It was likely a member of this Beshore family that married the daughter of John Kreider, Sr. We are puzzled as to the Christian Kreider whose land joined this property in 1819. Was he a brother of John, Sr.? Did he die childless? Did he go west? Who was he? Was he Christian of Fairland? (See a previous number of the News.)

## JOHN ALONG THE CANAL

John Kreider, Jr., married Elizabeth Moyer, b. April 28, 1786; d. Nov. 13, 1850. John and his wife were buried in the cemetery on the farm, but their remains were later removed to the family block in Ebenezer cemetery by their son, Joseph. John was a farmer on the homestead, being the only son. He was likely a member of the United Brethren Church. He had 4 children:

- John, died young.
- Anna (Nancy), b. about 1810; d. in 1850.\*
- Elizabeth (Betsy), m. Jacob Miller, a farmer, between Mt. Nebo and Water Works; no children; United Brethren.
- Joseph J., b. Aug. 2, 1814; d. Oct. 27, 1893.\*

Before taking up the family of John Kreider, Jr., we wish to say something about.

## THE CANAL AND THE FEEDER

The Union Canal was finished when John Kreider, Jr., reached middle life. His father likely transferred the farm to him at the time that the Canal Company made settlement for damages for building the canal and feeder through the farm. That new marvel, the tunnel, was dug at this time. No doubt the old farmers as they walked about and talked with each other, could see horns above the ears of the projectors of this unheard hole in the earth, just as many of the conservative folk years ago could see horns on the heads of the men who first drove automobiles in our midst. But the tunnel came and it came to stay, and it is here yet, and many tunnels followed in its wake. Dr. Croll claims it is the first tunnel built in the United States, though we understand there is another one that now contends for the precedence. Be that as it may, we are sure that this one was here early enough for the community.

June 5, 1830, John Kreider and John Kreider, Jr., and wife Elizabeth, all of Lebanon township, transferred to the Union Canal Company of Pennsylvania, two pieces of land.

"One beginning at a point in the line between the land of the said Jno. Kreider, Junior and land of John Keller, thence along the outer side of the right bank of the canal to the Jno. Kreider, Junior, and the land of line between the land of the said Abraham Bomberger, thence along said line across the Canal to the outer side of said left bank, to the line first above mentioned, thence along said line, across the canal, to place of beginning, being all the land occupied by the canal, its banks, paths, bridges and other works, through the plantation now owned by the said John Kreider, Junr., and containing Two acres, ninety hundredths, more or less."

The other piece is described as follows:

"All the land occupied or conveyed through the plantation of said John Kreider, Junr., by the feeder of the Union Canal, which runs from the water works to the summit level, also all the land, along thereof, which is dug upon, damaged and injured for purpose of making, constructing and keeping up said feeder, and containing about two acres and a half, more or less. This conveyance is not to prevent the said parties of the first part from landing or loading goods or any other articles on the bearn (barn) banks side of the Canal, which privilege remains to them, their heirs and assigns forever, in the same manner as if this conveyance had never been made, to be exercised so as not to injure the canal, its banks or navigation. This conveyance is a release of all claims for damages for a spring injured or destroyed."

This would be a very fitting place to write a description of the feeder of the old Union Canal, but time and expense forbid. The deed of transfer has told us something. As the train needs a track, as an automobile needs a highway, as the aeroplane needs air, so a canal needs water.

When the canal turned its back on the Quittapahilla and boldly tunneled through Gravel Hill, it had not yet called on the greatest resources of daring. Where was water to be had to float the boats to the Swatara? Water works to pump water to a sufficient height so that it would run by gravity through an aqueduct from the place we now call the Water Works, through hill and over dale to a place immediately at the north end of the tunnel was the solution. There were daring, skillful, resourceful engineers directing the construction of the Union Canal. [T]his aqueduct must have an even, gradual descent from head to tail. It was circular and more than a yard in diameter. Where the ground was low it was built on staves and placed on trestle work of the required height. When it struck the earth it was made of brick and mortar and ran along under ground till it emerged on a hill slope to cross again in midair the vale ahead. It was an alternation of the aero and the sub, from the pumping station to the summit. "Summit," from the point of view of the feeder, was a paradox from the point of view of the canal, a truth. The summit was the lowest point of the feeder, but the highest point of the part of the canal supplied with feeder water, so the water ran by gravity from the water works through the feeder to the "Summit" and by gravity from the summit through the canal back again to the Water Works. When we understand, we shall take off our hats to the builders of the Union Canal. The father of our esteemed Dr. Guilford had in large measure charge of the work of construction.

