Biography for John Wigard Levering (Levering-5) copied from Wkitr profile on 3 August 2017

: {{German Roots}}

== Biography ==
:::"Wigard Levering"
::::'(b. 2 Feb 1648-49, d. 2 Feb 1745)"

""[[Levering-63|John (Wigard) Levering]]"" (son of ""[[Levering-109|""Rosier Levering""]]"" and ""[[Van_de_Walle-12|""Elizabeth Van de Walle""]]"") born February 2, 1648 or 1649, in Gemen, District of Munster, Principality of Westphalia, Germany; died February 2, 1745 in Roxborough, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; married ""[[Bokers-5|Magdalena Bokers]]"" (daughter of ""[[Boker-13|""William Boker""]]"" and ""[[Braviers-2|""Sidonia Braviers""]]"") March 22, 1674 in Gemen, Munster, Westphalia, Germany;<ref>The earliest record of John Wigard Levering and his wife, Magdalena Bokers, appears in the records of the Presbytery of the Evangelical Parish of Gemen, Munster Stadt, Westphalia, Germany. Source: "Levering Family History and Genealogy, Page 44":
::: On March 22, 1674, the first wedding banns for ""John Wigard Levering, Rosier's son, with the chaste virgin Magdalena Bokers, of Essen,""]" were proclaimed.</ref>
born 1650 in Leyden,<ref>'Leyden' in Old Dutch, ""listen"" in English; today 'Leiden', a city and municipality in the Dutch province of South Holland.</ref> province of Holland, Dutch Republic;<ref>In 1648 the Dutch Republic was recognized as an independent country — Dutch War of Independence, (1568–1648)</ref> died November 1, 1717 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Wigard Levering and Magdalena lived in Gemen until some time after the birth and decease of their first child, and then removed to Mülheim, where they remained until they emigrated to America, after the 20th of March,
1685, bringing their surviving four children. They settled first in Germantown, Philadelphia, and were naturalized March 7, 1691. Wigard then bought a tract of five hundred acres of land, lying between and bordering upon both the River Schuylkill and Wissahickon Creek in Roxborough Township.

=== The Levering Faamily ===

"The Levering family is undoubtedly the most storied family in Roxborough which encompasses 307 years of history. Six streets are named after family members as well as a school, cemetery, church and a former hotel. Being one of the first immigrants from Germany in 1685, Wigard Levering is considered Roxborough's Pioneer. He and his brother Gerhard owned much of the land in the central corridor of Roxborough. Wigard served as a yeoman as well as a weaver, joiner and farmer."

::from http://www.roxborough.us/levering.html

Upon this estate Wigard lived his remaining years with his family, and died there February 2, 1745. His wife Magdalena died in the summer of 1717, aged about 67 years. He died at about 97 years of age, and was buried upon his farm in a spot overlooking the romantic Wissahickon, which has become Roxborough Cemetery, a part of Fairmount Park in Philadelphia.<ref>Source: "Levering Family History and Genealogy, Page 93"</ref>

Children of Wigard Levering and Magdalena Bokers

('i") ""[[Levering-65|Anna Sophia Levering]]", born January 16, 1675 in Gemen, Westphalia, Germany; died in the third week.<ref>Record of the Presbytery of the Evangelical Parish of Gemen. Source: "ibid., Page 44":: Anno. 1675, on the 16th of January, the parents 'Wigman'-Rosier and "Magdalena Bokers", have caused their young female child to be brought to holy baptism. Witnesses, godfathers and godmothers were "Anne de Walle", daughter of the Bramfrow, "Anne Sophia Bokers" and Erndt-Rosier. The child was given the name "Anna Sophia".</ref>
of Wigard Levering the birth of 'Joanna Sophia' is transcribed as March 1672:

: The first born, Joanna Sophia, born in Gemen, in the year of our Lord 1672, in March, and died in the third week.

Since Wigard and Magdalena, "the chaste virgin," were married March 1674 in the Evangelical Parish of Gemen, the transcription month and year of birth in Wigard's family Bible appears to be incorrect. Source: "ibid., Pages 50-51".

