

→ Tobias had purchased a 176 1/2-acre farm in Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, from Jabez and Ann (Nissley) Shuh (LCC Deed T3-501) for 4,900£ of gold and silver coin.

On April 15, 1806, when Tobias purchased this farm in Salisbury Township and when he and Magdalena made the move from Strasburg Township to Salisbury Township, they were awaiting the birth of their eighth child, Jacob, who was born about two months later on June 7, 1806. He became the only one of Tobias's children to be born in Salisbury Township. I must mention that it was not easy to locate Tobias Wanner's farm in Salisbury Township.

→ When Jabez Shuh purchased this farm in 1795, the survey showed three tracts, the first containing 120 3/8 acres (LCC XX-2-301). The warrant map shows Daniel Cookson receiving a warrant in 1733 for 200 acres and allowances, 120 3/8 acres of which was called "Kelicon" when it was resurveyed and patented on April 16, 1787, to James Armor (Patent Book 8, page 81) by the Commonwealth "under the Hand of his Excellency, Benjamin Franklin, President." There were two other tracts, one containing 16 1/2 acres and 5 perches, and the other containing 31 1/2 acres and 20 perches and 18/100 parts of a perch, for a total of 176 1/2 acres.

The reason for the "jog" at the corner was so that a portion of the Pequea Creek could be a part of the tract. There was a "strong spring" on the 16-acre tract and a condition in the deed says, "excepting and always reserving a certain grant to William Moore, a certain watercourse and the water from the spring for the use of the mill late of William Moore now and forever."

It was not until about April 1992 when I was in the Salisbury Township office, White Horse, Pennsylvania, and saw their maps that I could actually visualize how the land lies. It is bordered on the south by Plank Road and on the east by Blank Road. Blank Road intersects the farm.

Tobias Wanner was living in Salisbury Township for about sixteen months when he died on August 5, 1807. Magdalena no doubt remained on the farm with her family until her death on September 14, 1830.

The Direct Tax of 1815 lists the property of Magdalena Wanner:

1 stone dwelling house, two stories,  
40' in length, 27' in depth  
1 stone barn  
1 stone springhouse  
1 wagon house

→ The stone barn was built in 1796 by Jabez Shuh and his wife Ann, as shown on the datestone on the east end of the structure pictured on the preceding page. It is a large barn with an addition built in 1961 by Joseph B. Blank, grandfather of the present owner, Jacob S. Blank.

The stone springhouse pictured at the top of the previous page is a two-story structure. There is a strong spring in the lower level that supplies water to all the buildings on the farm. On the first floor is a sturdy fireplace and the building has obviously been used as a dwelling in its earlier years. Perhaps it was lived in