Across the John Kreider farm the feeder was approaching the Summit, and ran to the south almost parallel with the canal, perhaps a hundred yards from it, and, of course, yet at a considerable elevation above the canal. From the back porch of the Kreider house you could toss peanuts to the boatman on the canal boat. Two locks were here close together, and a lock-tender we understand had his abode here and tended the two locks. Here was the path of commerce, east and west. It seems that there was a wide place in the canal here, where boats might haven. From 1830 to 1870 this certainly was not a place apart from man.

The feeder entered the Kreider farm at the west under ground. The brook and gulley down the northern hill slope, through a culvert, runs beneath the underground feeder. Where it emerged a short distance toward the barn, the old brick feeder is still visible, and vegetation for a short distance back along over the feeder withers up in dry weather like grass on the housetop. Brick and mortar, so hard, seems beyond the reach of the modern mechanic.

The staved feeder from this point of emergence was carried to the bridgeway of the barn on trestle work, perhaps three hundred yards. At the bridgeway it changed from bat to mole. At the western point of emergence there was a man-hole, and another at the bridgeway. When the canal was not in operation, the children used to go down through one manhole, creep through the feed-

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## **HISTORY OF KREIDER FAMILY FROM THE PEN OF REV. J.G. FRANCIS**

(Continued from Monday.)

er and come out at the other. One old lady tells us that her parents used to warn them, that some one might be in hiding in the feeder.

The farmer hauled his crops over top of the feeder in taking them into the barn. East of the bridgeway a deep cut is made through the hill, the feeder has so submerged itself that it crossed the road beyond underground. The ground heaped over the feeder just east of the road is still very noticeable. A little farther on the feeder bends round toward the canal and the Summit is reached.

Old Joseph Kreider, b. in 1814, son of John Jr., could remember when the canal was built, he being 16 years of age when the Canal Company paid damages to his father. Joseph says there was a great scarcity of hay at the time, that he, or rather his father we should think, got \$20 a ton from the canal contractor! This was regarded as an exorbitant price. We are accustomed to such prices now, or rather look down on them.

### **ANNA KREIDER BICKSLER**

Anna Kreider, likely the oldest child that grew up of John, along the canal, married Henry Bicksler (Bixler), who died in 1871, aged 62 years. After the death of Anna, Henry had married Mrs. Elizabeth Flickinger, by whom he had no children. Anna is buried at the Union meeting house, (Wolf's) north of Mt. Zion, but Henry and his second wife are buried at Cedar Hill cemetery, Fredericksburg. Henry was a farmer near Fredericksburg. Anna was a member of the Brethren church. They had 2 children:

- Joseph Ridner Bicksler, d. aged 4 years.
- Henry Kreider Bicksler, b. Apr. 22, 1836; d. Aug. 1, 1884.

### **HENRY KREIDER BICKSLER**

Henry Kreider Bicksler, afore, m. in 1860 to Sarah Reno, b. Apr. 20, 1839; d. Jan. 7, 1899; farmer near Fredericksburg; Brethren; 9 children:

- Elizabeth, b. July 18, 1861; d. in infancy



- Aaron Reno, b. Aug. 18, 1862.\*
- Sarah M., b. Feb. 28, 1864.\*
- Emma, b. May 2, 1865; d. June 16, 1875.\*
- Anna, b. Feb. 18, 1867; d. June 2, 1875.\*
- Mary, b. Mar. 8, 1869.\*
- Rev. John Henry, b. Aug. 16, 1870\*
- Lydia, b. Mar. 29, 1972.\*
- Catharine, b. Sept. 25, 1874; d. aged 8 years.

-Family Bible.