("ii") "[[Levering-62|Anna Catharine Levering]]", born March 15, 1676,<ref>After the removal of Wigard Levering and his family from the Evangelical Parish of Gemen to Mülheim, Germany, no additional Parish records could be located. However, the contract between Wigard and agents of the Frankfort Company for transportation of the family to America, dated March 20, 1685, gives the names and ages of the four children. Source: "ibid., Pages 52, 57-58":

: "We, the subscribers, do acknowledge... that we have contracted... for the service of the aforementioned Company... to transport by shipping out of Holland or Ingland, to Pennsylvania, "upon their cost..."

: me, "Wigard Levering", 36 or 37 years old, and "Magdalena", 36 years old, and four children respectively, "Anna Catharine", 9 years; "William", 5; "Amelia", 2 1/2, and "Sibella", 1/2.

The birth dates shown here for the children of Magdalena Bokers and Wigard Levering correspond to the years listed on the March 20, 1685 contract.</ref><ref>In the Wigard Levering family Bible the birth date for "Anna Catharine" is March, 1673, three years earlier than March 15, 1676. Source: "ibid., Pages 50-51":

: The second, Anna Catharine, born in Mulheim on the Ruhr, in March, 1673.</ref> Mülheim on the Ruhr, Westphalia, Germany;<ref>"Mülheim an der Ruhr" (Lat 51.4309°, Lon 6.8807°), also called "City on the River". The central city lies on both banks of the Ruhr river about 7 miles east of where the Ruhr's mouth opens onto the Rhine. "(See Rhine-Palatinate map)"</ref> died about 1754 in Zieglerville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; married ""[[Frey-643|Heinrich Frey]]"" April 26, 1692 in Germantown, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.
("iii") '''[Levering-66|Maria Elizabeth Levering]]''', born July 1677, Mülheim on the Ruhr, Westphalia, Germany; died 1695, Mülheim on the Ruhr, Westphalia, Germany.<ref>The Wigard Levering Bible indicates "Maria Elizabeth" died young in the winter of 1677, not in 1695. Source: "ibid., Pages 50-51": The third, Maria Elizabeth, ... died in the eighteenth week of her age.</ref>

("iv") '''[Levering-67|William Levering]]'', born May 4, 1679,<ref>The birth date for "William Levering" in the Wigard Levering Bible is May, 1677, two years earlier than the age documented here. Source: "ibid., Pages 50-51": The fourth, William Levering, was born the 4th day of May, 1677.</ref> Mülheim on the Ruhr, Westphalia, Germany; died August 1746, Roxborough, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; married '''[Shoemaker-429|Catherine Gertrude Shoemaker]]''' 1703 in Roxborough, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; born 1670 in Kriegsheim, Worms, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany; died 1727 in Bristol, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.


("vi") '''[Levering-69|Anna Sibella Levering]]''', born September 22, 1684, Mülheim on the Ruhr, Westphalia, Germany; died August 17, 1764 in Germantown, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; married '"George Miller" about 1705, Germantown, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

("vii") '''[Levering-70|Herman Levering]]''', born November 18, 1686 in Germantown, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; died May 1691 in Germantown, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

ix) Sidonia Levering, born April 23, 1691 in Germantown, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; died 1740, Whitpain, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; married Peter Dehaven December 24, 1711 in Wythes, Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania; born December 3, 1686 in Mülheim on the Ruhr, Westphalia, Germany; died May 23, 1768 in Whitpain, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

x) Jacob Levering, born January 21, 1693 in Roxborough, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; died October 1753 in Manayunk, "Manayunk" was originally a community in Roxborough Township, Philadelphia County, situated near the Schuylkill River, south of the Wissahickon Creek. The land that would become Manayunk was first bought from William Penn in 1685-1686 and transferred to the family of "William Levering". A large part of that land was then sold to Wigard Levering's son, "Jacob", in 1716. The younger Levering built the first house in Manayunk, on the north side of Green Lane, west of Silverwood Street. Roxborough, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; married Alice Tunes.


xii) Magdalena Levering, born June 4, 1696, Roxborough, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; died May 10, 1736; married William Tunes about 1716, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Parents of Magdalena Levering:
: Married: 1645 in Leyden, Holland
Child: 01 [[Bokers-5|Magdalena Bokers]]

"Parents of John Wigard Levering"

Married: March 15, 1646 in Gemen, Westphalia, Germany

Husband: "[[Levering-109|Rosier Levering]]", born about 1600 in Holland; died in Gemen, Westphalia, Germany.

