

**The
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(in German WOLFF - some American branches use WOLFE)

In 1789 five Wolf brothers, sons of Peter Wolf Sr, were living in Washington County, Pa - about 5 miles west of Washington. They had come from the Swatara Creek region of what was then Hanover Twp, Lancaster Co, now East Hanover Twp, Dauphin Co - about 3 miles north of Hershey. Their names were Jacob, Peter, John, Christopher and William. All but John lived in Donegal (now Buffalo) Twp. John was in Strabane (now Canton) Twp. They lived near the Canton-Buffalo line. The tax lists for 1782 and the 1790 census show:

	1782		first taxed	1790
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Jacob	500 a	3 horses 3 cows still	1782	1 2 5
Peter	100	2 3	1783	1 3 5
John	400	2 2	1788	1 5 5
Christopher	40	1 2	1782	---
William	200	2 2	1782	1 2 3

The Dauphin County origin is given:

- 1) by William's pension application, S24020;
- 2) in Beers COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
p 698;
- 3) by a statement by John's grandson (Crumrine papers, W & J College);
- 4) by the William Darby account below.

Beers says that Peter Sr came from the banks of the Rhine before 1755 and went from (then) Lancaster County to (now) Washington County about 1775, dying at an advanced age. There is no record of Peter in Washington County records. He likely died before 1790, since the 1790 census of his 4 sons shows no extra male.

The last listing of Jacob in Dauphin County is 1771, of Peter Jr 1772. It looks as if Jacob (and possibly Christopher and Peter) came west about 1773. William may have come with his father, after Peter Sr sold his farm. John may have come after the Revolution. Jacob was well-established in 1778, when, at the age of 40, he was named lieutenant in the Ohio County militia and built a fort. His land was considered to be in Ohio County (Va) until 1781. Henry Moore, southeast of Wolf, settled in 1773. Eleazer Williamson, north of Wolf, made a settlement in 1774. There was likely travel back and forth. See Darby.

William Wolf in his pension application (324020 (1832) said that he went to Washington Co in the spring of 1776. He was likely the youngest. From the shape of the Wolf and Stricker farms, it looks as if the Wolf farm was staked out first, then the Stricker farm. Lawrence Stricker said he settled in 1773. He is last listed in (then) Lancaster Co in 1772.

Official records list Jacob and Christopher in the region (Ohio Co, Va before 1781) in 1778. Peter, Jacob and Christopher's names are in the 1781-82 Washington Co (Pa) militia. John's name first appears in the 1788 tax list. His son, Jacob, was born in Lancaster Co in 1777.

The danger from Indians made permanent residence difficult. Pa land grants were not made until after 1784. The land where Jacob Wolf lived was warranted in 1786 for Jacob and William under William's name. Some of the Wolf sisters went west too, according to Darby. They have not been identified. Jacob, John and William stayed in Washington Co. Peter and Christopher went to Ohio. Peter died in Coshocton Co in 1827. A Christopher Wolf died in Hocking Co, Ohio Oct 15-1845.

Peter Wolf Sr may be the Peter who landed at Philadelphia Nov 24-1740, age 25, with John Wolf 23 and Jacob Wolf 20. They signed in German: JOHANN WOLFF, JOHANN PETER WOLFF, JOHAN JACOB WOLFF. In German the middle name is the call name. These names are similar to those in the Washington County family. Peter's son, Jacob, was likely born in Germany in 1738.

The record of Peter Wolf Sr in East Hanover Twp, Dauphin Co is:

- 1752 Jun 10 warranted 125 acres, adjoining John Graham (warrant 1737) and Robert Corry (1745)
- 1756 on tax list- marked "fled" - because of Indian attacks - a number of neighbors were killed
- 1759 Jun 11 - Peter Wolf, blacksmith, mortgaged to Jacob Neily for B 49-4-3 his 1752 farm and his blacksmith tools - witnesses, Isaac Bar and James Bickham
- 1761 Apr 7 naturalized at Philadelphia with Philip Dennius and John Bonnett
- 1768 Jun 2 warranted 200 acres adjoining the 1752 tract - patented Jun 3, see below
- 1772 taxed for 200 a, 3 horses, 4 cows
- 1773 taxed for 200 a, 4 horses, 4 cows
- 1775 Apr 27 sold 1768 tract

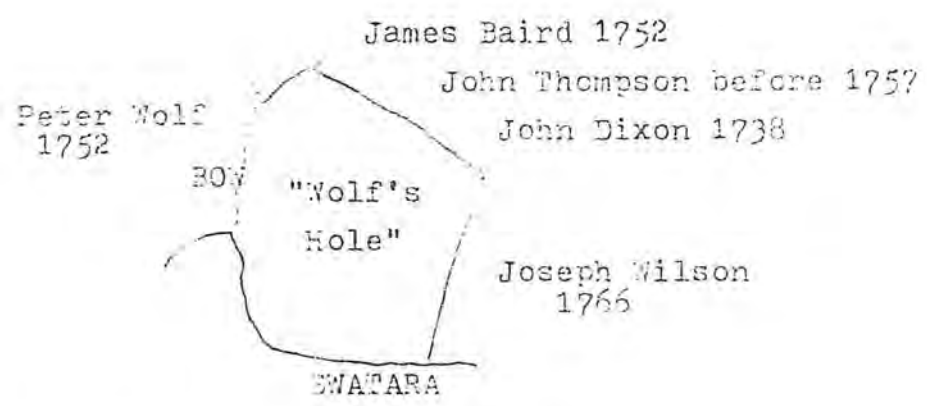
In East Hanover are taxed Jacob and Peter^{Jr}, the oldest sons:

- 1770 and 1771 as inmates - tenants (Jacob, Peter and Lawrence Stricker are listed together) - Stricker had the next farm in Washington County, see below

In 1772 Peter^{Jr} is an inmate, there is no Jacob. Stricker is taxed for 1 cow in Londonderry Twp, which adjoined Hanover. (Another Jacob Wolf in East Hanover may be brother of Peter, Sr.)

In February¹⁷⁷¹ Jacob and Elizabeth Wolf were sponsors at the baptism by J Casper Stoever (Lutheran minister) of John William Stricker, son of Lawrence and Barbara Stricker of Hanover. (Egle, NOTES AND QUERIES AV 1896)

