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THE EBIE FAMILY
of Stark County, Ohio
Progeny of
THEODORUS EBY
The Swiss Mennonite Pioneer
of
LANCASTER COUNTY,
Pennsylvania
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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THE EBI FAMILY AND THE EBIE FAMILY OF
STARK COUNTY, OHIO, THE PROGENY
OF THEODORUS EBY

The identification of the EBI FAMILY and the EBIE FAMILY of Ohio, at the present date, 1923, recognized as two distinct American families, as descended from THEODORUS EBY, the pioneer Swiss Mennonite of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, is based primarily upon the evidence discovered on the grave stones in the cemetery of the Church of the Brethren, Nemishillen Township, Stark County, Ohio.

This evidence articulates with the record of DAVID EBY, youngest son of THEODORUS EBY, as given in History of the Eby Family, 1889, by PROFESSOR EZRA EBY, of Berlin, now Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, and the evidence of the gravestone and that of the History of the EBY FAMILY articulates with the Record of the EBIE FAMILY, by GEORGE EBIE, of Olney, Illinois.

This is not a peculiar or isolated instance of change of spelling of Swiss and German family names of the pioneers of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. It is but one of hundreds of cases where families now residing in the Mississippi Valley or on the Pacific Coast have lost all connection with their European origin, the family name has been changed, family traditions have become dim or obliterated, through the struggle of the western pioneers with their environment.

While investigating another problem, the writer stumbled upon this evidence of the grave stones. Comparing this evidence with that of the history of the EBY FAMILY and the Record of the EBIE FAMILY, the result is the present contribution to the knowledge and geographical distribution of the Swiss blood of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Interviewing various members of the EBY FAMILY, EBI FAMILY, and EBIE FAMILY, in the city of Canton, and in STARK COUNTY, OHIO, the writer found a very vague impression that there was some connection between these three American families. But whether the EBI FAMILY was a branch of the EBIE FAMILY, or vice versa, or whether the EBI FAMILY
was a branch of either the EBY or EBIE FAMILIES, or vice versa, no one seemed to know. Which was the main stem and which was the branch, and who was the head of the various families, seemed lost in the dim and hazy past. Tradition there was none, even furnishing a clue.

The Court House records in CANTON, OHIO, began to throw some light on the problem, but not sufficient for the solution.

Family Bibles did not yield up the information. The Record of the EBIE FAMILY, by GEORGE EBIE, of OLNEY, ILL., began with PETER EBIE (1787-1853), and no mention of either EBY FAMILY or EBI FAMILY, was made in this publication. Here was a distinct American family in STARK COUNTY, OHIO, apparently cut off, not only from its European origin, but from its American predecessor, and no biography of PETER EBIE (1787-1853) to furnish a clue. The only possible source of information seemed to be the grave stones of STARK COUNTY, OHIO. A search of the grave yards revealed in the CEMETERY OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, NEMISHILLEN TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY, OHIO, the grave stone of PETER EBIE, (1787-1853), and a few feet away was the grave stone of DAVID DAVIS EBI (1742-1823). Consulting the HISTORY OF THE EBY FAMILY, 1889—by EZRA EBY, the exact connection between the parent stem, the EBY FAMILY OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, the EBI FAMILY OF STARK COUNTY, OHIO, as a branch of the EBY FAMILY, and the EBIE FAMILY OF STARK COUNTY, OHIO, as a branch of the EBI FAMILY, was established.

From a historical stand point, the cemetery above mentioned is unique and highly interesting for these reasons. In this cemetery are buried two men, both agnate descendents of the Swiss Mennonite Pioneer, THEODORUS EBY, of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Both these men are founders, patriarchs, or first ancestors of distinct though related American families. Though they were father and son, and agnate descendents of THEODORUS EBY, their grave stones do not bear the family name spelled EBY, nor are the family names of father and son spelled alike. The first of these two men was buried as DAVID DAVIS EBI, and his son was buried as PETER EBIE. THEODORUS EBY was the grandfather of DAVID DAVIS EBI, and the great grandfather of PETER EBIE. The graves of DAVID DAVIS EBI and his son PETER EBIE are near each other in the Old Cemetery mentioned above, and are in the end of the cemetery nearest Canton, Ohio.
EBI, David Davis, d. December 20, 1823, age 81 years, 11 months, 20 days.

This is the David Davis Eby whose biography is given on page 49, History of the Eby Family, by Ezra Eby. He was a son of David Eby and grandson of Theodorus Eby. He is designated in the Genealogical Charts as David Davis Eby—Ebi, (1742-1823).

EBIE, Peter, d. July 31, 1853, age 66 years, 4 months, 8 days.

EBIE, Christina, wife of Peter Ebie, d. March 12, 1855, aged 70 years, 10 months, 18 days.

This is the Peter Eby mentioned on page 55 of History of the Eby Family, by Ezra Eby, and the Peter Ebie mentioned on Page 2 of Record of the Ebie Family, by George Ebie. He was a son of David Davis Eby—Ebi (1742-1823), and grandson of David F. Eby, and great grandson of Thcodorus Eby. He is designated in the Genealogical Charts as Peter Ebi-Ebie (1787-1853).

EBIE, Susan, daughter of Daniel and Hannah Ebie, d. November 22, 1861, aged 8 years, 6 months, 4 days.

EBIE, Lovina, daughter of J. and M. Ebie, d. April 30, 1851, age 5 months, 12 days.

EBIE, Christina, daughter of J. and M. Ebie, d. December 25, 1845, age 9 days.

EBIE, Israel, d. December 15, 1882, aged 28 years, 7 months, 3 days.

EBIE, John, d. January 1, 1902, aged 87 years, 5 months, 23 days.

EBIE, Margaret, d. June 10, 1884, aged 64 years, 10 days.

This John Ebie, eldest son of Peter Ebi-Ebie (1787-1853) was a great-great-grandson of Theodorus Eby. He is described on page 56, History of the Eby Family, by Ezra Eby, and on pages 3 and 4 of Record of the Ebie Family, by George Ebie.

EBIE, Daniel, d. November 9, 1896, aged 80 years, 3 months, 2 days.

EBIE, Hannah, wife of Daniel Ebie d. February 7, 1887, aged 64 years, 11 months, 25 days.

This Daniel Ebie is described as Daniel Eby on page 56, History of the Eby Family, by Ezra Eby.

EBIE, William, 1861-1920.
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EBIE, Sarah, 1865-
EBIE, Peter W., 1845-1907.
EBIE, Samuel, 1854-
EBIE, Nancy, 1861-1920.
EBIE, Daniel F., 1839-1916.
EBIE, Lavina, 1845-1915.
EBIE, Effie May, 1885-1900.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

A Biography of THEODORUS EBY (1663-about 1732) based upon original European and Colonial records and documents, is now in preparation by European members of our family in collaboration with the present writer, FRANKLIN STANTON ABY. Consequently the account of his long and troubled journey from Canton Zurich, Switzerland, to Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, will be reserved for future publication.

The Biography of his youngest son, DAVID EBY, and of his grandson DAVID DAVIS EBY-EBI (1742-1823), as given in History of the Eby Family, 1889, By EZRA EBY, are here reproduced by photographic process.

THE RECORD OF THE EBIE FAMILY, by GEORGE EBIE, of OLNEY, ILLINOIS, contains the record of Two Hundred Fifty-Seven descendants of PETER EBY-EBIE (1787-1853). It does not fall within the scope of this series of Bulletins of the EBY FAMILY to duplicate the work done by other members of the family. A copy of THE RECORD OF THE EBIE FAMILY has been presented by FRANKLIN STANTON ABY, M.D., to NEWBERRY LIBRARY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, and also other publications containing information on the EBY FAMILY and its various branches.

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The Descendants of David Eby 2.

David Eby 2, youngest son of old Theodorus Eby 1 (see page 5), was born in May, 1701. He was a lad of sixteen years of age when he came
with his father to America. He learned the carpenter trade in his young days, but in after years he followed that of blacksmithing and farming. He was married to an English girl (of Quaker descent) by the name of Maggie Davis.* They had a family of five children, two sons and three daughters. Two of the daughters died in infancy and the other was married to a Mr. Clemson, an Englishman. Of the two sons, Samuel Davis Eby 3 and David Davis Eby 3, we have a record of but David Davis 3. Samuel Davis 3 left home and went West in 1763.* A year thereafter his parents received a letter from him in which he stated that he was well contented where he was and that he shall never return home again.

David Davis Eby 3 and his Descendants.

David Davis Eby 3 was born at Roland's Mills, near New Holland, and near the present line of Earl and Leacock Townships, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1742.* When but a young man he left home and went to Virginia, where he sojourned until the commencement of the Revolutionary War, in which he enlisted and remained a soldier until the war closed and the Independence of the Thirteen Colonies was established. After the close of the war he settled in Virginia. To whom he was married was not ascertained, but it is known that in the year 1807 two of his sons settled in Stark County, Ohio, to which place he followed them a few years later. He settled down near his sons and resided there until his death, which took place in 1823. This famous champion of Independence attained unto the advanced age of 81 years. He had a family of six sons, namely: John 4, David 4, Peter 4, Henry 4, Thomas 4 and Joseph 4. We have trace of some of the descendants of John 4, David 4 and Peter 4, but no record can be found of the others. We shall now take them in order according to their birth.

THEODORUS 1 EBY. Son of Bishop Jacob AEBI, Zurich, Switzerland.
B. April 25, 1003, in Canton Zurich, Switzerland.
M. ________ in Switzerland.
D. Prior to Feb. 20, 1734, in Lancaster County Pennsylvania.
   M. ___________
   B. ___________
   D. ___________
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EBY FAMILY

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DADIVD 2 EBY (Theodorus 1)

B. May, 1701, in Switzerland.
M. _________
D. _________
M. Maggie (DAVIS)
B. _________
D. _________
Father: _________
Mother: _________

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DAVID DAVIS 3 EBY-EBI (David 2, Theodorus 1).

B. Jan. 1, 1742, at Rolands Mill, Earl Township, Lancaster County, Penna.
M.
D. Dec. 20, 1823, Buried in Brethren Cemetery, Nimshillen Township, Stark County, Ohio.
M. _________
B. _________
Father: _________
Mother: _________
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<td>Thomas 4</td>
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DAVID 4 EBI (David Davis 3 EBY—EBI, David 2, Theodorus 1).
B. _____ __, 1783, in Virginia.  
M. _____ __, 1808, in Stark County, Ohio.  
D. _____ __, 18(51, in Stark County, Ohio.  
   M. Catherine (LEEZER).  
   B.  
   D.  
Father: __________  
Mother: __________

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LEVI 5 EBI, (David 4, David Davis 3 EBY—EBI, David 2, Theodorus 1).
B. April 21, 1809 in Stark County, Ohio.  
M. July 7, 1831.  
D. April __, 1850, near Canton, Ohio.  
   M. Susan (KOONTZ).  
   B. __________  
   D.  
Father: __________  
Mother: __________

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MONROE 6 EBI (LEVI 5, David 4, David Davis 3 EBY—EBI, David 2, Theodorus 1).

B. _____ __, 1842, in Canton, Ohio.
M. Dec. 25, 1806
D. _____ __, ___
   M. Frances Maria (RAFF).
B. _____ __, 1843, in Canton, Ohio.
D. _____ __, ___

Father: __________
Mother: __________

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PETER 4 EBI—EBIE (David Davis 3 EBY—EBI, David 2, Theodorus 1)

B. March 21, 1787, in Virginia.
M. July 15, 1811, in Stark County, Ohio.
D. July 31, 1855, Buried Brethren Cemetery, Nemishillen Township, Stark County, Ohio.
   M. Christina (MARKLEY)
B. December 2, 1784, in Stark County, Ohio.
D. March 12, 1855, Buried in Brethren Cemetery, Stark County, Ohio.

Father: __________
Mother: __________

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JOHN 5 EBIE (Peter 4 EBI—EBIE, David Davis 3 EBY—EBI, David 2, Theodorus 1).

B. July 8, 1814
M. Oct. 8, 1838
D. Jan. 1, 1902, Buried Brethren Cemetery, Nemishillen Township,
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M. Margaret (HOSSLER).

B. May 31, 1820, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

D. June 10, 1884, Buried in Brethren Cemetery, Stark County, Ohio.

Father: __________

Mother: __________

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PETER W 6 EBIE (John 5, Peter 4 EBI–EBIE, David Davis 3 EBY–EBI, David 2, Theodorus 1).
   B. Oct. 11, 1844. in Stark County, Ohio.
   M. May 14, 1809
   D. Dec. 13, 1907, Buried Brethren Cemetery, Xemishillen Township, Stark County, Ohio.
      M. Elizabeth (MARTIN).
      B. Sept. 6, 1843, in Wayne County, Ohio.
      D. _____ __, _____
      Father: __________
      Mother: __________

EBIE FAMILY

Name       Born       Died       Married      Spouse
Harvey M. 7  Mar.  8, 1870  July 20, 1915  Mar. 20, 1898  Florence Jacobs
Sarah M. 7    Jan. 3, 1872  Dec. 25, 1900  Franklin Correll
Anna M. 7     Jul. 10, 1874  Oct. 2, 1894  Monroe Slater
John L. 7...  Oct. 28, 1870  Dec. 17, 1907  Mollie Smith
Hattie M. 7   Dec. 30, 1878
J. M. 7      Aug. 27, 1885  Sept. 8, 1885
H. Jay 7     Oct. 12, 1894

JOHN L. 4 EBIE (Peter W.6, John 5, Peter 4 EBI–EBIE, David Davis 3 EBY–EBI, David 2, Theodorus 1).
   B. Oct. 28, 1870, in Wayne County, Ohio.
   M. Dec. 17, 1907
   D. _____ __, _____
      M. Mollie (SMITH)
      Father: __________
      Mother: __________

EBIE FAMILY

Name       Born       Died       Married      Spouse
J. 8        Feb. 12, 1908  Feb. 10, 1908
Grace M. 8  June 1. 1909
In the present report, attention is directed to certain facts not unusual among many pioneer Swiss and German families of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, regarding the change of spelling of a family name. In the present case the spelling is changed three times in four consecutive generations. Stated otherwise, there are four different spellings in five generations.

The grandfather of THEODORUS EBY (1663- about 1732) was that DORSZ AEBI mentioned by the historian, EARNST MULLER of Langnau, Switzerland, Geschichte der Bernischen Taufer, 1895, on Page 144. This DORSZ AEBI is referred to by our own historian, H. FRANK ESHLEMAN, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Historic Background, Swiss and German Pioneers, 1917, on page 110. "DOERS AEBY is an early form of our familiar name TORIS or THEODORUS EBY." H. FRANK ESHLEMAN recognizes that DORSZ is but a nickname of THEODORUS, and that AEBI is the former Swiss spelling of EBY. Both conclusions are correct.

This DORSZ AEBI, grandfather of THEORDORUS EBY (1663 - about 1732) was condemned by the gentle and pious Zwinglian Lutherans of Zurich to become an outcast, to be shunned by all good people, to be banished, to be branded with hot iron if caught, because he was a Mennonite or Swiss Quaker, in other words a Noncomformist. The son of this DORSZ AEBI was the JACOB AEBI mentioned by ERNST MULLER, Geschichte Der Bernischen Taufer, on page 209. This JACOB AEBI was ordained Bishop of the Swiss Mennonites in 1683, in the midst of great religious turmoil, when the holding of such an office among the Mennonites of Switzerland meant certain banishment or death at the hands of the officials of Berne and Zurich, controlled by the Zwinglian Lutherans. This JACOB AEBI is the BISHOP JACOB EBY mentioned on pages 4 and 5, History of the Eby Family, by EZRA EBY, as being the father of THEODORUS EBY (1663 - about 1732).

The youngest son of THEODORUS EBY (1663 - about 1732) spelled his name DAVID EBY. But the son of DAVID EBY spelled his name DAVID DAVIS EBI, and is designated in the genealogical charts as DAVID DAVIS EBY-EBI (1742-1823). Buried in the same cemetery a few feet from DAVID DAVIS EBY-EBI (1742-1823), is his son, PETER EBIE, and he is designated in
the genealogical charts as PETER EBI-EBIE (1787-1853). DAVID DAVIS EBY-EBI (1742-1823) is the progenitor of the AMERICAN EBI FAMILY of Stark County, Ohio. PETER EBI-EBIE (1787-1853) is the progenitor of the AMERICAN EBIE FAMILY of Stark County, Ohio. But THEODORUS EBY (1663- about 1732) of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania was the grandfather of DAVID DAVIS EBY-EBI (1742-1823) and the great grandfather of PETER EBI-EBIE (1787-1853).

Therefore the EBI FAMILY and the EBIE FAMILY of Stark County, Ohio, are the progeny of THEODORUS EBY (1663- about 1732).

QUOD ERAT DEMONSTRANDUM.

SUPPLEMENT.

Having presented the evidence upon which the main proposition is based, the relation of that proposition to certain broader propositions should be presented at this time and place, in logical sequence. The attention of the reader is directed to the sequence of family names in Europe and America by presenting an agnate line. Six successive generations are shown in the following table, Theodorus being substituted for the nickname DORSZ.

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There are four ways of spelling the family name in five generations.

The testimony of the rocks, that of Lancaster County Histories, and that of the Court House records of Lancaster and Chester Counties, Pennsylvania, becomes of intense interest to members of the family, when considered in its relation to the facts heretofore presented.