Wife: "[[Van_de_Walle-12|Elizabeth Van de Walle]]", born May 21, 1626 in Wessel, Westphalia, Germany;
died in Gemen, Westphalia, Germany.

Child: 02 [[Levering-64|Gerhard Garret Levering]]
Child: 03 [[Levering-74|Eberhard Enert Levering]]
Child: 04 [[Levering-75|Elizabeth Levering]]
Child: 05 [[Levering-76|Alche Levering]]
Child: 06 [[Levering-77|William Levering]]

"Marriage: John Wigard Levering and Magdalena Bokers"

Date: 22 MAR 1673
Place: Gemen, Munster, Westphalia, Germany
Husband: "[[Levering-63|John Wigard Levering]]"
Wife: "[[Bokers-5|Magdalena Bokers]]"

Child: 01 "[[Levering-65|Anna Sophia Levering]]";
+married "[[Frey-353|Heinrich "Henry" Frey]].
Child: 02 "[[Levering-62|Anna Catharine Levering]]";
+married "[[Shoemaker-429|Catherine Gertrude Shoemaker]].
Child: 03 "[[Levering-66|Maria Elizabeth Levering]]"
Child: 04 "[[Levering-67|William Levering]]"
+married "[[Shoe-maker-429|Catherine Gertrude Shoemaker]]"
Child: 05 "[[Levering-68|Amelia Anna Sophia Levering]]"
+married Benjamin Morgan
Child: 06 "[[Levering-69|Anna Sibella Levering]]"
+married George Miller
"Notes:"

John "Wigard" Levering was born in Gemen, Westphalia, Prussia in 1647/48. He was the son of Rosier Levering and Elizabeth Van De Walle. He married Magdalena Boker on March 22, 1673/74 in Westfallen, Gemen, Borken, Prussia. She was the daughter of William Boker and Sidonia Braviers. Several children were born to this union; Anna Catherine, Joanna Sophia (d. age three weeks), Maria Fria (d. abt. eighteen weeks), William, Amelia Anna Sophia, Anna Sibella, Herman (d. age four), Elizabeth, Sidonia, Jacob, Magdalena (d. at three weeks), and Magdalena.

Wigard and his brother, Gerhard, emigrated in 1685 and settled in Germantown, Philadelphia. He was a Weaver, Yeoman, and a Joiner in Roxborough, PA. In 1691, Wigard bought 500 acres in Roxborough between the River Schuykill and the Wissahickon Creek. Wigard spoke German and was unable to write. He lived his last twenty-eight years of his life with his son, William, in Germantown, PA. He is buried on his farm, Leverington Cemetery in a spot overlooking the Wissahickon Creek. His mother and daughter Elizabeth are buried in the same cemetery.

"The Pennsylvania Gazette- Last week died, not far from this city, Mr. Wichart Levering, aged about 109 years."

"JOHN WIGARD: born in 1648 or '49, in the town of Gemen, in Germany. In April, 1674, he married "the chaste virgin," Magdalena Bokers, of Essen. She was a native of Leyden, in Holland. They lived in Gemen until some time
after the birth and decease of their first child, and then removed to Mulheim, where they remained until they emigrated to America, after the 20th of March, 1685, bringing their surviving four children. He settled first in Germantown, Philadelphia, and removed from there a short distance west, into Roxborough Township, in 1691, where he bought a tract of five hundred acres of land, lying between and bordering upon both the River Schuylkill and Wissahickon Creek. Upon this estate he lived his remaining years with his family, and died there.