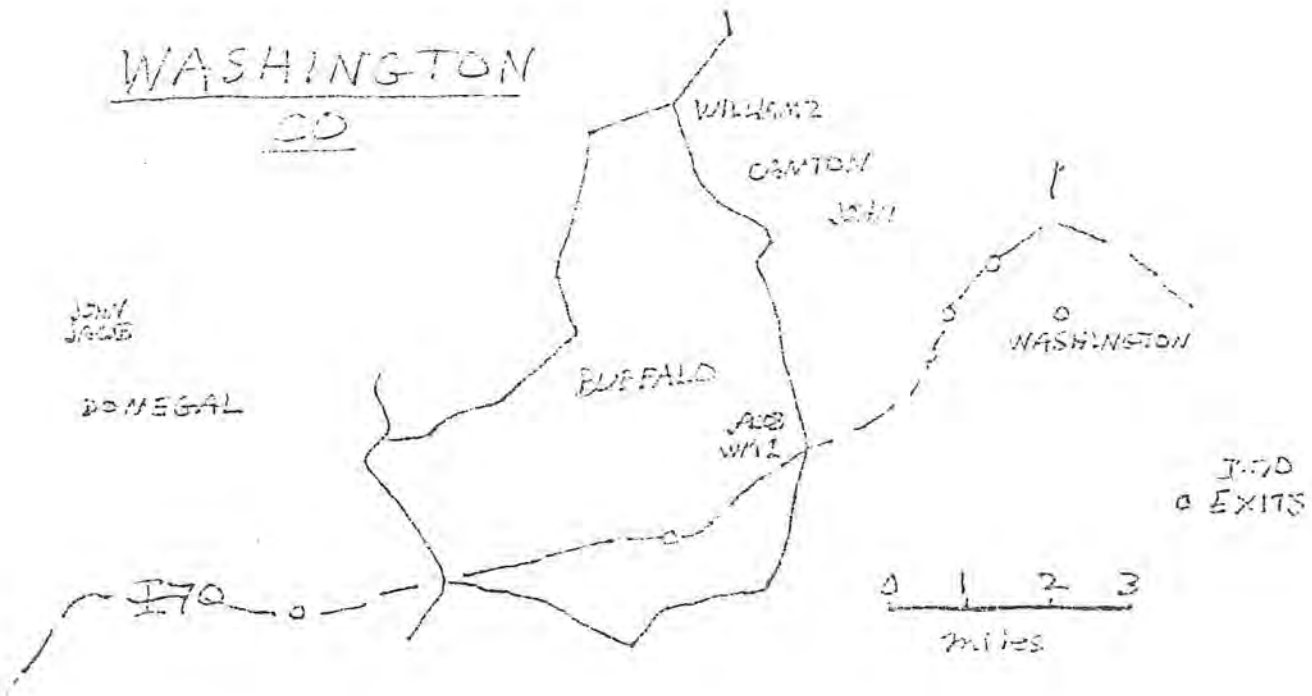
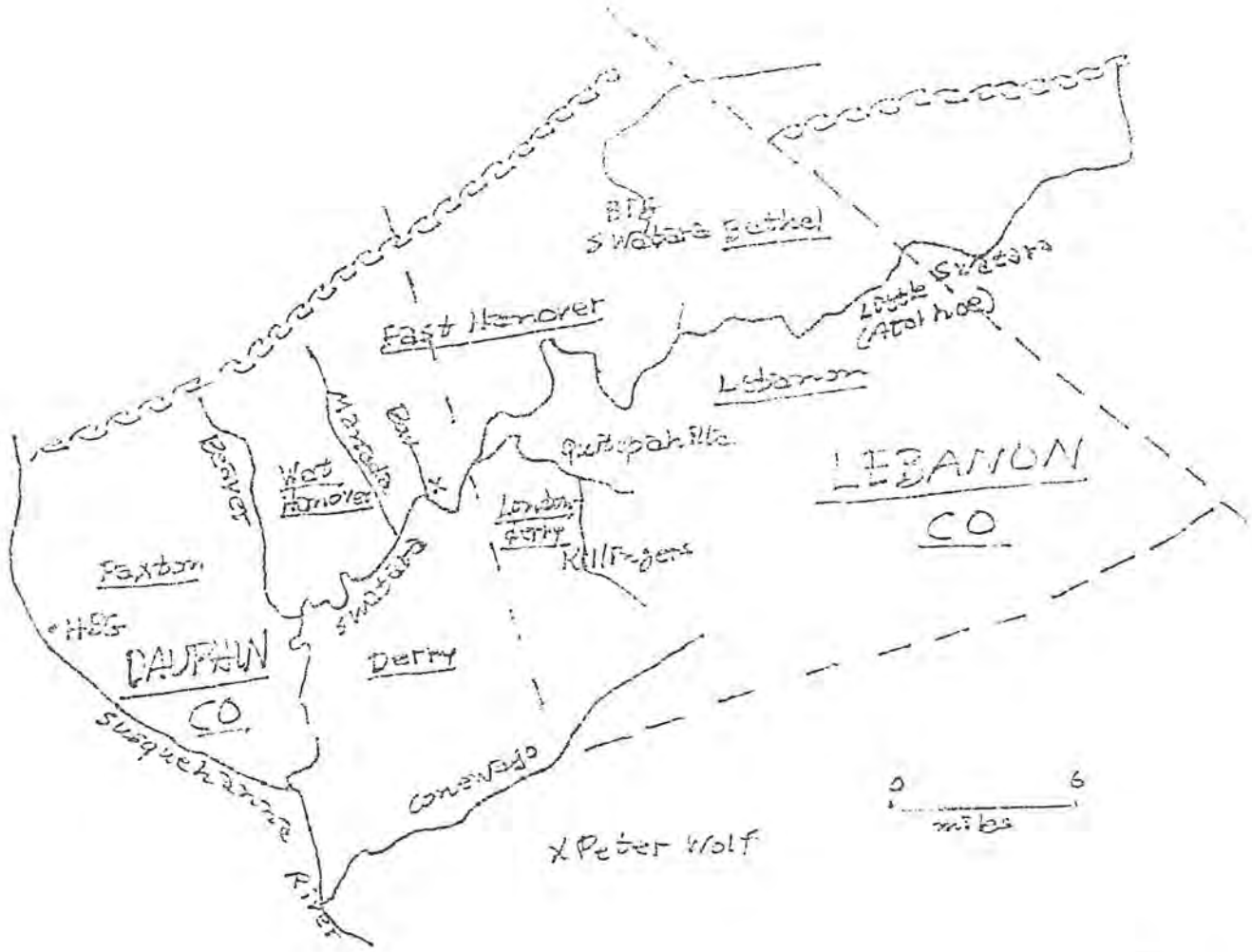
The 1768 tract of Peter Wolf lay northeast of the junction of Bow and Swatara Creeks. The adjoiners are shown. This is 3 miles north of present Hershey - the chocolate town.



This tract was sold Apr 27-1775 by Peter and Hannah Wolf to Abraham Hurst for £ 700. The deed was recorded July 13. Witnesses were John Thoms and Peter Hurst. Jacob Sauter was also a witness to the receipt. Peter and Hannah acknowledged the deed May 10. William Darby, see below, was born in 1775 on the adjoining Dixon farm. In 1756 Wolf, Dixon, Wilson and Thompson are all on the tax list.

In the 1759 mortgage no wife is listed for Peter. He may have been married twice with Hannah as his second wife. Mary was likely the name of his first wife for John and William named their first daughters, Mary; Jacob's second daughter was Mary. His first was Sabina, a common name in East Hanover.

After he sold his farm in 1775 Peter Sr likely went west with the remainder of his family to Washington County.



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Jacob settled in Buffalo Twp, where he and son, John, died.

William left Buffalo Twp in 1801 and went to Canton Twp. He was in Ohio 1815 to 1823. He died in Washington, where his sons, except Christopher lived. Christopher lived in Buffalo before he went west about 1852. William's children were members of the First United Methodist Church in Washington.

John lived and died in Canton Twp as did his three sons who stayed in Pennsylvania. Some of his grandchildren were members of the First United Methodist Church.