Three miles north of Lititz, on Hammer Creek, Elizabeth Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on the opposite side of the creek from the big stone mill owned in 1923 by MR. SNAVELY, stands a large stone mansion erected by BISHOP CHRISTIAN EBY (1734-1807), grandson of
THEODORUS EBY (1663- about 1732). In the front wall of this colonial mansion, above the porch, is included a stone taken for a previous stone house erected by CHRISTIAN EBI (1698-1756), the son of THEODORUS EBY (1663 about 1732) and the father of BISHOP CHRISTIAN EBY (1734-1807). This stone, by all the rules of Archeology an authentic and genuine historic document, bears this inscription

CHRISTIAN EBI
ELISABETHA
1754

This stone and inscription are referred to on page 6, History of the Eby Family, 1889, by Ezra Eby, with incorrect spelling.

My relative who reported this matter to EZRA EBY was evidently unaware of his European antecedents, or of the existence in Europe of a distinct EBI FAMILY, or of the existence in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Oklahoma and the Pacific Coast of a distinct AMERICAN EBI FAMILY. The most curious fact in this discussion is that the EBI FAMILY of Stark County, Ohio, is not descended from this man who, according to the testimony of the rock, spelled his name CHRISTIAN EBI. His genealogical position will be elucidated on a subsequent page.

Ellis and Evans, 1883, History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, page 1072, called attention to the spelling of the name of GEORGE EBI, son of THEODORUS EBY (1663- about 1732) as preserved in the building at Millway, Warwick Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Thus two sons of THEODORUS EBY (1663- about 1732) themselves spelled their own names respectively CHRISTIAN EBI and GEORGE EBI, according to the Archeological evidence at this date, 1923, still available.

In the Court House at Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, is the record of the Court of Quarter Sessions for May 1st, 1733, page 66, this same son of THEODORUS EBY (1663-1732) has his name spelled by the British official, GEORGE ABI. Not only is this Philological evidence, but to members of the various groups of American families descended from THEODORUS EBY (1663-1732), this fact and other similar facts constitute uncontroversial phonetic evidence that in Colonial times our family name was pronounced in America by THEODORUS EBY and his sons, just as the ABY FAMILY of the Mississippi Valley and the
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Pacific Coast, and the EABY FAMILY of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, still pronounce their family name. Consult Funk & Wagnall's Standard Dictionary of the English Language, CHRISTOPHER THEODORUS ABY (1835-1885) for pronunciation.

In the Court House at West Chester, Pennsylvania, among Original Road Papers, Volume 2, Page 6, is a report of a road surveyed August 23, 24, 25, 26, 1726, passing TORIS EBIS mill. H. FRANK ESHLEMAN, 1917, Historic Background, Swiss and German Pioneers, page 206, identifies TORIS and DORIS as nicknames for THEODORUS, and EBI as equivalent to EBY. Therefore TORIS EBIS mill was the mill of THEODORUS EBY (1663-1732).

PROFESSOR OSCAR KUHNS, Professor of Romance Languages in Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, in his article, "Studies in Pennsylvania Swiss and German Names," Americana Germania, Volume 4, page 328, is certainly correct in his statement that EBY=EBI. This phonetic and philological statement holds true as to European distinct though related families, as well as among American distinct though related families.

This is a very limited presentation of a much wider subject, but will serve to demonstrate the relationship existing among several distinct though related European and American families, the AMERICAN EBI FAMILY, the AMERICAN EBY FAMILY, the AMERICAN EBIE FAMILY, the EUROPEAN AEBI FAMILY, and the EUROPEAN EBI FAMILY, with THEODORUS EBY, (1663-1732) as the bridge between several distinct though related European families, and several distinct though related American families.

We have mentioned BISHOP CHRISTIAN EBY (1734-1807) and his father, CHRISTIAN EBI (1698-1756). The student of heredity will find much of interest in the following historical, facts. Let us begin with BISHOP JACOB AEBI, who undertook the duties and responsibilities of Bishop of the Swiss Mennonites or Swiss Quakers in 1683, when the election to such an office meant certain banishment or death. The trials and vississitudes of his son, THEODORUS EBY, (1663-1732), his persecution and banishment, his wanderings and final mooring at EBY'S, ROLAND'S, now HOOVER'S MILL, Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, will be dealt with in another publication. His son CHRISTIAN EBI (1698-1756) built a mill on Hammer Creek at the mill site now occupied by the mill of MR. SNAVELY. His son, BISHOP CHRISTIAN EBY (1734-1807) built the existing colonial stone mansion which bears the stone inscribed

CHRISTIAN EBI, ELISABETHA, 1754.
BISHOP CHRISTIAN EBY had two extraordinary sons, BISHOP PETER EBY (1765-1843) and the CANADIAN BISHOP BENJAMIN EBY (1785-1853). BISHOP PETER EBY (1765-1843) had a son named PETER EBY (1791-1855), whose son was 'BISHOP ISAAC EBY (1834-1910). These were ordained bishops in the Mennonite or Swiss Quaker Church in Canton Zurich Switzerland, or Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, or Waterloo County, Canada. Consult Mennonite Church History, 1905, HARTZLER and KAUFFMAN, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, page 176 "THEODORUS EBY came to America and settled in Lancaster County. His grandson, CHRISTIAN EBY, was a Bishop of the Mennonite Church and faced the trials of Revolutionary times. PETER EBY, son of CHRISTIAN EBY and first Bishop in the Strasburg District, was one of the most conspicuous characters of the church of his day. ISAAC EBY of Kinzers, is now filling the office so long and ably filled by his worthy grandfather." These historians have this to say, on page 176, as to BISHOP PETER EBY (1765-1843). "He was one of the most eloquent ministers ever ordained in the Mennonite Church. He held his congregation spellbound and profoundly impressed all who heard him preach." And on page 240, regarding his brother, BISHOP BENJAMIN EBY (1785-1853). "In 1806 BENJAMIN EBY, the most noted among the early Mennonite Bishops in Canada, settled with the colony in Waterloo County."

This BISHOP BENJAMIN EBY (1785-1853), gifted alike with tongue and pen, in 1841 wrote a Mennonite Church History, KURZGSFASZTE KIRCHENGESCHICHTE UND GLAUBENSLERHE DER TAUFGESINNTEN ODER MENNONITEN. "This was practically the first unbiased historical sketch of the Mennonites that was written by an American author" declares another Mennonite historian, C. HENRY SMITH, 1909, The Mennonites of America, page 431. This history written by BISHOP BENJAMIN EBY (1785-1853), in 1841, has passed through many editions, today enjoys a large sale, and is today a most valued school book on church history, not only for the Mennonites or Swiss Quakers, followers of MENNO SIMON (1492-1559), but for their still more ancient predecessors, the Pre-Reformation Protestants known by the Italians as VALDESI, by the French as VAUDOIS, by the Germans as WALDENSES, followers of PETER WALDO (-1217). These in mediaeval times and for at least three hundred years preceding the Reformation were Protestants or Nonconformist inhabitants of the Italian valleys of the Piedmont, known to historians as the VALLEYS OF THE WALDENSES (ITALIAN), VAUDOIS (FRENCH), or WALDENSES(GERMAN), on the south eastern slope of the Alps separating Italy and France.

The progeny of the Swiss Mennonite Bishop, JACOB AEBI, has
supplied the Mennonite Church of America with many preachers besides the bishops already mentioned. Does this mean anything to the student of heredity? Be it remembered that a cognate line is just as potent in the transmission of hereditary tendencies as an agnate line. Many bearing the name HERSHEY, BRUBAKER, HERR LANDIS, LEHMAN, ROHRER, MILLER, NISSLEY, AESCHLEMAN, BOEHM, MARTIN, FUNK, ERB, BAER and scores of other family names, are just as truly descendents of BISHOP JACOB AEBI as you or the present writer, who bear his family name.

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The Mennonite Church does not include all the American Bishops and preachers descended from BISHOP JACOB AEBI. The Church of the Brethren numbers the EBY FAMILY among its greatest leaders. A biography of BISHOP ENOCH EBY (1828-1910) of Stevenson County, Illinois, published by the Brethren Publishing House at Elgin, Illinois, in 1911, written by BISHOP DANIEL LONG MILLER, has this to say on page 11. "As a minister, he ranked, in his prime, among the very best pulpit orators in the church. How well I remember how his eloquence thrilled me when I first heard him preach fifty years ago." And on page 9, three remarkable sons of BISHOP ENOCH EBY (1828-1910) are mentioned, BISHOP DAVID BOWMAN EBY (1851- ) of the State of Washington, BISHOP LEVI HOWE EBY (1858- ) of the State of Idaho and the REVEREND JOHN GLUCK EBY (1845- ) of Kansas, whose son Enoch Howe EBY (1877- ) is a missionary of the Church of the Brethren in Bulsar, India, Asia. BISHOP ENOCH EBY (1828-1910) is buried in Chelsea Brethren Cemetery, Joe Davies County, Illinois, near his father JACOB EBY (1798-1856). The genealogy of the Asiatic missionary Enoch Howe EBY (1877- ), tracing his lineage to BISHOP JACOB AEBI, of Zurich, Switzerland, is as follows:

THEODORUS AEBI
BISHOP JACOB AEBI

THEODORUS EBY (1663- about 1732)
PETER EBY (1690- about 1748)
JACOB EBY (1728-1794)
BENJAMIN EBY (1767-1850)
JACOB EBY (1798-1856)
BISHOP ENOCH EBY (1828-1910)
REVEREND JOHN GLUCK EBY (1848- )
MISSIONARY Enoch Howe EBY (1877- )
ENOCH HERBERT EBY (1911- )
Of these the first five generations were strict Mennonites. BENJAMIN EBY (1767-1850) joined the Dunkard, Brethren, or German Baptists (History of the Eby Family, 1889, EZRA EBY, page 110). The large colonial brick mansion which BENJAMIN EBY (1767-1850) built on his four hundred acre plantation in PATH VALLEY, FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, still in splendid condition, has the upper story arranged with sliding doors to be thrown into one large room for the weekly meetings of the Dunkards of that vicinity. The next five generations belong to the Church of the Brethren. Nor is this list of Bishops descendents from BISHOP JACOB AEBI complete. More than twice as many American Bishops in various denominations can trace their lineage to this Swiss Bishop, JACOB AEBI. A long list of earnest and forceful preachers, his progeny, has been compiled by the present writer. And of teachers, college professors, university professors, a much longer list has been compiled. Are piety, goodness, eloquence, the love of learning and of teaching hereditary? FRANKLIN STANTON ABY, M D.

BISHOP CHRISTIAN 3 (Christian 2, Theodorus 1)

B. Feb. 22, 1734
M. ________ , ________
D. Sept. 14, 1807, Buried in Family Grave Yard, Hammer Creek, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
   M. Catherin (BRICKER)
   B. ________ , ________
   D. ________ , ________
Father: __________
Mother: __________

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M. July __, 1788
D. April 6, 1843
  M. Margaretta (HESS)
B. Oct. 7, 1704
D. Feb. 14, 1840
Father: __________
Mother: __________

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PREFACE.

That there are undiscovered documents regarding the property and activities of THEODURUS EBY, the Swiss Mennonite, who arrived in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1712, and his sons, daughter and son-in-law, there is no question. Far from being an exhaustive report the present publication will point to the clues which may lead some more resourceful and more persistent investigator to the unearthing of these undiscovered manuscripts.

Four factors render research work in this field exceedingly difficult. First, the habit of settling estates privately among the heirs in case of death. The Eby family has continued this habit even to the present day.

Second. The habit of not recording deeds in the County Courthouse. In one case under investigation, the patent was issued in 1739, and is to be found among Old Rights in Harrisburg. This patent, and all the deeds and transfers from 1739 to the present date, were shown me by the present owner, not one document having been placed on record at Lancaster. Attorneys inform me that this is the usual not the exceptionally procedure with a large number of substantial property owners.

Third. Carelessness on the part of the early surveyors. It is impossible to harmonize or reconcile the early surveys with the facts. When large tracts of land have been subdivided, only an approximation can be attempted.

Fourth. Shifting of the roads and shifting of the courses of streams render identification difficult. That other tracts of land were surveyed for THEODORUS EBY, and that other mills were built by him and his sons, in addition to those here included, appears evident from these clues.

The petition for a road filed at West Chester, May 31, 1726, request that the road pass DORSE EBY'S MILL. This petition is reproduced in this book. The report of the survey of this road, August 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th, 1726, is filed at West Chester, and reproduced on this report. By studying this report of survey, it is evident that the
distance from where the road first enters the land of TORIS EBIS to the mill of TORIS EBIS is 530 perches, or more than a mile and a half. Did this road of 1726 run for one and one-half miles on the land of THEODORUS EBY? Or did he have two tracts of land? And where did the road surveyed in 1726 cross Mill Creek? In some farmhouse may be found the unrecorded deeds and documents to solve these problems. And with regard to the mills built by THEODORUS EBY and his sons, pioneer millwrights of Lancaster County, documentary evidence may be quietly resting in several farmhouses. H. Frank Eshleman, Attorney, of Lancaster City, has made an exhaustive study of the early roads of Lancaster County and has published his results in a "History of Lancaster County Highway System from 1714 to 1760, and Map." The amount of research work represented by this publication is prodigious. Of its accuracy, considering the approximation of the early surveys, there can be no question. On the map which he has constructed to demonstrate the course of the early highways this road of 1726, that passed by the mill of DORSE EBYS, crosses Mill Creek approximately two miles BELOW the Earl Township line.

By tracing the chain of title to the 307 acres surveyed to DORIS EBYS, August 24, 1724, we find that the ownership of the mill site passed through three generations of the Eby family, three generations of the Rhine family, two generations of the Roland family, at present belongs to the Hoover family, and lies at the junction of Earl Township, Leacock Township and Upper Leacock Township.

According to the map constructed by H. Frank Eshleman, the road surveyed in 1726 did not pass this junction point of three townships, which lies inside the 307 acres surveyed for DORIS EBYS in 1724. Therefore, in 1726 THEODORUS EBY and his sons had at least one mill on Mill Creek, the survey and warrant for which have not been found by the writer. The records in Philadelphia, West Chester, Lancaster and Harrisburg are silent as to this mill. One more clue and I pass these problems on to future investigators. J. Watson Ellmaker, of Lancaster, Pa., was a genius at genealogy. A long lifetime devoted to antiquarian research placed him in possession of many facts, which since his death have reverted into oblivion.

The Genealogy of Johannes Baer, published in 1910, a copy of which may be seen in the State Library, at Harrisburg, contains a report on the Eby family by J. Watson Ellmaker on page 160. He states that THEODORUS EBY took up a large tract of land on the Mill Creek, near
the Welch Mountains. Does this refer to the 307 acres surveyed for DORIS EBYS in 1724? I think not. My hypothesis is that in some farmhouse J. Watson Ellmaker discovered some unrecorded manuscript, which supplied him this information. Was this large tract in Earl Township? Or in Leacock Township? Or was it in Upper Leacock Township? Or was it this 307 acres?

FRANKLIN STANTON ABY, M.D.

EXPLANATION.
The ability to read the Egyptian hieroglyphics depended upon the discovery of the Rosetta Stone in 1799. Prior to this discovery, no key to the ancient priestly language had been found. The trilingual arrangement of this decree was the one thing needful for this great accomplishment, the ability to read the hieroglyphic language. Singly, the characters meant nothing. By comparison with others, they revealed the ancient civilization of Egypt.

Unable to make the proper interpretation of the various documents referring to the Eby family to be found in Philadelphia, West Chester, Lancaster and Harrisburg, the writer finally resorted to this same method of comparison. Ordering photographs and reproductions of all the maps and surveys, and certified copies of all the other documents referring to the Eby family, assembling these in one room, applying the method of comparison, these documents began to tell a story regarding the activities of the first three generations of the Eby family in America hitherto unsuspected.

From a study of the material here presented, it will be seen that one document explains another in such a way that it is possible to reconstruct at least some of this colonial history. It is certain that for years some of my relatives, and many other investigators from Israel Daniel Rupp down, have tried to get meaning out of these documents, considering them singly. That there are undiscovered documents relating to the Eby family, still in existence, seems quite probable. The present report must be considered as a preliminary report. The writer is conscious of the fact that he has not got all the meaning out of these various documents. More material and a better understanding of conditions will certainly yield better results.

In the present publication, only the documents throwing light on the subject under discussion are presented. In a subsequent book, all
papers and much other material will be included.

To render assurance doubly sure, after having accumulated this material for the printer, Jacob Hill Byrne, Attorney, of Lancaster City, was engaged to mark out upon the map of Lancaster City the approximate boundaries of the First Eby farm in America, the Theodorus Eby tract surveyed in 1718. To H. Frank Eshleman, Attorney, and Jacob Hill Byrne, Attorney, both experts in this line of investigation, must be given credit for having assisted in establishing the historic accuracy of some of the identifications.
To the astonishment and consternation of the English authorities in Philadelphia, out into the great wilderness back of Philadelphia, following the Indian trails westward, for roads there were none, these Swiss Mennonites plunged. Read the various histories of Lancaster County for a vivid description of the vast forests, the streams, hills and mountains, the plants and animals, and the aborigines.

Millwrights, millers and mills were to solve the great perpetual problem of food and shelter; and that they did solve these problems quickly and correctly, the Garden County of America is the answer. Sawmills to supply shelter, gristmills to supply food, were imperatively demanded. Without these, the history of Lancaster County Swiss Mennonites would have been a repetition of the Virginia experiment and the New England experiment. The fit survive; the unfit perish.

Very versatile, very resourceful, very enterprising, very persistent were these Swiss Mennonites. Driven from Switzerland, their bridges were burned behind them. THEY MUST STICK. My own ancestor was sold as a bond servant to pay his passage across the Atlantic, and so were his two brothers, unless a family tradition that has existed for two hundred years is utterly false. PETER EBY, JOHN EBY and GEORGE EBY were redemptioners, bondslaves for passage money.