His wife Magdalena died in the summer of 1717 at the age of about 67 years. He died February 2, 1745, at the probable age of 97 years, and was buried upon his farm in a spot overlooking the romantic Wissahickon, which has become a part of the famous Fairmount Park of Philadelphia. This spot subsequently became the churchyard and burial ground of the Baptist Church, organized in 1789, which was greatly enlarged, and is now known as Leverington Cemetery, under a special charter from the State of Pennsylvania. This ground doubtless contains the remains of Magdalena. A gravestone marking the interment, in June, 1744, of their grandchild, Clement Levering, still stands, and points the place where repose the old pioneers, though no sculptured tablet was ever erected there to their memory. "

"Wigard came to Philadelphia on the ship Penn's Woodland from Holland in 1685 having arrived before the month of August, 1685. The Frankfort Company was engaged in the transportation of persons desiring to remove to their colony. The written contract entered into by Wigard Levering with the local agents at Wesel, Dr. Thomas Van Wylick and Johannes Le Brun, for transportation of himself and family to Philadelphia, dated 20th of March, 1685.

We, the subscribers, do acknowledge and confess by these Presents, that we have contracted and agreed together, that Doctor Thomas Van Wylick and Johannes Le Brun, in behalf of the Pennsylvania Company, in which they, and other friends of Frankfort and other parts, are engaged, to accept or receive me, Wigard Levering, old 36 or 37 years, and Magdalena
Boeckers, old 36 years, and four children, Anna Catherine, William, Amelia, and Sibella, respectively 1/2, 2 1/2, 5 and 9 years, to and for the service of the aforementioned Company, to transport by shipping out of Holland or Ingland, to Pennsylvania, upon their cost. On Their arrival in Pennsylvania, they were to report themselves to Francis Daniel Pastorius, who was general agent for the company. Written upon the margin of the instrument an agreement to include "the Contractor's brother, Gerhard Levering."

=== Note ===
: Note: John & his wife were naturalized 7 Mar 1691. John and his brother Gerhardt came to America originally settling in Germantown, Philadelphia Co., PA, leaving both parents in Germany.

=== Burial ===
: Burial:
:: Place: Roxborough Cemetary, Philadelphia Co., PA

=== From "Levering Family History and Genealogy" ===
: By Col. John Levering, of Lafayette, Indiana. Published by the Levering Historical Association.
: "Table of Contents". "Page 1".
: http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dynamo53/LeveringFamilyHistory/page1.html

: Presbytery of the Evangelical Parish at Gemen. "Page 44".
: http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dynamo53/LeveringFamilyHistory/page44.html

: John Wigard Levering and Magdalena Bokers Family Register. "Page 50": "Wigard Levering". Born in Germany, in the Principality of Westphalia, in the District of Munster, town of Gemen... father's name was "Rosier Levering", mother's maiden name was "Elizabeth Van de Walle", born in
'Wesel'.<"Note: Check out "Wessel" today, " http://www.yr.no/place/Germany/North_Rhine-Westphalia/Wessel/

:: "In the 'twenty-third year' of my age, I, "Wigard Levering", was married to my beloved wife, "'Magdalena'" 'Boker'<1>. Her father's name was "William Boker", and her mother's maiden name was "Sidonia Williams Braviers", of the city of Leyden, in Holland."

:: http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dynamo53/LeveringFamilyHistory/page50.html

:: <1> I have mentioned the genealogical register contained in the family Bible of Wigard Levering. As a portion relates to history made in Germany, in the births of several children, and as there are serious discrepancies between some dates given, as compared with the items copied from the original records at Gemen, I will insert it here.<2>

:: http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dynamo53/LeveringFamilyHistory/page50.html

::<2> SECOND GENERATION. Children of (1) "'Rosier'"1 and "'Elizabeth Levering'". "Page 93".

:: 2. I. "'JOHN WIGARD'"2: born in 1648 or '49, in the town of Gemen, in Germany. In April, 1674, he married "the chaste virgin," "'Magdalena Bokers'"", of Essen. She was a native of Leyden, in Holland.