Jacob and John signed as WOLFF, William as WOLFE.

William Darby, noted American geographer, was born on Swatara Creek in 1775. In December 1834 in The Casket (Philadelphia) (copy, courtesy of J Gerald Kennedy, Darby's biographer) Darby tells about coming to Washington County (Pa) in early December 1781:

William Wolf, who had been an intimate acquaintance of my parents on Swatara,* had removed with his brothers *Hanover Twp and sisters and settled on Buffalo Creek, 5 or 6 miles westward of Washington (Pa). This man was with us.

Darby said that his mother spoke German. They lived at Wolf's until they could move into^a cabin; this was in February 1782. They were in the cabin about 3 weeks, when word of Indian attacks drove them to (Jacob) Wolf's fort. Jacob's farm was just north of William's. The Darbys stayed in the fort for some days and then moved to Catfish (Washington), never returning to their cabin.

When William Wolf had his land surveyed in 1786, he stated on October 16 that he was:

driven from the place through force or fear of the Indians during the late war and his place was left without inhabitants.

A family tradition tells of Jacob being driven from his cabin and on returning ^{he} found a James McBride living in it. The two men decided to settle it with their fists and Wolf won. Whether or not this is true, in the 1778 Ohio County court record is an ejectment suit by James McBride against Jacob and Christopher.

John Wolf settled on a farm about 2 miles NNE of the Jacob Wolf fort. It is just south of present Wolddale, earlier called Woldtown. Christopher probably lived near Jacob. He warranted no land. He is last listed in 1789; he may have gone down the Ohio to Kentucky and later to Ohio.

Jacob was appointed a lieutenant in the Ohio County militia July 6-1778. He built a blockhouse around his house about this time. It was never attacked by the Indians, although in September 1782 an attack was made on Rice's fort about 10 miles to the west. Crumrine in his HISTORY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY (page 678) tells of several persons fleeing to Wolf's fort for safety. One was Christina, daughter of James Clemens. The fort was just south of present US 40, five miles west of Washington, at the point where a side road goes south to East Buffalo United Presbyterian Church. In 1920 the site of the fort was in the garden of John McDowell.

On Nov 2-1779 roads were ordered laid out from Jacob Wolf's west to Claysville (Thomas Waller's) and east to the Monogania County line (near Washington). On Jun 6-1780 Ohio County court gave Jacob Wolf permission to open an "ordinary" (tavern) and posted these rates:

- ½ pint whiskey \$6
- breakfast or supper \$4
- dinner \$5
- lodging, clean sheets 3
- horse overnight with hay 6
- pasturage 3
- 1 gallon corn 5
- 1 gallon oats 4
- ½ pint whiskey with negas 8
- 1 quart strong beer 4

This was during the high inflation of 1780, so the prices tell little. James Clemens was surety for the Wolf ordinary.

Jacob Wolf, born 1738, likely in Germany, was probably the oldest of the brothers. The first tax list for Washington County (made up in the fall of 1781) was for 1782. Listed in Donegal Twp are:

Christopher Wolf	200 a	1 h	2 c	2 sheep	
Jacob Wolf	150	3	3	5	(called Isaac by mistake)
William Wolf	100	2	2	2	

On Mar 9-1782 Jacob bought a tract in Strabane (now Canton) Twp on which John Wolf was taxed in 1788. John Saylor sold Jacob the land, 2 horses, 3 cows, 5 hogs and grain. William was a witness to the deed. On Feb 16-1785 Jacob sold a tract to the northwest of his land to John Lane who took out a warrant for it in 1788.

Peter evidently settled on the land in Strabane Twp for he paid taxes there in 1783 (250 a, 2 h, 3 c) and 1784. In 1785 Peter was in Donegal Twp living midway between James Clemens and Jacob Wolf. He was a witness to the will of James Clemens in 1795. Peter did not warrant land. Later he moved to Finley Twp.

Jacob Wolf had difficulty with his land. He did not warrant his farm until 1813. When it was surveyed he gave it the name "Kewlinence". About 1785 William Wolf applied for about 400 acres on the waters of Chartiers. At the time of the survey he said he was mistaken; it was on Buffalo. A warrant was granted Feb 22-1786 and a 385-acre tract, "Wolf's Hollow" surveyed for William Wolf Sep 20-1786. He paid rent from 1784. On Oct 16-1786 he made the statement, which is on his survey paper, that was quoted above.

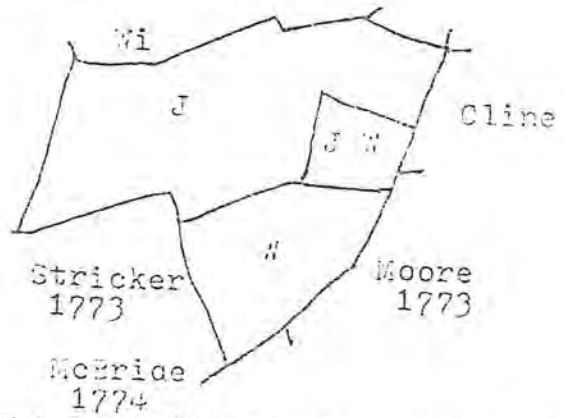
The 385-acre tract was to be for William and Jacob. William paid Jacob to handle the financial end. In 1794 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania took action against William for not paying the fees for the land. So in

September 1794 William sued Jacob for trespass and was awarded \$120 in 1798. William had his part (200 a) resurveyed Nov 22-1798 and took out a patent Jan 22-1799 and sold it on Mar 22-1799. About 1801 he left Buffalo for Canton. On Dec 17-1800 he sold a horse and 2 cows to William Clemens. In 1814 he was assessed in Canton for 1 dog. For a time he was a school teacher. He lived in Ohio 1813-1828. Jacob Wolf and John Wolf, likely his son, warranted land "Hope" and "The Lodge" in Donegal Twp in 1793 and 1794. They probably never lived on it.

The Buffalo Twp farm is shown here.

Wi = Williamson 1774

- J + JW + W = 1786 survey for William 385 a
- W + JW = 1798 survey for William 200 a
- J + JW = 1813 survey for Jacob 264 a



The Saylor tract that Jacob Wolf bought in 1782 had not been warranted, so John Wolf had to buy it Apr 13-1789 - 355 acres for £ 532-10 from Kennedy Morton of Washington, Pa. Morton had patented it 18 days earlier. William Wolf was a witness to the deed. William and Peter Wolf owed Morton money Mar 18-1790. Peter may have left the Saylor tract when Morton moved in and claimed it; Morton named the survey "Wolf".

Peter found land about 15 miles southwest of Wolf's fort on Robinson Fork of Wheeling Creek. This was in present West Finley Twp, almost on the state line. He paid taxes in Finley in 1792 and 1793 as a non-resident. In 1794 he was taxed as a resident for a gristmill, 111 acres, 2 horses and 2 cows. He bought the land for £ 136-14-7 on Jun 5-1799. The land had been patented by Thomas Shields of Philadelphia in 1792. Peter sold the land to his son, John, Mar 25-1805. About 1809 John and likely Peter moved to Ohio. When John sold the land in 1814 he was in Coshocton County.

