

ZEHR FAMILY ORIGINS

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THERE IS MUCH INFO THAT CAN BE INCORPORATED IN THIS DOCUMENT

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ALSO INCLUDE PROBABLE ANCESTRY OF MICHEL ZEHR

The name Zehr is found in Switzerland although not a very common one. The literal meaning is “boarder”. (1) There is evidence that the Anabaptist Zehrs came from Stocken, a village divided into Ober – and Nieder-Stocken, to the west of the northern part of Lake Thun in Canton, Switzerland.

No doubt, the Peter Zehr and Baenz Zehr, who had appeared on the 1703 Anabaptist list at Ste. Marie-aux-Mines in Alsace, had left their native Switzerland because of persecution. It may be legitimate to assume that the Peter on this list is the one referred to in the following paragraph.

In 1768, three Zehr brothers, Jost, Nicolaus and Johannes, residing in Struth, Lower Alsace, all born in Stocken, were authorized to receive three fourths of the 500 pounds which they had requested. The other fourth was to go to Barbara and Magdalena Schoeni from Reichenbach in the jurisdiction of Frutigen (in Switzerland). The mother of Barbara and Magdalena was a daughter of Johannes Zehr, who was also the father of the above three brothers. They were all grandchildren of Peter Zehr of Stocken, deceased, “who years ago left the land”. (2) This court record did not specify whether this was inheritance money or whether the Zehrs were Anabaptists. They were Swiss, however, and it is probably safe to conclude that they were the ancestors of the Anabaptist Zehrs who were still found in Struth at the end of the 18th century.

The Zehr family in France is a large family whom researchers have not been able to piece together into one extended whole. Some left northern Alsace and Lorraine, France and went to Bavaria, Germany, from whence they migrated to America. Others came directly from France to America, and still others have remained in France. We have not even been able to put all of the Canadian Zehr immigrants into one family.

Although Zehrs continued to be found in Struth, those who came to Lewis County, New York and to Canada, had moved into Lorraine, to the west of Lower Alsace. Efforts have been made to tie the Zehrs in Lorraine to those in Struth. Although I believe that there are ties, no one has been able to name those ties to my satisfaction. There have been those who have named the parents of Michael Zehr as Christian Zert/Zerh and Veronique Martin, and even named earlier generations of Michael Zehr whose descendants are found in Lewis County and Canada, but without documentation. (3)

Notes:

1) *Was Isch Dini Nahme? What Is Your Name?* by Delbert L. Gratz. Masthof Press, Morgantown, PA, 1995, page 21

2) This note is from the *Amterbuch Thun*, J 397-426, 3.11.1768, printed in the 1986 - 1 BULLETIN du Cercle Genealogique d'Alsace, page 611. Translation by Lorraine Roth and Gertrud Guth.

3) Ray H. Zehr's article "Dr. Peter Zehr's European Ancestry" in *Mennonite Family History*, April 1994, page 80, lists a number of generations of ancestors but does not indicate his source.

From footnote in article entitled Immigrant Ancestors of Peter Zehr (1874-1960) in the January 2017 issue of *Mennonite Family History* by Hope Kauffman Lind: Some listings name Michael Zehr's parents as Christian Zert/Zehr and Veronique Martin, but this listing has been questioned and documentation is lacking; it should not be cited in family listings.

4) "Jacob Amann, sa biographie se precise" in *Souvenance Anabaptiste / Mennonitisches Gedachtnis* by Robert Baecher, published by the French Mennonite Historical Society, Numero 19 - 2000, page 46.

This article is the source of the information given at the bottom of the next page.

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1-map of Zehr ancestral home

2- Street scenes in Alsace

3-Farm Oldferding

4-map showing early Zehr residences in Alsace

Important Note:

The Zehr families in this study/introduction can be grouped under two family heads, namely,

Michel Zehr (1755?-1813)

Joseph Zehr (1784/5-1845)

Both of these families will be introduced below to give the reader/researcher a brief understanding of these families. Then the extended families of these two Zehr family heads will be discussed, with Joseph Zehr's family being first because he was the first of the Zehr families to arrive in Canada. The Michel Zehr Family will be further divided into three sections, for his son Dr. Peter Zehr, and his two grandsons, Joseph C. Zehr and Michael J. Zehr Jr. Because of the large amount of data in this introduction to the Zehr family, some of the information and data will be repeated in the various sections. BWJ

MICHEL ZEHR(1755?-1813) FATHER OF AN EXTENDED FAMILY

Three of the Canadian Zehr families seem to fit into one extended family - children or grandchildren of Michel Zehr by three marriages. His first marriage was to Catherine Esch who bore him one known son, Christian. At the time of his birth, they were living at "Hasviller" (probably Asswiller) in Lower Alsace, not far from Struth.(1) (Notes are found on page 11)

Michel's second marriage -- to Anna Marie (usually known as Marie) Kohler (sometimes spelled Koller) -- and the births of their known children (the last one in 1797) took place at Meisenthal to the northeast of Struth and just across the border in Lorraine (now the Department of Moselle). Michel may have run a mill there.

Between 1797 and the death of Anna Marie Kohler in 1806, Michel had moved the family to the Farm Olferding at Gros-Rederching, north and west of Meisenthal. In German it is called the Olferdingerhof and in French Ferme d'Olferding. In the old records, the spelling varies. This farm was more like a village than what we think of as a farm. At least seven couples or families (all Anabaptists) gave this farm as their place of residence during the period the Zehrs were there. Nafziger was one of the family names represented.

Michel's third marriage to Madeleine/Magdalena Farny presents an interesting situation. When Peter was born, his father registered the birth, naming Magdalena as his wife, but the registrar made it a point to say that Peter's birth was "naturel," meaning born out of wedlock. Two weeks later, Michel and Magdalena appeared before the official for a legal marriage. The marriage record, however, indicates that the publication of the marriage banns had been made the previous year, giving no indication why the marriage ceremony itself did not take place. It appears that Michel and Magdalena had probably been married by an Amish-Mennonite bishop, but in post-Revolutionary France, church weddings were not accepted as legal marriages. It is evident that Michel and Magdalena had planned for a legal ceremony the year before. We are left to wonder why it was not carried out.

A daughter Madeleine was born to Michel and Magdalena at Olferding in March, 1813, and in June Michel died. When Widow Magdalena married Joseph Risser, she moved to the Singling farm, also near Gros-Réderching, where daughter Madeleine died in 1823. (See page 7 for a brief outline of this extended Zehr family.)

A photo of Meisenthal at bottom of page

THE MICHEL ZEHR FAMILY IN BRIEF

Michel Zehr (1755?-1813)

1st marriage	2nd marriage	3rd marriage
Catherine Esch	Anna Marie Kohler	<u>Madelaine Farni</u>
	(1m. to Daniel Springer)	(2m. to <u>Joseph Riser</u>)

A) Christian Zehr (1784?-1847) <u>Barbara Mosimnn</u> 2m. <u>Joseph Farney</u>	B) <u>Michael Zehr</u> (1791-1880) m. <u>Anna Jantzi</u>	F) (<u>Dr.</u>) <u>Peter Zehr</u> (1809-1898) m. <u>Barbara Roth</u>	in Canada by 1839
1) <u>Barbara Zehr</u> 1m. <u>Beckler</u> 2m <u>François</u> <u>Leyendecker</u>	1) <u>Michael J. Zehr Jr.</u> m. <u>Barbara Boshart</u> in Canada by 1840	G) Madelaine Zehr (1813-1823)	
2) Marie Zehr m. Christian Springer	C) <u>Anne Marie Zehr</u> (b.1792) m. <u>Philip Steiner</u>		
3) <u>Andrew Zehr</u> m. <u>Catherine</u> <u>Springer</u>	D) George Zehr (1794-1849) m. Elisabeth Mosimann		
4) <u>Joseph C. Zehr</u> 1m <u>Barbara Widrick</u> 2m <u>Katherine Yoder</u> came to Canada in 1860	1) <u>Marie Zehr</u> m. <u>Christophe Martin</u> To Illinois in 1848		
5) <u>Magdalena Zehr</u> m. <u>Peter Yancey</u>	E) Andre Zehr (1797-1859) m. Madeleine Zehr		
6) <u>Catherine Zehr</u> m. <u>Jacob Roggie</u>			

Notes:

1) This chart was arrived at by searching the records of birth, marriage and death in France by a number of different researchers. David Habegger of Fr. Wayne , Indiana, Maurice Hébert of Lunéville, France, and Ray Zehr of R.R. 1, Shakespeare, Ontario are among the most helpful. Note: Persons whose names are underlined migrated to America -- all to Lewis County, New York, except Marie Zehr and Christophe Martin. Those in bold print later came to Canada.

A more detailed list of this extended family will follow.

