

the pioneer of the last century, as comparatively few sheep were raised at that time. The wool was cleaned in a primitive way, carded into rolls by hand, and spun and wove by hand, the same as the linen.

The provisions of the pioneer were more of a substantial nature than those at the present day. Luxuries in provisions were few, and the families that could afford them far between. Pork and wild meat were the backbone of the pioneer farmer, with such vegetables as he could raise in the little patch near the cabin. Beef and corn was not then a staple food as at present; soup of some kind, occasionally some mush and molasses. But the sturdy old German pioneer loved his sauerkraut und speck, snitz und knep, bastenaden, karbsen, ruebou, weiskraut, bohnen, erbsen, mehl und grumberen soup, noodle soup, smaltz kuchen, apple-tumbles, pot-pie, panhasen, and other good things not always at hand.

Pioneer Settlers.—Most, if not all, of the pioneers of what is now Olay township came from Germany and located here between the years 1740 and 1770, among whom were the Weidman, Weachter, Miller, Elser, Householder, and other families belonging to the Lutheran congregation, and from a place called "Durlach," as can be seen on some of the gravestones in the Brickerville Church graveyard, one of which reads, "Born in Russheim, in der Morggrafchaft Durlach, in Europe," and were called in that section of the township the Durlachers, from which the Durlach post-office received its name.

The Brubacher, Hackman, Wissler, and other families were Mennonites, and among the other families were the Appel, Bentz, Bollinger, Deardorf, Weaver, Herchelroth, Stover, Erb, Eberly, Laber, Oberlin, Heacker, Wealand families, and some others of the first settlers, who lived in one-story frame or log houses, a small number of which are standing yet.

→ **Nissly Family.**—Jacob, the pioneer of the Nissly family in this country, came here in the early part of the last century, and settled in the west part of what is now Lancaster County, and was naturalized in 1728. He had three sons,—Jacob, John (Hans), and Henry. Jacob, Jr., had three sons also,—Henry, Jacob, and Martin. John (Hans) Nissly had six sons,—Michael, John, Jacob, Abraham, Samuel, and Martin. The first above-named Henry Nissly was born in 1722, married a Miss Relf, and resided on a mill property and one hundred and sixty acres of land on Chikis Creek, below Sporting Hill, in Rapho township. He was the ancestor of the Nissly family of what is now Olay township. He had eight children,—Barbara, married to Michael Brandt; Anna, married to Jabez Shuey; Henry, Martin, Catharine, married to Dr. Michael Kaufman (late of Manheim borough); Jacob, and Maria and Abraham, who died in infancy.

Martin Nissly (last above named) was born Jan. 16, 1759, married Elizabeth Hallock, and located in what is now Olay township in 1787, on a farm of one hundred and seventy-two and one-quarter acres of

land. He had two children,—Catharine, married to Benjamin Bollinger; and Henry, who was born July 12, 1783, and married Catharine, daughter of Peter Martin, and died in 1869, leaving nine children,—Peter, Martin, Henry, Samuel, Elizabeth, John, Catharine, Anna, and Isaac Nissly, all born in Clay township. Peter married a Pfoutz, and has one son, Jacob, residing near Richland, in Lebanon County. Samuel, a justice of the peace for Clay township, is possessor of the old Nissly homestead farm in Clay. Isaac married a Miss Bryson, and died in 1862, leaving one child,—Ida V., now living in Reading. Samuel's mother was Catharine, daughter of Peter Martin, and was born in what is now Ephrata, Pa., March 29, 1789, in the house now occupied by Adam Konigmacher.

Peter Martin located in Clay township in 1804, in the house now occupied by John Y. Weidman, where his daughter Catharine married Henry Nissly. In 1808, John Martin, grandfather of Mrs. Nissly, came from Bradla, Switzerland, and located in Shenandoah County, Va., and married Ann Maria Koelb. He was a shoemaker by trade, and subsequently, with his wife and three children,—Peter, Ann Maria, and Catharine,—all born in Virginia, together with his wife's two brothers; John Adam and Jonathan Koelb, and a sister Christiana, emigrated to Ephrata, and located on the hill, a short distance from the "Staters' House." The Koelbs were both bachelors and shoemakers by trade, and died at Ephrata of old age, and their sister Catharine married a Mr. Luther.

Hans (John) Martin, also at Ephrata, made shoes and had a small store, and died at the age of seventy-seven years where Adam Konigmacher now lives. His son, Peter Martin, when twenty-seven years of age, married Catharine Flickinger; his daughter, Ann Maria, married Samuel Keller, and his daughter, Catharine, married Henry Miller, who owned the property now owned by Israel Erb. Hans (or John) Martin was a scrivener as well as shoemaker and storekeeper, and at the age of thirty-two years was, in 1791, commissioned by Governor Thomas Mifflin as justice of the peace for Cocalico and Elizabeth, and in 1804 moved into what is now Clay township, where he kept a store till 1829, and was acting justice of the peace till 1836, a term of forty-four years, and died in 1844 in the eighty-fourth year of his age. His children were Catharine, Mary, Jacob, Anna, Hannah, Peter, Isaac, and Elizabeth. Catharine married Henry Nissly in 1808; Mary married Jacob Eberly and moved to Columbus, Ohio; Salome (Mary) married Samuel Erb and resided in Olay township, on the farm now owned by Hiram Erb; Jacob married Catharine Forry and resided near Shippensburg, Pa., where his wife died in 1834; Anna married Owen Bruner and resided in New Ephrata, now Lincoln village, where he kept a store and died in 1845; Hannah married Richard R. Helstler, Esq., a shoemaker