- AARON RENO BICKSLER, afore, m. Lizzie Shirk; farmer on his grandfather's farm at Fredericksburg; United Brethren; 5 children:
  - Edith Bicksler, m. John Umberger, of Harrisburg; no children.
  - Raymond Bicksler, m. Lizzie Weaver, daughter of Daniel; bologna salesman for Weaver Bologna Company; residence, Weavertown; 1 child: Anna.
  - Henry Bicksler, m. Edna Wolf; farmer at Myerstown; 2 children; a son and a daughter.
  - Amy Bicksler, single.
  - Verna Bicksler, single.
- SARA M. BICKSLER, afore, m. David Merkey, dec., farmer near Hamlin; Brethren: 1 child:
  - Mary Merkey, m. Isaac Bricker, farmer on the Merkey homestead; 3 children: Margaret, Ada and Effie.
- EMMA and ANNA BICKSLER, afore, d. of diphtheria, which was epidemic at the time.
- MARY BICKSLER, afore, m. Oct. 1, 1890, to Harry S. Gible, b. Oct. 19, 1863, son of Deacon Samuel of the Brethren; farmer on the Gible homestead now in Palmyra; Brethren; 4 children:
  - Agnes Gible, seamstress, at home.
  - Corporal Irvin Gible, killed at Montfaucon, France, Sept. 29, 1918.
  - Lydia Gible, clerk in shoe factory.
  - Lloyd Gible, school boy.
- REV. JOHN HENRY BICKSLER, afore, m. Christie Brandt; farmer near Fredericksburg; preacher of the United Zion Children; 2 children:
  - Paul Bicksler, school boy.
  - Henry Bicksler, deceased.
  - Ruth, a girl whom they are raising.

- LYDIA BICKSLER, afore, m. Samuel Lentz, dec., farmer at Hamlin, but later m. Clara Bucher, daughter of Elder Christian, and became a farmer near Midway, where he died April 22, 1916; Lydia had 1 child:
  - Henry Lentz, d. in infancy.

## **JOSEPH OF EBENEZER**

Joseph J. Kreider, afore, was married twice. His first wife, whom he married Mar. 22, 1838, was Lydia Long, b. July 27, 1821; d. Jan. 6, 1858, by whom were all his children that grew to maturity. Aug. 8, 1865; of Long Family in The Report of April 17, 1919. On August 8, 1865, he married Rebecca M. Fernsler, b. Oct. 1, 1824; d. Sept. 28, 1899, by whom he had a son that died in infancy. He and both wives are buried in the Ebenezer cemetery. He had in all 13 children:

- Cornelius, b. Aug. 2, 1839; d. Aug. [?], 1839.
- Elizabeth, b. July 2, 1840.\*
- Maria Anna, b. Sept. 9, 1841, d. Dec. 25, 1909.\*
- Fanny, b. Dec., 1842.\*
- Priscilla, b. Feb. 5, 1845.\*
- Celesa, b. Dec. 8, 1847.\*
- Onesimus, b. Aug. 11, 1848; d. -----.\*
- Anna, b. Feb. 24, 1850.\*
- Samuel, b. Nov. 22, 1851.\*
- Adam, b. Mar. 9, 1853.\*
- Ephraim, b. June 14, 1855; d. ----; single.
- Tereius, b. Jan. 6, 1858; d. Jan. 6, 1858.
- Naason, b. Apr. 28, 1868; d. Jan. 6, 18--.

-From Family Bible in possession of Tobias Kreider, husband of Celesa above.

There are things of interest to say about Joseph J. Kreider, which we shall say and then take up his children.

Joseph was the only son of John Kreider, Jr., and he received the home farm entire. He was a man interested in school and church. Kreider's School Near the Tunnel.

Joseph J. Kreider, yeoman and his wife Lydia, on Dec. 30, 1848, transferred to Henry Tice, Henry Shaeffer, Christian Brandt, Michael Hoffman, John Bohr, and Samuel Miller, director of the common schools of North Lebanon township, 20 perches of land, which was part of the land which Joseph Kreider received from his father John Kreider. It joined land of Abraham Bomberger. We are inclined to think it was on the

corner of the road leading from the Kreider home to the road passing through the overhead railroad bridge. It was called Kreider's school.

This was likely the first school of the neighborhood under the common school system. Those who read our articles on the Schaeffer family, will remember that Henry Schaeffer was the first school director of his local school under the new system. The six gentlemen just named likely constituted the first school board under the new regime in North Lebanon township. We are not as clear on this school building as we should be, but are of opinion that we were told that it is now used as a residence. Hon. Henry Snively taught singing school in this house.