Necessity is ever the mother of invention. Sawmills and gristmills they must have and have quickly. Who built the first mill in what is now Lancaster County? We do not know. Where was the first mill built, and when? We do not know. Prior to any merchant mills of which we have any record, undoubtedly there were primitive mills, family mills, neighborhood mills. Mortar and pestle, the first mills of all countries, all climes, all races and conditions of mankind, were undoubtedly called into requisition immediately upon the arrival of the early Swiss immigrants near Pequea Creek about the year 1710. Mingling daily with the friendly Indians, quickly the pioneers learned from the aborigines how to survive. Food and shelter somehow the aborigines had managed to provide for themselves for many centuries.

Born in Canton Zurich, Switzerland, on April 25, 1663, son of that BISHOP JACOB EBY, who was ordained Bishop of the Swiss Mennonites in 1683, THEODORUS EBY arrived on this planet during the great religious upheaval known as the Reformation. Driven from his home in Canton
Zurich, Switzerland, in 1704, he went to Elsace in France, thence to Holland, and in 1712, arrived in Philadelphia.

Among the names of the twenty-two Swiss and German settlers in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1712, according to Rupp, 30,000 names, appendix, page 437, we find that of THEODORUS EBY.

Among the names of those assessed in Conestoga Township in 1718, according to Ellis and Evans, 1883, "History of Lancaster County, page 20, is that of THEODORUS EBY.

On ye 10th day of ye 3rd month, A. D. 1718, according to a document remaining on file, Old Rights, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, among the new surveys at Conestoga, the quantity of three hundred acres of land was ordered to be surveyed to THEODORUS EBY. This document is reproduced in this report.

The plat of survey to this tract of land was discovered among the Taylor Manuscripts in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Volume XII, Number 2677, TORIS EBYS being THEODORUS EBY. This plat of survey is also reproduced on another page. This tract of three hundred acres of TORIS EBYS lies mostly inside the present city limits of Lancaster City, See Ellis and Evans, 1883, "History of Lancaster County," page 360 and 361, and plat of Lancaster Townstead opposite page 360, for TORIS EBYS or THEODORUS EBY tract.

The southeast boundary of this FIRST EBY FARM IN AMERICA is the entire upper bend of Conestoga Creek. The northwest boundary is the entire length of Church Street and Church Street extended at both ends. The southwest boundary is the entire length of Strawberry Street and Strawberry Street produced through WOODWARD HILL CEMETERY to Conestoga Creek. The northeast boundary is indicated on the map.

The best view of the FIRST EBY FARM IN AMERICA is from near the Chapel in WOODWARD HILL CEMETERY. The further back the observer gets the better the farm looks. Distance certainly lends enchantment to the view. No wonder THEODORUS EBY sold his interest to HANS MUSSER and moved out to Earl Township on Mill Creek. THEODORUS EBY evidently entered into a contract to sell this three hundred acres to HANS
MUSSER, and went into the wilderness twelve miles east of the present City of Lancaster to build a mill on Mill Creek. It is in connection with the consummation of the HANS MUSSER transaction that we obtained an almost complete list of the children of THEODORUS EBY. On the twentieth day of January, 1734, all the sons and daughters of THEODORUS EBY, excepting the youngest son, DAVID, who was probably in Virginia at the time, united in signing a deed transferring their interest in this three hundred-acre tract, most of the tract being within the present limits of Lancaster City, to HANS MOSER. This document, hereinafter reproduced, is recorded in the Courthouse, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Deed Book GG, page 391.

According to the assessment list of Conestoga Township, 1724-1725, from Ellis and Evans, 1883, "History of Lancaster County," page 21, THEODORUS EBY and his sons, PETER, JOHN and GEORGE, paid taxes at this time and place. Whether these Swiss Mennonites used mortar and pestle or some crude water mill, or a hand mill, like a coffee mill, to grind their grain, we do not know. History seems silent up to this date. If there ever were any records, they have been lost, or remain undiscovered.

August 24, 1724, DORIS EBYS had surveyed for him 307 acres on Mill Creek, the plat of survey being preserved as one of the Taylor Manuscripts, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Volume XII, Number 2557, and elsewhere reproduced in this report.

The earliest mention of any mill in connection with the Eby family, so far as I know, is to be found in Chester County Courthouse, West Chester, Pennsylvania, Original Road Papers, Volume II, page 6. This is a petition for a road to pass DORSE EBYS MILL, and dated May 31, 1726. This document is reproduced else-
where in this report. Lancaster County was not erected out of Chester County until 1729.

This road was laid out August 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 1726, across the land of TORIS EBIS, and $90 + 65 + 100 + 223 - f 52 = 530$ perches or rods further, reached THE MILL OF TORIS EBIS, as will appear from the record of Original Road Papers, Volume II, page 6, Chester County Courthouse. This document is elsewhere reproduced. No mention is made of any vacant land or of any other owner between the place where the road reached the land of TORIS EBIS and where the road reached the mill of TORIS EBIS. If this document is worth anything as evidence, two conditions might have existed; first TORIS EBIS (THEODORUS EBY), had possession of an elongated tract of land at least 530 perches in length, and probably longer. Second, TORIS EBIS (THEODORUS EBY) had two tracts of land, the southerly tract, occupied by a mill, presumably on Mill Creek, the other tract more than a mile northwest of the mill. This unsolved problem has been referred to in the preface, and will be referred to again.

December 2, 1726, as shown by Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Volume XIX, page 745, JOHN EBY requests a permit to erect a gristmill. This JOHN EBY was a son of THEODORUS EBY. Where did JOHN EBY erect this mill? The road petition shows that on May 31, 1726, DORSE EBYS had a mill. On December 2, 1726, JOHN EBY, his son, applies for a permit to erect a mill. THEODORUS EBY and his sons were millwrights. As we shall show later, they erected and operated a chain of mills, in Earl Township, on Mill Creek, in Warwick Township at Millway, at the junction of Cocalico Creek with Hammer Creek, and in Elizabeth Township on Hammer Creek, three miles north of where Lititz now stands. In the early days, did THEODORUS EBY and his sons build mills and sell them to other families? Or did they build mills on contract? These are problems for other investigators to solve. Documentary evidence may be uncovered explaining these problems. Six successive generations of millwrights and millers on one line (THEODORUS, PETER, JACOB, BENJAMIN, BENJAMIN, ALEXANDER), and six successive generations of millwrights and millers on another line (THEODORUS, CHRISTIAN, CHRISTIAN, JOHN, ELIAS, SIMON PETER), as shown at the conclusion of this report, with many millwrights and millers branching from these lines in Canada, Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, leads the writer to suspect that a survey of these early documents will yield a harvest of information as to who supplied the food and shelter for the Lancaster County pioneers.

Some of the subsequent history of JOHN EBY, son of THEODORUS EBY,
is told in the patent issued to his brother, PETER EBY, dated January 15, 1744, Old Rights, Harrisburg, Patent Book A, Volume XI, page 457, herein reproduced elsewhere. The description of the 307 acres in this patent fits the plat of survey of 307 acres made to DORIS EBYS on August 24, 1724, found among the Taylor Manuscripts, Philadelphia, Volume XII, Number 2557. PETER EBY and JOHN EBY mentioned in this patent, were sons of THEODORUS EBY. JOHN EBY died, intestate and unmarried, prior to January 15, 1744; and for reasons to be mentioned later, this JOHN EBY was the man who, on December 2, 1726, requested a permit to erect a gristmill.

In the possession of CLAYTON MARTIN, Pharmacist, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is a document worth its weight in diamonds. It is a certificate of naturalization granted to certain residents of Lancaster County on October 14, 1729. This document is reproduced in Rupp, 1844, "History of Lancaster County," page 121 to 128, and in Mombert, 1869, "Authentic History of Lancaster County," page 417. This document recites that they had transported themselves and estates into the Province of Pennsylvania between the years 1700 and 1718. Among the names of those naturalized appear the names of PETER ABYE and JOHN ABYE.

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Considering all the dates and weighing all the evidence, it appears certain that PETER ABYE and JOHN ABYE, naturalized October 14, 1729, were the PETER EBY and JOHN EBY mentioned in the patent to PETER EBY for 307 acres dated January 15, 1744, and that they were the sons of DORIS EBYS, for whom this 307 acres was surveyed August 24, 1724, and that DORIS EBYS was the THEODORUS EBY mentioned by Rupp, 30,000 names, page 437, as having settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1712.

Before passing to another phase of this subject, reference should be made here to Rupp, 1844, "History of Lancaster County," page 291, "JOHN EBY'S MILL, ELIAS MYER'S MILL and GEORGE EBY'S MILL were all erected before 1739." Again weighing all the facts, this JOHN EBY and this GEORGE EBY were sons of THEODORUS EBY. Had Rupp been in possession of more complete information, his list of early millwrights and millers would have included at least PETER EBY and CHRISTIAN EBY, brothers of JOHN EBY and GEORGE EBY. At this date, 1739, THEODORUS EBY had passed to his reward, but at least four of his sons, PETER, JOHN, GEORGE and CHRISTIAN, had built and were operating mills in Lancaster County. As to the two other sons of
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THEODORUS EBY, JACOB and DAVID, the writer has not been able to discover any documentary information. This is another problem for future investigation. Very complete information regarding the numerous descendants of JACOB EBY and DAVID EBY, sons of THEODORUS EBY, has been accumulated and prepared for publication; but because they were young, ambitious and venturesome, they probably swarmed into Maryland and Virginia at an early date. Were they millwrights and millers? Where did they build?

Here is the place to introduce an interesting family tradition. Family traditions are the most treacherous and the most useful sources of misinformation. My invariable procedure has been to investigate ALL traditions, for by so doing some of the most startling discoveries have been made. Unless supported by some reliable evidence, tradition is worse than worthless, for it is a hindrance and not a help. Many apparently intelligent people seem to believe that tradition is history. From a psychological standpoint, this Eby family tradition has been a valuable asset of the family. It has been a stimulus to hundreds, yes thousands, of the progeny of THEODORUS EBY with whom I have talked, scattered throughout Canada and the United States, even to the Pacific Coast. To them it explains their own versatility and resourcefulness, so indispensable to pioneers in Canada and the wild and woolly West, as being inherited from the old patriarch, THEODORUS EBY. SIMON PETER EBY, Attorney, of Lancaster City, has embalmed this family tradition in this sentence: "These sons were all skilled in the various mechanical arts, so that with their assistance, the old ancestor, THEODORUS, built a mill, and erected such other buildings as were needed, without employing persons outside the family, except for the purpose of burning charcoal to supply the smith forge, which process they did not sufficiently understand." This same Eby family tradition is to be found in Alexander Harris, 1872, Biographical History of Lancaster County, page 176. The writer is quite certain that SIMON PETER EBY, Attorney, supplied the information regarding the Eby family in this Biographical History of 1872.

The exact date of the death of THEODORUS EBY is not known, nor is his last resting place known to the writer. He died prior to February 20, 1734, the date of the deed granted by his children to HANS MOSER. Probably he died prior to January 8, 1733, for that is the date assigned to the survey of 150 acres to his son, GEORGE EBY, the plat of this survey, herewith reproduced, being found among the Taylor Manuscripts, Philadelphia, Volume XII, Number 2539, and the patent describing this tract of land being found among Old Rights, Harrisburg, Patent Book AA, Volume I, page 104, and dated October 16, 1760, to CHRISTIAN EBY, eldest son of GEORGE EBY, who was the son of
THEODORUS EBY. The inference is that THEODORUS EBY having died prior to January 8, 1733, the property was distributed among his children by mutual agreement, this being the usual procedure among the numerous descendants of THEODORUS EBY down to the present time; and that GEORGE EBY had selected a mill site for himself prior to this date. This mill site was far in the wilderness of Warwick Township, where there was demand for a pioneer merchant sawmill and gristmill.

Of all the mill sites selected by the various members of the Eby family, that of GEORGE EBY is to-day, 1924, the most easily identified and the one that has suffered the least change. This 150-acre tract is at MILLWAY, WARWICK TOWNSHIP, where the Cocalico Creek joins Hammer Creek, as can be seen from the plat of survey. From the topography of this tract it is evident that this mill of GEORGE EBY must have been located within a few feet of the stone mill now standing, in 1924, in the village of MILLWAY. The patent, dated Oct. 16th, 1760, tells its own story as to the family of GEORGE EBY, son of THEODORUS EBY, but there is a long, long story connected with this family. All the way from Los Angeles, California, through many states, the offspring of GEORGE EBY have been traced back to the vicinity of the present old stone mill at MILLWAY. The story is too long to introduce here, and it does not belong in the present discussion, but in another volume now in preparation.

Settlers having invaded the northern portion of Lancaster County, the time had now arrived for the fourth son of THEODORUS EBY to seek a favorable mill site and build a mill for himself. Three miles north of LITITZ, on HAMMER CREEK, in what is now ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP, and about six miles northwest of the mill of his brother GEORGE on that same Hammer Creek, CHRISTIAN EBY, fourth son of THEODORUS EBY, selected what has proved to be one of the best locations in Lancaster County. The warrant for a portion of this tract was issued December 23rd, 1743. The patent for 236 acres, dated November 12th, 1746, is found in Old Rights, Harrisburg, Patent Book A, Volume XII, page 451, and the plat of survey, also in Old Rights, Harrisburg, Book C, Volume 50, page 79. Both these documents are reproduced in this report. The mill site selected by CHRISTIAN EBY is easily identified as being within a few feet of the large stone mill at present, 1924, owned by MR. SNAVELY, on Hammer Creek. The stone house, directly across the creek, has been changed to meet modern requirements, the
windows and doors reduced in size, but in front and above the porch is a stone said to have been taken from the older house, bearing this inscription:

CHRISTIAN EBI
ELISABETHA
1754

These are identified as being CHRISTIAN EBY (1698-1756), son of THEODORUS EBY and ELIZABETH (MAYER), his wife. Compare the spelling EBI of this family name with Ellis and Evans, 1883, History of Lancaster County, page 1072.

To make this report intelligible, we return to Mill Creek, and present one other document to demonstrate the sequence of owners from the original survey of 307 acres to DORIS EBYS (THEODORUS EBY), in 1724, to Michael Rhyne in 1755. This document is found recorded in Lancaster County Courthouse, Deed Book D, page 406. This is a deed from JACOB EBY, second son of PETER EBY, grandson of THEODORUS EBY, and HANNAH (LATERIN), wife of said JACOB EBY, to MICHAEL RHYNE. A critical study of the various documents reproduced in this report will show the chain of ownership. For many years after the EBY FAMILY surrendered possession of the mill site on Mill Creek at the junction of Earl, Leacock and Upper Leacock Townships, to the Rhine family, this was known as Rhine's mill. Succeeding the Eby family, three generations of the Rhine family owned the mill site from 1755 to 1831. The stone high up on the side of the present mill, owned by Abraham H. Hoover, bears the date 1793, and it appears quite certain that the Rhine family built the present stone mill in 1793. It appears that the property passed from the Rhine family to the Roland family, according to a deed dated February 11th, 1831, recorded in Lancaster Courthouse in Deed Book S5, page 109, whereby Henry Roland acquired the property. This Henry Roland died January 13th, 1847, and his son, Henry A. Roland, became owner of the property. This is the mill referred to by Ellis and Evans, 1883, History of Lancaster County, page 811, as Rhine's, Roland's, Swope's, Neff's, and now Hoover's. Had the compiler of that information been aware of the earlier history, he would have stated that three generations of the Eby family, THEODORUS, PETER and JACOB, operated a merchant mill at that mill site, preceding the Rhine family.
The Eby Chain of Mills.

On the outskirts of civilization, stretching diagonally across the wilderness of Lancaster County, before the year 1739, according to the evidence, various members of the EBY FAMILY built, owned and operated a chain of sawmills and gristmills at strategic points.

The various petitions for roads in early Lancaster County demonstrate clearly that access to merchant mills was the most urgent necessity. The mills seem to have anticipated civilization, not followed it. Before the investigation of the mills of Lancaster County began, the writer knew that in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois merchant mills anticipated and paved the way for any considerable civilization. The earliest economic activities of the pioneers of Lancaster County resembles very closely the same state of development in Illinois. Even if log houses were the first constructed, some sawed lumber was needed. Ground grain they must have. The merchant mill seems to have been an institution imperatively demanded by the conditions. Much of Lancaster County was covered by a heavy growth of timber. The Plain People knew that the most fertile land is always the land that grows the best trees. If the soil grew good trees, it would grow good wheat. This most fertile land they were determined to possess, and possess it they did, and clear it they did, and farm it they did, and the result is the Garden County of America. Almost their only wealth at first consisted of logs. These they drew to the merchant mill, where they exchanged the logs for flour, meal and lumber. When the land was cleared, they raised crops, took the grain to the merchant mill, where they exchanged the grain for flour, meal and lumber.

What a wonderful true historic recital of the activities in and around a pioneer merchant mill could the writer unfold if this were the proper place! For the old ancestral mill in Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois, is ever before my eyes as I write, and what I saw there could not have been very different from what could be seen here in Lancaster County, almost two hundred years ago. The mill yard was piled high with logs brought in by the farmers in exchange for what they must have. Two splendid yokes of oxen with long log chains snaked the logs where needed. The lumber never accumulated around the sawmill of my grandfather, for it was quickly loaded and hauled away by the farmers. Long rows of wagons from four counties, loaded with corn, wheat, oats and rye, stood waiting for their turn to get to the loading platform of the gristmill. This strategic mill site was selected by my maternal grandfather, Clark Whitcomb Stanton, on Spoon River in Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and four counties of Illinois,—Peoria, Stark, Knox and Henry,—depended upon this merchant mill for many years to supply the pioneers of Illinois with flour, meal and lumber. The recollection of this
ancestral mill in the wilderness of Peoria County, Illinois, built by my maternal grandfather, maintained by my two grandfathers, with the assistance of my father, makes this early history of Lancaster County very real and very near to me.