2) There have been persons who have tried to suggest names for Michael's parents and even earlier generations. These names, however, have not been satisfactorily documented; so I prefer to leave them unnamed.

The following articles might be consulted:

1) "The Zehr Family" by David Habegger in *Mennonite Family History*, Vol. VIII, No. 3, July 1989. This was a preliminary effort to sort out the Zehrs including those in Lewis County and Canada, but should not be quoted without checking with David Habegger or Lorraine Roth for up-dated research.

2) "Dr. Peter Zehr's European Ancestry" by Ray H. Zehr in *Mennonite Family History*, Vol. XIII, No. 2, April 1994. Ray does propose ancestors for Michel Zehr, but does not indicate any documentation.

ZEHR EMIGRANTS TO LEWIS COUNTY AND CANADA

Christian Zehr, the oldest son of Michel Zehr, and his family lived at various places in the Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle (in the western part of Lorraine). He died at Foug in the same department in 1847.(1) (See Notes on page 11) In 1849 his widow, **Barbara (nee Mosimann) Zehr** migrated with several of her children to Lewis County, New York. Barbara then married Joseph Farney who had come to America several years earlier and was then also widowed. Barbara and her family were the last of the Zehrs to migrate to Lewis County. Son **Joseph C. Zehr** would eventually also migrate to Canada.

Michael Zehr, the second son of Michel Zehr, married Anna Jantzi, daughter of Christian Jantzi and Anne Farny. They lived at various places, including the Olferdingerhof and Belgrad, the farm where the parents of Anna Jantzi resided. In 1833 they migrated to Lewis County, New York, with their nine living children. Two more were born at Croghan, where the Zehr family settled. Two of Anna's sisters, Magdalena married to Christian Kennel, and Marie, married to Christian Nafziger, and their families accompanied the Zehr family on the Barque *Statera* in 1833.(2)

Michael Zehr became a prominent figure in the Lewis County Amish Mennonite community. He was ordained minister about 1836 and bishop following the schism in which what is now the Christian Apostolic Church parted ways with the Amish Mennonites. The story of this congregation is well told in *Strangers and Pilgrims . . .* by Arlene Yousey.(3) Son Michael J. Zehr Jr., married to Barbara Boshart, was in Canada by 1840.

The identity of **Peter Zehr**, born to Michel Zehr and his third wife Madeleine (Magdalena) Farny was somewhat difficult to establish. The Canadian immigrant, (Dr.) Peter Zehr, was married to Barbara Roth, daughter of Nicolaus Roth and Veronica Zimmerman from Baden, Germany. According to his age at the time of his death, Peter's birthdate was May 2, 1808. Michel and Magdalena's son Peter was born August 20, 1809. Discrepancies in dates are not unusual, but then one looks for other clues to document the relationship. In Ontario, the descendants did not retain a tradition that there was a relationship. In fact, the

descendants of Peter and of Joseph C. Zehr were sure there was none. The Oregon descendants, however, did have the tradition that Peter and Michael Zehr, the Lewis County bishop, were brothers or half brothers.

Peter and Barbara Zehr set out on their journey across the Atlantic in the fall of 1835. In one census record son Andrew is reported to have been born on the Atlantic and in his obituary in "Havre de Grace, France,"(4) both indicating that he was born enroute to America. His date of birth is usually given as October 16, but one old tattered record gives it as October 26.

Peter and Barbara (perhaps with a new-born infant), sailed on the Ship *Formosa*, landing in New York on December 28.(5) Accompanying the Zehrs were Joseph and Madeleine Risser, Peter's mother and step-father and two children John and Madeleine/Magdalena, also called Risser on the passenger list, but were probably named Farny.(6) The fact that the Rissers and Peter Zehr were travelling together is rather strong evidence that there was a relationship. It presents another problem, however, because we do not know what happened to the Rissers.

Since the route up the Hudson River and the Erie Canal would have been partially frozen over by the time the Zehrs and Rissers landed, they, no doubt, spent the winter in Pennsylvania before proceeding on to Lewis County, New York. This would fit in well with another family tradition that they lived in Pennsylvania for a while and still another tradition that they were in Franconia.

Joseph Zehr and his family, the first Zehr immigrants to Canada (they came directly) does not fit into the preceding extended family list. Joseph was born to Joseph Zehr and Barbe Eiman in 1791 at Ottwiller, Lower Alsace, a short distance southeast of Struth. This information is gleaned from his marriage record. According to his age at time of death, his birth should have taken place in 1784 or 1785. In spite of this discrepancy, the extensive documentation for the family indicates that this Joseph Zehr is indeed the one who came to Canada and died in Woolwich Township in 1845.

Joseph's marriages, first to Anne Beller, then to Barbara Kennel, took place at St. Avold in the Department of Moselle (Lorraine). Son Joseph's birth record gives the Mill Oderfang as their place of residence. The site of this mill is now in the city of St. Avold. The birth record gives December 31, 1817 as his date of birth, while Joseph used January 1, 1818 at the time of his naturalization. These two dates, of course, are separated by no more than a minute. No doubt his birth was registered on January 1.

One daughter was born to Joseph and Barbara at the Mill Oderfang. The next two children were born at the "Nau Mill." Perhaps this is the Moulin Neuf, east of St. Avold. Barbara the fourth daughter was born in October of 1825, at the Egner Mill. This mill must have been in Pennsylvania for the census records give Pennsylvania as her place of birth. Another daughter and two sons were born in Woolwich Township. Birth dates and places of birth were recorded in the Joseph Zehr family Bible.(7)

ST. AVOLD AND MILL ODERFANG [MAP of St. Avold and mill Oderfan below](#)

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St. Avold lies about 25 kms due west of Sarreguemines, which appears at the upper left corner of the map on page 6. It is also in the Department of Moselle (Lorraine). The mill Oderfang is found to the north of the centre of town with le Moulin Neuf some distance to the east.

>From map "Serie Bleue" #3513 est, institute géographique national

THE ARRIVAL OF THE ZEHRS IN CANADA

The first Zehr family to arrive in Canada was that of **Joseph Zehr and Barbara Kennel**. Joseph's first wife was Anne Beller, and the oldest son, Joseph, was from that marriage. Because of the misspelling of the name, this family was not discovered on a ship passenger list until recently. The Joseph "Swier" family left from Amsterdam and arrived in New York on the Brig *Margaret* on August 18, 1825.(8) According to the family Bible, daughter Barbara was born in October of 1825 and, according to the 1851 Woolwich Township census, she was born in Pennsylvania. In the summer of 1826 a group made up of Christian Farni and his family, John and Veronica (Schwartzentruber) Erb, Michael Swartz, and the Zehr family were preparing to leave for Canada. They were joined by the Andrew Ropp family who had just arrived from France.(9)

When Joseph and Barbara arrived in Waterloo in 1826, the logical place for them to settle was in Wilmot Township. The central part of the township had just been surveyed for new settlers from Europe -- primarily Amish Mennonites -- and the sons and daughters of Mennonite settlers in Waterloo Township. The front 50 acres of each lot was to be given to the settlers free if they paid for the survey, cleared the roadway and built a substantial cabin. According to family tradition, Joseph Zehr had owned property in France; so he had some money. He felt that he should leave the land in Wilmot for those who had little means; so he went to Woolwich Township which had been purchased by the Mennonites of Pennsylvania, including two Amishmen by the name of Stoltzfus and King. Woolwich, although surveyed and claimed, was still largely unsettled.

After only a few years, the immigrants to New York had second thoughts about their location, and in 1837 they sent a delegation to Canada to see about acquiring land there. Michael Zehr and his brother-in-law John Jantzi made the trip. In a letter to Sir Francis Bond Head, Governor of Upper Canada, they indicated that some 16 settlers residing in Lewis County were interested in moving to Canada and wished to know whether they could negotiate for a block of land on the Crown Lands next to Woolwich Township and on what terms.(10) Whether they did not receive a reply or whether the reply was not satisfactory, is not known, but the mass migration never took place. A number of families, however, did come to Canada, including two of Michael Zehr's brothers-in-law, Christian Kennel and John Jantzi, and their families, his oldest son Michael Zehr, Jr., and his half brother Peter and his family.

The following three Zehr immigrants to Canada belong to the Michel Zehr (1755?-1813) Family

Peter and Barbara (Roth) Zehr were among those who decided to leave New York. Their second child was born in New York in December of 1837; so it was probably the following year that they made the move -- perhaps via Butler County, Ohio. There is evidence that they were in Wilmot in the fall of 1839 (story to be told later), but soon thereafter they must have taken up residence in South Easthope Township in the Huron Tract -- later part of Perth County.

Precisely when **Michael Zehr Jr.** arrived in Canada is not known, but he was here long enough to woo Barbara Boshart whom he married in 1840. Her sisters, Maria and Catherine, had married Michael and Joseph Jantzi, respectively. They were uncles of Michael Zehr Jr.