:: http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dynamo53/LeveringFamilyHistory/page93.html

:: "'Gerhard Levering'". "Page 81".

:: http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dynamo53/LeveringFamilyHistory/page81.html

:: Genealogy of the Levering Family in America. "Page 92".
Col. John Levering. Descendant of "Wigard Levering" who settled in Philadelphia in 1685 and became a large land-owner... grandson of "Captain John Levering" of the war of the Revolution, "Page 888".

Like leaves on Trees the race of men is found, now green in youth, now withering on the ground; another race the following Spring supplies; they fall successive, and successive rise. """

""""John Wigard Levering"" (b. 1648, d. 1745)"
"Magdalena Boker" (b. 1650, d. 1717)


* Source: <span id='S18'>S18</span> Abbreviation:  Internet Home Page: Levering/Frey Title:  James Harry Wright, Internet Home Page: Levering/Frey (http://www.familytreemake.com/users/w/r/i/James-Harry-Wright/index.html) Note:  James Harry Wright; 2326 Mussel Slough Rd; Hanford, CA 93230 ; 209 583-9242 ; jamesw@cnetech.com ; Repository: [[#R12]] Call Number: Fry/PA/100 Repository: <span id='R12'>R12</span> Name: FamilyTreeMaker Home Pages Address:


=== Note ===

: Note: 667px-Penncolony
::
http://trees.ancestry.com/rd?f=image&guid=2e340c44-f409-4ed7-be01-39c8f2c5020d&tid=13989820&pid=475189180
: Note: Immigrant Ship
::
http://trees.ancestry.com/rd?f=image&guid=fdd838c8-fece-430e-8a82-455db0e81950&tid=13989820&pid=475189180
: Note: Wigard, Wigman, Wigert and other family variations
::
http://trees.ancestry.com/rd?f=document&guid=52e2071a-e822-496f-9d87-968694a3d1a1&tid=13989820&pid=475189180
: Note: Family register of Wigard Levering
::
: Note: Indentured Servants Wigard and Gerhard Levering
::
http://trees.ancestry.com/rd?f=document&guid=7ebfb21f-6ea4-4d4b-9353-ff46925e28b7&tid=13989820&pid=475189180

== Citations ==
<references />

== Acknowledgments ==
* [[DeCoursey-4 | Gedcom DeCoursey]] imported the data for John Levering from 124-DeCoursey.ged. on 14 Sep 2010.

[[Ross-1334 | Lamar Ross]].
[[Hawk-230 | Chilton Hawk]]
[[Adamson-139|Kay Haden]]
[[Cunnyngham-2|Jon Cunnyngham]]

== Sources ==
: Source <span id='S-2108204570'>S-2108204570</span>S-2108204570</span>
: Repository: [[#R1350374592]]
: Title: Ancient and modern Germantown, Mount Airy and Chestnut Hill
: Author: Ancestry.com
: Note: Includes index.
: APID: 29430::0


APID: 10373::0

Source: S-2142621380
Repository: [#R1350374592]
Title: Family Data Collection - Deaths
Author: Edmund West, comp.
Note:
APID: 5771::0

Source: S1388632807
Repository: [#R1350374592]
Title: Ancestry Family Trees
Note: This information comes from 1 or more individual Ancestry Family Tree files. This source citation points you to a current version of those files. Note: The owners of these tree files may have removed or changed information since this source citation was created.

Source: S1408038301
Repository: [#R1350374592]
Title: U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900
Author: Yates Publishing
Publication: Online publication - Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2004. Original data: This unique collection of records was extracted from a variety of sources including family group sheets and electronic databases. Originally, the information was deriv
Sources:

1. **Family Data Collection - Deaths**
   - Author: Edmund West, comp.
   - APID: 5771::0

2. **Family Data Collection - Births**
   - Author: Edmund West, comp.
   - APID: 5769::0

3. **U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900**
   - Author: Yates Publishing
   - Original data: This unique collection of records was extracted from a variety of sources including family group sheets and electronic databases.