

A
Historical Account
of the
Schneider/Snider/Snyder Family

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References for the following came from "The Snyder Co., Pa. Pioneers" p. 85 by Fisher; "Early Wills & Adms. of North'd. Co., Pa." p. 23 by Fisher; John H. Snyder of Richfield, Pa. & Fred Koppenhaver. The following is thought to be a son of Abraham Schneider on p. IB-1 - no proof:

MAB - ABRAHAM SCHNEIDER b- (of - poss. Abraham IB-1?)
 d- cal783 (per date of will)
 m 1. Maria Elizabeth _____
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Abraham was a native of Tulpehocken twp., Berks Co., Pa., this area included all lands drained by the Tulpehocken Creek & even land drained by branches of the Swatara River & in pioneer days the areas where present Lebanon to Reading and north to the Blue Mountains and sometimes even across this mountain into the valley in which Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co. is situated. The oldest records are in Lancaster, Pa. for what later became Dauphin Co. - Lebanon Co. & Berks Co. records began cal752 when old Chester & old Lancaster county boundries were altered to form or reform Chester - Berks - Northampton - Lancaster - York and Cumberland. After 1772 we get Northumberland Co. formed from land belonging to old Lancaster, old Berks & old Cumberland Cos., would now include towns of: Lebanon - Annville - Stouchberg - Newmanstown - Schaeffertown - Womelsdorf - Wernersville - W. Reading - Bernville - Shartlesville & Straustown.

It is believed he came to Penn twp., North'd. Co. (now Snyder Co.) before 1790; Snyder Co. formed 1855 from Union Co.; Union Co. formed 1813 from North'd. Co. & North'd. Co. formed 1772 from: Lancaster, Bedford & Berks Cos.

Land Office Records, Harrisburg, Pa. - H-14-599, D-204-136, H-23-193 & C-207-207: 176 acre farm, Lower Mahanoy twp., North'd. Co., Pa. - orig. deed to Thomas Pennick on 6/1/1768 who sold it to Abraham Snyder whose land was warranted 6/31/1817 to Abraham's four sons: Jacob - Abraham, Jr. - John George & Thomas Snyder, that bordered on Mahantango Creek. The 1759 Bethel twp., Berks Co., tax list with Wendel Seidel, Collector, which assessed people to the "Blue Mountain on the North" notes Abraham Schneider, & as inmate Abraham Schneider; and Daniel Snider among a list of about 47 men whose family names appear shortly later in the North'd. & Dauphin & Snyder Co. areas. The Grantor-Grantee indexes for Dauphin Co. especially & North'd. Co. will establish that this same Abraham Snyder, Sr. & naming same sons was from the Tulpehocken area of Berks Co., Pa.

Probate & Orphans Court Records - Snyder Co., Pa. 1772-1855 - by Fisher - p. 26: Wills taken from North'd. Co. records (now Snyder Co.): Abraham Snyder of Tulpehocken twp., Berks Co., Pa. 5/22/1777, prob. 3/20/1783 - Will Book I, p. 114 of North'd. Co., Pa. - witnessed by Thomas Kurr & Jacob Artz. Final settlement was dated 1793, his will is in High German & names a wife (gives no name) & calls for Abraham's real estate to be equally divided between his children: Jacob (eldest), Abraham (2nd eldest), (John) George & Thomas & a dau. Maria, land located near Mahantango Creek, North'd. Co. & along Mahantango Creek in Dauphin Co. Thomas also inher. his father's estate in Dauphin Co. On 12/10/1821 letters of adm. were granted to Jacob & George Snyder in the estate of Abraham Snyder. Dauphin Co. Deed Book H I 161.

This Abraham belonged to the same area & same church as his brother Daniel - the Tolohoe Evan. Luth. Church, Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.

Children - per Will:

MABA - Abraham Snyder, Jr. (-) m Elizabeth p. IB-136
 MABB - Jacob Snyder (-) m Mary Steinbrecher p. IB-137

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Abraham's children - continued:

---- - (John) George Schneider b-
 this could be the same as: John George b-4/13/1760, bapt. at
 Tolehoe Evan. Luth. Chr., Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
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m Eve
 Lived Lower Mahanoy twp., North'd. Co., Pa., he served as a Pvt. in Capt.
 John Black's Co. of the North'd. Co., Pa. Militia. Had one known child:
 a - George Snyder

---- - Thomas Schneider/Snyder b-
 this could be the same as: Thomas b-9/27/1763, bapt. at Tolehoe Evan.
 Luth. Chr., Rehrersburg, Pa. - sponsor: Thomas Kerr.
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m Mary
 Thomas was assessed in Penn twp., North'd. Co. (now Snyder Co.), Pa. for
 the first time in 1780, at that time he was designated as a single freeman.
 & he so remained for several years. He served as an Ensign in the 9th Pa.
 Regt. Continental Line. On 10/25/1803 was in Upper Paxton twp., Dauphin
 Co., Pa.