Kreider's school likely succeeded Keller's school. We find that Tobias Kreider, doubtless Tobias of Cleona, trustee by Act of Assembly passed in 1850, sold all that messuage [sic] or tenement, school property on the road from Lebanon to Harper's tavern, being rendered useless by the new school law, inasmuch as it was close to the line between North Lebanon and North Annville townships. Jacob Keller and wife Mary had conveyed many years before this, land for school purposes, but the deed had been lost, hence the Act of Assembly. Tobias Kreider, the appointed trustee, sold this property to John Keller, yeoman, of North Lebanon township. Ebenezer

Annville and Palmyra were greatly developed and built up by the Kreiders, but Cleona and Fairland are Kreider towns, and so we may in a sense say is Ebenezer.

It seems evident that Joseph's first wife, Lydia Long, died before he retired from farming, that he buried her in the family cemetery and erected a tombstone at her grave. Later when he became interested in the Ebenezer cemetery, he evidently removed her body along with the bodies of his parents, and provided for her a new tombstone in the new resting place. The first stone is used, face down, as a step stone in the walk, at the front porch of the Kreider homestead.

Soon after 1872, if not in that year, Joseph J. Kreider retired from farming and built the brick house diagonally across from the Uhrich house. The Uhrich house is the oldest house in Ebenezer, built about 160 years ago. It is log weather-boarded. It stands on what was a tract of eight acres, between Yingst land on the north and Light land on the south. How it got in between seems now unexplainable.

About a square north of the Uhrich log house stood another log house on the Yingst estate. By far the highest tree in the neighborhood, -perhaps a poplar-stood in front of the Yingst house. It finally fell before the blast. It was estimated at 200 feet in height.

The United Brethren church was built here in 1871, likely chiefly through the influence of Joseph Kreider who was a trustee. At this time there was only one other

house here beside the Uhrich house - the house of Moses Gingrich. The John Fields house was built in 1872. About this same time Joseph Kreider built and moved here. He built here because the church was here, or perhaps he had the church built here because he intended to build here. Everything must have a name, and Joseph suggested that they call this place "Ebenezer."

The Yingst farm was here, originally about 250 acres, now three farms -those of Daniel Speicher, Amos Meyer, and Norman C. Albert. The Light farm was here, now largely in the cemetery. We understand it was the property of Jacob Light, of Mountville, who owned eight farms. The Snavelys were southeast. But we are informed that Joseph J. Kreider was the founder of the place. The Family of Joseph J.

We have already given the list of Joseph J. Kreider's children as found in the family. Those of his children who made history are the following:

- ELIZABETH KREIDER, afore, m. Rev. Joel Light, b. Feb. 11, 1840; d. Feb. 24, 1904; United Brethren preacher, son of Rev. Casper, of Front and Mifflin streets, Lebanon; preached 33 years, as follows: First about 1870 at Grantville, then at Avon, the Lebanon circuit (Kochenderfer's, Ebenezer and Mountville), the Fredericksburg, then Avon again, then Lykens Valley, then Mt. Nebo, then Avon again, the Lykens Valley, the Mt. Nebo, then Avon again, then Bethany, Mifflin street, Lebanon, where he died, his son-in-law, Rev. Wengert, also died in charge of Bethany; Elizabeth the widow now resides at 102 Mifflin street, from whom we received her family record; 8 children:
  - Alice Light, m. Samuel Gelbach, farmer and shoemaker at Mountville; children:
    - William Gelbach, real estate agent and notary, residence Lehman street, Lebanon; 1 child.
    - Lizzie Gelbach, m. Jacob Koons, painter and paper-hanger, Lehman street, Lebanon; 3 children.
    - Sallie Gelbach, m. Clarence Winters, farmer at the Water Works; no children.
    - Fannie Gelbach, single, at home.
    - Mary Gelbach, single, with Winters
    - Eva Gelbach, single, at home.
  - Morris Light, coal dealer, 51 Guilford street; residence on Mifflin street; 1 child:
    - Charlotte Light, at home.
  - Mason Light, Ella Longenecker, daughter of Rev. D. S.; hardware agent in Allentown; 3 children: Earl, Joel and Lucy.