As stated before, prior to the year 1739, various members of the EBY FAMILY had built, owned and operated a chain of merchant mills located at strategic points, west and north of the present City of Lancaster. Three of these mill sites can now be located definitely within a few feet, and the fourth mill site, presumably on Mill Creek, probably will be definitely determined by the discovery of other colonial documents. Within a few feet of where the mill of ABRAHAM H. HOOVER stands today, in this year 1924, known as Hoover's Mill, formerly known as Roland's Mill, before that known as Rhine's Mill, and originally known as Eby's Mill, on Mill Creek at the junction of Earl, Leacock and Upper Leacock Townships, Lancaster County, at one time was the homestead and mill of THEODORUS EBY. Further research will probably disclose other mills and other homesteads of THEODORUS EBY in this vicinity.

Northwest from this homestead of THEODORUS EBY, at the present village of Millway, in Warwick Township, above the junction of Cocalico Creek and Hammer Creek within a few feet of the present stone mill, was the mill site of GEORGE EBY, son of THEODORUS EBY. This GEORGE EBY is referred to in Ellis and Evans, 1883, History of Lancaster County, page 1072, as being the first member of the Eby family to settle in the present Warwick Township, and on page 1074 as having built the first mill in Warwick Township. See also Rupp, 1844, History of Lancaster County, page 291.

The most northerly of this chain of mills built and owned by members of the Eby family was the mill of CHRISTIAN EBY, son of THEODORUS EBY, also built on Hammer Creek, about six miles northwest of the mill of his brother, GEORGE EBY, and across Hammer Creek from the present stone house, whose front displays the stone, CHRISTIAN EBI, ELISABETHA, 1754.

The ability to harness the energy of falling water, and compel it to saw the logs and grind the grain of the colonial pioneers, was the contribution of the EBY FAMILY at this critical period; their contribution to the solution of the perpetual problem of food and
The progeny of the Swiss Mennonite Bishop, JACOB EBY, father of THEODORUS EBY, at that time possessed latent talents which, during the intervening two hundred years, have placed his descendants as university professors, bishops in several religious denominations, lawyers, physicians, financiers, statesmen, teachers, preachers, missionaries, editors, and leaders of men, but this ability to construct mills from the raw materials of nature in the primeval forests of Lancaster County will ever stand as the one really great accomplishment of the SWISS EBY FAMILY,—their one great contribution to the advancement of civilization on the Western Hemisphere.

Those members of the Eby family who read these lines must realize that our cousins who remained in Europe have had many cultural advantages denied to our ancestors in the wilderness of Lancaster County. The European branches of the Eby family are justified in regarding the members of the Eby and Eaby families in Lancaster County much the same as the Lancaster County members regard their cousins at present residing in Dakota, Kansas, Idaho, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and the Pacific Coast. PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER THEODORUS ABY (1835-1885), the Bernese anthropologist imported to the University of Prague, Bohemia, and PROFESSOR JULES AEBY, the chemist of Antwerp, Belgium, both cousins of my father, ALEXANDER ABY (1830-1913) had nothing to their credit more conspicuous, or more useful to the welfare of the human race, than this ability to build mills and operate them in the primeval forests of Lancaster County, Penna.

A study of the ancestry of ABRAHAM LINCOLN teaches us that through accident, privations, misfortunes, hardships, unfavorable environment in any form, human beings may become submerged for two or three or four or more generations. Given a favorable environment, a "chance," all that latent static ability, the accumulation of incalculable heredity, becomes available dynamic energy.

A study of the work accomplished by LUTHER BURBANK, the plant wizard, discloses the same sequence of cause and effect in the plant world. The cactus through the ages adapted itself to the desert, and lived, while most of its associates in the moist days of its youth perished, because of their lack of adaptability to their changed environment. Adaptability to their environment is the one prominent characteristic of the SWISS EBY FAMILY. This hardy ancient family has lived on
through the centuries, endured the horrors of pestilence and wars, religious persecution, prejudice, and edicts of extermination. Like the Jews, the Eby family is hard to exterminate. Like the cactus, the Eby family can even flourish in the desert. At the present date, 1924, in Asia, in Europe, in America, members of the Eby family are existing under very unfavorable circumstances, but they are thriving and flourishing and not perishing. The building and operating of mills in Lancaster County and elsewhere, by six successive generations in several lines, is but the outward expression in colonial times, of their ability to adapt themselves to their environment.

CONCLUSION. SOME EBY GENEALOGY.

An appropriate conclusion for this recital of pioneer millwrights, millers and mills, is my excuse for introducing a very limited quantity of genealogy. Widely scattered though they be throughout Asia, Europe and North America, the very numerous progeny of this old patriarch, THEODORUS EBY, have kept the family records in many branches religiously, and the accumulation of genealogical material is prodigious. In Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, 1903, on page 268, is the biography of SIMON PETER EBY, Attorney, of Lancaster City, Pa. This biography discloses SIMON PETER EBY as standing in the sixth generation of millwrights and millers, as follows:

THEODORUS EBY
CHRISTIAN EBY and ELIZABETH MAYER
CHRISTIAN EBY and CATHERINE BRICKER
JOHN EBY and MARIA WITWEM
ELIAS EBY and ELIZABETH ERB
SIMON PETER EBY

He states the facts when he states that the ancestors of SIMON PETER EBY were builders as well as operators of mills for six generations. Millwrights and millers they were. Six generations of millwrights and millers stand as paternal ancestors of the writer of this report. THEODORUS EBY (1663- to about 1732), his son PETER (1690- to about 1748), and his grandson JACOB (1728-1794) have already been introduced to the reader. This JACOB EBY (1728-1794) and his wife HANNA (LATERIN) (1731-1810), are resting in the EBY CEMETERY at MONTEREY, UPPER LEACOCK TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY, PA. This JACOB EBY and his wife HANNA (LATERIN) had a son, BENJAMIN EBY (1767-1850), who married SARAH (BAER). This BENJAMIN EBY and his wife, SARAH (BAER), and their babies swarmed out of Lancaster County in 1802, and settled in Path Valley, Fannette Township, Franklin County, Pa., where he accumulated a farm of 400 acres of the most fertile land in Path Valley, five miles north of Dry Run, the farm at present, 1924, owned and occupied by Johnson Campbell. This BENJAMIN EBY, great-
grandson of THEODORUS EBY, was also a millwright and miller, owned mills in Sherley Township, Huntingdon County, Pa. His son, GEORGE EBY (1795-1882), built and operated the mill, since torn down, at Augwick Station, Sherley Township, Huntingdon County, Pa., and this GEORGE EBY (1795-1882) is the ancestor of that numerous, wealthy, and influential branch of the Eby family in Huntingdon County, Pa. See Africa, 1883, History of Huntingdon County, Pa., page 285, and Genealogy of Johannes Baer, page 160.

While he was yet living in Lancaster County, this BENJAMIN EBY (1767-1850) and his wife, SARAH (BAER), had a son, whom they named BENJAMIN EBY (1801-1867). In Path Valley, Franklin County, this BENJAMIN EBY (1801-1867) married a Scotch lassie, RACHEL (ELDER), the daughter of SARAH JANE (ALEXANDER), on May 30th, 1821. Having learned the miller's business from his father, BENJAMIN EBY (1767-1850), and from his brother, GEORGE EBY (1795-1882), young BENJAMIN EBY (1801-1867) contracted the Western fever even as his father had before him, and in 1829 over the mountains he went, with his young Scotch wife and his babies, to Mifflin Township, Richland County, Ohio. Quickly written and easily said, but oh! what a journey in those early days! On April 9th, 1830, a son was born to BENJAMIN EBY (1801-1867) and his wife RACHEL (ELDER). Having named a previous son ELDER EBY, after his mother's family, the ELDER FAMILY of Path Valley, Franklin County, Pa., they now named this new son ALEXANDER EBY, after his grandmother's family, the ALEXANDER FAMILY of Path Valley, Franklin County, Pa. BENJAMIN EBY (1801-1867) built and operated merchant mills in Richland County, Ohio, from 1829 to 1839. He also anglicised his name in Ohio.

BENJAMIN EBY became BENJAMIN ABY, and again the Western fever raged in his veins. Loading up all his earthly possessions in a prairie schooner a second time, he journeyed in 1839 from Mifflin Township, Richland County, Ohio, all that long distance to Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois. He assisted Clark Whitcomb Stanton (1802-1851) to maintain and operate the Stanton mill on Spoon River, Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois. BENJAMIN EBY-ABY (1801-1867) is the designation of my grandfather in the genealogical charts now in publication.

At the age of sixteen, young ALEXANDER EBY, now known as ALEXANDER ABY, "bought his time," went to work in the merchant mill of the energetic and wealthy millwright, miller and real estate operator,
Clark Whitcomb Stanton, at Rochester, Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois. Night and day, year in and year out, that Stanton Mill was crowded to the limit of its capacity; wealth accumulated in the hands of Clark Whitcomb Stanton. ALEXANDER ABY for years kept the night shift going. He was an efficient miller. Five generations of millwrights and millers stood behind ALEXANDER ABY (THEODORUS, PETER, JACOB, BENJAMIN, BENJAMIN, ALEXANDER). Putting aside all other evidence, one fact alone proves that ALEXANDER ABY was an efficient miller. At the age of nineteen, this Swiss Scotch miller, ALEXANDER ABY, married MALVINA (STANTON), the accomplished daughter of the wealthy miller, Clark Whitcomb Stanton, on February 18th, 1850.

ALEXANDER ABY (1830-1913) and MALVINA (STANTON) (1826-1904) had a son, the present writer, whose name is FRANKLIN STANTON ABY. The line runs, THEODORUS, PETER, JACOB, BENJAMIN, BENJAMIN, ALEXANDER, FRANKLIN STANTON. BENJAMIN EBY (1801-1867) was born in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pa., and lies buried in the Old Cemetery, Rochester, Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois, as BENJAMIN ABY. He is the ancestor of the Aby family of Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, the Pacific Coast, and all intermediate stations. He is the BENJAMIN EBY-ABY (1801-1867) of the genealogical charts.

As the spelling and pronunciation of the family name in Asia, Europe and North America is to be dealt with extensively in another publication, it will suffice to call the reader's attention to Funk & Wagnall's Standard Dictionary of the English language, demonstrating that PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER THEODORUS ABY (1835-1885) spelled and pronounced his family name, ABY, exactly as we do in Western United States. For a biography of PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER THEODORUS ABY, the Swiss anthropologist who used the German language, see Lippincott's Pronouncing Biographical Dictionary, 1915, CHRISTOPHER THEODORUS AEBY. The genealogy of this French-speaking branch of the Eby family is connected up with the American branch through the grandfather of that THEODORUS EBY, who arrived in America in 1712.
WARRANTIES OF LAND TO MEMBERS OF THE SWISS EBY FAMILY.

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EBY, Peter, 200 acres, January 23, 1741, page 399.
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EVY, Christian, 100 acres, October 17, 1753, page 402.
EBY, Samuel, 34 acres, February 13, 1812, page 404.
EBY, Joseph, 120 acres, June 20, 1822, page 404.
EBEY, Elias, 5 acres, August 24, 1845, page 404.
EBEY & LONG, October 25, 1771, page 464.

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EBY, Benjamin, 46 acres. May 10, 1819, page 17.
EBY, Jacob, 148.56 acres, June 28, 1852, page 17.
EBY, George, 200 acres, January 29, 1785, page 16.
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EBY, George, 43.58 acres, January 8, 1846, page 706.

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THE EBY FAMILY BULLETIN

WARRANT FOR SURVEY OF 300 ACRES TO THEODORUS EBY, DATED MAY 10th, 1718. FOUND AMONG OLD RIGHTS, HARRISBURG, PENNA.

PENSILVANIA SS. By the Commissioners of Property

(Seal)

At the request of Theodorus Ebey late of Germany but now of this Province. That we would grant him to take up among the new surveys at Conestogo the quantity of three hundred acres of land for which he agrees to pay to the Proprieters use Thirty Pounds Mony of Pensilvania for the whole and the yearly quit rent of one Shilling Sterling for each hundred acres These are to authorize and require thee to survey or cause to be surveyed unto the said Theodorus Eby at or near the place aforesaid according to the method of Townships appointed the said quantity of three hundred acres of land that has not been already surveyed nor appropriated nor is seated by the Indians & make return thereof into the Secretarys Office which survey in case the said Theodorus fulfill the above agreement within three months after the date hereof shall be valid otherwise the same is to be void as if it had never been made nor this warrant ever given under our hands & seal of ye Provce. at Philada. ye 10th day of ye 3d moth A. D. 1718.

To Jacob Taylor Surveyr Genrl.

Richard Hill
Isaac Norris
James Logan

THEODORUS EBY, ON MAY 10th, 1718, HAS SURVEY FOR HIM 300 ACRES WHERE LANCASTER CITY NOW STANDS. THIS TRACT HE CONTRACTED TO SELL TO HANS MUSSER. THEODORUS EBY HAVING DIED, INTESTATE, PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 20th, 1734, HANS MUSSER RECEIVES A PATENT FOR THIS 300 ACRES ON NOVEMBER 16th, 1737.

FOUND AMONG OLD PATENTS, HARRISBURG, PENNA., PATENT BOOK A, VOLUME VIII, PAGE 314.

PATENT TO HANS MOSER.
James Penn Thos Penn & Richd. Perm Esqrs True and Absolute Proprieters and Governours in Chief of the Province of Pensilvania and Countys of New Castle Kent and Sussex on Delaware To all unto whom these presents shall come send Greeting Whereas by virtue and in pursuance of a warrant from the late Commissioners of Property under the lesser seal of our said Province bearing date the Tenth Day of May Anno One thousand seven hundred and Eighteen there was surveyed and laid out on the thirtieth day of the same month unto Theodorus Eby a certain tract of land situate on Conestogoe Creek in the County now called Lancaster Beginning at a Marked Hickory Tree on the Banck of the said Creek thence by vacant land north west eighty eight perches to a post thence north cast twenty four perches to a post at a corner of Henry Funks land thence by the same north west twenty five perches to a cornct tree in a line of the said Henry Funks land thence by vacant land south west one hundred and sixty five perches to a post in a line of Michael Shanck's land thence by the same south east one hundred and sixty perches to a white oak near the said Creek thence up the same by the several courses thereof four hundred perches to the place of beginning Containing three hundred acres and the allowance of six acres P Cent for roads and highways As in and by the survey thereof remaining in our Surveyor Generalls Office & from thence certified into our Secretarys Office may appear And Whereas the said Theodorus Eby is since deced intestate (not having paid for the said land) leaving issue several children who by deed of the twentieth day of February Anno one thousand seven hundred and thirty four did grant bargain and sell all and every their right title and interest of in and to the above described three hundred acres of land unto Hans Moser of the County of Lancaster aforesaid Now at the instance and request of the late said Hans Moser that we would be pleased to grant him a confirmation of the said three hundred acres of land according to the situation lines and bounds aforesaid Know ye that for and in consideration of the sum of thirty pounds lawful money of Pensilvania to our use now paid by the said Hans Moser the receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge and thereof do acquit and forever discharge as well the heirs of the said Theodorus Eby as the said Hans Moser his heirs and assigns by these presents and also for the yearly quit rent hereinafter mentioned and reserved We have given granted released and confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give grant release and confirm unto the said Hans Moser and his heirs the said three hundred acres of land as the same are now set forth bounded and limited as aforesaid with all mines minnerals quarrys meadows marshes savannahs swamps cripples woods underwoods timber
and trees ways waters water courses liberties profits commodities advantages hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said three hundred acres of land belonging or in any wise appertaining and lying within the bounds and limits aforesaid (Three full and clear fifth parts of all Royal Mines free from all deductions and reprisals for digging and refining the same only excepted and hereby reserved and also free leave right and liberty to and for the said Hans Moser his heirs and assigns to Hawk Hunt Fish and Fowl in and upon the hereby granted land and premises or upon any part thereof To have and to hold the said three hundred acres of land and premises hereby granted (except before excepted) with their appurtenances unto the said Hans Moser his heirs and assigns To the only use and behoof of the said Hans Moser his heirs and assigns forever To be holden of us our heirs and successors Proprietarys of Pensilvania as of our manner of Conestogoe in the county of Lancaster afsd. in free and common soccagc by fealty only in lieu of all other services. Yielding & paying therefore yearly to us our heirs and successors at the town of Lancaster in the said County at or upon the first day of March in every year from the first day of March last past one Shilling Sterling for every hundred acres of the same or value thereof in coyn current according as the Exchange shall then be between our said Province and the City of London to such person or persons as shall from time to time be appointed to receive the same. And in case of non payment thereof within ninety days next after the same shall become due that then it shall and may be lawfull for us our Heirs and Successors our and their receiver or receivers into and upon the hereby granted land and premises to re enter and the same to hold and possess until the said quit rent and all arrears thereof together with the charges accrueing by means of such non payment and re entry aforesaid be fully paid and discharged In witness whereof the said Thomas Penn by virtue of the powers and authoritys to him granted by the said John and Richard Penn and of his own right hath caused the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed at Philadelphia this Sixteenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King George the Second over Great Britain &c. and the twentieth Year of our Government.

Tho Penn (L. S.)

Recorded the 3rd Day of Jany 1737
NATURALIZATION OF PETER EBY AND JOHN EBY, TWO SONS OF THEODORUS EBY, AS BRITISH SUBJECTS, OCTOBER 14th, 1729.

From Mombert's Authentic History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1869, page 417, and Rupp, 1844, History of Lancaster County, Pnna., page 121. Clayton Martin, Pharmacist, of Lancaster City, has a copy of this document.