---- - Maria Schneider b-
 m 1. Daniel Greemer or Kreamer?
 m 2. Frederick Tschopp

The following records were found & are believed to be connected in some way to
 the foregoing individuals:

Deed - Jacob Snyder to Thomas Snyder: N1, p. 161 - East side of Susquehanna
 River, both end of Mahantango Creek 8/12/1793. Jacob & Mary, Abraham &
 Elizabeth, George & Eva & Daniel Creamer & Mary.

Deed - Jacob Snyder, one of the heirs of Abraham Snyder, late of Lower Mahanoy
 twp. & Frederick & Mary Tschoff, his wife, one of the daus. of the legatee.
 EE 590 D 8/1842.

Atolhoe Luth. Chr., nr. Rehrersburg, Pa. baptism: by Rev. John Casper Stoever -
 George Martin Schneider b-8/16/1753, bapt. 8/26/1753
 sp: George T. Bowes & wife.

Burial in Hebe Cem., Hebe, North'd. Co., Pa.: Abraham Schneider b-12/11/1782,
 d-11/26/1836.

The following taken from records of the Zion Luth. Church in Stone Valley,
 Dalmatia, Lower Mahanoy twp., North'd. Co., Pa:

Jacob Snyder & wife Catherine had a dau.: Christina b-1805, sp: Christine Bortner.

Abraham Snyder & wife Eva had a son: Daniel b-9/14/1816, sp: John Dieterich Snyder
 & his wife Sarah.

John Snyder & wife Elizabeth had a son: Jacob 1/30/1820, sp: John Schroyer and
 his wife Catherine.

From Stoney Valley Luth. & Ref. Chr. Cem.: John Adam Snyder d-1895 age 60y9m10d.

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MABA - ABRAHAM SCHNEIDER, JR. b- prob. 3/7/1751, bapt. 3/21/1751 (of Abrah. IB-134)
(John) by Rev. John C. Stoever - Atolhoe Evan. Luth.
Church, nr. Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.
sp: Abraham Stein & wife Anna Maria

d- cal821 per will
m Elizabeth

Abraham of Lower Mahanoy twp., North'd. Co., Pa., farmed near Malta, now Dalmatia, North'd. Co., Pa. & before that was known as Vera Cruz, Pa., near Mahantango Creek - Ref: Fred Koppenhaver.

WILL - W.B. I, p. 114, Northumberland Co., Pa. - 1821: in 1821 (John) George and his brother Jacob took out a ltr. of adm. for settlement of Abraham's estate.

Known Children - per Fred Koppenhaver:

---- - (John) George Schneider b-
d- cal834 per estate adm.
George inher his father's land where he farmed near Mahantango Creek, in Lower Mahanoy twp., North'd. Co., Pa. - RR 1, Dalmatia, near Malta which was formerly known as Vera Cruz, Pa.
WILL 1834 Ltr. Adm. to Abraham Snyder & Jacob in estate of George - W.B. 3, p. 156.

---- - Jacob Snyder
Maria Eleasabeth b- 1 Feb 1797

The following was inadvertently omitted from p. IB-15 & belongs on that page, as the children of John Donald Johnson & Alice Barnhart:

- b. John David Johnson b- Harrisburg, Pa.
m Millersburg, Pa. - Linda Mae Chubb of Alfred & Agnes (Walborn) Chubb. Jon is in the grovery business. Summit St., Millersburg, Pa. 17061 - no issue 1978.
- c. Myron Andrew Johnson b-1/31/1945 Harrisburg, Pa.
m 5/4/1976 Colombia, So. America - Luz Marina Villarrago of Pablo and Etelvina (Lasso) Villarrago. Myron was in the Army 1966-8 - Green Beret, is now with the U. S. Dept. of Agric., Anolaima, Col., S.A.
- 1. Mary Alejandra Johnson b-10/5/1977 Huntingdon, Pa.

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MABB - JACOB SCHNEIDER b- eldest (of Abraham - IB-134)
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 m Mary Stonebraker/Steinbrecher of John Dietrich Steinbrecher of Lykens Valley.

Jacob, along with his brothers & sister, shared in the division of their father's land that was located near Mahantango Creek, Northumber & Dauphin Cos., Pa.

John H. Snyder of Richfield, Pa. found the following records:
 Jacob Snyder to Thomas Snyder (N1 - p.161) East side of Susquehanna River, both ends of Mahantango Creek - 8/12/1793 - Jacob & Mary, Abraham & Eliz., George & Eva, Daniel Creamer & Mary, his wife.