Joseph C. Zehr, son of Christian and Barbara (nee Mosemann), brought his family to Canada around 1860. Joseph and Katherine Yoder, who was his second wife, lived in East Zorra for several years, but eventually settled in Blandford Township, also in Oxford County.

Now that we have all of the Zehr immigrants in Canada, we will look at each family unit in greater detail in the following sections.

General Comment:

It must be understood that this Zehr family introduction is limited to the families who migrated to Lewis County and to Canada. There are other Amish Mennonite Zehrs who migrated at different times and via different routes to other parts of the United States. Readers will also notice my Canadian bias. I cover the Canadian families quite thoroughly while passing rather lightly over those who immigrated to Lewis County. Arlene Yousey's book, *Strangers and Pilgrims . . .* makes up for some of that deficiency.

Notes:

For the ZEHR IMMIGRANTS

- 1) Christian's place of birth was given in his death record. Asswiller is located a short distance south and west of Struth. [See map on page 6.](#)
- 2) The Michael Zehr, Christian Kennel and Christian Nafziger families left Le Havre, France, on the Barque *Statera* and arrived in New York on June 19, 1833.
- 3) *Strangers and Pilgrims, History of Lewis County Mennonites* by Arlene Yousey. Croghan, New York, 1987.
- 4) According to family tradition one of the children was born at sea, and it was thought it might have been Barbara. Hence, the voyage was considered to be in 1837. Some of the census records, however, state that Andrew was born at sea, Barbara in the United States. Andrew's obituary reported he was born at "Havre de Grace, France"-- perhaps the most plausible order of events. (Obituary found in Volume Thirty-One, August 1917-September 1917, a compilation of obituaries in the [Tavistock Gazette](#))
- 5) National Archives (U.S.A), Film series M237, Roll No. 28
- 6) Magdalena Farney was part of the (Dr.) Peter Zehr household until her marriage to Joseph L. Lichti. She also had a brother John who went to Illinois where the spelling of his name became Forney. The age of "Jean" listed as Risser on the passenger list, fits exactly with that of John Forney -- Magdalena's is off by

two years. Since the Rissers are not known to have had any children, these two must certainly have been the Forney/Farney children.

7) No doubt, the Joseph Zehr family Bible was in possession of the youngest son Peter, and was taken to Lewis County, New York, by his son Joseph. Photocopies of the records were received many years ago, probably via Arlene Yousey. Who is in possession of the Bible now (2005) is not known to the author of this introduction.

8) The Joseph Zehr family has been found on the passenger list of the Brig Margaret, arriving in New York on August 18, 1825. They were registered under the spelling "Swier." (information received from Joe Springer, Dec. 9, 2003)

9) "Autobiography of a Pioneer" in Centennial History of the Mennonites of Illinois, 1829-1929 by Harry F. Weber. Published by The Mennonite Historical Society, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana; Printed by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, Pa., 1931, pages 83ff.

10) National Archives of Canada, MG 19, Vol. 4447. This letter was found by Reg Good in a miscellaneous file which had been brought to him, by mistake, while he was doing research in the Archives. Recognizing its value, he made a copy for us.

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH ZEHR (1784/5-1845)

THE JOSEPH ZEHR FAMILY IN FRANCE

Joseph Zehr, the first immigrant to Canada, was born to Joseph Zehr and Barbe Eiman in 1791 at Ottwiller, Lower Alsace. This information is gleaned from his marriage record to Barbara Kennel. According to his age at time of death, his birth should have taken place in 1784 or 1785. In spite of this discrepancy, the extensive documentation for the family indicates that this Joseph Zehr is indeed the one who came to Canada and died in Woolwich Township in 1845.

Joseph's first wife, Anne Beller, died after giving birth to a son who was also named Joseph. Joseph then married Barbara Kennel. Several of Barbara's nieces and nephews would later find their way to Canada as well.

Joseph's marriages and Anne's death took place at St. Avold in the area we know as Lorraine. Son Joseph's birth record gives the Mill Oderfang as their place of residence. The site of this mill is now in the city of St. Avold. The birth record gives December 31, 1817 as his date of birth, while Joseph used January 1, 1818 at the time of his naturalization. These two dates, of course, are separated by no more than a minute. No doubt his birth was registered on January 1.

One daughter was born to Joseph and Barbara at the Mill Oderfang, and the next two children were born at the Nau Mill, the location of which has not been determined.(3) The fourth daughter, Barbara, was born in October of 1825, at the Egner Mill. In the 1851 census Barbara was recorded as born in Pennsylvania; so the Egner Mill must have been in Pennsylvania. Another daughter and two sons were born in Woolwich Township. Birthdates and the names of the mills are found in the Joseph Zehr family Bible.

Joseph Zehr, son of Joseph Zehr and Barbe Aymann/Eiman
b. 31 Dec 1784, _____ (estimate from death record)

_____ 1791, Ottweiler, Lower Alsace (marriage record)
m. 22 Apr 1817, St. Avold, Moselle
d. 27/29 Jan 1845, Canada
Anne Beller, dau. of Pierre Beller and Barbe Hergy/Hershi
b. 6 Apr 1794, Pompierre, Moselle
d. 7 Jan 1818, St. Avold
Joseph Zehr, 2m. 23 Jan 1819, St. Avold
Barbe/Barbara Kennel, dau. of Christian Kennel and Anne Hirchy
b. 9 June 1789, Hellymer Diffenbach, Moselle
This family came to Canada between 1825 and 1828.

Children: (to first marriage)

- 1) Joseph Zehr, b. 31 Dec 1817, Mill Oderfang, St. Avold
b. 1 Jan 1818 (naturalization record)
m. 16 Mar 1841, Wilmot, Canada
Maria Lichti, dau. of Christian Lichti and Magdalena Litwiller
- 2) Anne Zehr, b. 29 Sept 1819, Mill Oderfang
d. 30 Apr 1822 (Bible record)

(to second marriage)

- 3) Catherine Zehr, b. 28/29 Mar 1821, Nau Mill, _____ France
m. ca. 1843, Wilmot, d. Hickory Co., Mo.
Christian Oesch, son of John Oesch and Barbara Schultz
emigrated to Missouri, U.S.A>

- 4) Susanna Zehr, b. 18 Apr 1823, Nau Mill, _____ France (Bible)
m. Christian Beller

- 5) Barbara Zehr, b. 13 Oct 1825, Egner Mill, _____ France or Pa.

- 6) Elizabeth Zehr, b. 17 Jan 1828, Woolwich Twp., Canada (Bible)
d. 21 Apr 1909, bu. Steinmann Menn. Cem., Baden
m. 10 Apr 1860, Wilmot Twp.(church record)
John Geisler, son of John and Catherine Geisler

- 7) Christian Zehr, b. 29/31 Mar 1831, Woolwich Twp.(Bible)
(minister) d. 7 Mar 1915, bu. Hickory Co., Mo.
m. _____

- 8) Peter Zehr, b. 29 Apr 1833, Woolwich Twp. (Bible)
m.Barbara Beller
dau. of Christian Beller and Susanna Zehr

(Son Joseph B. married Barbara Kipfer and migrated to Lewis Co.,N.Y. Descendants have the Joseph Zehr family Bible)

THE JOSEPH ZEHR FAMILY IN CANADA

The first Zehr family to arrive in Canada was that of Joseph Zehr and Barbara Kennel. They arrived in Pennsylvania in 1825. In the summer of 1826 a group made up of Christian Farni and his family, John and Veronica (Schwartzentruber) Erb, Michael Swartz, and the Zehr family were preparing to leave for Canada. They were joined by the Andrew Ropp family who had just arrived from France. Christian Ropp reported on this migration many years later.(4)

When Joseph and Barbara arrived in Waterloo in 1826, the logical place for them to settle was in Wilmot Township, a reserve set aside for new settlers from Europe who were primarily Amish Mennonites. Some Mennonites from Waterloo Township also claimed lots for their sons and daughters. In Wilmot, the front 50 acres of land was to be given to the settlers free if they paid for the survey, cleared the roadway and built a substantial cabin. According to family tradition, Joseph Zehr had owned property in France; so he had some money. He felt that he should leave the land in Wilmot for those who had little or no money; so he went to Woolwich Township which had been purchased by the Mennonites of Pennsylvania, including two Amishmen by the name of Stoltzfus and King. Woolwich was still largely unsettled.

Christian Stoltzfus had purchased a number of lots, one of which was Lot 10. Daniel Bauman had purchased Lot 9, and it was on Lot 9 that one eventually finds the Joseph Zehr family. By the time of the 1840 census, Joseph Zehr had 65 acres under cultivation. Martin Hauck and Jacob Winkler had purchased parts of the southern part of Lot 9, but Joseph Zehr must have continued to rent.