"We shall present a public document possessing more than ordinary interest to the numerous descendants of those whose names are recorded in it. We are indebted to Abraham Meylin, of West Lampeter Township (Lancaster County, Pennsylvania), for a copy of it. This document has been upward of 114 years in the possession of the Meylin family. It is an act passed anno Regni George II Regis Magnac Britanniae, Franciae, ct Hiberniae, tertio, October 14, 1729.

Whereas, By encouragement given by the Honorable William Penn, Esq., late Proprietary and Governor of the province of Pennsylvania, and by permission of his Majesty, King George the First, of blessed memory, and his predecessors, Kings and Queens of England, &c., divers Protestants, who were subjects to the Emperor of Germany, a Prince in amity with the Crown of Great Britain, transported themselves and estates into the province of Pennsylvania, between the years one thousand seven hundred, and one thousand seven hundred and eighteen; and since they came hither have contributed very much to the enlargement of the British Empire, and to the raising and improving sundry commodities fit for the markets of Europe, and have always behaved themselves religiously and peaceably, and have paid a due regard and obedience to the laws and government of this province; And whereas, Many of said persons, to wit, Martin Meylin, Hans Graaf, and others, all of Lancaster county, in the said province, in demonstration of their affection and zeal for his present Majesty's person and Government, qualified themselves by taking the qualification, and subscribing the declaration directed to be taken and subscribed by the several acts of parliament, made for the security of his Majesty's person and Government, and for preventing the dangers which may happen by Popish Recusants, &c., and thereupon, have humbly signified to the Governor and Representatives of the freemen of this province, in General Assembly, that they have purchased and do hold lands of the proprietary, and others, his Majesty's subjects within this province, and have likewise represented their great desire of being made partakers of those privileges which the natural born subjects of Great Britain do enjoy within this province; and it being just and reasonable, that those persons who have bona fide purchased lands, and who have given such
testimony of their affection and obedience to the Crown of Great Britain, should as well be secured in the enjoyment of their estates, as encouraged in their laudable affection and zeal for the English constitution; Be it enacted by the Hon. Patrick Gordon, Esq., Lieut. Governor of the province of Pennsylvania, &c., by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said province, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That Martin Meylin, Peter Abye, John Abye, all of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, be, and shall be to all intents and purposes deemed, taken, and esteemed, His Majesty's natural born subjects of this province of Pennsylvania as if they and each of them has been born within the said province, and shall and may, and every one of them shall and may, within this province, take, receive, enjoy, and be entitled to all rights, privileges and advantages of natural born subjects, as fully, to all intents, and constructions and purposes whatsoever, as any of his Majesty's natural born subjects of this province can, do or ought to enjoy by virtur of their being His Majesty's natura born subjects of His Majesty's said province of Pennsylvania.
FIRST EBY FARM IN AMERICA.
THEODORUS EBY, MAY 10th 1718.

RECORDED IN BOOK D, VOLUME 166, PAGE 137 OF SURVEYS, DEPT. OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

Pursuant to a warrant from the Prop’g Comm’r dated the 10th of May A.D. 1718, I have caused to be surveyed the 30th day of May 1718 a certain Tract of Land Scituate on Conestoga Creek in the County of Chester Containing Three hundred acres with the allowance of Six pence Cent unto Four Ebys bounds according to ye above Draught.
THEODORUS EBY HAVING DIED, INTESTATE, PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 20th, 1734, HIS CHILDREN, EXCEPTING DAVID EBY, UNITE IN GRANTING A DEED TO HANS MUSSER FOR THE 300 ACRES SURVEYED FOR TORIS EBYS (THEODORUS EBY), ON MAY 10th, 1718. LANCASTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DEED BOOK GG, PAGE 391.

THIS INDENTURE,

made the Twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty-four, between John Eby, Peter Eby, George Eby, Christian Eby and Jacob Eby, the sons of Theodorus Eby, late of Corestogo, in the County of Lancaster, yeoman, deceased, and Henry Bare, Barbara his wife, Barbara Eby, Mary Eby and Ann Eby (The said Barbara Bare, Barbara Eby, Mary and Ann being the daughters of the said Theodorus) of the one part, and Hans Moser, of Conestogo aforesaid, yeoman of the other part.

Whereas, the late Commissioners of Property, by a Proprietary Warrant of the Tenth day of the third month Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and eighteen, did for the consideration therein mentioned, grant unto the said Theodorus Eby to take up the quantity of Three Hundred Acres of Land among the new surveys at Conestogo, under the yearly Quit Rent of One Shilling Sterl pr cent, and certain Conditions and Provisions in the said Warrant mentioned and reserved. In Virtue whereof there was laid out unto the said Theodorus Eby on the Thirtieth day of the third month Anno Domini, 1718, in the place aforesaid, a certain tract of land situate on the West Side of Concstogoe Creek. Beginning at a marked Hickory by the same Creek thence extending North West by vacant Land one hundred and eighty-eight perches to a post; thence North East twenty-four perches to a post; thence North West by the land of Henry Funk Seventy-five perches to a post; thence South West by Vacant Land one hundred and sixty-five perches to a post; thence South East by the land of Michael Shank one hundred and sixty perches to a White Oak marked standing by the side of the said Creek; thence up the several courses of the same Creek about four hundred perches to the place of beginning. Containing Three Hundred and an allowance of Six Acres Pr Cent.

And Whereas, the said Theodorus Eby is since deceased intestate, leaving issue as aforesaid, without having paid any part of the said Consideration Money, and without having performed any of the Conditions and Provisoes aforesaid.

Now This Indenture Witnesseth, that the said John Eby, Peter Eby, George Eby, Christian Eby and Jacob Eby, Henry Bare and Barbara his
wife, Barbara Eby, Mary Eby and Ann Eby for the consideration of the
sum of Seventy Pounds lawful money to them paid by the said Hans
Moser, have and each of them hath granted, bargained, sold, assigned
and set over and by these presents do and each of them Doth grant,
bargain, sell, assign and set over unto the said Hans Moser and his
heirs. All and every the estate and estates, Right, Title, Interest,
Property, Part and Parts, Claim and Demand whatsoever of them each or
either of them, of, in and to the said described Tract of Land by
Virtue of the said recited Warrant and Survey or otherwise howsoever
with the rights, members, improvements & appurtenances thereto
belonging. To have and to hold the said Three Hundred Acres of Land
and allowances and Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted or
mentioned to be granted with the appurtenances unto the said Hans
Moser and his Heirs, To the use and Behoof of him the said Hans Moser
his heirs and assigns forever. Under all and singular the Proprietary
Rents, Conditions and Provisoes aforesaid in the said recited Warrant
mentioned.

In Witness Whereof the said Parties to these Presents have
interchangeably set their Hands and Seals hereunto, dated the day and
year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in
John Eby (Seal) Peter Ebv (Seal)
the presence of us.
George Eby (Seal) Christian Eby (Seal)
The words (with the Rights,
Jacob Eby (Seal) Henry Bare (Seal)
members improvements & ap-
Barbara B B Bear (Seal) Mary Eby (Seal)
her
Barbara B E Eby (Seal) Elizabeth L E Eby
lines being first interlined.
her German signature
Barbara B E Eby (Seal) Elizabeth L E Eby
mark
mark (Seal)
eight perches—South fifty two degrees Easterly four hundred and twenty four perches to a hickory marked with five notches standing on the land of Martin Bear thence crossing the land of the sd. Martin Bear & vacant land South sixty eight degrees easterly three hundred forty eight perches east three hundred and forty two perches, South sixty eight degrees easterly one hundred and forty perches—South fifty five degrees easterly one hundred and six perches—South forty degrees easterly two hundred perches to a Black Oak marked with five notches standing on the land of Toris Ebis thence crossing the land of the said Toris Ebis south thirty degrees easterly ninety perches South forty degrees easterly sixty five perches South thirty four degrees easterly one hundred perches South forty degrees Easterly twenty three perches, South fifty-five degrees, Easterly fifty two perches to the sd. Toris Ebis Mill thence crossing the land of the afd. Toris Ebis & vacant land North seventy two degrees Easterly thirty six perches South forty degrees Easterly one hundred and ten perches East by South forty six perches South fifty eight degrees Easterly forty four perches South fifty five degrees Easterly one hundred twelve perches South sixty eight degrees Easterly one hundred perches South seventy degrees Easterly fifty eight perches, East sixty perches, South seventy degrees Easterly one hundred fifty two perches—South fifty-five degrees, Easterly forty perches South East one hundred sixty two perches, South seventy two degrees East three hundred and sixty perches to a small run, Thence crossing vacant land South sixty six degrees Easterly twenty four perches South by East twenty four perches South fifty four degrees East sixty two perches, South seventy two degrees East three hundred and sixty perches to a small run, Thence crossing vacant land South sixty six degrees Easterly twenty four perches South sixty five degrees Easterly eighty perches, North seventy five degrees, Easterly two hundred and forty perches, South sixty five degrees, Easterly ninety two perches South eighty degrees Easterly two hundred and eighty perches, North seventy five degrees Easterly one hundred perches, North East sixty six perches, North seventy degrees Easterly fifty eight perches East sixty perches North eighty degrees Easterly eighty perches, South seventy degrees Easterly forty perches, East North East, forty six
perches, East thirty two perches. North seventy-four Degrees Easterly one hundred and twenty four perches to a marked Chestnut Tree standing by Thomas Vernon's field. Thence crossing vacant land and land laid out to one Griffith Lewis South eighty five degrees. Easterly sixty perches. South eighty four degrees Easterly forty perches South seventy one degrees Easterly eight perches North seventy three degrees Easterly eighty perches, South sixty five degrees Easterly fifty perches, South eighty degrees Easterly three hundred and ninety perches, South twenty degrees Easterly forty three perches

South East twenty eight perches to a White Oak marked with five notches standing by the West Branch of Brandy wine Creek thence crossing vacant land South fifty degrees, Easterly sixty perches, South fifty five degrees Easterly thirty perches thence East along a line between the the land of Joseph Darlington and James Wall one hundred twenty perches to a post thence South sixty six degrees Easterly crossing a corner of the sd. James Wall's land eighty perches to a post, hetnee crossing the Proprietor's land South forty two degrees Easterly one hundred and twenty perches South eighty four degrees Easterly one hundred and twenty perches South seventy degrees Easterly eighty perches to a Hickory Tree marked with five notches thence crossing a small corner of William Branson's land South forty degrees Easterly sixty perches thence crossing vacant land and the land late of John Buller South seventy degrees Easterly twenty eight perches South seventy nine degrees Easterly two hundred and ten perches to a Poplar thence South thirty two degrees Easterly sixty perches to a post, Thence South fifty five degrees Easterly forty perches to Joseph Pyle's land thence East along the line between the land of the sd. Joseph Pyle and the land late of Francis Evots and crossing vacant land four hundred and thirty perches to a marked Black Oak standing by a road formerly laid out near Thomas Green's plantation thence along the said layed out road crossing vacant land the land of Thomas Parke, George Aston and Thomas Moore nine hundred and seventy perches to a marked White Oak on Thomas Moore's land thence crossing the land of the sd. Thomas Moore South seventy seven degrees Easterly eighteen perches South eighty five degrees Easterly thirty one perches North eighty degrees Easterly thirty four perches North forty two degrees Easterly one hundred and forty four perches to a White Oak thence crossing the sd. land North thirty seven degrees Easterly ninety perches North seventy one degrees Easterly twenty eight perches East fifty four perches North eighty five degrees Easterly forty eight perches North seventy degrees Easterly sixty six perches thence
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Layd. out the 23d 24 25th & 26th days of August 1726.

PETITION FOR A ROAD TO PASS DORSE EBVS MILL, DATED MAY THE 31st, 1726. FOUND AMONG ORIGINAL ROAD PAPERS, WEST CHESTER COURT-HOUSE, VOLUME II, PAGE 6.

To the worshipful his Majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Chester:

The humble petition of severall of the inhabitants of the _______ divisions of Chester County called Poquo and Canostogoo in behalf of themselves and others humbly showeth

That whereas ye petitioners are settled far back from Philadelphia or any convenient merchant mills where they must carry their products to sell, or to exchange for other necessaries which they want, and lies under great difficulties, for want of _______ a lawful road, having for several years traveled with our carts and wagons through the wood, but the settlements turning over usual road in several _______ about into impassable or very difficult whose _______ have happened to come to mischances and damages.

Now we whose names are hereto subscribed most humbly petition you for ourselves and others, most humbly request that yr Worships would take our _______ into yr consideration and _______out yr orders to six men of_______ and integrity to begin the laying out of a read at the fork of Cocalico and Conostogoe Creeks, and to lead from hence to Dorse Ebys Mill, thence over the branches of Poque at the most convenient place at or near Daniel Cocklon place , thence over the western branch of Brandiwine at the most convenient place_______ to load, and strike into a road that was laid out near Thomas Green, and from thence to lead to the Philadelphia road that led upon John Spruies land,

For which yr petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Dated May the 31st, 1726.

William Clark
James Gault
Hugh Thompson.  

_______ Groff
(Four German signatures)  
Simon King.
THEODORUS EBY, ON OCTOBER 24th, 1724, HAS SURVEYED FOR HIM 307 ACRES ON MILL CREEK, IN LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNA. JOHN EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY, HAVING DIED, INTESTATE AND UNMARRIED, HIS ELDEST BROTHER, PETER EBY, RECEIVES A PATENT FOR THE SAID 307 ACRES ON JANUARY 15, 1744.

FOUND AMONG OLD RIGHTS, HARRISBURG, PENNA., PATENT BOOK A, VOLUME XI, PAGE 457.

PATENT TO PETER EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY.

John Penn Thomas Penn and Richard Penn Esquires true and absolute Proprietaries and Governours in Chief of the Province of Pennsilvania and Counties of New Castle Kent and Sussex on Delaware To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Whereas by virtue of a Warrant under the Lesser Seal of said Province bearing date the Twenty second Day of November in the Year of our Lord 1717, granting to be surveyed unto Martin Kundig and John Heer the quantity of Five Thousand Acres of land in several parcels or tracts on the branches of Conestogoe and Pequea Creeks in the County of Lancaster, there was surveyed and laid out on the Twenty fourth day of October in the year 1724 in part of the said quantity a certain tract of land (hereinafter described) situate on Mill Creek in Township within the said County Containing Three hundred and seven acres and the allowance of six acres per Cent for roads and highways And Whereas the said Martin Kundig and John Heer have since lately bargained and sold all their right and interest in and to the same last mentioned tract unto John Eby of the said County (lately deceased) who having built a house and made other improvements thereon applied to us for our Grant and Confirmation thereof and paid to our use all the consideration money for the same, but before the said grant was compleated dy'd intestate and unmarried and the fee in the same tract and premises descends X to his eldest brother and heir at law Peter Eby of the said County yoeman Now at the special instance and request of the said Peter Eby that we would be pleased to grant him a confirmation of the said tract of land Know ye that favouring the request of the said Peter Eby as well in consideration of the premises as for the yearly quit rent hereinafter mentioned and reserved We have given granted released and confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give grant release and confirm unto the said Peter Eby and his heirs the said three hundred and seven acres, of land as the same is now set forth bounded and described as follows vizt. Beginning at a
marked white oak in a line of David Lewis's land and from thence extending by a line of marked trees west one hundred and forty four perches to a post thence by Andreas Saldenrich's land south two hundred and ninety eight perches to a marked black oak thence by vacant land east one hundred and eighty two perches to a marked white oak and north two hundred and thirty two perches to a post in a line of the said David Lewis's land thence by the same west twenty five perches to a post and north by west sixty seven perches to the place of Beginning (As in and by the survey thereof remaining in our surveyor General's Office and from thence certified into our Secretary's Office may appear) With all mines minerals quarrys meadows marches savannahs swamps cripples woods underwoods timber and trees ways waters watercourses liberties profits commodities advantages hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever there unto belonging or in any wise appertaining and lying within the bounds and limits aforesaid (three full and clear fifth parts of all Royal mines free from all deductions and reprisals for digging and refining the same and also one fifth part of the oar of all other mines delivered at the Pitsmouth only excepted and hereby reserved) and also free leave right and liberty to and for the said Peter Eby his heirs and assigns to hawk hunt fish and fowl in and upon the hereby granted land and premises or upon any part thereof To have and to hold the said three hundred and seven acres of land and premises hereby granted and call of the said Peter Eby his heirs and assigns To the only use and behoof of the said Peter Eby his heirs and assigns forever To de holden of us our heirs and successors Proprietaries of Pennsilvania as of our Mannor of Conestogoe in the said County of Lancaster in free and common soccage by fealty only in lieu of all other services Yielding and paying therefore yearly to us our heirs and successors at the Town of Lancaster aforesaid at or upon the first day of March in every year from the first day of March next One Shilling Sterling for each hundred acres (and so in proportion for the said seven acres) or value thereof in Coin Current according as the Exchange shall then be between our said Province and the City of London to such person or persons as shall from time to time be appointed to receive the same And in case of non payment thereof within ninety days next after the same shall become due that then it shall and may become lawful for us our heirs and successors our and their receiver or receivers into and upon the hereby granted land and premises to reenter and the same to hold and possess until the said quit rent and all arrears thereof together with the charges accruing by means of such nonpayment and reentry be fully paid and discharged
Witness George Thomas Esqr. Lieutenant Governor of the said Province whom in pursuance and by virtue of certain powers and authorities to him for this purpose (Inter alia) granted by the said Proprietaries hath hereunto set his hand and caused the Great Seal of the sd. Province to be hereof affixed at Philadelphia this fifteenth day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty four, the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of King George the Second over Great Britain &ca And the Twenty seventh Year of the said Proprietaries Government.

