

**Abraham Blasser** was born in 1697 in Rothenbach, Canton Bern, Switzerland and died after 3 Feb 1759 in Conestoga Twp., Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

General Notes: Richard Davis said, "He was forcibly baptized as a child at Rothenbach with his sister Catharina on 16 Jul 1705. He was first taxed at Lancaster County in 1722. He probably arrived in Pennsylvania in 1721. He was married to Anna Eby. He warranted 153 acres in Lancaster County on 4 Mar 1739. On 15 Apr 1754 he was living on his land next to Kagey's and Harnish's land in Conestoga Twp (see Deed D-278, Lancaster). He died in 1759 at Conestoga Twp., Lancaster County (see Will Y-2-96, Lancaster). In his will he calls his wife Anna Ebin and gives his turner's tools to his son Jacob. He also states that "my daughter's child Freny Graff shall have no demand nor share of my estate no more but five shillings which shall be her share". He does not mention his other children. His will was written on 3 Feb 1759 and it was witnessed by Rudolph Kagey and Ulrich Gfeller. He is probably the father of the Mennonites Abraham, John and Jacob who all lived in York County and then moved from there. He probably had several daughters."

John A. Blazer reports... Abraham; b 1700, Bern, Switzerland; d after 2-3-1759; to US c1715, 1 Lancaster Co., PA 1724-51, 4-1718 bought land in Conestoga (gave to son Jacob 1759), tax lists 3-4-1739 bought 153 acres in Conestoga, Lancaster Co., PA, will 2-3-1759 (witnesses Eurick Gfeller, Rudolph Kagey), in German, at Court House, Lancaster, PA, m1 \_\_\_\_, ch Jacob, Susanna John, Christian, George, Mathais, Nicholas, Peter, \_\_\_\_, m2 Anna Ebin (b 1703). JAB believes that the Donegal Twp. (originally Conestoga Twp.) Blossers spelled their name 'Blasser'. If true, Abraham may have been the first 'Blasser'.

Elizabeth Blosser in "Abraham Blosser Family - Following the Westward Migration" quotes Albert Bassler as having stated that Abraham married Ann Ebin four years prior to his death. If that is true, his children were birthed by his first wife. Elizabeth Blosser also reports that "...he had applied for a land warrant for 153 acres of land on the Pequa River in 1716 but which was not recorded until 4 March 1739/40." This puts his birth in 1695 or earlier since one could not apply for a land warrant until his 21st birthday. Abraham was the first 'Blasser' to apply for a land warrant along Pequa River in Chester County (now Lancaster Co.). Abraham remained on the Conestoga Twp. (later known as Donegal Twp.), Chester Co. (later known as Lancaster Co.) from 1722 to 1757.

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