Joseph suffered from asthma, and in January of 1845 he died. The family buried him at Martin's Meetinghouse on the northern edge of Waterloo Township. Martin's Mennonite Meetinghouse and its adjacent cemetery are located just inside the northern border of the city of Waterloo and are both being used in 2011. In 1851 Barbara purchased two acres of Lot 54 from John and Mary Scheidel. In 1853 she finally purchased 104 acres of Lot 9 from Abraham Weber. Joseph had brought much of this land under cultivation. Whether they were still living in their first log cabin or whether they had built a better house is not known. They must have had some kind of barn, although few of the large barns which were characteristic of Waterloo County were built as early as the 1840s.

One wonders why Joseph had not purchased the property. With so few other Amish settlers taking up land in Woolwich, perhaps he doubted whether a permanent settlement would materialize, and for this reason he did not buy. One then also wonders why Barbara purchased it in 1853. Perhaps that was the only way she could get a satisfactory return on the family's investment in the buildings. If she simply terminated the lease, that investment might have been lost.

In 1855, Barbara sold 101 acres of Lot 9 and the two acres of Lot 54 to Matthias Stricker. The following year she sold three acres along the river to Jacob C. Snider. That land had been flooded when Snider built a dam on Lot 8 for his mills at St. Jacobs.

By the time of the 1871 census, Barbara was living with her daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law John Giesler near the Baden Hills in Wilmot Township. She died in 1877 and is buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery.

Although Joseph Zehr did not settle in Wilmot, S. S. Wilmot's report of 1830 had him claiming Lot 8, South Snyder's Road. No improvements had been made, however, and it was Christian Schwartzentruber, nephew of Michael Schwartzentruber on Lot 9, who eventually gained possession of this lot.

In 1841, Joseph Zehr, Jr., married Maria Lichti, who had migrated to Canada with her parents in 1827. It is not known where they lived immediately following their marriage, but in 1846, Joseph Lichti transferred his claim to the rear three quarters of Lot 17, North Snyder's Road, to Joseph Zehr. In 1850, Lichti, who by this time was living in Wellesley Township, sold the front 50 acres to Joseph Zehr, and in 1852 the University issued him a deed to the rear 150 acres. In 1857, Joseph and Maria Lichti had a large Georgian-style stone house built on their property.

Joseph Zehr was numbered among the more wealthy inhabitants of Wilmot Township. It is claimed that he was able to buy a farm for each of his children. The home farm passed into the hands of daughter Magdalena and her husband Christian Wagler. It is still in the Wagler family today. Waterloo Oxford District Secondary School is built on the southwest corner of this farm.

Catherine Zehr, the oldest daughter, of Joseph and Barbara Zehr, married Christian Oesch, the oldest son of Bishop John Oesch, who had migrated from Bavaria. The Oesch family were living on Lot 15, North Snyder's Road. In 1849 they left for the Huron Tract -- John for Hay Township and Christian and Catherine for Stanley. Christian transferred his lease in 1858, and that is probably the time Christian and Catherine left for Davis County, Iowa, eventually settling in Missouri. After Catherine's death in Hickory County, the family moved to Cass County.

Susanna Zehr married Christian Beller, also an immigrant from Lorraine. They lived in Lewis County for a while, but then moved to Canada. Elizabeth Zehr married John Giesler/Geisler. The Gieslers owned Lot 12, South Snyder's Rd., the lot which contained the middle of the series of sandy ridges, known as the Baden Hills. It was in Elizabeth and John's home that Barbara (Kennel) Zehr spent her last years.

Christian Zehr, the first of the Canadian-born children in the Zehr family, also migrated to the United States. He married Anna (Nancy) Miller. He is said to have been a minister and to be buried in the Gerber Cemetery in Hickory County, Missouri -- the same cemetery in which Catherine was buried.

Peter Zehr, the youngest of the Joseph Zehr family, married Barbara Beller, sister to Christian who married Susanna Zehr. They lived in Canada for a time, but moved to Lewis County, New York. The Joseph Zehr family Bible is being preserved by members of this family.

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH AND ANNE (BELLER) AND BARBARA (KENNEL) ZEHR

Joseph Zehr, son of Joseph Zehr and Barbe Aymann/Eiman

b. 31 Dec 1784/5 (estimate from death record)

_____ 1791, Ottwiller, Bas-Rhin (marriage record)

m. 22 Apr 1817, St. Avold, Moselle, France

d. 29 Jan 1845, bu. Martin's Menn. Meetinghouse, Woolwich Twp.

Anne Beller, dau. of Pierre/Peter Beller and Barbe Hergy/Hershi

b. 6 Apr 1794, Pompierre, Moselle

d. 7 Jan 1818, St. Avold

Joseph Zehr, 2m. 23 Jan 1819, St. Avold

Barbe/Barbara Kennel, dau. of Christian Kennel and Anne Hirschy

b. 9 June 1789, Hellimer Diffenbach, Moselle

d. 26 Sept 1877, Wilmot Twp., bu. Steinmann Menn. Cem.

- 1) Joseph Zehr, b. 31 Dec 1817, Mill Oderfang, St. Avold
 (to 1st mar.) 1 Jan 1818 (naturalization record)
 d. 1905, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery
 m. 16 Mar 1841, Wilmot, Canada
 Maria Lichti, dau. of Christian Lichti and Magdalena Litwiller
 b. 19 Aug 1819, Largitzen, Haut-Rhin
 d. 20 Sep 1900, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery

- 2) Anne Zehr, b. 29 Sept 1819, Mill Oderfang, St. Avold
 (to 2nd marriage) d. 30 Apr 1822 (Bible record)

- 3) Catherine Zehr, b. 29 Mar 1821, Nau Mill, _____ France (Bible)
 d. 30 Oct 1871, Hickory Co. Mo. (Oesch family record)
 5 Mar 1867 " " " (tombstone)
 28 Feb 1868 (Bible record)
 m. 29 Mar 1842, Wilmot Twp.
 Christian Oesch, son of John Oesch and Barbara Schultz
 b. 1 Apr 1821, Rothsee, near Weilheim, Bavaria
 d. 11 apr 1897, bu. Clearfork Cemetery, Garden City, MO

- 4) Susanna Zehr, b. 18 Apr 1823, Nau Mill, _____ France (Bible)
 d. 13 Mar 1901, Ellice Twp.
 Christian Bellar, son John Beller and Anne Kennel
 b. 9 Feb 1815, St. Avold
 d. 31 Dec 1902, Wellesley

- 5) Barbara Zehr, b. 13 Oct 1825, Egner Mill, PA
 (age 22 in 1851 census -- no further record)

- 6) Elizabeth Zehr, b. 17 Jan 1828, Woolwich Twp. (Bible)
 d. 21 Apr 1909, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery, Baden, ON
 m. 10 Apr 1860, Wilmot Twp. (Church record)
 John Giesler, son of John and Catherine Geisler
 b. ca.1820, Mulheim, Baden, Germany
 d. 26 Jan 1870, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery

- 7) Christian Zehr, b. 29 Mar 1831, Woolwich Twp. (Bible)
 (minister) d. 17 Mar 1915, bu. Hickory Co., MO.
 m. ca.1853
 Anna/Nancy Miller, dau. of Michael Miller and Jacobena Nafziger
 b. ca.1831, Wilmot Twp.
 d. before 1894, Hickory Co., MO

- 8) Peter Zehr, b. 29 Apr 1833, Woolwich Twp. (Bible)
 d.
 m. Canada
 Barbara Beller, dau. of John Beller and Anne Kennel
 b. 19 May 1828, Valmont, Moselle
 d.
 Peter and Barbara lived in Lewis Co., N.Y. for a while but then returned to
 Canada. Perhaps they went back to N.Y. The dates and place of death has

not been found. Their son Joseph, married to Barbara Kipfer, lived in N.Y.

JOSEPH AND BARBARA (KENNEL) ZEHR IN CANADA

Christian Stoltzfus, an Amishman from Pennsylvania, had purchased a number of lots in Block #3 of the Germany Company Tract (Woolwich Township) in 1807/08. One of them was Lot 10. Daniel Bauman had purchased Lot 9, and it was on Lot 9 that one eventually finds the Joseph Zehr family. Their location has been established primarily through assessment and census records made in the 1830s.

In 1830, Daniel Bowman sold Lot 9 to Abraham Weber, who sold 50 acres each to Jacob Winkler and Martin Hauk in 1838. Apparently Joseph Zehr continued to lease or rent the north half of the lot, which borders on the Conestogo River which flows through the Village of St. Jacobs

Joseph Zehr died on January 29, 1845. According to the newspaper report, the cause of death was *Engbrustigkeit* (perhaps asthma).(1) He was buried at Martin's Meetinghouse, which was then some distance north of the Village of Waterloo but is now within the city limits. A tombstone marks his grave.