Geo. Thomas
the
Great Seal
appended

THEODORUS EBY HAVING DIED, INTESTATE, PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 20th, 1734, HIS CHILDREN, EXCEPTING DAVID EBY, UNITE IN GRANTING A DEED TO HANS MUSSER FOR THE 300 ACRES SURVEYED FOR TORIS EBYS (THEODORUS EBY), ON MAY 10th, 1718. LANCASTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DEED BOOK GG, PAGE 391.

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THEODORUS 1 EBY. Son of Bishop Jacob AEBI, Zurich, Switzerland.

B. April 25, 1003, in Canton Zurich, Switzerland.
M. __________ in Switzerland.
D. Prior to Feb. 20, 1734, in Lancaster County Pennsylvania.

Father: __________
Mother: __________
## EBY FAMILY

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THE EBY FAMILY BULLETIN

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On the 2^s of ye. 4^m. last I was informed that there is a warrant for the above land granted to one Tilly Ebro and three of the neighbours adjoining nearly to ye same purchased the right of ye present possessor and they being persons ye is likely to pay the Proprietor for the land I made ye survey & division as above roughly set down which is all I can do at present being abroad but if occasion be please to examine this & I shall return sooner draught copy this I hope at more leisure.

24th 9th 1740

I am thy loving

John Schwab paid for his return.

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[Handwritten text on a map, indiscernible content due to handwriting style and quality of the image.]
The diagram shows a property layout with several points and lines indicating boundaries. The text provides a description of a tract of land in Leacock Township, which was surveyed by a warrant granted to a certain landowner. The land is described as being bounded by various landmarks such as a white oak and a stone. The survey is divided into three parts, as noted in the diagram. The document is dated 21st April 1746.

[Signature] Sam Lightfoot
PETER EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY, REDEMPTIONER, MILLWRIGHT, MILLER, AND CONSTABLE, IN THE YEAR 1741 BECOMES A REAL ESTATE DEALER, AS A STUDY OF THESE VARIOUS SURVEYS AND DOCUMENTS WILL DISCLOSE.

On June 10th, 1741, Peter Eby receives this patent for 00 acres. Found among old rights, Harrisburg, Patent Book A, Volume IX, page 316. Plat of survey found among old rights, Harrisburg, Book C, Volume 185, page 193. Sec also plat of survey, Taylor manuscripts, Philadelphia, Book XII, Number 2366, 200 acres to Peter Eby. Both the 200-acre tract and the 90-acre tract adjoin the 213-acre tract of Sigmond Londus or Sigmond Landert.

John Penn Thomas Penn and Richard Perm Esquires, true and absolute Proprietary's and Gouvernours in Chief of the Province of Pennsilvania and Counties of New Castle Kent and Sussex on Delaware. To all unto whom these presents shall come Greeting Whereas by virtue of a Warrant under our Lesser Seal bearing date the nineteenth day of January in ye year of our Lord 1733. There was surveyed & laid out on ye twenty sixth day of ye same month unto Teter Elrood of ye County of Lancaster two hundred & eighty six acres & one hundred & thirty five perches of land Situate in Leacock Township in the sd. County under certain conditions in the said Warrant mentioned which conditions not having been complied with by the said Teeter Elrood the said Warrant and Survey made in pursuance thereof are become utterly void as in any by the said Warrant remaining in our Survey. Generals Office relation being thereunto had does manifestly appear. And Whereas afterwards in and by a Warrant under the Seal of our Land Office bearing date ye twenty ninth day of November last past upon application made to us by Peter Eby of the sd. County We required our Surveyor General to accept and receive a survey on ninety acres & one hundred & three perches, part of the sd. tract of two hundred & eighty six acres & one hundred & thirty five perches, & to make return thereof into our Secretary's Office for the use & behoof of the said Peter Eby which survey being accepted by our Surveyr. General and by him duly returned into our Secretary's Office the same is situated and bounded as followeth vizt. Beginning at a post at a corner of the John Schwob's land and extending thence by the same south one hundred perches to a post thence by the same land and by land of Jno Limeberg east one hundred and nineteen perches to a post thence by Jno Limeberg's & Jacob Snevely's land north one hundred & sixty seven perches to a black oak thence by Jno Stump's land west fifty one perches to a post thence by Sigismund Landret's land south sixteen degrees east fifty three perches to a hickory tree and west by south eighty four pches to ye place of beginning Containing ninety acres & one hundred and three pches and an allowance for roads &
highways proportional to six acres P Cent as in and by the survey thereof may appear. Now at the instance & request of the said Peter Eby that we would be pleased to grant him a Confirmation of the same Know ye that in consideration of the sum of fourteen pounds one shilling lawful money of Pensilvania to our use paid by the said Peter Eby (The receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge & thereof do acquit & forever discharge the said Peter Eby his heirs and assigns by these presents) And also of ye yearly quit rent hereinafter mentd. & reserved. We have given granted released & confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give grant release & confirm unto the said Peter Eby & his heirs the said ninety acres and one hundred & three pches of land as the same is now set forth bounded & limited as aforesd. With all mines minerals quarries meadows marshes savannahs swamps cripples woods underwoods timber & trees ways waters water courses liberties profits commodities advantages hereditamts. And appurtenances whatsoever to the sd. ninety acres & one hundred & three pches of land belonging or in any wise appertaining & lying within the bounds & limits aforesd. (Three full & clear fifth parts of all Royal Mines free from all deductions & reprisals for digging & refining ye same Also one fifth part of ye ore of all other mines deld. at ye Pits mouth only excepted & hereby reserved) And also free leave right and liberty to & for the said Peter Eby his heirs & assigns to hawk, hunt, fish and fowl in and upon the hereby granted land & premises or upon any part thereof To have and to hold the said ninety acres and one hundred & three perches of land & premes hereby granted (Except as before excepted) with their appurtenances unto the said Peter Eby his heirs and assigns to the only use and behoof of the sd. Peter Eby his heirs and assigns forever. To be holden of us our heirs & successors Proprietaries of Pensilvania as of our Mannor of Conestogo in the county of Lancaster afd. in free and common soccage by fealty only in lieu of all other services. Yielding and paying therefore yearly to us our heirs and successors at ye Town of Lancaster in the sd. County at or upon the first day of March in every year from the first day of March last past one half penny sterling for every acre of the same or value thereof in Coin Current according as ye Exchange shall then be between our said Province and ye City of London to such person or persons as shall from time to time be appointed to receive the same. And in case of Nonpayment thereof within ninety days next after the same shall become due that then it shall & may be lawful for us our heirs and successors our and their receiver or receivers into and upon the hereby granted land & premes to reenter & the same to hold & possess untill the sd. quit
rent & all arrears thereof together with the charges accruing by means of such nonpaymt & reentry be fully paid and discharged. In Witness whereof the said Thomas Penn by virtue of ye powers & authorities to him granted by the said John and Richard Penn & of his own right hath caused the Great Seal of the sd. province to be hereunto affixed at Philada. this Tenth day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & forty one. the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of King George the Second over Great Britain &c. And the twenty third year of our Government.

Tho Penn (Seal)

Recorded the nth June 1741.

PETER 2 (Theodorus 1).

B. 1690, in Canton Zurich, Switzerland.
M. ________, ________
M. Barbara __________
B. ________, ________
D. ________, ________
Father: __________
Mother: __________

Name | Born | Died | Married | Spouse
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Christian 3 | | | | |
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Peter 3 | | | | Annie Roland
Henry 3 | | | | |
Abraham 3 | Nov. 24, 1735 | Jan. 8, 1815 | | Barbara ______
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John 3 | | | | |

PETER EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY, ON AUGUST 17th, 1748, MADE HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, AND DIED SOON AFTERWARD. HIS WIDOW MARRIED A SHORT TIME AFTER THE DEATH OF PETER EBY. FOR A CONSIDERATION OF 250 POUNDS, ON DECEMBER 13th, 1750, BARBARA, FORMER WIDOW OF PETER EBY, AND HANS DEWALD LICHTY, HER HUSBAND, SIGN A RELEASE
RELINQUISHING THEIR CLAME IN THE PROPERTY OF THE SAID PETER EBY.
THIS RELEASE INCLUDES A LIST OF THE MINOR CHILDREN OF SAID PETER EBY.

To All People to whom these presents shall come, Hans Dewald Lichty and Barbara his wife, late Barbara Ebey, widow and Recliet of Peter Ebey late of Earl Township, in the County of Lancaster, miller, deceased, send Greeting. Whereas the said Peter Ebey by his last Will and Testament duly made and published under his hand and seal bearing date the seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred forty eight, did among other things Give Devise and Bequeath in the words or to the effect following (that is to say) First, I give and bequeath to my loving wife Barbara One Hundred Acres of the Land belonging to the Mill Tract and the housing that is on the said Hundred Acres, and if she choses not to marry but to live single with her children, but if she marry the same is to be disposed at the Discretion of my Executors as they think fitting for the benefit of my children until they come of age to enjoy it themselves, and likewise I give and bequeath to my wife Barbara the third of all my estate and of his said Will appointed Martin Graaff and Abraham Riff Executors as in and by the said last Will and Testament remaining on Record in the Prerogative Office at Lancaster may more fully and at large appear.

Now know ye that the said Hans Dewald Lichty and Barbara his wife for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and twenty five pounds of current lawful Money of Pennsylvania to them or one of them in hand paid or secured to be paid by Abraham Bare and Michael Sharer, Guardians of Jacob Ebey, Peter Ebey, Henry Ebey, Abraham Ebey, Isaac Ebey, Barbara Ebey and Ann Ebey, Doorst Ebey, Martin Ebey and John Ebey, minors, Children of the said Peter Ebey, deced. on the perfection hereof the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and thereof acquit and discharge the said Abraham Bare and Michael Sharer their Heirs, Executors & Admr.s. have granted, remised, released and forever quitclaimed and by these presents for themselves and each of them their and each of their heirs Exrs. and Admr.s. do fully, freely and absolutely grant, release, remise and forever quitclaim unto the said Abraham Bare and Michael Sharer and the survivor of them for the use and benefit of the said minors their heirs, Exrs. and Admr.s. all the estate, right, Title, Interest, claim, Challenge and Demand whatsoever, both in law and equity which they the said Hans Dewald Lichty and Barbara his wife or cither of them, or cither of them ever had or may, can or shall have of in to or out of all and singular Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments of the said Peter Ebey, deceased or any Bequest, Legacy or decise made or intended to be made given, bequeathed or devised in or by the said recited Will or which they or
either of them are, is or may be Intitlcd to in Right of the said deceased and all dower and thirds arising or growing due to the said Barbara wife of the said Hans Dewald Lichty out of all or any of the estate of the said deceased, to be and enure to the use and benefit of the said children their Heirs, Exrs. and Admrs. Forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Hans Dewald Lichty and Barbara his wife have hereunto put their hands and seals the thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty.

Sealed and delivered in the presence.

Hans Dewald Lichty (L.S.)

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of us. The words (Doorst Ebey, Martin Ebey and John Ebey) being first interlined.

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Bardora B Lichty (L. S.)

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PETER EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY, AUGUST 17th, 1748. THIS PETER EBY WAS BORN IN CANTON ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, IN 1690, AND CAME TO LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN 1712.

In the Name of Cod, Amen!

I Peter Ebey of Earl township, in the County of Lancaster, miller, being very uncertain of life or death, doc think, fit to make this my last will and testament, in manner following.

And first I give and bequeath to my first wife's children, fifty pounds to be taken out of my esteate. It is my will that my just debts, being first paid out of the whole, and the rest and residue I give and bequeath in manner following. First, I give and bequeath to my loving wife Barbre, one hundred acres of the land belonging to the mill tract, and the housing that is on the said hundred and if she chuses not to marry, but to live single with her children, but if she marry, the same is to be disposed att the discretion of my executors as the think fitting for the bennefit of my children untill the come of age to enjoy itt themselves, and ligwise give and bequeath to my wife Barbre, the third of all my estate. Ane ligwise I give and bequeath to my oldest son Christian Ebey, the mill and two hundred
acres of land be longin to the mill, witch I desire to be prised and every one to have an eaquel shear, to be delivered amongst my children, only if Christian chuses to pay the children thire part to keep the land and mill, according to preisment, otherways, if he chuses is eaquel part in money another may have it. others witch chuses it and a I ligwise nominate and appoint Martain Groff, and Abram Riff, both in Earl Township, and Lancaster County afforesaid to be my only and the sole exueittores of this my last will and testament. Hereby revoking all former wills by me maid, and dc declare this to be my last will and testament. If Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, deated this seventeenth day of August, in the year our Lord God 1748 Peter Ebey.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presents of us.

Christian Eby, Henry S. Shiver, James Love.

JACOB EBY, SON OF PETER EBY, AND GRANDSON OF THEODORUS EBY, OBTAINS AN ORDER OF THE ORPHANS' COURT, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 9th, 1755.

Upon the Petition of Jacob Abey second son of Peter Abey, deceased, to this Court setting forth: That the said Peter Abey made his last Will and Testament and Devised a part of his Real Estate, but as to other part died Intestate, and Praying the Court to appoint Persons to value the Real Estate of the said Decedent of which he died Intestate. That he the Petitioner may, (if his eldest Brother will not,) on payment of the respective shares of the other Children of the Decedent, hold the Land of which his said Father died Intestate. It is considered by the Court and Ordered that Emanuel Carpenter, Christian Wenger, Gabriel Carpenter, George Line, Richard Owen & John Bare, or any four of them, do value and appraise the real Estate of the said Decedent whereof he died Intestate, and make return thereof in writing under their hands to the next Court. And whereas it is further set forth in the said Petition, that the said Peter Eaby, deceased, directed a part of his Real Estate to be appraised, which he devised to his Son, Christian, and praying that persons might be appointed by the Court to value and appraise the same. It is further ordered by the Court, that the said Emanuel Carpenter, Christian Wenger, Gabriel Carpenter, George Line, Richard Owen & John Bare, or any four of them, do value and appraise the said last mentioned part of the said decedents Real Estate, and make return thereof also in writing, under their hands, to the next Court.
JACOB EBY, SON OF PETER EBY, AND GRANDSON OF THEODORUS EBY, WITH HANNA (LATER IN), WIFE OF SAID JACOB EBY, ON JULY 4th, 1755, GRANT 150 ACRES, WITH SAWMILL AND GRISTMILL, A PORTION OF THE 307 ACRES SURVEYED FOR DORIS EBYS (THEODORUS EBY), ON AUGUST 24th, 1724, TO MICHAEL RHYNE.

Three generations of the Eby family having owned it, three generations of the Rine family succeeded, then the Roland family, and at present the Hoover family owns the mill site. This document discloses that the estate of Peter Eby consisted of at least 250 acres appraised at 650 pounds, 100 acres appraised at 240 pounds, and 210 acres appraised at 400 pounds, a total of 550 acres appraised at 1290 pounds. According to family tradition, this Peter Eby was sold as a bond servant. To pay his passage across the Atlantic, and his brothers, John and George, also were redemptioners. Lancaster County Courthouse, Deed Book D, page 406.

THIS INDENTURE.

Made the Fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-five, between Jacob Eaby, the second son of Peter Eaby, late of Earltown, in the County of Lancaster, & Province of Pennsylvania, deceased, & Hanna his wife of the one part, and Michael Rhyne of the Township, County, and Province aforesaid, of the other part.

Whereas, the Honourable Proprietaries of this Province did grant and confirm unto the said Peter Eaby, Deed, (inter alia) a certain tract of land situate on Mill Creek in County of Lancaster & Province aforesaid, Bounded and described, as in and by their certain Patent mentioned as by the same bearing date the fifteenth day of January, Anno Dom. 1744 and entered the Rolls Office for the City and County of Philadelphia in Patent Book A. Voll. 11 Page 457 &c. the 31st. of January 1744/5 may fully appear. And Whereas, Peter Eaby died, being at the time of his death rightfully seised in fee of the said Lands & premises (with diver others) and having before his death first made his last will and testament in writing and therein devised a part of his real estate as follows, to wit: One Hundred Acres, part of said tract to Barbara his wife during her widowhood & no longer and the remaining part of said tract, Together with the saw Mill and Grist Mill thereon erected, he the said decedent devised to his eldest son Christian Eaby, subject to several payments to the other sons and daughters of the Deccdt. to be paid to the M in even and equal
Portions as the said Lands and Premises should be afterwards appraised; and as to the other part of his real estate the said Peter Eaby died intestate. And Whereas, the said Christian Eaby refusing to comply with the terms and conditions in said Will and Testament nor pay the respective shares as in and by the same obliged. Whereupon the above named Jacob Eaby at an Orphans Court at Lancaster for the County aforesaid the ninth of April, Anno Dom. 1755 before Emanuel Carpenter, Robert Thompson and William Gevon Esquires, Justices for said County, preferred a petition praying that fit persons might be appointed to value and appraise the said real estate as well that part devised to the said Christian Eaby, as also the part of said real estate whereof the said Deed, died intestate, and it was then and there ordered by the Justices aforesaid, that Emanuel Carpenter, Esquire aforesaid, Christian Wenger, Gabriel Carpenter, George Line, Richard Owen & John Bare or any four of them should value and appraise all and singular the real estate of the said deedt. and make return thereof to the same Court under their hands, and the said Emanuel Carpenter Esqr. Christian Wenger, Gabriel Carpenter, George Line, Richard Owen & John Bare before the said Justices in the same Court returned, that pursuant to said Order of Court they had valued and appraised two hundred and fifty acres part of said real estate at six hundred and fifty pounds and a messuage; and one hundred acres of land being the part devised to Barbara the widow and relict of the said Decedt. And taken from the first above recited tract, valued and appraised at two hundred and forty pounds and the residue being the same two hundred acres together with the Grist Mill & Saw Mill that was devised to Christian Eaby of aforesaid, the appraised and valued at four hundred pounds all amounting to twelve hundred and ninety pounds and it likewise appearing to the same Court that Hans Dwalt Lichty and Barbara his wife, late Barbara Eaby the widow and relict of the said Peter Eaby Deced. had released their share of said real estate to Abraham Bare and Michael Sharer in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds to be paid them by the said Abram Bare & Michael Sharer and the same was purchased for the use and behoof of the children of the said decedent over whom the said Abram & Michael were appointed Guardians, And Whereas the said Christian Eaby still refused to comply with the terms nor hold the said lands under the payment of the respective shares according to the valuation as aforesaid. Whereupon, it was then and there considered and ordered by the Justices aforesaid, that the said Jacob Eaby upon paying and securing the respective shares of the other children of the Decedt. shall-hold and enjoy the whole real estate of his said father, Peter
Eaby, Deed, in fee according to an Act of General Assembly in such case made and provided. And Whereas, the said Jacob Eaby hath accepted and complied with all and singular the terms aforesaid and according to an Order of the same Court & by the Justices aforesaid made for the distribution of said real estate, hath paid or secured all & every the respective shares as well of the said relict as also of the rest of the children of the said Peter Eaby, deceased, as by the several records and proceedings of the same Court, reference to the same and the above mentioned last will and testament being had may more fully and at large appear, so that the said Jacob Eby is now by vertue of the premises seised in fee of an absolute Estate of Inheritance of in and to the Lands and premises above mentioned.