Washington County was formed in March 1781. The militia records for Washington County (Pa Archives, VI, 2) show:

- Capt Eleanor Williamson (a neighbor)
- Privates, Christopher and Peter Wolf
- with Jeremiah Clemens and neighbors to the west
- Capt William Leet

Privates, Jacob Wolf, George Cline and neighbors to the east

There is no clear militia record in Washington County for John. He may be the John Wolf who was in Battalion 2, Company 2, Lancaster Co militia 1781 under Capt Michael Holderbaum of Lebanon. Swatara men were in this company.

William's record is given in his pension application 324020, pension granted Apr 23-1833. After the Revolution William was a scout under Lewis Wetzel.

William Wolf on the trip west with the Darby's entered into an animated description of the west, making a mere thing of shadows of Indian war.

But his pension application made Nov 12-1832 tells of 3 6-mo periods engaged in scouting looking for Indians - from April to October. It was likely the years 1778 1779 1780, rather than the ones he cites. In 1781 he likely went back east to get a wife. He says:

"He was born in Lancaster Co, Pa on the 14th day of March 1757, where he resided until he was 19 years of age and then removed to Washington Co in the spring of 1776, where he resided until March 1818, when he removed to the state of Ohio and resided there until March 1828. He then returned to Washington Co. He has no record of his age. The Bible in which his father recorded the ages of his children was unfortunately burned together with his father's house and other property in Lanc Co."

William went scouting as far as the mouth of Grave Creek. He names these forts:

Riggs' (West Liberty), Fort at mouth of Indian Wheeling Creek, Col Stryker's 5 mi up Wheeling Creek, Lane's (Wheeling, Miller's (Buffalo Creek), Ryerson's (now Greene Co), Mason's (Buffalo), Dickerson's (Chartiers Creek)

The last year he served he was under Capt Eleazer Williamson and Col David Williamson. He says only Hugh Workman and Jacob Wolf could testify as to his service.

In the pension application of John Allison (1833) William Wolf tells of serving with Allison in 1778 and 1779. He names Rice's Fort and Vanmeter's Fort.

In 1785 Jacob was taxed for a still. In later years he became a staunch temperance man and disposed of the still. An often-told story deals with Jacob Wolf's eldest daughter, Sabina, who in 1789 at 18 married Judge Hugh H Brackenridge (age 41), later a Pa Supreme Court justice. Brackenridge owned land near William Wolf, but he did not live on it. He lived in Pittsburgh.

A contemporay account by John Pope Oct 1790 in his A Tour through the Southern and Western Territories of the United States of North America (Richmond 1792) is as follows:

Mr Brackenridge on his way from Washington court, called in at Mr Wolf's to have his horse fed and escape a rain which was then descending. The horse was fed, the rain had subsided and Mr Brackenridge to avoid wet feet, ordered his horse to be brought to the door. Miss Wolf was directed to perform that office.

But brown were her locks, her shape was full strait,
Her eyes were as black as a sloe;
Milk white were her teeth, full smart was her gait,
And sleek was her skin as a doe.

These allurements made a deep impression upon the susceptible heart of Brackenridge. He presented her in the servile office, mounted his horse and off he went. He had not gone more than a Sabbath Day's journey before his horse, at the instigation of the rider, turned short around and revisited Mr Wolf's. A familiar application was made to the old gentleman for his daughter, which he considered as nothing more than pleasantry in Mr Brackenridge, for which he is so remarkable. Mr Brackenridge declared that he was serious, that his intentions were honorable, and that his future happiness rested on the event of his then application. Miss Sabina had been employed in shrubbing the old man's meadow, which saved him the august expense of about ten dollars. This with him was an insuperable objection to parting with his girl. Mr Brackenridge obviated the difficulty by paying down a sum of money, obtained the young lady's consent, married her and sent her to Philadelphia, where she is now under the governance of a reputable female character, whose business will be to polish the manners and wipe off the rusticities which Mrs Brackenridge had acquired wilst a Wolf.

On Jun 7-1793 Jacob Wolf was named a squire. In 1798 his house was valued at \$24, Peter's at \$10. Brother John's houses were valued at \$150: a 2-story log house 25 x 24 with 3 adjoining cabins 20 x 16. Jacob Wolf was a witness Mar 5-1802 when 3 German neighbors ceded land south of Wolf's to the German Society for 5 shillings. It was for a schoolhouse, a meeting-house and a burying ground. In 1820 this was known as Wolf's Meeting House. Jacob and other family members are buried in the cemetery, the church is now the East Buffalo United Presbyterian Church.

Christian Newcomer, a United Brethren leader, says in his Journal June 17-18, 1809 he rode (from Washington) to Daniel Reis' where I lodged for the night. sun. 18. This forenoon I preached in a church

to a numerous audience. After preaching I went home with Mr (Christopher) Winter. At night I preached at Jacob Wolf's.

This was likely Wolf's Meeting House. The next day Newcomer preached farther east in Washington County under an oak tree at Lewis Brucker's, now Zollarsville.

The church where Newcomer preached Sunday morning is now Zion United Methodist Church. Built about 1799 under the leadership of Christopher Winter it became an important church in the early days of the United Brethren Church. The first minister was educated in Switzerland - Casper Simler. The farms of Daniel Reis (Rice) and Christopher Winter adjoined the church, which was about 10 miles west of Jacob Wolf's.

Jacob Wolf m c1770 died in Buffalo Twp 1835 at 97

John Wolf m c1776 died in Canton Twp 1833 at 86

William Wolf m c1781 died in Washington 1839 at 82 - average age 88

Jacob had 2 sons: John and Jacob - Jacob went to Ohio about 1822.

John had 4 sons: Jacob, John, William, Henry - Henry went to Ohio c1818

William had 5 sons: William, Peter, John, Simon, Christopher -

John went to Wheeling c1831, Christopher left Pa c1852

Seven grandsons remained in Washington Co.

Children above 80:

John of Jacob	1773-1857	Buffalo	age 84	83 85
Jacob of John	1777-1857	Canton	80	85
John Jr	1780-c1859	Canton	c79	87
William of John	1781-1876	Canton	81	
William Jr	1784-1838	Washington	54	84 89 98
Peter of William	1784-1865	Washington	79	83
Simon of William	1793-1879	Washington	86	85

The record of the land of the three brothers is:

Jacob	warranted 1813	sold after his death
William	1786	sold 1799
John	bought 1789	divided among Jacob, William, John at his death

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Jacob b 1738	John b 1773	Abraham b 1799 Henry K b 1801 VA John W b 1803 OH
Peter OH	Jacob OH	
	Jacob b 1777	Abraham B b 1813 cabinet maker John H b 1815 carpenter Isaac b 1818 carpenter James T b 1821 Peter b 1825 Thomas G b 1827 cabinet maker
John b 1747	John b 1780	David b 1801 tanner Joseph b 1806 carpenter Solomon b 1808 machine maker Jacob b 1814 shoemaker John b 1816 CA Enoch b 1818
Peter b 1715	William b 1785	Michael b 1811 CA Joseph D b 1820 FL
Christopher OH	Henry OH	
	William b 1784 cooper	Peter b 1820 CA William B b 1822 saddler John B b 1826 shoemaker
	Peter b 1786 cabinet mkr	William b 1815 Simon b 1819
William b 1757	John b 1790 cabinet mkr	William b 1812 CA Hiram CA John b 1819 cabinet maker Jackson W b 1822 CA Jeremiah
	Simon b 1793 cooper	James S b 1827 wagon maker Peter b 1832 William H b 1840 Simon C b 1842 blacksmith
	Christopher MO mason	William b 1823

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Note on BUCHPACH - ASHBROOK - ALBEROOK

The German name BUCHPACH means Ashbrook. When Simon landed in Philadelphia in 1749[#] the name was BUCHPACH, also in the Steever marriages and baptisms listed below. Simon Sr went to Bethel^{*} Twp, now Lebanon Co, Pa. He lived near Little Swatara (Atolhoe) Creek.

