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This information is the result of much cross-referencing and researching of many sources. Please don't accept it all as fact. I am continually searching and updating the material so check back often. Some of my speculations have been wrong and some have proven to be true in the past, so I will continue to put them in and correct them when necessary. Please contact me if you find an error or have anything to be added. PLEASE DO NOT USE "POST-EMS" TO ASK ME QUESTIONS - E-MAIL ME AT THE LISTED ADDRESS

- *ID:* I1134
- *Name:* J. Heinrich [Reintzheimer] BORTZ
- *Surname:* Bortz
- *Given Name:* J. Heinrich [Reintzheimer]
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* abt 1748/1749 (speculation) in Germany
- *Death:* Bef 1820 (speculation)
- *UID:* 24A6A816D0A6D911986A00045A60EA55E7A8
- *Note:*

After much research on my Bortz ancestors, I have come to the conclusion that the Lehigh County Histories have many errors. This Henry is, in my opinion, the missing generation. Catharina Kromer could not have been Henry's mother (but his grandmother instead) since she and this Henry were the (married) sponsors at the baptism of one of Henry's nephews (J. Heinrich Moser) in 1786 at Jordan Reformed Church and were also the probable parents of Catharina (confirmed at Zion Lehigh Church in Alburtis, PA in 1783 at age 16) so they would have been born no later than 1748/1749 or no earlier since Henry (the husband of Lydia Reintzheimer) is recorded as being born in 1731. Henry's father, also a Henry Bortz, was born in 1782 and Lydia would have been about 67 years old - too old to have been his mother! Henry (born 1782), and his next older brother, Christopher (born 1781) have Henry and Catharina "Portz" listed in the Zion Lehigh records as their parents, not Henry and Lydia.

As it turns out, my 3rd great-grandfather, Nathan Bortz, was not a son of Henry Bortz as the Lehigh Co. Histories state. His father was Solomon (and Anna Maria Hoffman) Bortz who I believe was a son of J. Adam Bortz of Upper Milford Twp. J. Adam's father was George Adam Bortz whose parents were Michael and Eva Margaretha Bortz.

- *Change Date:* 26 Jul 2008 at 23:44:07

Father: [Heinrich BORTZ Sr.](#) b: ABT 1731 in Germany

Mother: [Lydia REINTZHEIMER](#) b: ABT 1715 in Germany

Marriage 1 Catharina KRAMER (KROMER) b: 30 Jun 1748 (?)

- *Married:* Abt 1768 (?)

Children

1. Catharina BORTZ b: ABT 1768 in Lower Macungie Twp., Northampton Co., PA
2. Anna Maria BORTZ b: ABT 1769 in Lower Macungie Twp., Northampton Co., PA
3. Philip BORTZ b: 9 Aug 1770 in Lehigh Co., PA c: 14 Oct 1770 in Lehigh Zion Lutheran Church, Lower Macungie Twp., Lehigh Co., PA
4. Johannes BORTZ b: 18 Dec 1772 in Lower Macungie Twp., Northampton Co., PA c: 15 Sep 1773 in Lehigh Zion Lutheran Church, Lower Macungie Twp., Lehigh Co., PA
5. Maria Magdalena BORTZ b: 1774
6. Maria BORTZ b: 1776 in Lower Macungie Twp., Northampton Co., PA
7. J. Jacob BORTZ b: 11 Dec 1777 in Lower Macungie Twp., Northampton Co., PA
8. Christopher BORTZ b: 6 Mar 1781 in Lower Macungie Twp., Northampton Co., PA
9. J. Heinrich BORTZ b: 18 Aug 1782 in Lower Macungie Twp., Northampton Co., PA c: 2 Apr 1783 in Lehigh Zion Lutheran Church, Lower Macungie Twp., Lehigh Co., PA
10. Margaretha BORTZ b: abt 1784 (?)
11. Elizabeth BORTZ b: 9 Apr 1789
12. J. George BORTZ (parents are speculation) b: 18 Dec 1792

Persons with a "DA" reference number are my direct ancestors.