Finally, in 1853, Barbara Zehr purchased the 104 acres on which it is presumed the Zehr family lived, farmed, and built farm buildings. Why did Joseph not buy this property and why did Barbara buy it at this late date? Why Joseph did not buy it, we probably will never know. One can presume that Barbara bought it in order to get the family's investment out of it. The landlord may not have wanted to pay the Zehrs what they had put into it, and the only way to recuperate their investment was to buy the land and then sell it again. In 1855 Barbara sold 101 acres to Mathias Stricker. The following year she sold three acres at the river's edge to Jacob C. Snider. These three acres would be flooded by the dam serving Snider's mills in St. Jacobs.

In 1851, John "Sheadel" had sold two acres of Lot 54 to Barbara Zehr, and in 1855, she sold this parcel, along with the 101 acres of Lot 9, to Mathias Stricker. What interest she had in this property which was some distance to the northeast of their farm is also not known.

Although Joseph Zehr did not settle in Wilmot, S. S. Wilmot's report of 1830 had him claiming Lot 8, South Snyder's Road. No improvements had been made, however, and it was Christian Schwartzentruber, nephew of Michael Schwartzentruber who eventually gained possession of this lot.

[Photo of tombstone in this area on page](#)

Barbara (Kennel) Zehr followed her children to Wilmot Township. She lived with her daughter Elizabeth, married to John Giesler. Barbara died in 1877 and is presumed buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery although there is no tombstone.

Inscription on Joseph's tombstone:

Zum Andenken
 an
 Joseph Zehr
 er starb den 29tn Januar
 1845. alt 60 Jahre und
 29 Tage

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH AND ANNE (BELLER) AND BARBARA (KENNEL) ZEHR

Joseph Zehr, son of Joseph Zehr and Barbe Aymann/Eiman
 b. 31 Dec 1784/5 (estimate from death record)
 1791, Ottwiller, Bas-Rhin (Alsace) (marriage record)
 m. 22 Apr 1817, St. Avold, Moselle (Lorraine)
 d. 29 Jan 1845, bu. Martin's Meetinghouse, Waterloo Twp.
 Anne Beller, dau. of Pierre Beller & Barbe Hergy/Hershi (deceased before 1817)
 b. 6 Apr 1794, Pompierre, Moselle
 d. 7 Jan 1818, St. Avold
 Joseph Zehr, 2m. 23 Jan 1819, St. Avold
 Barbe/Barbara Kennel, dau. of Christian Kennel and Anne Hirchy
 b. 9 June 1789, Hellimer Diffenbach, Moselle
 d. 26 Sept 1877, Wilmot Twp.

Children:

Grandchildren:

1) (born to 1st marriage) Magdalena Zehr (1842-1928) m. Christian Wagler
 Joseph Zehr Joseph L. Zehr (1843-1912) m. Lydia Iutzi
 b. 31 Dec 1817 St.Avold,FR Barbara Zehr (1845-1930) m. John M. Iutzi
 d. 25 Jul 1905 Wilmot Mary Zehr (1847-1930) m. Rudolph Gingerich
 m. 16 Mar 1841 Wilmot Anna Zehr (1849-1942) m. John W. Wagler
 Maria Lichti Christian L. Zehr (1851-1924) m. Magdalena
 b. 19 Aug 1819 Largetzen,FR Miller; 2m. Anna Kennel
 d. 20 Sep 1900 Wilmot John Zehr (1857-1875)
 dau. of Christian Lichti Daniel L. Zehr (1859-1944) m. Anna Kennel
 and Magdalena Litwiller Katherine Zehr (1864-1928) m. Joseph L. Roth
 Jacob Zehr (1866-1928) m. Anna Lichti

2) (born to 2nd marriage)

Anne Zehr
 b. 29 Sep 1819 St.Avold,FR
 d. 30 Apr 1822 France

Catherine Oesch (1844-1921) m. John S. Helmuth
 3) Catherine Zehr John Oesch (1846-1940) m. Mary Amanda Smith
 b. 29 Mar 1821 Nau Mill,FR Daniel Oesch (1848-)
 d. 5 Mar 1867(2) HickoryCo.MO Joseph C. Oesch (1851-1890) m. Katherine
 m. 29 Mar 1842 Wilmot Hofstetter; 2m. Anna Rich
 Christian Oesch Barbara Oesch (1854-1940) m. Henry A. Moore

b. 1 Apr 1821 Rothsee,Bav. Anna Oesch (1856-) m. _____ Cape
d. 11 Apr 1897 CassCo.MO David D. Oesch (1860-1933) m. Barbara
son of John Oesch and Reufenacht; 2m. Mary Ann Kurtz
Barbara Schultz Moses Oesch (1864-1880)
Christian 2m. Mary Derick Menno Oesch (1874-)
Christian Oesch (1875-after 1880)

4) Susanna Zehr

b. 18 Apr 1823 Nau Mill,FR John Bellar (1855-1884) m. Mary Jacobs
d. 13 Mar 1907 Ellice Tp. Joseph N. Bellar (1858-1915) m. Catherine
m. ca.1854 Canada Noftsier
Christian Bellar Anna Bellar (1861-1949) m. John R. Ropp
b. 9 Feb 1815 St.Avoid,FR Daniel Bellar (1863-1926) m. Anna Kipfer
d. 31 Dec 1902 Wellesley Susanna Bellar (1865-1942) m. Daniel Steckly
son John Beller & Anne Kennel

5) Barbara Zehr

b. 13 Oct 1825 Egner Mill,PA
d.
m. after 1862 _____ Joseph Zehr Lehman (1862-1935) m. Mary Lehman
Christian Lehman no record of other children
b. ca.1821 France
d. 7 Oct 1902 Wilmot
son of Christian & Mary Lehman

6) Elizabeth Zehr

b. 17 Jan 1828 Woolwich Twp.
d. 21 Apr 1909 Wilmot
m. 10 Apr 1860 Wilmot
John Geisler/Giesler _____ Barbara Geisler (1862-1885) m. Rudolph Miller
b. ca.1820 Baden,GER
d. 26 Jan 1870 Wilmot
son of John & Catherine Geisler

7) Christian Zehr

b. 29 Mar 1831 Woolwich
d. 18 Mar 1915 HickoryCo,MO Michael L. Zehr (ca.1855-ca.1896)
1m. ca.1853; 2m. ca.1894 m. Martha Jane Latta
Anna/Nancy Miller Joseph Zehr (1856-1910) m. Mary Josephine
b. ca.1831 Wilmot Miller?
d. before 1894 HickoryCo,MO Levi Zehr (1860-1931) m. Lydia Stoll
dau. of Michael Miller John Zehr (1866-1925) m. Bessie I.Eves
and Jacobena Nafziger
Elizabeth Hofstetter (1852-1928)
dau. of Johannes E. Hofstetter & Katharina Gilliom

8) Peter Zehr

b. 29 Apr 1833 Woolwich
 d. 26 Nov 1900 Lount Twp.
 m. Canada? Joseph B. Zehr (1857-1929) m. Barbara Kipfer
 Barbara Beller (John on tombstone--Kirschnerville Cem.)
 b. 19 May 1828 Valmont,FR Annie Zehr (1859-1888)
 d. 29 Mar 1891 Machar Twp. Peter Zehr (ca.1863-1930) Nm. Mary Straub Zehr?
 dau. of John Beller
 and Anne Kennel
 See page 22a2

LOCATIONS OF THE JOSEPH ZEHR FAMILY

In 1841, Joseph Zehr, Jr. married Maria Lichti, an immigrant from Upper Alsace. It is not known where they lived immediately following their marriage, but in 1846, Joseph Lichti (an uncle of Maria's) transferred his claim to the rear three quarters of Lot 17, North Snyder's Road, to Joseph Zehr. In 1850, Lichti, who by this time was living in Wellesley Township, sold the front 50 acres to Joseph, and in 1852 the University of Toronto issued him a deed to the rear 150 acres. This farm is located a short distance west of Baden. In 1857, Joseph and Maria Zehr had a large Georgian-style stone house built on their property.

Joseph Zehr was numbered among the more wealthy inhabitants of Wilmot Township. This would confirm the story retained by the Kennel family that their ancestor John Kennel migrated as a young man and worked for a rich family in Wilmot. He was listed with the Zehr family in the 1851 census. John Kennel, by the way, was a nephew of Joseph Zehr's step-mother, Barbara Kennel. This may also be where John met his bride. She was Barbara Risser, whose mother was a Zehr. Barbara and her brother Christian came to America in 1847. We do not know the relationship between the Rissers and the Joseph Zehr family, but it is quite likely that these two young people came to Wilmot because they had relatives here. According to family tradition, Joseph Zehr purchased a farm for each of his children. The homestead passed into the hands of daughter Magdalena and her husband Christian Wagler in 1890. It is still in the Wagler family in the year 2002.