- Ella Light, dec., m. Rev. Samuel Wengert, dec., of the United Brethren, pastor at Elizabethville, Reading and at Memorial and Bethany, Lebanon; 1 child:
  - Sarah Wengert, m. David Hollinger.
- Lydia Light, m. William Hopple, blacksmith, 8 Mifflin street; United Brethren; 5 children:
  - Mark L. Hopple.
  - Elizabeth Hopple.
  - Catharine Hopple.
  - Mary E. Hopple.
  - Marlin E. Hopple.
- Salie Light, single, at home.
- Lizzie Light, m. Wilson Rickert, of Allentown; 4 children: Myra, Sarah, Ethel and Ruth, all single, at home.
- Fannie Light, m. Harvey Gingrich, d. of "flu"; baker, 20 Mifflin street; deacon of the United Brethren church; 2 children: Russell and Laverd C.
- MARY ANN (MARIA ANNA) KREIDER), afore, m. John Henry Detweiler, b. Feb. 13, 1840; d. June 22, 1915; farmer south of Annville and elsewhere; she United Brethren; both buried in Ebenezer cemetery; 13 children of whom 5 are deceased:
  - Onesimus Detweiler, m. Emma Lentz; agent for a large firm in Phila.; 2 children living: Earl and Warren.
  - John Detweiler; m. Alice Forry; farmer south of Shellsville, Dauphin county; 4 children: Iva, Helen, Victor and Verna.
  - Joseph Detweiler, m. Sallie Heisey; works in Hershey Chocolate Works; 6 children: Lillie, Ella, Mary, Joseph, Jr., Minnie and Ruth.
  - Lydia Detweiler, m. Harry Miller, butcher near Campbelltown; children: Mabel, m. Virgie Martin, a sickly daughter, Earl and -----.
  - Walter Detweiler, m. Kate Heisey, sister of Sallie; farmer near Mt. Pleasant; 4 children: Maude, Stella, John and -----.
  - Mary Detweiler, m. Wm Blouch, farmer near Rexmont; children: Norman, Violet, Eva, Esther, William, Warren and another boy, beside several deceased.
  - Wilson Detweiler, m. Ida Uller; machinist in Highspire; 3 children living: Elsie, Lena and -----.
  - Clayton Detweiler, our informant, m. Stella Tice; shoemaker in Annville; 6 children: Maggie, Merva, Mary, Miriam, Clayton, Simon and Mildred.
- FANNY KREIDER, afore, m. first to Jacob Detweiler, b. Mar. 14, 1841; d. Sept. 3, 1875; (cousin to John Henry), farmer in South Annville township; she

now resides in Annville with her son Jacob; 6 children of whom only 2 are living:

- Jacob Detweiler, m. Sallie Snavelly; painter, with whom the writer worked; residence Annville; no children.
- Samuel Detweiler, m. Kate Donmoyer, in Annville; United Christian; 3 children: Miles, Fannie and Winson.
- PRISCILLA KREIDER, afore, dec., m. Josiah Yingst Meyer, farmer in North Lebanon township, near Ebenezer, son of Joseph of Heilmandale; United Brethren; 8 children:
  - Abraham Meyer, m. first to Emma Miller, dec.; m. secondly to Mrs. Fannie Gamber, nee Eisenhauer, bereft of her three children; foreman at Brock's gardens; residence Ebenezer; United Brethren; 2 children:
    - Minnie Meyer, m. Charles Bachman, millman at Hebron; 9 children: by the first wife: Lester, Irene, Pauline, May, Leroy, Evaline, Joseph, Abraham and Harry.
    - Emma Meyer, m. Mason Maulfair, farmer on a Millard farm northwest of Annville; 1 child: Myrtle May.
  - Job Meyer, d. in infancy.
  - Lydia Meyer, d. in infancy.
  - George Lewis Meyer, m. Kate Heisey, daughter of John and Catharine of Lebanon; caretaker of the Ebenezer cemeteries; United Brethren; Meyer records largely from him; 7 children: Miles, single, killed at Bethlehem Steel in 1918; Josiah, George, Priscilla, Paul, Emily and Bessie.
  - Sallie Meyer, m. Addison Grubb, farmer, northwest of Campbelltown; United Brethren; 4 children:
    - Herman Grubb, m. Stella Keller; farmer, near his father; 2 children.
    - Esther Grubb, m. Edward Laudermilch, butcher in Cleona; no children.
    - Ruth Grubb, single.
    - Orpha Grubb, single.
  - Jennie Meyer, m. Uriah Keeney, dec., blacksmith at Sand Beach; she now in Palmyra; Brethren; 5 children:
    - Edith Keeney, m. ---- Kopp, in Palmyra; 2 children.
    - Herman Keeney, single, works at Hershey.
    - Esther Keeney, single, at home.
    - Frederick Keeney.
  - Irvin Meyer, d. aged 8 years.
  - Harry Meyer, m. Gertrude Rhen; liveryman in Hummelstown; 2 children: Helen and -----.