Jacob Snyder, one of the heirs of Abraham Snyder, late of Lower Mahanoy twp. & Frederick & Mary Tschoff, his wife, one of the daus. of the legatee (EE 590 D 8/1842) - this shows Mary now as Mrs. Tschoff.

From "The Snyder Co. Pioneers (Pa.)" by Fisher - p. 85: Jacob came to Penn twp. (now in Snyder Co.) before the Revol. War. He was a Pvt. in Capt. Benjamin Weiser's Co., German Regt., Continental Line, stat. at Phila., Pa. 1/30/1777.

From Fred Koppenhaver: Jacob farmed a 100 acre farm which he transferred on 3/10/1809 in Mahanoy twp., North'd. Co., Pa. to his sons Dieterich & Adam Snyder, this farm was bound by those of John Witmer, Christophel Witmer, Abraham Snyder & the Mahantango Creek by ref. to North'd. Co. Deed Book P, p. 106, also named & presumably are his children: Dieterich - Adam - George, the eldest - Jacob - Magdalena - Elizabeth - Mary & Catherine.

Children:

MABBA - (John) Dieterich Schneider (1780-) m Salome Witmer - p. IB-138

----- - George Schneider b- eldest
 d- cal 1834

Ltrs. of Adm. for George's estate were granted 3/24/1834 to Abraham and Jacob Snyder, the widow having renounced, of Lower Mahanoy twp., North'd. Co., Pa. - Will Book 3, p. 150.

----- - (poss. John?) Adam Schneider b-5/11/1786, bapt. Zion Luth. Chr., Stone Valley, Dalmatia, Pa. - sp: Sebastian Steinbrecher & wife Susan Jeckel/Yeagel.
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m -
 They were of Lower Mahanoy twp., North'd. Co., Pa., they sold their grist & flour mill located about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the mouth of the Mahantango Creek with the Susquehanna River, to Phillip Messner & his wife Mary, in 1854. Later the mill burnt & it was rebuilt by Charles Snyder who was the only son of Jacob Snyder, better known locally as "Bully Jake" who resided about 1 mile west of Malta, Pa. Charles also had an only son Charles J. Snyder, Jr. who for years operated the mill - known as the Paxton Roller & Flour Mill, Mahantango, Pa. Charles Jr. removed to Millersburg, Pa. cal 1925. Known children:

A - Adam Snyder b-12/16/1826, bapt. Zion Luth. Chr., Dalmatia, Pa.
 sp: Jacob Snyder & wife Christina.

----- - Jacob Schneider

----- - Magdalena Schneider

----- - Elizabeth Schneider

----- - Mary Schneider

----- - Catherine Schneider

----- - poss. Johannes Schneider bapt. 2/22/1786 St. David's Ref. Chr., Killinger, Pa., sp: Johannes Wirth & wife Anna Maria.

References for the following came from John H. Snyder of Richfield, Pa. and Fred Koppenhaver. The following is possibly a son of Abraham Schneider on p. IB-1 - no proof. Heinrich is of the same church & area as (George) Daniel & Abraham & is possibly a brother to them - no proof:

MAC - HEINRICH ADAM SCHNEIDER b-
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m 1.
m 2. 10/21/1753 Anna Marg. Schneber

This family is also from the Tulpehocken area & were members of the Atolhoe Evan. Luth. Church, Rehrersburg, Berks Co., Pa.

Children - from baptismal records: Rev. John C. Stoever's records found in "Notes & Queries" by Eagle p. 59:
1st wife

MACA - John George Schneider b-twin 1/ /1751
bapt. 2/2/1751 Atolhoe Ev. Luth. Chr. by Rev. John Stoever. sp: John Geo. Brosius & wife.

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The following records were found & thought to be this same man - no proof:
John George Schneider b-

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m Maria Catherine
Members of the St. David's Ref. Church, Killinger, Pa., - Upper Paxton twp., Dauphin Co., Pa. - near Millersburg & had the following children baptized there:

A - Anna Dorothea Snyder b-8/24/1755 Windsor twp., Berks Co., Pa.
d-8/18/1828 St. David's Ref. Chr., Killinger, Pa.

m 1. Adam Wagner
m 2. George Stepp
B - John Gottfriedt Schneider b-8/26/1766, bapt. Atolhoe Ev. Luth. Chr., sp: Gottfriedt Rohrer & wife.