Catherine Zehr, daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Kennel) Zehr, married **Christian Oesch**, the oldest son of Bishop John Oesch, who had migrated from Bavaria to Wilmot Township in 1824. Christian and Catherine leased a lot in Stanley township in the Huron Tract, not far from Lake Huron. The lease was transferred in 1858, and this may be the time that Christian, Catherine, and five children left for Davis County, Iowa. They later moved to Hickory County, Missouri, where Catherine died and was buried in the Gerber Cemetery. The family then moved to Garden City in Cass County, Missouri.

Susanna Zehr married **Christian Beller**, an immigrant from Lorraine, France. They lived in Lewis County for a while, but then moved to Canada and settled in Ellice Township, Perth County. They are probably buried in one of the Poole cemeteries, either north or west of Poole, but there are no tombstones.

Elizabeth Zehr married **John Geisler/Giesler**. The Gieslers owned Lot 12, South Snyder's Rd., the lot which contained the middle of the series of sandy ridges, known as the Baden Hills. It was in their home that Barbara (Kennel) Zehr spent her last years. John Giesler was buried in the Kropf family cemetery at the east end of Baden. Elizabeth and probably her mother also, were buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery.

Barbara Zehr's life is somewhat sketchy. At age 22, she was still listed in the 1851 Woolwich Township census. In 1862 she gave birth to a son Joseph in Lewis County, New York. Barbara married **Christian**

Lehman who adopted her son. At the time of the 1881 census, Christian and Barbara were residents in the southern part of Wilmot Township along with son Joseph and his wife Maria. Christian is to have died in 1902 while trying to rescue a horse from a burning barn in Canada.(3) He died in Wilmot in 1902, but the circumstances have not yet been verified and Barbara's date and place of death, nor their place of burial have been found.

Christian Zehr, the first of the Canadian-born children in the Joseph Zehr family, also migrated to the United States. He probably lived in Davis County, Iowa. It is believed he was married to Anna (known as Nancy) Miller and that her parents were Michael Miller and Jacobena Nafziger.(4) He was said to have been a minister. When he moved to Hickory County, Missouri, is not known, but he was buried in the Gerber Cemetery in 1915.

Peter Zehr, the youngest of the Joseph Zehr family, married Barbara Beller, sister to Christian who married Susanna Zehr. They lived in Lewis County for a while and then appear in the Canadian records from 1879 until their deaths. From 1881 to 1886 they owned Lot 4, Concession XVI in Ellice Township, and from 1886 to 1888 they lived at Baden. They then moved to Machar Township in the District of Parry Sound, where Barbara died in 1891. Peter died in neighbouring Lount Township in 1900. Son Joseph and his wife Barbara also lived there until after 1896 and then moved to Lewis County, taking the immigrant Joseph Zehr Bible with them. They are buried in the Kirschnerville Cemetery. Peter and Barbara's son Peter married in Lount Township in 1902.

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH JR. AND MARIA (LICHTI) ZEHR

Joseph Zehr, son of Joseph Zehr and Anne Beller

b. 31 Dec 1817, Mill Oderfang, St. Avold (birth & Bible record)

1 Jan 1818 (naturalization record)

d. 25 Jul 1905, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery

m. 16 Mar 1841, Wilmot

Maria Lichti, dau. of Christian Lichti and Magdalena Litwiller

b. 19 Aug 1819, Largetzen, Haut-Rhin (Upper Alsace)

d. 20 Sep 1900, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery

Children:

Grandchildren:

1) Magdalena Zehr

b. 21 Apr 1842 Wilmot

d. 20 Sep 1928 Wilmot

m. 2 Apr 1861 Wilmot

Christian Wagler

b. 8 Aug 1838 Muesbach

d. 29 Sep 1910 Wilmot

son of Christian Wagler
and Maria Wagler

Mary Wagler (1862-1958) m. Jonathan L. Jantzi

Magdalena Wagler (1864-1928) m. Christian S. Zehr

Barbara Wagler (1869-1955) m. Christian B. Jantzi

Isaac Wagler (1871-1947) m. Catherine Litwiller

Aaron Wagler (1874-1936) m. Leah Litwiller

Catherine Wagler (1878-1937) m. Joseph K.

Schwartzentruber

Simeon Wagler (1880-1891)

2) Joseph L. Zehr

b. 10 Oct 1843 Wilmot

d. 24 Jun 1912 E.Zorra

m. 19 Feb 1865 Wilmot

Lydia Iutzi

Christian J. Zehr (1866-1952) m. Elizabeth Bender

Catherine Zehr (1871-1922) m. Joseph H. Bender

b. 6 Nov 1844 Wilmot Mary Zehr (1873-1960) m. Christian L. Wagler
d. 20 Sep 1939 E.Zorra
dau. of George Jutzi
and Catherine Miller

3) Barbara Zehr

b. 1 Oct 1845 Wilmot
d. 29 Dec 1930 Wilmot
m. 27 Nov 1864 Wilmot John Iutzi (ca.1866-)
John M. Iutzi Jacob Z. Iutzi (1881-1952) m. Catherine Roth
b. 12 Nov 1841 Wilmot
d. 31 Jan 1914 Wilmot
son of George Jutzi
and Catherine Miller

Jacob Z. Gingerich (1869-1956) m. Leah Bast
4) Mary Zehr 2m. Magdalene (Erb) Jantzi
b. 27 Aug 1847 Wilmot Katherine Gingerich (1871-1957) m. John K. Roth
d. 14 Nov 1930 Wilmot Abraham Gingerich (1874-1957) m. Leah Roth
m. 19 Jan 1868 Wilmot Lydia Gingerich (1877-1952) m. Moses Jantzi
Rudolph Gingerich Magdalena Gingerich (1878-1964) m. Christian
b. 19 Jan 1842 Wilmot Steinman
d. 1 Aug 1918 Wilmot Noah Gingerich (1880-1941) m. Sarah
son of Jacob Gingerich Schwartzentruber
and Veronica Litwiller Benjamin Gingerich (1883-1958) m. Katherine
Steinman

John Z. Gingerich (1887-1962) m. Annie Steinman
5) Anna Zehr Mary Wagler (1870-1961) m. Nicolas D. Roth
b. 18 Sept 1849 Wilmot Moses Z. Wagler (1872-1957) m Catherine Brenneman
d. 12 Aug 1942 SEhope Joseph Z. Wagler (1874-1952) m. Elizabeth Jutzi
m. 6 Oct 1868 Wilmot Christian Z. Wagler (1876-1951) m. Veronica
John Wagler Schwartzentruber; 2m. Barbara Schwartzentruber
b. 24 Nov 1842 Muesbach John Z. Wagler (1879-1970) m. Catherine Streicher
d. 31 Mar 1932 SEhope Jacob Z. Wagler (1881-1912) m. Magdalena Bender
son of Christian Wagler Noah Z. Wagler (1883-1964) m. Lydia Jutzi
and Maria Wagler 2m. Magdalena (Bender) Wagler

6) Christian L. Zehr

b. 1851 Wilmot
d. 28 Jul 1924 _____ Mary Zehr (ca.1875-)
m. 7 Apr 1874 Wilmot Jacob Zehr (ca.1878-) m Florence _____

2m. June 6, 1882 E.Zorra Allen Zehr (ca.1880-)m Edith____
Infant son ()

Magdalena Miller John Zehr (1886-)m. Margaret_____ } b. 25 oct.1855Wilmot
Mattie Zehr (-) m. Kisser/Kiser
d.5 Oct.1881 E. Zorra Lydia Zehr (ca.1890-) m.____Stevens
Bessie Zehr (ca.1892-) m. A.B. McIntire
dau. of John Miller Edith Zehr (1894-1966) m. Frank C.? Oswald
and Barbara Helmuth Gladys Zehr (ca.1903-) m. _____
Anna Kennel Ervin Zehr (1906-1968) M. _____
b. 26 June 1862 New Clays Baker?
Hamburg
d. 24 Nov. 1927 Kearney, NE
d. 24 Nov 1927 Kearney,NE
dau. of John Kennel & Magdalena Schweitzer

7) John Zehr
b. 1857 Wilmot
d. 18 Jul 1875 Wilmot

8) Daniel L. Zehr
b. 26 Mar 1859 Wilmot Mary Zehr (1880-1954) m. Noah Roth
d. 23 Feb 1944 Wilmot Noah K. Zehr (1882-1963) m. Catherine Gingerich
m. 16 Mar 1879 Wilmot Abraham Zehr (1887-1963) m. Louis (Lucy) Mae Eash
Anna Kennel Catherine Zehr (1890-1956) m. Daniel Christner
b. 1861 Wilmot David Zehr (1894-) m. Emma Boshart
d. 22 Jul 1945 Wilmot
dau. of Michael Kennel
and Maria Lichti