- CELESA KREIDER, afore, m. Tobias Kreider, son of Tobias, Sr., of Cleona; farmer in the southwestern suburbs of Lebanon; see The News of July 17, 1919.
- ONESIMUS KREIDER, afore, clerk in store in Springfield, Ohio; children:
  - Emma Kreider, m. William Hoffman, superintendent of works.
  - Earl Kreider.
  - Nellie Kreider, dec.
- ANNA KREIDER, afore, m. Jacob Martin, dec., 1 child:
  - Joseph Martin, of Palmyra, with whom his mother resides.
- SAMUEL KREIDER, m. Anna Hoke, daughter of George, she raises many pansies; farmer on the homestead, now resides in Cleona; United Brethren; 3 children:
  - Harvey Kreider, m. ---- -----; scalded in public works in Lebanon, left 1 child.
  - Sadie Kreider, m. ---- Albert; liveryman in Lebanon; residence, 911 Chestnut street; 3 children: Franklin, Leroy and Pauline.
  - Paul Kreider, m. ---- -----; laborer at Woodford; 4 children: Harvey, Lester, Mildred and Paul, Jr.
- ADAM KREIDER, afore, m. Mary Light; broker in San Francisco, Cal.; 2 children, both deceased.

## **ELIZABETH KREIDER BOMBERGER**

Elizabeth Kreider, daughter of John, Sr., son of George, one of four sons whom divided the 585 acres on Snitz Creek; married Abraham Bomberger, b. Oct. 14, 1786; d. Oct. 4, 1859. They lived on the farm bought by her father of the heirs of John Walter, already described.

Dec. 2, 1830, John Kreider, Sr., conveyed to Abraham Bomberger two contiguous tracts of land. One ran by land of John Kreider, Jr., to the Union Canal, by the same, by the north side of "Fitters," by Henry Snavelly and by Christian Light, containing 115 acres and 125 perches. The other tract [???]amed but 5 acres. The above des[r?????] larger tract was a tract which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania g[???]ed by patent of May 12, 1830, to [???]n Kreider, Sr.

The brick house on this Bomberger farm was built by Abraham and Elizabeth Bomberger [???

The other house on the [????], log, weather-boarded, is the [???] building.

Abraham Bomberger was previously married to Anna Kreider, by whom he had a son Christian, who inherited from his Uncle Christian Bomberger the present Adam

Houck farm east of the "Kreider Settlement." See previous number of The News. Abraham's marriage to Elizabeth daughter of John, Sr., without doubt determined his residence beyond the tunnel. Elizabeth, the second wife, had 2 children:

John Bomberger.\*

Joseph Bomberger.\*

JOHN BOMBERGER, afore, m. Polly Brandt; farmer on the Bomberger homestead; United Christian, 2 children:

- Adam Bomberger, m. Amanda Reigert; farmer in East Hanover, near Ono; 2 children:
  - Elias Bomberger, m. Cora Shuey, farmer on the homestead; 6 children: Adam, Harvey, Mary, Jennie, Amanda and Ammon.
  - Emma Bomberger, m. Adam Gerberich, farmer at Jonestown; no children.
- Elias Bomberger, m. Mary Hoffer, east of Fontana; farmer on the Bomberger homestead, but now retired in Cleona, United Christian, from Mrs. Elias Bomberger we received very valuable information; 1 child.
  - Ella Bomberger, single, at home.