Now This Indenture Witnesseth, that the said Jacob and Hannah his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred and Seventy-Five Pounds lawful money of the Province to them in hand paid before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Jacob Eaby and Hannah his wife therewithal fully content & paid and the said Michael Rhyne his heirs, executors, administrators and every of them thereof acquit and discharge forever, hath granted, bargained & sold, aliened, remised, released, enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Michael Ryne and to his heirs and assigns.

All that certain Part or Parcel of the above described Lands & Premises Bounded and described, Beginning at a Poplar Tree on the brink of Mill Creek and thence extending by other lands of the said Jacob Eaby South forty-seven degrees east twenty-six perches and an half to a white oak and South eighty-three degrees east one hundred and forty-one perches to a post and thence by lands of Jacob Bare and Michael Grable respective by North two degrees west ninety-nine perches to a post; thence by the said Michael Grable’s Land South eighty-eight degrees West twenty-four perches to a post and North twelve degrees west sixty-eight perches to a White Oak; thence by Martin Hoover land South eighty-eight degrees West, one hundred and forty perches and an half to corner post; thence by lands of Andreas Saldenrich South two degrees East one hundred and fifty-one perches to a post; thence by other lands North eighty-eight degrees East seven perches to a post in the middle of said Mill Creek and thence up the middle of said Creek about fifteen perches and thence by the same ten perches to the place of beginning. Containing One Hundred and Fifty Acres and the usual allowance of six Acres pr Ct.
meadows, fields, woods, waters, water courses, rents, issues, profits and appurtenances, and all and singular the estate or estates, reversion and remainder, right, title, interest, use, liberty, property, claim and demand whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining. Together with free liberty & privilege of that certain Spring in and upon the other lands of the said Jacob Eaby and free ingress, egress and regress by a foot path most convenient to the said Michael Ryne or his assigns for using and carrying water from the said Spring.

To have and to hold the said above mentioned & described lands and mill hereditaments and premises hereby granted, bargained & sold or mentioned so to be with their and every

their appurtenances to him the said Michael Ryne and to his heirs or assigns to the only proper use, benefit & behoof of him the said Michael Ryne and to his heirs or assigns forever, Subject Nevertheless to the proportionate part of the yearly quit rents from henceforth to become due or payable to the Chief Lord of the fee thereof.

And the said Jacob Eaby and Hannah his wife, doth further grant promise and agree that they and each of them their heirs, assigns & every of them the said Michael Ryne his heirs or assigns in the quiet and peaceable possession of the premises against all manner of person to the same lawfully claiming shall warrant and forever defend by these presents and shall sign, seal and execute or cause to be made and executed all such further and other reasonable acts, deeds, devices or assurances either in law or equity howsoever as by the same Michael Ryne his heirs or assigns or as by his or their Council in the law shall be reasonably advised, devised or required, for the further & more perfect granting, conveying, confirming & assuring the premises with their appurtenances to him the said Michael Ryne and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Jacob Eaby and Hannah his wife hath hereunto set their hands and seals respectively the day & year first above mentioned.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of her

German signature

Nathan Lightner

Jacob F.by (L. S.)

Hannah F.Eby

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JACOB 3 EBY, (Peter 2, Theodorus 1).
B. July 18, 172S, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
M. Jan. 15, 1753
M. Hannah (LATERIN)
B. Oct. 5, 1733

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Mother: __________

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CHRISTIAN EBY, SON OF GEORGE EBY, AND GRANDSON OF THEODORUS EBY, ON OCTOBER 16th, 1760, RECEIVES A PATENT FOR ISO ACRES, SURVEYED ON JANUARY 24th, 1733, FOR HIS FATHER, GEORGE EBY, ON HAMMER CREEK, WARRICK TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNA. FOUND AMONG OLD RIGHTS, HARRISBURG, PENNA., PATENT BOOK AA, VOLUME I, PAGE 104.

PATENT TO CHRISTIAN EBY, GRANDSON OF THEODORUS EBY.

Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries & Governors in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvannia and Counties of New Castle, Kent & Sussex, on Delaware: To all unto whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, in pursuance of a Warrant under the lesser Seal of our said province Dated the Eighth day of January One thousand seven hundred and thirty three there was surveyed on the twenty fourth day of January aforesaid unto George Eby A Certain Tract of Land situate in Warrick Township in the County of Lancaster Beginning at a marked white oak on a branch of Conestogo Creek thence by vacant land and land of Abraham Wolf north thirty degrees west two hundred and sixteen perches to a marked Black Oak thence by land of Henry Landus south south west One hundred and seventy four perches to a marked Black Oak thence by vacant land south east one hundred and sixty perches to a marked black Oak thence by land of Christian Stoner east by north seventy two perches to a marked black Oak and north by west twelve perches to a marked black Oak on the aforesaid Branch of Conestogo Creek thence up the same on the several courses thereof seventy two perches to the place of Beginning Containing one hundred & fifty acres and the usual allowance of six P Cent for Roads & Highways As by the same Warrant & Survey remaining in our Surveyor Generals Office and from thence certified to our Secretaries Office may appear And Whereas the said George Eby after erecting a Mill and making divers Improvements on the said Tract of Land Died seized and possessed thereof Intestate leaving Barbara his Widow & issue vizt. Christian, George, John & Barbara And Whereas the said Christian Eby eldest son and heir of the first named George Eby after the Decease of his said Father applied to the Orphans Court at Lancaster and on his petition for that purpose exhibited and by and with the mutual consent of the said Barbara his mother and Christian Myley the Guardian law fully constituted and appointed of the said George John and Barbara the younger & minor Children of the said Intestate, obtained a fair valuation of the said Tract of Land & Improvements
and on return thereof and paying or giving security for the purpartyes & shares of his said Brothers & Sister of & in the said appraised value of the said land and improvements And also to George Redland Barbara his Wife late the Widow of the said Intestate for her Dower & Thirds therein it was ordered by this Court that the sd. Christian should hold the sd. Mill and Lands as fully & amply as his said late Father held the same on his having complied with the Directions of the Act of Assembly relating to the Premisses as by the proceedings of the sd. Court & several Releases for the Shares of the sd. Barbara the Mother and Brothers & Sister of the said Christian Eby now produced more fully appears

Now know ye at the Special Instance & Request of the said Christian Eby and for and in Consideration of the Sum of twenty three pounds five shillings, lawful Money of Pennsylvania, to our Use, paid by the said Christian Eby (the Receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge & thereof do acquit and forever discharge the sd. Christian Eby his Heirs & Assigns, by these Presents) and of the yearly-Quit-rent hereinafter mentioned and reserved, We have given, granted, released, and confirmed, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, Do give, grant, release and confirm unto the said Christian Eby his Heirs and Assigns the said One hundred fifty acres of Land, as the same are now set forth, bounded and limited as aforesaid; with all Mines, Minerals, Quarries, Meadows, Marshes, Savannahs, Swamps, Criples, Woods, Underwoods, Timber and Trees, Ways, Waters, Water Courses, Liberties, Profits, Commodities, Advantages, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and lying within the Bounds and Limits aforesaid, (Three full and clear Fifth Parts of all Royal Mines, free from all Deductions & Reprisals for digging &c refining the same; and also One-Fifth Part of the Ore of all other Mines, delivered at the Pit's Mouth, only excepted and hereby reserved,) and also free Leave, Right and Liberty to and for the said Christian Eby his Heirs & Assigns, to hawk, hunt, fish & fowl, in and upon have and to Hold the said one hundred and fifty acres of Land & Premises hereby granted, (except as before excepted) with their appurtenances, unto the said Christian Eby his heirs and Assigns to the only Use and Behoof of the said Christian Eby his Heirs and Assigns forever: To be Holden of us, our Heirs and successors, Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, as of our Manor of Conestogo in the County of Lancaster aforesaid, in free & common Socage by Fealty only, in Lieu of all other services: Yielding &
paying therefor yearly unto us, our Heirs & Successors, at the Town of Lancaster in the said county, at or upon the First Day of March in every year, from the First Day of March, last One half penny Sterling for every Acre of the same, or Value thereof in Coin-Current, according as the Exchange shall then be between our said Province & the City of London, to such Person or Persons as shall, from time to time, be appointed to receive the same. And in case of Non-payment thereof within Ninety Days next after the same shall become due, that then it shall & may be lawful for us, our Heirs and Successors, our & their Receiver or Receivers, into and upon the hereby granted Land & Premises to re-enter, and at the same to hold and possess until the sd. Quit-rent, and all Arrears thereof, together with the Charges accruing by Means of such Non-payment & Re-entry, be fully paid and discharged.

Witness James Hamilton Esquire Lieutenant Governor of the sd. province, who, by Virtue of certain Powers & Authorities to him for this Purpose (inter alia), Granted by the said Proprietaries hath hereunto set his Hand, and caused the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed at Philadelphia this sixteenth day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty the thirty fourth Year of the Reign of King George the Second over Great Britain, &c. and the forty third year of the said Proprietaries Government.

James Hamilton (L. S.)
Recorded ye 17th October 1760

GEORGE 2 EBY (Theodorus 1)
B. __________ in Canton Zurich, Switzerland.
M. __________
D. Prior to Oct. 10, 1700
   M. Barbara __________
   B. __________
   D. __________
Father. __________
Mother: __________
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**Oct 14, 1760**

Christian Eby, one hundred and fifty acres of land situated in Manwick Township, in the county of Lancaster, surveyed by Geo. Eby by warrant of the 14th day of January 1759. The same is conveyed to Jacob Justice, his half brother, in consideration of six months after the date of warrant.

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**Survey of the Land**

- Jacob Byard 166
- Henry and Allowance
- Situated on a branch of Conestoga Creek
- Warded Township
- Lancaster County Pa.
- Surveyed by Warr of the 3rd day of January 1733.
- The 18th of November 1735.
- By Geo. Taylor
- Samuel Royer
- James Sinton
CHRISTIAN EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY, ON NOVEMBER 12th, 1746, RECEIVES A PATENT FOR 236 ACRES ON HAMMER CREEK, NOW IN ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNA. FOUND AMONG OLD RIGHTS, HARRISBURG, PENNA., PATENT BOOK A, VOLUME XII, PAGE 451.

PATENT TO CHRISTIAN EBY, SON OF THEODORUS EBY.

John Penn, Thomas Penn & Richard Penn, Esqrs, true and absolute Proprietary and Governors in Chief of the Province of Pennsilvania and the Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex, on Delaware. To all unto whom these Present shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, by virtue of a warrant under the lesser Seal of our Province bearing date the third day of January in ye Year of our Lord 1733 a survey of a Certain Tract of Land containing one hundred & sixty six acres situate on the western Branch of Conestogoe Creek in Warwick Township within the County of Lancaster was made unto Jacob Byerly of yc said County under certain conditions in ye said Warrant mentioned which conditions not having been complied with by the said Jacob Byerly the said Warrant & survey made in pursuance thereof are become utterly void As in and by ye said Warrant remaining in our Surveyor General's Office Relation being thereunto had does manifestly appear. And Whereas afterwards in & by a Warrant under the seal of our Land office bearing date ye thirtieth Day of October last upon application made to us by Christian Eby of ye sd. County or Surveyor General was required to accept & receive into his Office the survey of ye said Tract of Land and to make return thereof into our Secretary's Office for ye use and behoof of the said Christian Eby, which survey being accordingly accepted by our Surveyor General and by him duly returned into our Secretary's Office, the bounds and limits thereof are therein set forth and described to be as follows vizt. Beginning at a small White Oak marked and from thence extending by James Simony's land north north east one hundred and three perches to a marked Black Oak & north nine degrees east one hundred and forty nine perches to a post thence by Sebastian Royer's Land west north west sixty four perches to a marked Black Oak thence by Lewis Lewis's land south seventy three perches to a post and west south west one hundred & forty perches to a marked Black Oak thence by vacant land south by east one hundred & sixteen perches to a marked Spanish Oak & south seventy five degrees east one hundred & ten perches to ye place of beginning Containing as afd. One hundred & sixty six acres with ye allowance of six acres per Cent for Roads & Highways And Whereas in pursuance and by virtue of a Warrant of ye twenty third day of December in ye Year 1743 there was surveyed & laid out on ye
Fourteenth day of October then next following unto ye sd. Christian Eby a certain Tract of Land situate in Warwick Township and County afd. bounded and described as follows vizt. Beginning at a marked Black Oak and from thence extending by other land of ye sd. Christian Eby south by cast One hundred & ten perches to a marked Spanish Oak thence by vacant land south fifty four degrees west seventy one perches to a marked Spanish Oak thence by Jacob Crevars Land north fifty four degrees west fifty eight perches to a post thence by George Poorman's land north fifteen degrees west seventy six perches to a marked white oak thence by Lawrence Hoff's land east north cast one hundred & ten perches to ye place of beginning Containing seventy acres & allowance as aforesd.

Now at ye Instance & Request of ye sd. Christian Eby that we would be pleased to grant him a Confirmation of ye two herein before described Tracts of Land amounting in ye whole to two hundred & thirty six acres Know ye That in Consideration of ye Sum of thirty six pounds eleven shillings and six pence, lawful Money of Pennsilvania, to our Use, paid by the said Christian Eby (the Receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge and thereof do acquit and forever discharge ye said Christian Eby his Heirs & Assigns, by these Presents) and of ye yearly-Quit-rent hereinafter mentioned and reserved, We have given, granted, released and confirmed, & by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, Do give, grant, release & confirm unto the said Christian Eby and to his Heirs & Assigns, the said Two hundred & thirty six acres of Land, as the same are now set forth, bounded and described as aforesd;

with all Mines, Minerals, Quarries, Meadows, Marshes, Savannahs, Swamps, Cripples, Woods, Underwoods, Timber and Trees, Ways, Waters, Water Courses, Liberties, Profits, Commodities, Advantages, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and lying within ye Bounds & Limits (Three full and clear Fifth Parts of all Royal Mines, free from all Deductions and Reprisals for digging & refining the same & also One-Fifth Part of ye Ore of all other Mines, delivered at ye Pit's Mouth, only excepted and hereby reserved), and also free Leave, Right and Liberty to and for the said Christian Eby his Heirs & Assigns, to hawk, hunt, fish and fowl, in and upon the hereby granted Land and Premises or upon any Part thereof; To have and to Hold the said Two hundred and thirty six acres of Land & Premises hereby granted (except as before excepted) with their appurtenances, unto ye said Christian Eby & his Heirs, to the only Use and Behoof of the said Christian Eby his Heirs
& Assigns forever: To be holden of us, our Heirs and Successors, Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, as of our Manor of Conestogo in ye said County of Lancaster, in free and common Socage by Fealty only, in Lieu of all other Services: Yielding and paying therefor yearly unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at ye Town of Lancaster in ye said county, at or upon the First Day of March in every year, from the First Day of March, last past One half penny Sterling for every Acre of ye same, or value thereof in Coin-Current, according as the Exchange shall then be between our said Province & ye City of London, to such Person or Persons as shall, from time to time, be appointed to receive ye same. And in case of Non-payment thereof within Ninety Days next after ye same shall become due, that then it shall and may be lawful for us, our Heirs and Successors, our and their Receiver or Receivers, into & upon the hereby granted Land & Premises to re-enter, and ye same to hold and possess until the said Quit-rent, & all Arrears thereof, together with ye Charges accruing by Means of such Non-payment & Re-entry, be fully paid and discharged.

Witness George Thomas Rsqr Lieutenant Governor of ye said province, who, in pursuance & by Virtue of certain Powers and Authorities to him for this Purpose (inter alia), Granted by the said Proprietaries hath hereunto set his Hand, & caused ye Great Seal of ye said Province to be hereunto affixed at Philadelphia this twelfth day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & forty six the Twentieth Year of the Reign of King George the Second over Great Britain, &c. and the Twenty ninth Year of the said Proprietaries Government.