Lydia Zehr Roth (1883-1954)
9) Katherine Zehr Christian Z. Roth (1890-1968)
b. 6 Jan 1864 Wilmot Mary Roth (1892-1992) m. Abraham Steinman
d.5/10 May 1928 Welles. Joseph Z. Roth (1894-1964) m. Annie Boshart
m. 27 Jun 1889 Baden Catherine Roth (1896-1982) m. Joseph B. Leis
Joseph L. Roth Benjamin Roth (1898-1973) m. Amanda Everatt
b. 26 May 1864 Welles. Saloma Roth (1900-1988) m. Emanuel Roth
d. 22 Oct 1942 Welles. Sarah Roth (1902-1988)
son of Christian Roth Madeline Roth (1905-1977) m. William Kropf
and Catherine Lichti Samuel Roth (1906-1970) m. Florence Hollinger
Edna Roth (1910-1992)

10) Jacob L. Zehr Nancy Zehr (1886-1978) m. Christian
b. 30 Mar 1866 Wilmot /Schwartzentruber
d.10/14 Oct 1928 LewisCo. Daniel Zehr (1887-1958) m. Edith Wright
m. 16 Dec 1884 Wilmot Mary Zehr (1888-1969) m. Moses Erb
Anna Lichti Lydia Zehr (1889-1890) (Wellesley)
b. 24 Mar 1866 Wilmot Rachel Zehr (1891-1934) m. John C. Moshier
d. 25 Jan 1940 LewisCo. Mattie Zehr (1892)

dau. of Nicholas Lichti Anna Zehr (1893) (Wellesley)
and Barbara Schmidt David L. Zehr (1894-1969) m. Elvina Nafziger
Nickolas Zehr (1896)
Kathryn Zehr (1898-1976) m. Claude Stiles

LOCATIONS OF THE JOSEPH AND MARIA ZEHR FAMILY

It has already been mentioned that Joseph and Maria Zehr's oldest daughter **Magdalena** and her husband **Christian Wagler** became the owners of the Zehr homestead on Snyder's Road. They had first lived on Lot 9, Concession I, Block A, Wilmot Township. Joseph Zehr had purchased the north half of this lot in 1862. Christian purchased it from his father-in-law in 1874 and sold it to Jonathon Jantzi in 1900. They had already purchased the Zehr homestead in 1890. This farm was passed on to son Aaron and his wife Leah Litwiller. Their son Eldon and his wife Almeta Gingerich obtained ownership in 1947. Their son Ralph C. and his wife Caroline (nee Kuepfer) became the owners in 1978. A portion of the front west corner was purchased by Waterloo-Oxford District High School in 1954. In 1992 the farm site was designated to be of "Historical and Architectural Value and Interest."⁽⁵⁾ The deceased members of this Wagler family are all buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery.

In 1865, **Joseph L. Zehr** married Lydia Iutzi, daughter of George and Catherine (Miller) Jutzi/Iutzi, residents of East Zorra. Joseph Zehr Sr. had already been purchasing property on the 16th concession of East Zorra as early as 1854. In 1874, Joseph L. purchased the east half of Lots 35 & 36 (125 acres). After Joseph's death in 1912, the farm was taken over by their daughter Mary who was married to Christian L. Wagler (cousin to Magdalena's husband). Descendants of the Wagler family still reside on this farm on the Townline between Tavistock and Punkeydoodles Corner in 2002. Joseph and Lydia Zehr and Mary and Christian Wagler are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line.

Daughter **Barbara Zehr** married **John M. Iutzi**, son of George and Catherine, and brother of Lydia. John had purchased his parent's farm, Lot 8, North Bleam's Road, Wilmot, when they left for East Zorra. The Iutzi's sold the west half of this homestead in 1877 and the east half in 1898. Barbara and John are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery.

Mary Zehr married **Rudolph Gingerich**, son of Jacob and Veronica (Litwiller) Gingerich. Rubolph and Mary became the owners of the Gingerich homestead, Lot 15, North Bleam's Road, Wilmot Township. Their youngest son John Z. and Annie (Steinman) Gingerich were the next owners, followed by Alvin and Ruby (Wagler) Gingerich. Their son Sam and Mary Lou and their family reside there in the year 2002. The deceased members of this family are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery.

Anna Zehr married **John W. Wagler**, brother to Christian, Magdalena's husband. They purchased the north half of Lot 8, Concession I, Block A, Wilmot Township in 1868, farming there until 1878 when they sold it to brother Christian and sister Magdalena. They moved to Lot 4, Concession II, South Easthope. Anna's father purchased Lot 3 in 1881 and sold it to John and Anna Wagler in 1885. Son Christian Z. Wagler became the owner of Lot 4 and son Joseph Z. of Lot 3. Wagler descendants are in possession of both of these lots in the year 2002. The deceased members of this family are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line.

Christian L. Zehr married Magdalena Miller in 1874. In 1875 they purchased the west half of Lot 35, Concession XVI in East Zorra from Christian's father. Magdalena died in 1881 and was buried in the East

Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. Christian then married Anna Kennel of Wellesley. In 1884, Christian loaded his goods and family on to the train and left the area -- presumably to avoid his creditors.(6) Christian took his family to Nebraska. Anna died in Kearney. Where they are buried is not known.

On the morning of July 18, 1875, Joseph and Maria left home in the buggy while young **John** was preparing to shoot at the birds who were eating the cherries in the trees. The gun back fired or misfired, killing the lad. In the brick oven connected to the fireplace, a remnant of which is left yet today, the women baked the pies - - cherry pies, of course -- for the funeral supper. John's grave is one of the earliest marked graves in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery, less than half a mile west of the Zehr homestead.

Daniel L. Zehr married Anna Kennel, daughter of Michael and Maria (Lichti) Kennel of Wilmot. Joseph Zehr sold the East Zorra farm (Lot 35, W 1/2, Concession XVI) vacated by Christian to Daniel in 1886. In 1896, Daniel and Anna sold it to David Rudy and went to live with Anna's parents in Wilmot (Lot 9, Concession I, Block B). Daniel and Anna purchased the farm with the understanding that they would take care of Anna's parents as long as they lived. Daniel and Anna are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery.

Katherine Zehr, Joseph and Maria's youngest daughter, married **Joseph L. Roth**, son of Christian N. and Catherine (Lichti) Roth. Joseph and Katherine purchased most of Lots 11 of Concessions I and II, East Section, Wellesley Township, from his father's estate. This farm remained in the Roth family until 1977. Katherine and Joseph are buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery, Wellesley Township.

Jacob L. Zehr, the youngest son, married Anna Lichti, daughter of Nicholas and Barbara (Schmidt) Lichti. In 1893 Jacob and Anna purchased a parcel of two acres of the east half of Lot 5, Concession I, Block B of Wilmot Township. According to the family story, Jacob and Annie Zehr boarded the train with their family [five living children at the time] in 1895, bound for Lewis County, New York. The first spring Jacob worked in John Widrick's sugarbush, and for a time worked in logging. Later he worked in the Lewis Paper Mill.(7) Evidently they had retained their two acres in Wilmot Township, and returned to sell them in 1912. Jacob and Annie are buried in the cemetery at the Croghan Mennonite Church.

JOSEPH AND BARBARA (KENNEL) ZEHR IN CANADA

Notes:

- 1) Der Deutsche Canadier, 20 February 1845.
- 2) Catherine's death date varies in the various records as follows:
 - 30 Oct 1871 Hickory Co., MO (family record)
 - 5 Mar 1867 " " " (tombstone)
 - 28 Feb 1868 (Bible record)
- 3) Strangers and Pilgrims . . . , p. 286
- 4) Correspondence with Terry Lawson, Moore, Oklahoma, 1999-2001
The Christian Zehr family is found in the "Descendants of Joseph Zehr"
print-out in the Lawson file.
- 5) "historic farm receives heritage designation" by Jana Miller in the New Hamburg Independent, February 17, 1993, p.3.