JOSEPH BOMBERGER, afore m. Elizabeth Keller; farmer, 1 mile south of Annville; Lutheran; 2 children:

- Emma Bomberger, m. Nathaniel Light, farmer south of Annville; Lutheran; 2 children:
  - Allen Light, m. Mary Detweiler, daughter of Aaron, (See The News of June 30); farmer 2 miles south of Annville; United Christian; 6 children: Sallie, Emma, Erma, Fannie, Ammon and Mary, dec.
  - Ellen Light, m. Harry Fegan, teacher, farmer, now resides in Cleona; 1 child: Esther Mary.
- Abraham Bomberger, m. Emma Meyer; clerk in Lebanon and prominent band musician; residence, Willow street, between Seventh and Eighth; 3 children:
  - Paul Bomberger, m. ---- -----; druggist in Philadelphia.
  - Harry Bomberger, m. ---- -----; chauffeur in Reading.
  - Erma Bomberger, m. ---- -----.

This brings us to the end of the history of George Kreider, one of the four brothers who divided the old estate of 585 acres on Snitz Creek, and also to the end of the Kreider history as a whole.



There are yet four children of Jacob the settler on Snitz Creek of whom we have not written, for the simple reason that we know little or nothing about them. These 4 children were as follows:

### **FRANCIS, SON OF JACOB THE SETTLER**

Francis Kreider, likely the third oldest son, likely born about 1729. He married Mary Tollinger. On Apr. 4, 1750, he received a warrant for 50 acres of land in Lebanon township. He died soon afterward, being deceased Oct. 2, 1751. Not unlikely his 50 acres became merged in the Kreider estate of 585 acres. His widow later married George Moss or Meiss (possibly Mays). Francis likely left no children, at least we have found no mention of any.

### **HENRY SON OF JACOB THE SETTLER**

Henry Kreider was next to the youngest son of Jacob the Settler. He was born in 1738. Henry likely received in money his share in the 585 acres estate on Snitz Creek, for he signed a receipt and release Sept. 13, 1763, in favor of Christian Cryter, Martin Cryter, Tobias Cryter and George Cryter, "they being sons of one Jacob Kryter of Lebanon Township, in the County of Lancaster, late deceased." We know nothing more of Henry.

### **JACOB, SON OF JACOB THE SETTLER**

According to Egle, Jacob Kreider, Jr., was born in 1740, and married Ann Light. he likely received his share in the home estate. Not unlikely his wife Ann was a daughter of John Light, the original settler here in the City of Lebanon. The parents were close neighbors. A Jacob Croyder received a warrant for 100 acres of land in Heidelberg township May 30, 1749. Of course this was not our Jacob, who then was but 9 years of age.

### **ANN, DAUGHTER OF JACOB THE SETTLER**

At last a daughter, after eight sons, was born to Jacob Kreider the Settler, soon after which important event he must have died. She was his youngest child. Egle calls her Veronica, but the legal paper calls her "Ann." She married Nicholas Huber, and perhaps was mother to the Huber who became a prominent father in the United Brethren church in Franklin county. Nicholas after his wife had received £100. from the Kreider estate, signed a release in favor of the four brothers, Christian, Martin, Tobias and George.

It is a virtue to stop when you have said all you have to say. We have reached that point. As the first Kreider, as we understand, got his name by making a mark on the Alpine rocks, so may his descendants get the new name by making a mark within the walls of the Celestial City. Farewell.

### **Jacob Gottwals Francis (1870-1958)**

J. G. Francis was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He was a minister for the Church of the Brethren. He was a man who was interested in the history not only of his church, but of the families and countryside that produced the members of that church. As a historian, he left behind both written and photographic records of the history of the Church of the Brethren. He also detailed the history of several families in the Lebanon County area. I am grateful that he chose to write about the Kreiders of Lebanon County. His series of articles from May through September of 1919 in the Lebanon Daily News forms the framework from which I have been able to build. I have been able to fill in some of his gaps, and I continue to work to bring up to date the Kreider ancestral tree that Reverend Francis initiated.

Along with his written history he left behind many photographs of the people and places he visited (often on his bicycle) throughout southeastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. There is a collection of many of his photographs at Elizabethtown College. Reverend Francis was one of the men responsible for establishing Elizabethtown College as a Brethren college.

For more information about J. G. Francis

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