He married Apr 19-1752 Eva Kautzmann. There is record of 5 children:

- 1. Elizabeth b Feb 2-1753 baptized Feb 11 - sponsors George [E.g.]¹⁷⁴⁴ m c1770 Peter Wolf (Berger and Elizabeth Spiess) [2/1746]
- 2. Margaret m Jan 25-1774 Michael Conradt
- 3. Barbara m May 31-1774 Martin George Leonhardt
- 4. Susan b 1759 d¹⁷⁴⁴ 1818 m c1781 William Wolf
- 5. Simon b 1766 d Jun 17-1848 m Mary Fennell b 1767 d Oct 11-1855

Simon (Jr) "Ashbaugh" came to Washington County about 1786. He made an agreement on Jan 2-1786 with George Miley of (then) Lebanon Twp, Dauphin Co, Pa to purchase a farm about a mile north of Jacob Wolf. William and Jacob were witnesses. William Wolf was to handle the details. He eventually backed down so the land went back to Miley. (Peter Wolf Sr mortgaged his farm in 1759 to Jacob Miley.) Simon's tombstone, in East Buffalo, where Jacob and William Wolf are buried, reads "Ashbrook".

Simon's children were:

John, Margaret (Howel), Mary (?d yg), Simon 1794- (in Augusta Twp, Carroll Co, Ohio for 12 years - returned to Pa), Jacob d 1796 at 7 months, Solomon 1798-1890, Nancy (Huston), William, Abraham d 1845. Absalom Baird 1808-.

* Bethel is east of Hanover, where the Wolfs lived.
A Jacob Wolff was on the same boat.

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German Immigrants

Three of the German families who lived near Jacob Wolf were from the Hanover region. Michael Dennis (Dinges) was likely a son of Philip. Philip Dennis(u) of Lebanon Twp was naturalized the same day as Peter Wolf Jr. Michael Ely (Illy) was living in Londonderry Twp, just south of Hanover in 1782. A Martin Ely (Illy) was associated with Peter and Jacob Wolf in Lebanon Twp in the early 1750s. Lawrence Stricker was a Wolf neighbor (and relative?) in Hanover and had the adjoining farm in Buffalo Twp, Washington Co.

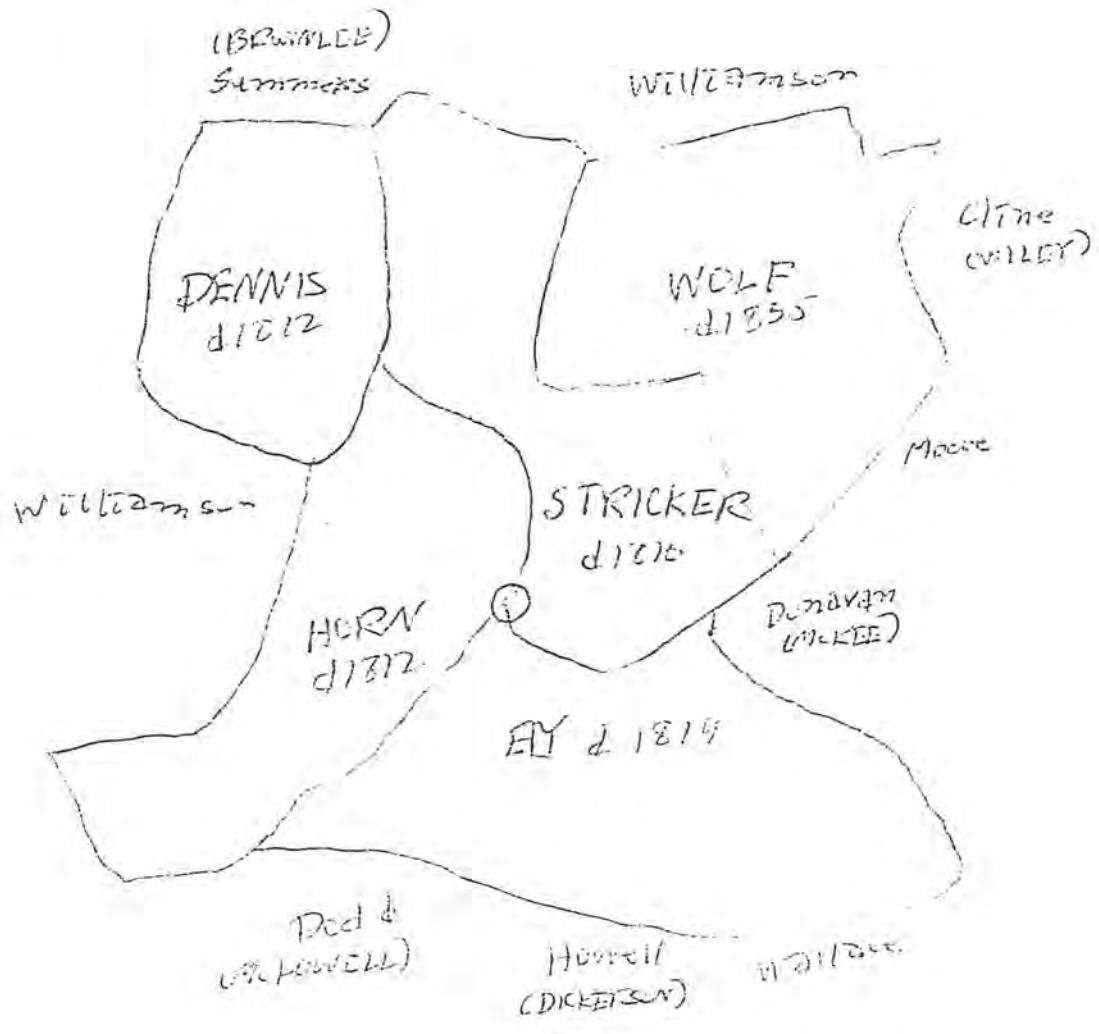
Michael Dennis died in 1812. His wife was Rosanna; his sons, Philip, Michael, John, David, Jacob; his daughters, Mary m John Ely, Elizabeth m John Shuman, Christina m Jacob Ely, Catharine m Wm Wolf, Hannah. Mich'l is listed in Buffalo Twp as early as 1778 and is on the first tax list - 1782. His farm was surveyed in 1793 with rent from 1784. He signed his will as Michael Dinges. He may have been the son of Philip, listed above. A Philip Dennis landed at Phila in 1749.