The following records were found & thought to be the same man:
Gottfriedt Schneider b-
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m Catherine Artz of Jacob Artz, Sr. who had another dau. Susannah who m a Mr. Koppenhaver. Jacob Artz of Berks Co. made his will in 1793 & names his dau. Catherine as wife of a Godfrey Snyder, another dau. Susanna Artz, wife of Martin Koppenhaver, and sons Michael, John & Phillip Artz who all inherited approx. 200 acres of wilderness for farms along Pine Creek area of Spring Glen, Pa. & attended the original Klingers & Coleman Churches. The Artz also had land in the White Deer area above Lewisburg, Pa. They were originally from the Tulpehocken area of Berks Co., Pa.

Gottfriedt & his wife were members of the Atolhoe Ev. Luth. Chr., in Rehrersburg, Pa., later at the Hoffman Ref. Chr., Loyalton, Dauphin Co., Pa. Known children as follows:

1. John Schneider b-12/9/1790, bapt. Atolhoe Ev. Luth. Chr.
2. Jacob Schneider b- 1798 bapt. Hoffman Ref. Chr.
sp: Jacob & Catherine Schneider.

---- - John Heinrich Schneider b-twin 1/ /1751, bapt. 2/2/1751 at Atolhoe Ev. Luth. Chr., sp: John Heinrich Schuhehn & wife.

2nd wife

---- - John Abraham Schneider b-10/11/1754, bapt. Atolhoe Ev. Luth. Chr. by John C. Stoever. Sp: John Abraham Schneider & wife.

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From p. IB-7

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B - Franklin

The following covers data that came in too late to be entered in its proper section:

From p. IB-74:

Evelyn Eunice Baumert m Dale Zerfing. Dale was in service 6/15/1963-6, later a machine operator - Reiff & Nestor of Lykens, Pa. They had a son - James LeRoy Zerfing b-3/31/1977 Harrisburg, Pa.

Doris Ellen Jane Baumert m Ronald Wetzel. Ronald is a dock worker for Wilson Freight Co., Camp Hill, Pa. & also farms. Children as follows:

1. Donna Jean Wetzel b-11/16/1959 Lykens, Pa.
m 10/7/1978 Dalmatia, Pa.- Neal Lynn Snyder of Thomas & Violet (Wolfe) Snyder. Box 5599, RFD 5, Stroudsburg, Pa. 18360 Neal is a dock worker for Roadway.
a. Jason Scott Snyder b-10/26/1979 E. Stroudsburg, Pa.
2. Ronald Roy Wetzel, Jr. b-7/20/1962 Danville, Pa.
He is a teller - State Capital Savings & Loan, Harrisburg, Pa.

The following should be on p. IB-3 but it came in late & was contributed by: John F. Hillman:

(JOHANN) JACOB SCHNEIDER born or bapt. 3/10/1760 (Tolehoe) Evan. Luth. Congrega. sponsors Abraham Schneider & wife.

This may be the Jacob who married - Susanna Zeller, & this Jacob died in 1842 & they had the following known child:

- A - (Johann) Adam Schneider b-3/20/1798 Berks Co., Pa.
d-5/27/1879 Altalaha Ev. Luth. Chr., Rehresburg, Pa.
m 9/11/1825 Christina Seiler (1807-1901) d/o (Johann) Philip & Maria Sybilla (Umbenhauer) Seiler. They lived near Shartlesville, Pa.
An 1862 Atlas of Berks Co., Pa. shows an Adam Schneider in another part of Upper Tulpehocken twp. - SW of Strausstown, close to Swatara Creek.
1. Davilla Schneider (1830-1918)
 2. Rebecca Schneider (1832-1884)
 3. John Schneider (1836-)
 4. Adam Schneider (1839-1909)
 5. Cyrenius Schneider (1846-1934) m Malinda Wertz (1851-1887)
 - a. Katie S. Schneider (1874-) m Elias Holtzman
 1. Elsie M. Holtzman (1898-1978) m Harold E. Hillmann (1894-1974)
 - a. John F. Hillmann b- 1933
m - Caroline J. Powers
Please write to John for any further information on this line.
513 Whittingham Dr., Colesville, Md. 20904:
 1. Suanne b-1967
 2. John F. Jr.
 3. Edward P. b-1970

The following should have appeared on p. IB-5 but it came in late & was contributed by Mrs. Wm. R. McNutt, Jr., 758 Hillcrest St., El Segundo, CA 90245:

ANDREW SCHNEIDER b- cal820 Northumberland Co., Pa. (of J.Jacob/Magd. - IB-4)
d- probably Huron Co., Ohio

m Northumberland Co., Pa. - Harriett _____

They moved to New London, Ohio cal856.

CHILDREN:

- A - Louisa Snyder b-twin to Franklin
- B - Franklin Snyder b-twin to Louisa