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Johannes Schleiffer (b. 1718, d. 1767)

Johannes Schleiffer was born 1718 in Oberschweil Parish, Switzerland, and died 1767 in Springfield Twp., Bucks County, PA. He married **Barbara Margaret** on 1763 in Bucks County, PA.

📖 Notes for **Johannes Schleiffer**:

Several sites showed the specific Switzerland address. There were also references to birth place being England. (I'm wondering if it's more likely that the last boat to America was to England -- so that's how the birthplace was established.)

Born in Oberschweil Parish, Switzerland in 1718.

Father of Revolutionary Patriot John Slifer-II (aka John Slifer, Jr).

Johannes travelled to America beginning Apr 28, 1739 and arrived Philadelphia Dec 11, 1739 on the ship Lydia, James Allen, Commander, from London; 75 passengers.

Christening Date per Ella Maude Brooks Dulany records. [Brøderbund WFT Vol. 4, Ed. 1, Tree #0102, Date of Import: Mar 11, 2000]

Slifer Family Document
Provided by Roger Cubs

John Schleiffer, Sr. was born in 1718 in Oberschweil Parish, Switzerland, baptized on January 8, 1719 according to the book "Abbott-Adlum-Green Families" by Willis W. Eisenhart, 1957. Library code no. CS 71.A132-MD Historical Society

From book "Our Kin, Rodericks, Slifers, Arnolds, and Miller Families" by Ella Maud Dulany, 1964

John Slifer, Jr., Peter Miller, Peter Garber, and Rudolph Brown (of Big Conewago Congregation, PA) followed the old road down Marsh Creek until they reached the Monocacy Trail and then journeyed south to Frederick, Maryland. They lodged in the homes of some early Brethren settlers in Frederick County and then moved across Braddock Heights and caught their first glimpse of their future home in the fertile Middletown Valley. They stopped with their families on top of the mountain and prepared dinner by the road side. John Schleiffer appears to have been the only minister in the group and he conducted Thanksgiving on the mountain top, after which the party journeyed to their new homes in the forests near the village of Burkittsville. Peter Miller and Peter Garber, both on the same date, November 23, 1770, bought land from Daniel Arnold and settled upon it, about a mile south of Burkittsville. Rudolph Brown settled across the South Mountain in Pleasant Valley, near Brownsville, after whom the town was named. John Schleiffer did not purchase land for several years, until November 6, 1783, when he bought from David

Harvey.

The pioneer family of John Schleiffer is one of the oldest Brethren families. The Slifers of Maryland are descendents of the old pioneer and pathfinder, John Schleiffer, who came from the Rhine Valley during the days of fiery persecution. John Schleiffer, Sr. was born in Germany and emigrated to America where he settled in Bucks Co., PA, within the bounds of the Great Swamp Congregation. Church records show that he was baptized in 1735 by the Great Brethren Elder, Peter Becker, one of the earliest fathers of the church. Here in Great Swamp, the Slifer family got its start in America, and there in the Old Brecht (Bright) Cemetery still lie some of those early pioneer Slifers. John Slifer, Jr. was born in 1743, and early became a member of the church and moved into the Burkittsville community in 1770. Little is known of the wife of John Slifer, Jr. except that court records list her name as Asanath Gaver. They were the grandparents of the well-known Emanuel Slifer, Brethren Elder. The name John Schleiffer, together with the names of Daniel Arnold, Daniel Leatherman, Alexander Mack, Jr. and others appear on a letter of advice circulated in 1763 among the churches concerning the problems of the visions of Catherine Humer in the White Oak Church. But this was likely John Schleiffer, Sr. as his son would have been only 21 years of age at this time. John Slifer died on October 17, 1822, at the age of 79 years, five months.

Note: Another source says John was born in Rhine Valley, Germany

More About JOHANNES SCHLEIFER:

Immigration: December 11, 1739, aboard ship "Lydia" settling in Frysburg, North Bucks Co., PA

Children of JOHANNES SCHLEIFER and BARBARA ? are:

i. ABRAHAM² SLIFER².

ii. BARBARA SLIFER².

iii. CATHARINA SLIFER².

iv. DAVID SLIFER².

v. ELIZABETH SLIFER².

vi. HENRY SLIFER².

vii. JACOB SLIFER².

2. viii. MARY SLIFER.

ix. SAMUEL SLIFER².

3. x. JOHANNES SLIFER, b. April 27, 1743, Bucks Co., PA; d. October 17, 1822, Burkittsville, Middletown, Frederick Co., MD.

More About **Johannes Schleiffer**:

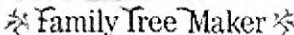
Christening: 08 Jan 1719

More About **Johannes Schleiffer** and **Barbara Margaret**:

Marriage: 1763, Bucks County, PA.

Children of **Johannes Schleiffer** and **Barbara Margaret** are:

- i. +**John Slifer**, b. 14 May 1743, Bucks County, PA, d. 17 Oct 1822, Burkittsville, Middletown, Frederick Co, MD.

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