Michael Ely died in 1819. His wife, Mary, was dead then. His will names Jacob, Michael, Martin (b 1790), Margaret, Mary, Catharine (decd), sons-in-law, George Kellison and Archibald McNeel. He ^{"late of Poughkeepsie"} bought his farm in 1791. He is first taxed in 1783 in Washington Co.

Lawrence Stricker signed his name on an 1804 road petition as Johan Lorentz Stricker. In 1747 a Johan Lorentz Stracker landed at Phila. ^{His signature is similar to the one on 1804 road petition.} with Martin Strecker. In 1764 Johan Lorentz Stricker was a witness to a deed in Paxton Twp, then Lancaster Co. He was taxed in (East) Hanover Twp in 1770 and 1771 with Jacob Wolf and Peter Wolf Jr. Their names are together. They were renters. In 1772 Lawrence is taxed for 1 cow in adjoining Londonderry Twp. In 1773 he settled in Buffalo Twp, according to his Va certificate dated Feb 10-1780. In 1779 his name is on the Ohio Co, Va court record. He was taxed first in Buffalo in 1783. His land was surveyed and patented 1786-87. The 1790 census lists 2 males over 16, 4 under and 8 females.

Lawrence died in April 1816. His wife Barbara was dead in 1825. The deed his executors gave for his farm reserved "one acre for the Presbyterian and Lutheran meeting-house, best known by the name of Wolf's Meeting-House. His children were: Jacob, Daniel, William, Elizabeth m Samuel Black (Champaign Co, Ohio), Hannah m Lewis Harsh, Mary m Abraham Nascher, Susanna m John Nyswaner, Christina m Philip Harsh, Catharine m George Harsh (Stark Co, Ohio), Forrest tells an interesting story of the Stricker blockhouses in his HISTORY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

The map below shows the five German families that were neighbors in Buffalo Twp. The land given for what is now the East Buffalo United Presbyterian Church in 1902 by Lawrence Stricker, Hardman Horn and Michael Ely (Ili) was where their three farms joined. Each one gave an acre. The Dennis, Stricker and Wolf farms were original grants. Michael Ely bought his farm in 1788 from Hugh H Brackenridge. He is listed as "late of Dauphin Co". Hardman Horn bought his from Daniel Leet in 1796. Ely was first taxed in 1783; Horn first appears in the 1790 census. The Dennis name was originally Dinges - in German.



PETER WOLF Sr b c1715 Germany d after 1775 likely Washington Co, Pa living in E Hanover Twp, Dauphin Co, Pa 1752-75 - may be the Peter who landed at Phila 1740 - m1 ?Mary --- - wife 1775 Hannah ---

I. JACOB WOLF b 1738 d Apr 20-1835 Buffalo Twp, Washington Co m1 c1770 Elizabeth Cline b 1752 d Sep 2-1817 - related to Conrad Cline m2 Aug 16-1819 Barbara Ritzel (widow of Henry) d 1845 children named in Will Book 5, 192

1. Sabina b 1771 d Feb 18-1845 Pittsburgh m 1789 Hugh Henry Brackenridge b 1748 d Jun 25-1816 Carlisle, Pa
a. Alexander b Nov 23-1792 d May 4-1870 m Mary Porter
b. William Henry b 1797 d Apr 24-1833
c. Hugh b 1799 d Aug 8-1800
d. Cornelia b 1802 d Jul 2-1823

2. John b Feb 6-1773 d Apr 16-1857 Buffalo Twp m 1793 Elizabeth (dau of John) Devore b Oct 2-1776 d Dec 5-1829
a. Jacob b Sep 28-1794 d 1860 Coesse, Whitley Co, Ind - no issue
b. Hester (Hetty) b Apr 6-1797 d Feb 17-1882 Columbus, O - m Geo Wilson
c. Abraham b Jun 1-1799 d Dec 17-1874 Buffalo Twp m 1835 Sabina Clemens b Nov 6-1808 d Aug 14-1892 - see below
Ch: Isaac Hays 1836-1838, Jeremiah Clemens 1838-1867, Henry Harrison 1840-1845, Hannah Maria 1844-1925 (Black), Mary Ellen (Mitchell), James Ereckenridge 1850-1875

d. Henry Kline b Nov 9-1801 d Oct 25-1842 Ch: Harriet (Wager)
e. John W b Dec 2-1803 d Feb 16-1886 ?Richland Co, O Ch: Louisa J (Gallup), Alice A (Egner), David H
f. Isaac b May 2-1806 d Jan 27-1831 - no issue
g. Elizabeth b Jan 31-1809 d Jan 18-1876 m Nov 11-1834 John Wherry
h. James b Jan 16-1812 d Jul 10-1890 single - Buffalo Twp
i. Samuel b Nov 20-1814 d Mar 31-1851 - no issue
j. David b Mar 22-1817 d Sep 16-1847 - no issue

3. Mary b Aug 17-1776 d Feb 28-1832 Buffalo Twp m 1794 William (son of James) Clemens b Jan 30-1767 d Jan 14-1849 - James was great-great-greatuncle of Samuel L Clemens (Mark Twain)
a. James Walton b May 26-1795 d Nov 21-1846 W Va m Jun 7-1819 Eleanor Sherrard
b. Jacob b Nov 6-1796 d Aug 13-1824
c. Abraham b Sep 7-1798 d Oct 21-1885 W Va m Oct 26-1819 Catharine Mullin d Dec 12-1859
d. Elizabeth b Feb 1-1800 d Feb 26-1875
e. William b Apr 25-1803 d Jun 20-1834 m Aug 6-1823 Elizabeth Henderson
f. John C b Dec 28-1804 d Jul 6-1873 m c1836 Louisa Hupp b Jul 10-1815 d Nov 30-1875
g. Hannah b Oct 30-1806 d Oct 5-1893 m1 Feb 22-1827 Jacob Horn m2 Joseph Coleman
h. Sabina b Nov 6-1808 d Aug 14-1892 m 1835 Abraham Wolf b Jun 1-1799 d Dec 17-1874
i. Amos W b Aug 14-1810 d 1899 m1 --- m2 Aug 20-1836 Christiana Boyd b 1812 d 1882
j. Jeremiah b May 10-1812 d Aug 25-1828
k. Delilah b Feb 6-1815 d Aug 26-1889 m1 Nov 10-1829 James Cisco m2 William Cox
l. Hester b Jul 2-1818 d Nov 3-1873 m Oct 3-1844 Samuel Marshall

- 4. Barbara b c1778 lived near Louisville, Ky m c1798 --- McConnell
 - a. ?David
 - b. ?Henry d Oct 25-1842
 - and likely others
- 5. Elizabeth b c1781 m ?Apr 15-1799 Abraham Clemens (bro of Wm)
 - b Oct 3-1769 d Jul 4-1841 - no heirs
- 6. Jacob b c1784, left Pa c1822, in Ohio 1842 m c1809
 - Priscilla (dau of Joshua) Martin b 1787
 - a. Joshua (ancestor of L J Wolff)
 - b. Jacob
 - and others
- 7. Margaret b c1787 m --- Cleland, to Ohio
- 8. Delilah b c1790 m John McGaw
- 9. Rosanna b c1792 m1 Sep 12-1810 John Shearer m2 John Tarleton -
 - lived Chillicothe, O - dau Harriet Shearer