Geo. Thomas (Seal)
Recorded the 12th November 1746

CHRISTIAN 2 (Theodorus 1).
B. Feb. 12, 1698, in Switzerland.
M. _______
D. Sep. 15, 1750, on Hammer Creek, Elizabeth Twp., Lancaster County, Pa.
M. Elizabeth (MAYER)
B. _______
D. Dec. 12, 1787
Father: _______
Mother: _______
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**BISHOP CHRISTIAN 3 (Christian 2, Theodorus 1).**

B. Feb. 22, 1734

M. __________

D. Sep. 14, 1807, Buried In Family Grave Yard, Hammer Creek, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

M. Catherine (BRICKER)

B. __________

D. __________

Father: __________

Mother: __________

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M. July __, 1788
D. April 6, 1843
  M. Margarettta (HESS)
  B. Oct. 7, 1764
  D. Feb. 14, 1840
Father: _________
Mother: _________

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BENJABIN EBY (1767-1850), GREATGRANDSON OF THEODORUS EBY, WITH HIS
WIFE, SARAH (BAER), AND THEIR BABIES, IN 1802 WENT WEST INTO THE
WILDERNESS OF PATH VALLEY, FANNETT TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA. HAVING ACQUIRED A LARGE PLANTATION, IN 1830 HE
DISPOSES OF 59 ACRES AND 327 ACRES.

This indenture, made the first day of December, in the year of our
Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty, between Benjamin Eby and
Sarah, his wife, of Fannette Township and County of Franklin, and
State of Pennsylvania, farmer, and Sarah his wife, of the one part,
and Jacob Eby, of the Township of Clark, and County of Mifflin, and
state aforesaid, farmer, of the other part, witnesseth, that the said
Benjamin Eby and Sarah his wife, for and in consideration of the sum
of Six Thousand Dollars, Lawful money, of the state aforesaid, to him
in hand paid by the said Jacob Eby before the sealing and delivery
hereof, the receipt and payment whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath
granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released and confirmed, and by
these presents doth grant, bargain, sell and enfeoff, release and
confirm in fee simple unto the said Jacob Eby his heirs and assigns
forever, all the following described tracts of land situated, lying
THE EBY FAMILY BULLETIN

and being in the township and County aforesaid, to which the lands
the said Benjamin Eby has obtained two patents, the first date the
13th day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred
and Nine and called "Eabysburg". Beginning at a white oak by-lands of
the heirs of Barnibus Doyle, North fifty-three degrees west, one
hundred and fifty-two perches to a white oak, south thirty-six
degrees west, nineteen perches to a white oak, north fifty-three
degrees west, one hundred and six perches to a white oak through
Spring Run, thence along the same on the several courses and
distances ninety perches to a thorn, thence by land now of Benjamin
Eby south eighty-one degrees east, one hundred and thirty-three
perches to a white oak, south forty-three degrees, east one hundred
and two perches to a post and north forty-seven degrees and a half
cast, forty-three perches and a half to the beginning containing
fifty-nine acres one hundred and seventeen perches and allowance
which is part of a larger tract conveyed by John Elder to John Elder
Jr. who by deed dated the first of April 1802 conveyed the same to
the said Benjamin Eby. Relation to said patent will more fully
appear. The other patent dated One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine,
April the 13th, called Dungawen. Beginning at the Spanish Oak on a
branch of Tuskerora Creek, thence down the same on the several
courses by land of Samuel Moore, one hundred and fifty perches and
four-tenths to a hickory, thence by land to Benjamin Eby, south
eighty-one degrees, east one hundred and eighty-three perches to a
white oak, south forty-three degrees, east one hundred and three
perches to a post, north forty-seven degrees and a half, east forty-
four perches to a white oak, thence by lands of the heirs of Barnibus
Doyle south fifty-two degrees and a half, east one hundred perches
and a half to a chestnut, thence by land of Robert Little, south
twenty five degrees and a half, west thirty-two perches and a half to
a post, thence by vacant land south five degrees east, eighteen
perches to an elin, thence by land of James Ardory, north fifty-eight
degrees and a half, west seventy-five perches and a half to a white
oak, south sixty-three degrees, west ninety-five perches and a half
to a post, south seventeen degrees, east seventy-three perches and a
half to a hickory, thence by lands of Richard Morrow, north seventy-
seven degrees, west fifty-six perches to a post, north fifty-one
degrees, west fifty-four perches to a Spanish oak, thence by land of
the heirs of Barnibus Doyle, north forty-three degrees, west west
one hundred and sixteen perches to a white oak, north fifty-seven
degrees, west forty-eight perches to an iron wood, and north sixty-
four degrees, west fifty-four perches to the beginning containing
three hundred and twenty-seven acres, seven perches and allowance of
six per cent, etc. Recourse to said patent will more fully appear,
and the above named Benjamin Eby, for himself, his heirs, executors
and administrators, do forever warrant and defend the above described
tracts of land from him and all under him, together with all and
singular the improvements, ways, woods, edifices, buildings, water,
water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, heredetiments and
appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise
appertaining and the reversions, rents, issues, and profits thereof,
and also all the estate, right, title, interest, or personal
property, claim and
demand whatsoever of him, the said Benjamin Eby either in law or
equity, or otherwise, howsoever, of in, to, and out of the same. To
have and to hold the said described tracts of land hcredements and
premises hereby granted, bargained and sold with the appertanences
unto the said Jacob Eby, his heirs and assigns to and for the only
proper use and behoff of him, the said Jacob Eby, his heirs and
assigns forever, the said Benjamin Eby, his heirs and assigns, all
and every other person claiming or to claim by, from, and under him,
them, or any of them, shall and will warrant and forever defend by
these presents. In witness whereof the said Benjamin Eby and Sarah
his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year
first above written.

Benjamin Eby
Sarah + Eby

BENJAMIN 4 (Jacob 3, Peter 2, Theodorus 1)
B. Nov. 30, 1707. in Leacock Tp., Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
M. in Leacock Tp., Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
D. ____ __, 1850, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.
  M. Sarah (BAER)
  B. ____ __,
  D. Sep. 21, 1842
  Father: __________
  Mother: __________

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BENJAMIN EBY (1767-1850) SON OF JACOB EBY (1728-1794) GRANDSON OF PETER EBY (1690-ABOUT 1748) AND GREAT GRANDSON OF THEODORUS EBY (1663-ABOUT 1732) WITH HIS WIFE SARAH (BAER) AND THEIR BABIES, IN 1802 LEFT LEACOCK TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY, AND SWARMED OUT WEST INTO THE WILDERNESS OF PATH VALLEY, FANNET TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNA. THERE, HE ACQUIRED A LARGE PLANTATION, OF MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED ACRES.

THIS INDENTURE made this first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, by and between John Elder of Fannett Township, Franklin County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Jane his wife of the one part, and Benjamin Eaby of Montgomery Township, County and State aforesaid of the other part; Witnesseth that whereas the said John Elder had granted unto him a certain small tract or parcel of land in Fannet Township aforesaid by Warrant, dated the 6th day of March, 1802, which land he the said Elder formerly held by improvement. Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that he the said John Elder and Jane his wife, hath granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, and sell, release and confirm unto him the said Benjamin Eaby, his Heirs and assigns, all the said tract of land with the appurtenances, for and in consideration of, the sum of one hundred and fifty-eighth pounds seventeen shillings money of this State, to them in hand paid, before the ensealing and delivering of these presents, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and themselves therewith satisfied and paid, said land being butted and bounded as follows (viz.) Beginning at a poplar a corner of said Elder's other land, thence by said lands, South fifty-four degrees, west thirty-two and a half perches, to a white oak, thence by John Ardery's land South eighty-five and a half degrees East seventy-five and a half perches, to an elm and South sixty and three-fourths degrees, East forty-six perches to a chestnut oak, and North fifty-two and three-fourths degrees, East sixteen and a half perches to a hickory, and South sixty-nine and three fourths degrees, East sixty-one and a half perches to a post, on a line of a tract of land belonging to the heirs of Barnabas Doyle thence by land of Robert Little North fifty-five and a fourth degrees, West thirty-two perches to a chestnut oak and North sixty-nine and a half degrees, West ninety-two perches, to a post, and North twenty-five and a half degrees East thirty-two and a half perches to a chestnut, and North fifty-two and a half degrees, West one hundred perches and a half to a white oak, thence by John Elder's other land South forty-seven and a fourth degrees, West forty-four perches to a post, and South forty-two and a half degrees, East seventy-nine and a half perches to the place of Beginning, containing
forty-five acres, and forty-nine perches and allowance of six per cent &C be the same more or less. To have and to hold the said described premises and appurtenances unto the said Benjamin Eaby his Heirs and Assigns and to the only and proper use and behoof of him the said Benjamin Eaby, his Heirs and Assigns forever. And they the said John Elder and Jane his wife, from and against themselves, their Heirs, and from and against all manner of persons, whatsoever lawfully claiming the same, to the said Benjamin Eby his Heirs and Assigns, will warrant and forever defend, subject only to the reservation of a fifth part of all gold and silver ore for the use of this State. In Testimony whereof the said John Elder and Jane his wife, have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

John Elder and Jane his wife, have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

John Elder Sen. (SEAL).

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of James Hays, Mattais ziths.

Jane Elder (SEAL)

Received the sum of one hundred and fifty-eight pounds seventeen shillings, being in full of the within consideration money of the within mentioned Benjamin Eby given under our hands and seals the first day of April 1802.

John Elder Sen (SEAL).

Jane Elder (SEAL).

Witness present, James Hays, Mattais ziths.

Franklin County SS. Before me John Widney one of the Justices of the peace, personally came the within named John Elder and Jane his wife and being examined, they do acknowledge the within Instrument of writing to be their act and deed, and desires it may he recorded as such in the Office for recording of Deeds in said County given under my hand and seal the first day of April, 1802.

John Widney (SEAL)

A true copy taken from the original the 16th April, 1806. Recorded in Deed Book, Volume 7, Page 195.
Benjamin Aby (1801-1867), son of Benjamin Eby (1767-1850), on May 17, 1845, receives a deed for 40 acres on Walnut Creek, Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois. This Benjamin Aby was born in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Penna., March 24th, 1801, as Benjamin Eby, son of Benjamin Eby (1787-1850). He was buried in Rochester Cemetery, Millbrook Township, Peoria County, Illinois, as Benjamin Aby. He is designated in the genealogical charts as Benjamin Eby-Aby (1801-1867).

Filed May 19th, 1845.

Know All Men by these Presents that We Major R. Lewis and Hannah Lewis of Peoria County and State of Illinois, in consideration of Four hundred dollars to us paid by Benjamin Aby Sen. of the county of Huntingdon, & State of Pennsylvania, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have given granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do give grant, bargain and sell unto the said Aby his heirs and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois, bounded and described as follows to wit—Commencing at a stake fifty links South of the North East corner of the North West quarter of the South East quarter of Section Six (6) in township Eleven (n) North of the base line and range Five (S) East of the fourth (4) principal meridian, thence South (64) Sixty four degrees West Eleven (11) chains and seventy five (75) links to the Bank of Walnut Creek four (4) chains South of the North line of sd Lot thence South along the bank of sd Creek to the South line of sd lot—thence East on the line of sd Lot to the South East corner of said Lot—thence North on the line of sd Lot to the place of beginning containing Twenty (20) Acres—Also,

The West half of the North East quarter of the North East quarter of section Six in township Eleven (11) North of the base line & range Five east of the fourth principal Meridian containing Twenty (20) Acres and lying East and joining the first described Twenty acres making in all forty acres conveyed in this deed.

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold the sd premises as above described with the appurtenances unto sd Benjamin Aby Sen. his heirs and assigns forever. And Major R. Lewis and Hannah his wife for themselves & their heirs do hereby covenant
and agree with the said Benjamin Aby Sen. that they will & their heirs executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same premises to the said Benjamin Aby Sen. and his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

In Testimony Whereof the sd Major R. Lewis and Hannah his wife have hereunto set their hands and Seals this 17th day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty five.

Signed Sealed and Delivered Major R. Lewis (Seal)
in Presence of Hannah Lewis (Seal)
       Z. H. Phelps
       C. L. Webster

State of Illinois
Peoria County
I Therrygood Smith Justice of the Peace in & for the sd County do certify that on this day appeared before me Major R. Lewis and Hannah his wife whose names appear signed to the foregoing conveyance and who are personally known to me to be the identical persons who signed the same and acknowledged that they had executed the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed. And Hannah wife of the sd Major R. Lewis having been by me examined separate and apart from her said husband acknowledged that she executed the same and relinquished her dower to the premises therein conveyed freely & without any compulsion of her sd husband.

AFFIDAVIT OF GEORGE HENRY ABY, YOUNGEST SON OF BENJAMIN EBY-ABY (1801-1867), DATED AUGUST 18th, 1884. RECORDED IN PEORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE. BOOK WD, PAGE 551. THE GENEALOGICAL CHARTS WILL DISCLOSWE WHY HE WAS GIVEN THE NAME GEORGE AND THE NAME HENRY.

State of Illinois

SS.

Stark County
George H. Aby being first duly sworn, on his oath says that he is a son of Benjamin Aby, deceased, late of Peoria County, Illinois, who died about the year 1868. That said Benjamin Aby senior left him surviving Rebecca Aby (who still survives) his widow? & the following children as his only heirs viz: Sarah J. Hamilton, wife of Alxr B. Hamilton, David Aby, John Aby, Elder Aby, Priscilla Yelm, wife of Anderson C. Yelm, Alexander Aby, Mary Rebecca Aby and this affiant George H. Aby. Also Laura Ann Aby, only child of Benjamin L. Abey, deceased, who was a son of Benjamin Aby Sen. Affiant further says that Benjamin Aby, Sen. died intestate.

George H. Aby.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 18th day of August 1884.

(Seal) Miles A. Fuller Notary Public.

Stark Co. Ills.

Recorded in Peoria County, Illinois, Book WD, page 551. September 8th, 1884, at 12:50 P.M.

BENJAMIN 5 EBY–ABY, (Benjamin 4 EBY, Jacob 3, Peter 2, Theodorus 1)
B. March 24, 1801, in Leacoek TWP, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as Benjamin EBY.
M. First. May 30, 1821, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, as Benjamin EBY.
M. Second. ____ __, 1832. in Richland County, Ohio, as Benjamin ABY.
D. Oct. 29, 1807, Buried at Rochester, Peoria County, Illinois, as Benjamin ABY. M. First, Rachel (ELDER) in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.
M. First,Rachel (Elder) in Franklin County B. Feb. 14, 1801, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.
D. _____, 1830. in Mifflin TP, Richland County, Ohio.
Father: David Elder, of Franklin County. Pennsylvania.
Mother: Sarah Jane (Alexander), of Franklin County, Pennsylvania.
M. Second, Rebecca (SMITH)
D. March 30, 1800, Buried at Rochester, Peoria County, ILL.
Father: __________
Mother: __________
THE EBY FAMILY BULLETIN

ABY FAMILY

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ALEXANDER 6 ABY (Benjamin 5 EBY–ABY, Benjamin 4 EBY, Jacob 3, Peter 2, Theodorus 1)

B. April 9, 1830, in Mifflin Twp., Richland Co., Ohio
M. Feb. 18, 1850, in Moline, Rock Island Co., ILL.
D. May 30, 1913, Buried at Galva, Henry Co., ILL.

M. Malvina (STANTON), Botanist and Pioneer School Teacher, Peoria Co., ILL.
B. March 1, 1826, in Rochester. New York
D. Sept. 15, 1904, Buried at Galva, Henry Co., ILL.

Father: Clark Whitcomb Stanton (1802-1851), Pioneer to Peoria County, ILL., 1834, Buried at Rochester, Peoria Co., ILL.
Mother, Amy Maria (Barnes) (1805-1856), Buried at Rochester, Peoria Co., ILL.
Paternal Grandfather, Clark Stanton (1776-1850), Buried at Italy Hill, Yates Co., New York
Paternal Grandmother, Innocent ( ) (17SO-1859), Buried at Italy Hill, Yates Co., New York
Maternal Grandmother, Betsy (Cole) (1783-1807), Buried at Prattsburg, Steuben Co., New York
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ELEVEN GENERATIONS ON THE LINE OF THEODORUS EBY (1663-1732), BASED ON INFORMATION DERIVED FROM SWISS ARCHIVES, SWISS HISTORIES, COLONIAL RECORDS, COURT HOUSE RECORDS, FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS, AND GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS.

__________, __________, __________ and THEODORUS 1 AEBI
Traehsehvald. Canton Zurich, Switzerland.

__________, __________, __________ and BISHOP JACOB 2 AEBI
Ordained Bishop of the Swiss Mennonites, 1683, Zurich, Switzerland.

__________, __________, __________ and THEODORUS 3 EBY
B. April 25, 1003, Canton Zurich, Switzerland. Pioneer to Lancaster County, Penna., 1712.
D. About 1732, in Earl Twp., Lancaster County, Penna.

Barbara, __________, __________ and PETER 4 EBY
B. 1690, in Canton Zurich, Switzerland.
D. About 1748, in Earl Twp., Lancaster County, Penna.

Hannah, (Laterin), (1733-1810) and JACOB 5 EBY
B. July 18, 1728, in Lancaster County, Penna.
Sara, (Baer), (____-1842) and BENJAMIN 6 EBY
D. 1850. in Franklin County, Penna.

Rachel, (Elder), (1801-1831) and BENJAMIN 7 ABY
B. March 24, 1801, in Leacock Twp., Lancaster County. Penna.

Malvina, (Stanton), (1826-1904) and ALEXANDER 8 ARY
B. April 9. 1830, in Mifflin Twp., Richland County, Ohio.
D. May 30. 1913. Buried at Galva, Henry County, ILL.

Jennette, (Pepperdine), (1866-____) and ARTHUR 9 ABY
B. Dec 21. 1858, in Galva, Henry County. ILL.

Doris Gertrude (Farvel) (1893-____) and GEORGE PEPPERDINE 10 ABY
B. Sept. 11. 1880, in Galva, Henry County. ILL.

THEODORUS 11 ABY
B. May 6, 1924, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.