II. PETER WOLF b c1745 d 1827 New Castle Twp, Coshocton Co, O
 m c1770 Elizabeth (dau of Simon) Ashbaugh b Feb 2-1753
 Lebanon Co, Pa d c1835 - sister of Susan, below - - to Ohio 1809

- 1. Catharine b 1771 m Andrew Mavis
- 2. John b 1772 d Sep 1828 New Castle Twp m c1794 Catharine (dau of John) Devore d 1838 - sister of Elizabeth, above
 - a. Peter b c1795 d 1812 Fort Meigs
 - b. John m Sarah ---
 - c. James m Sarah ---
 - d. Elizabeth m William Lynch
 - e. George m Sarah ---
 - f. Absalom m Mary ---
 - g. Adam b Dec 9-1807, in Muncie, Ind 1889 m Apr 26-1832
 Elizabeth Elliott - see REPRESENTATIVE MEN OF INDIANA 1880
 - h. Hester m c1829 Samuel Kemmer
 - i. Susanna m c1829 John Saucerman - Cadiz, Wis
 - j. Mary m 1837 Martin Mowrey
 - k. Simon b 1818 m 1835 Nancy Kemmer b 1820
- 3. Susanna m Adam Earlywine
- 4. Margaret m Simon Baker
- 5. Peter b 1780 m Nancy Richmond b 1782 - 1850 Harrison Twp, Knox Co, O
 - a. John
 - b. Jacob b 1807
 - c. Hester
 - d. ?Peter b 1811 d Nov 7-1838 m Aug 13 1835 Mary Horn b 1814 d May 3-
 /1836
 - e. Simon
 - f. Isaac b 1817 m 1847 Harriet McVey
 - g. Sabina
 - h. Amos
- 6. George b 1786 m Sarah Kemmer b 1788
 - a. Margaret b 1825
 - b. George b 1828
 - and others

7. Eve b 1748 d Oct 11-1891 New Guilford, O m1 John Bonnett 1785-1816
m2 Dec 31-1817 Daniel Blue 1790-1885

8. Christopher

III. JOHN WOLF b 1747 d Jan 15-1833 Canton Twp, Washington Co m c1776
Barbara --- b c1756, living 1833 - children named W B 5, 51

- 1. Jacob b Jun 8-1777 Lancaster Co, Pa d Jan 26-1857 Canton Twp
leaving 8 children - m c1810 Catharine (dau of Abraham)
Bedillion b 1793 Lancaster Co d Sep 10-1868
 - a. ?Margaret b c1811 m c1829 --- Clark
 - b. Abraham Bedillion b c1813 d Apr 15-1891 m1 Feb 7-1839 Susan Dage
b 1819 d Mar 25-1847 m2 Sep 22-1847 Caroline McCollum
b 1824 d Jun 28-1885 - lived Washington
Ch: John Wesley 1840-1874, Addison C 1848- San Diego, Cal,
Charles E 1850-1921, Franklin M 1853-1880, Emma 1854-1855,
Catharine 1857- (Hall), Annie 1859-1860, Harry E 1863-1942
 - c. John H b c1815, living near Washington, Pa 1891 m 1840
Maria --- b 1825 d Jul 17-1871
Ch: Jacob 1841-, Elizabeth 1844-, Theodore 1848-, Anne D
1850-, Alize (McVehil) 1854-
 - d. Isaac b c1818 d Mar 29-1892 Washington m1 Jan 9-1840 Sarah Ann
Coulson b Jan 6-1821 d Jul 17-1840 m2 Apr 11-1844 Sarah
McCahan b Oct 1823 d Apr 8-1847 m3 Jul 4-1850 Maria C Shoaff
b 1832 d Jul 3-1851 m4 Julia Ann Sumney b Jan 21-1831 d Jul 8-
Ch: Isaac Newton 1854-1892, Mary C 1856- (Stoffel), (1908
Nancy Isabelle 1858-1937 (Nolan), Russell Wilson 1860-1946,
Laura 1867-1944
 - e. ?James Taylor b c1821 m c1846 Mary Ann Burton b 1824 d Feb 1876
Franelsville, Clark Co, Mo - living Buffalo Twp 1850 Ch: Wm
 - f. Aaron C b Jan 1823 d Nov 11-1825 (1847-, Joseph 1849- & others
 - g. ?Peter b c1825 living Buffalo Twp 1850
 - h. Thomas G b Jul 24-1827 d Jun 22-1912 Washington m Dec 25-1849
Margaret Burton b Dec 14-1828 d Feb 14-1916
Ch: Reimund Clark 1850-1928, Annastetia 1854- (King), Caroline
V 1857- (Boyce), Lucy G 1863- (Downing), Jessie F 1865-,
Benjamin Burton 1867-1931, Sheldon H 1870-1958, Mark T 1872-1949
 - i. Mary b c1830 m Oct 13-1853 Marshall Cox - living near Wash 1891
- 2. John b 1780 d c1860 Canton Twp m c1800 Catharine --- b 1776 Cumberland
Co, Pa d Jan 12-1852 leaving six sons - was she a dau of David Cook?
 - a. David b Jul 10-1801 d Mar 2-1864 Washington m Sep 16-1824
Mary Hewitt b Oct 10-1798 d Apr 25-1888 - her parents b Md
Ch: Hewit 1825-, John L 1828-1915, Hiram Henry 1831-1915,
Catharine A 1834- (Ecker), George V 1836-1914, Andrew Jackson
1840-, David T 1845-1845
 - b. Joseph b c1806 d Mar 31-1879 Washington m c1845 Mary Marshall
b 1822 d Jan 15-1892 (sister of Martha and Sarah Ann)
Ch: Robert M 1846-, Sarah M 1849-, Oliver 1853-
 - c. Solomon b c1808 d Mar 22-1887 Washington m c1834 Elizabeth Essick
b 1812 d Aug 31-1885
Ch: Grizella 1835- (Steep)
 - d. Jacob b Nov 26-1814 d Apr 15-1898 near Washington m c1838
Martha Marshall b 1816 d Jan 31-1899
Ch: Samuel M 1839-, Mary J (Linton) 1843-, Sarah 1844- (Bilby),
Martha 1846- (Long), Jacob M 1848-1929, Henrietta 1848- (Jones),

- Robert 1850-, William 1852-, Frances 1854- (Burke), Hattie 1856- (Linton), Sidney 1858- (Hollenbeck)
- e. John b c1816 to California 1852
- f. Enoch b 1818 d Jan 10-1879 Canton Twp m Feb 1-1844
 Sarah Ann Marshall b 1820 d Sep 1-1895
 Ch: Sarah M 1845-1871 (Nichols), Robert W 1847-1899, Enoch 1849-1851, Alexander C 1852-1876, Francis (Frank) M 1857-, John 1860-d yg, Hannah Margaret 1863- (DeNormandie)
3. Mary b 1782 m 1800 George Helt - d St Louis - in E Finley Twp 1850
4. William b 1785 d Sep 22-1876 Canton Twp m c1808 Catharine (dau of Michael) Dennis b c1789 d Nov 16-1842
- a. Hannah b Jan 29-1809 d Apr 24-1872 Canton m Jul 23-1827
 Joseph Price dead 1850
- b. Michael b c1811 m c1835 --- --- dead 1850 - to California 1852
 Ch: Joseph M, Rosanna 1835- (Sponholtz) Burlington, Ia, William 1841-d yg, Catharine 1847- (Hodson) Keithsburg, Ill
- c. Rosanna b c1813 d Sep 22-1835 Ohio m Oct 5-1833 Abraham Weil
- d. William b 1816 d Sep 12-1837 Canton
- e. Joseph Dennis b Sep 8-1820 d May 25-1897 Pensacola, Fla m Apr 29-1847 Mary Cruthers Brownlee b Apr 19-1828 d Jun 22-1912
 Ch: Liliias Ann 1848- (Eakin), Jane Clark 1850-1917 (Liggett), William Wylie 1853-1916, Agnes Brownlee 1855- (McReynolds), Mary Eva 1857- (Rutherford), Joseph Emmet 1859-1922, Elmer Ellsworth 1861-1919
5. Henry b c1790 likely m Sarah Sears (Waters) - to Ohio after 1818
- a. John 1820s
 and likely others
6. Catharine b 1795 d 1878 Canton, single
7. Barbara b c1800 m c1817 Hugh Waters ?to Ohio
8. Hannah b c1802 m c1818 Henry Cox to Ohio
- IV. Christopher b c1753 in Buffalo Twp 1778-1789 - went to Ohio
 (a Christopher d in Hocking Co, O Oct 15-1845)
- V. WILLIAM WOLF b Mar 14-1757 d Oct 16-1839 Washington m1 c1781
 Susan Ashbaugh (dau of Simon) b 1759 d Jul 11-1818 m2 --- ---
 in Ohio 1818-1828 - see Revolutionary pension S24020
1. Mary b c1782 d 1860s m James Skiggins, killed in Ohio by Indians
2. William b Mar 28-1784 d Oct 31-1838 Washington m c1809
 Margaret Schuster b Mar 17-1790 d Oct 17-1867
- a. Susan S b 1810 d Jun 22-1894 Washington, single
- b. Elizabeth Clemens b Aug 31-1812 d May 16-1910 Washington
- c.d.e.f. d yg
- g. Peter b c1820 to California 1849
- h. William B b Feb 21-1822 d Jun 13-1913 Centerville, Wash Co
 m Margaret --- b 1821 d May 4-1899
 Ch: Annie (Mitchell), Maggie (Hancock), William P -1893
- i. Jane b Aug 26-1824 d Mar 26-1910 Washington m1 c1844
 John T Porte m2 c1864 William Mason d 1890 /1880
- j. John B b c1826 m Eliza Jones b 1824 d Apr 12-1881 - living Wash

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3. Peter b 1786 d Jul 27-1865 Washington - sheriff 1849-52 - m1 1813
 Sarah McGonigal b 1790 d Jan 21-1846 m2 Nancy --- b 1794 d Apr
 (19-1880)
 - a. William b Jun 10-1815 d Mar 15-1898 Washington m
 Jul 7-1836 Lavina Hallam b Jan 24-1818 d Apr 4-1890, no issue
 - b. Elizabeth b 1816 d Jul 5-1895 Washington m Jun 2-1835 Wm K Shannon
 - c. Jane b c1817 to Steubenville, O m1 Jul 2-1838 Charles B McGonigle
 m2 John C Copeland
 - d. Sarah b c1818 to Steubenville, O m Jan 4-1838 John H Bristor
 - e. Simon b 1819 d Nov 29-1847 Washington m Apr 2-1846 Helen Butler
 4. Elizabeth b c1788 d W Va in 80s, single
 5. John b c1790 d c1868 Wheeling, W Va m c1811 Frances --- b Pa
 left Washington 1831 - in War of 1812 at Hull's surrender
 - a. William b 1812 living San Francisco, Cal 1892 m c1842 Margaret J ---
 in Seminole War as lt, in Mo Mormon War as col - lived
 Weston, Mo; St. Louis, Mo; Washington, Pa; San Francisco;
 Calistoga, Cal - Chief of Detectives in S F vigilantes -
 see Washington (Pa) Weekly Observer Mar 31-1892 - to Cal 1850
 Ch: Ada 1843-1845, and 2 other daughters
 - b. Jane m ?Halistead - Zanesville, O
 - c. Hiram - in Sierra Co, Cal 1855
 - d. ?Margaret m Frank Teter - Louisville, Ky 1868
 - e. John b Jul 8-1819 d Jan 29-1881 E Finley Twp, Washington Co
 m 1847 Naomi Ashbrook b Jul 25-1855 d Oct 29-1907
 Ch: Simon 1848-, Nancy 1851- (Patterson), John Alexander
 1854-1933, Hiram 1857-, Mary Frances 1860- (Danley),
 Elizabeth 1863-1938 (Ashbrook), Margaret Emma 1866-1886
 - f. Jackson Washington b 1822 d 1914 Downiesville, Cal - in Cal 1855
 Sierra Co - m Elizabeth L
 - g. Jeremiah - Zanesville, O 1868
 - h. Susan m Jan 3-1850 James Black - living 1885
 and others - related to Will and John Rutherford
 6. Simon S b May 23-1793 d Oct 9-1879 Washington m c1817 Mary Daniels
 (b 1798 d May 17-1878)
 - a. Susan b 1818 d Apr 9-1874 Wash, single
 - b. Sarah b 1822 living Washington 1880 m Jul 1-1840
 Jacob Miller b 1820
 - c. ?Rebecca b c1823 living Washington 1850 m c1845 John Slonaker
 - d. ?James S b 1827 living Washington 1880 m 1848 Mary Kennedy b 1829
 Ch: Mary L 1849-, Maria D 1860- Sarah S 1862-, Andrew B 1862,
 Ella 1869-, and possibly others
 - e. Maria K b Jul 24-1829 d May 9-1914 Washington
 m 1852 William F Dickey b 1829
 - f. Peter F b 1832 living Washington 1860 m Nov 3-1853
 Catharine Hormell b 1835
 Ch: Mary 1855-, John 1859-1860, and others
 - g. Irena M b 1837 living Washington 1860
 - h. William Henry Harrison b 1840 living Washington 1870
 - i. Simon Christopher b Nov 2-1842 d Mar 26-1908 Washington
 m Lutetia J ----, daughter m A B Hamilton, Mansfield, O

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7. Christopher b c1796 living Missouri 1880 - also lived Zanesville, O
m1 c1821 Eleanor --- b 1796 d Sep 18-1845 buried E Buffalo with Wm
m2 Jul 4-1848 Margaret Wilson - left Pa 1852
 - a. William 1823-1891 enlisted from Fayette Co 1863 Co I, 85th Reg
 - b. Simon b 1831 living 1860 Buffalo Twp, m May 15-1851
Elizabeth B Ashbrook b 1832
Ch: William 1852-, Wesley 1859-, and others
 - c. Samuel M b Apr 9-1834 d Apr 13-1834
 - d. Isaac H b 1836 d Feb 20-1838
and others
 8. Susan b 1802 d in 80s m Apr 4-1820 Leonard Dickerson - to
Washington Twp, Morrow Co, O

VI. ?Mary m ?Stephen Mast

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