- 6) Reported in the Stratford Beacon, April 11 and 18, 1884.
- 7) Nicholas and Barbara (Schmidt) Lichti, Ancestors and Descendants, p. [9]
(see full reference below)

Published and unpublished genealogies of various branches of the Joseph Zehr family:

- 1) Family History and Genealogy of Christian and Catherine (Zehr) and Mary (Derick) Oesch compiled by Lorraine Roth, Kitchener, Ont., 1966
- 2) The genealogy of Magdalena Zehr and Christian Wagler are found in the Christian Wagler family manuscript compiled by Nancy (Mrs. Menno W.) Kuepfer in the early 1970s.
- 3) George Iutzi and Catherine Miller Genealogy, 1891-1992, compiled and published by Maurice and Velma Witzel, Kitchener, Ont., 1992
The family of Barbara Zehr and John M. Iutzi are found on pages 133-148.
The family of Joseph L. Zehr and Lydia Iutzi are found on pages 149-209.
- 4) Family History and Genealogy of Jacob (Wagner) Gingerich and Veronica Litwiller, 1825-1975, compiled by Alvin Gingerich, et al, Baden, Ont., 1975
The family of Mary Zehr and Rudolph Gingerich are found on pages 150-169.
Family History and Genealogy of Jacob (Wagler) Gingerich and Veronica Litwiller from 1825 -- 2000.
Editor: Alvin Gingerich, Baden, Ontario, 2001
The family of Mary Zehr and Rudolph Gingerich are found in pages 269-307.
- 5) John and Anna (Zehr) Wagler Family History and Genealogy compiled and published by the John Wagler Family Book Committee, New Hamburg, Ont., 1993
- 6) Katherine Zehr and Joseph L. Roth are found in a manuscript copy of the family of Christian N. and Catherine (Lichti) Roth, [compiled by the Leis sisters, Mattie, Fannie, and Lydia, Wellesley, Ont., 1959]
- 7) Nicholas and Barbara (Schmidt) Lichti, Ancestors and Descendants, compiled by Willis Lichti et al, New Hamburg, Ont., 1985.
The family of Jacob and Anna (Lichti) Zehr is found on pages [9]-18.

[1 page with 2 photos of Zehr/Wagler homestead in East Zorra](#)

THE PETER AND BARBARA (BELLER) ZEHR FAMILY son of Joseph Zehr and Barbara Kennel

It is likely that Barbara and Peter were married in Canada, but then went to Lewis County, New York, for a few years. Their three known children were born between 1857 and 1863 at Croghan, New York.

In 1879 Peter and his wife and son Joseph were issued a church letter at Croghan. The signers were Jacob "Rogi," Johannes Naffziger, and Peter Lehman.(3)

From 1881 to 1886, Peter and Barbara owned Lot 4, Concession XVI in Ellice Township, Perth County, Ontario. Son Joseph and Barbara Kipfer were married by Bishop Joseph Gerber in Mornington Township in 1879. They purchased the south half of Lot 7 (50 acres), Concession XV, also in Ellice, in 1881, selling it again in 1886.

In 1887 and 1888, Peter and Barbara's son Joseph and Barbara and family were living at Baden in Wilmot Township at the time of the birth and death of their daughter Mary. Peter and Barbara's son Peter was baptized in Poole in 1887. Their daughter Anna died in Baden in 1888. It is from her death record that we learn that she was born in Croghan, New York. The cause of death of both children was "consumption" (probably T.B.). The last record of the presence of this family in Baden was the death of Joseph and Barbara's daughter Mary in December 1888.

In June of 2003 we discovered through research in the birth and death indexes that the Peter and Joseph B. Zehr families were living in Machar Township in the District of Parry Sound. This district is found on the northeast side of Georgian Bay. The southeast corner of Machar Township either includes or is close to the present town of South River on Route 11. We will not even try to guess what took this family into this remote area of Ontario.

They could not have been in Machar Township very long until Barbara (Beller) Zehr also succumbed to consumption and died in March of 1891. Peter reported her death and gave his religious affiliation as Mennonite. Children continued to be born to Joseph B. and Barbara (Kipfer) Zehr throughout the remainder of the 1890s. Peter's death was recorded in Lount Township (on the west side of Machar) in November of 1900. His place of birth was Waterloo County, his occupation a farmer, and the cause of his death was Bright's Disease. At the time of his death his religious affiliation was Evangelical Association.

Peter Zehr, son of Joseph B. and Barbara (Kipfer) Zehr, was to have married Mary Hunt in Canada in 1902. While trying to find that record, we found that of Peter B. Zehr, son of Peter and Barbara (Beller) Zehr, instead. He married Mary Zehr, a widow, daughter of John Straub and Grace Egger(?). Had Mary actually been married to a Zehr or was this simply a recording error? Peter, born in New York State, was 40 years old and a farmer. Mary, born in Germany, was 41. They were married on December 28, 1902 at Wattenwyl, Lount Township, District of Parry Sound. Wattenwy (or some similar name) does not appear in an 1879 atlas of the area nor on a modern road map. Peter and Mary were both Evangelical and were married by Rev. E. Moyer.

The marriage puzzles of this Zehr family have finally been found – to a point at least – by researcher friend Wendy Wild. Mary, daughter of John Straub and Grace Egger was first married to Henry Bossert, then Peter Zehr (father), then Peter B. Zehr (son). The Peter Zehr married Mary Hunt at Stratford, Perth County, and was the son of Joseph Zehr and Josephine Hepler; so that leaves us with a hitherto unknown Joseph Zehr. (4)

THE PETER AND BARBARA (BELLER) ZEHR FAMILY

The following is an outline and history of the Peter and Barbara (Beller) Zehr family as far as we have been able to find records in Canada:

Peter Zehr, son of Joseph Zehr and Barbara Kennel

b. 29 Apr 1833, Woolwich Twp.(1)
d. 26 Nov 1900, Lount Twp., Parry Sound District, Canada
m. probably in Canada

Barbara Beller, dau. of John Beller and Anne Kennel

b. 19 May 1828, Valmont, Moselle, France

d. 29 Mar 1891, Machar Twp., Parry Sound District

Peter Zehr, 2m 22 Dec. 1895, South River, Parry Sound District

Mary(Stroub) Boshart, dau. of John Straub and Grace Egger

1m. 31 Aug. 1893, Lount Twp. to Henry Bossert (2)

son of Henry Bossert and Maria Straub

2 children born to this marriage

Children of Peter and Barbara (Beller) Zehr:

1) Joseph B. Zehr, b. 16 May 1857, Croghan, NY

d. 18 Jan 1929, bu. Kirschnerville Cemetery, N.Y.

m. 4 Dec 1879, Mornington Twp.

Barbara Kipfer, dau. of Christian Kipfer and Barbara Wagler

b. 29 Sep 1863, Mornington Twp.

d. 27 Jan 1918, bu. Kirschnerville Cemetery

(more details on the Joseph and Barbara (Kipfer) Zehr family will follow)

2) Anna Zehr, b. 3 Oct 1859, Croghan, NY

d. 26 July 1888, (age 28 y., 9 m., 23 d.) Wilmot Twp., Canada

3) Peter Zehr, b. b. 19 June 1862, Croghan, N.Y.

baptized 1887 at Poole, Ontario

m. 28 Dec 1902, Wattenwyl, Lount Twp., Dist. of Parry Sound

Mary (Straub, Bossert) Zehr, dau. of John Straub and Grace Egger

b. ca. 1871, Bavaria ,Germany

1m. 31 Aug. 1893, Lount Twp. ,to Henry Bossert, d. 2 July 1895

son of Henry Bossert & Maria Straub

2m. 22 Dec. 1895, South River, ON. to Peter Zehr, d. 26 Nov. 1900

son of Joseph and Barbara (Kennel)Zehr

(Thus Peter B. Zehr married his step-mother)

Children born to Peter B. and Mary (Straub, Bossert, Zehr) (Zehr

4) William Zehr, b. 19 Dec. 1896, Parry Sound District

5) Catherine /Kate Zehr, b. 12 Feb. 1899, Parry Sound District

6) Peter Joseph Zehr, b. 31 mar. 1901, Parry Sound District

(born after his father's death in November 1900)

Records for the births of Joseph B. and Barbara's sons Reuben and Wilford in 1900 and 1907; so either they were not recorded or the family had moved elsewhere – perhaps to Lewis County. Peter Zehr Sr.'s death in November 1900, was not reported by a Zehr family member, indicating son Joseph may have left Canada prior to Peter's death.

Whenever Joseph S. and Barbara (Kipfer) Zehr left Canada for Lewis County, New York, they must have taken with them his grandfather Joseph Zehr's Bible with the family register. (5) Barbara (Kipfer) Zehr died

in 1918 and was buried in the Kirschnerville Cemetery, Belfort, New York. In 1929, Joseph was buried beside her. (6)

Notes:

1) The 1851 census of Woolwich Township states that Peter (b. 1833) was born in the United States. That is surely an error, because the family did not likely go back to the U.S. after being in Woolwich Township for at least six years. Barbara Beller was also in the Zehr household at the time of that census.

2) The children born to Mary (Straub) and Henry Bossert were:

a) Johann Bossert, b. 3 Jan. 1894, Parry Sound

b) Mary Bossert, b. 13 Jan. 1895, Parry Sound

m. 21 June 1919, Waterloo, to Herman C. Raddatz

3) The church letter is found in a collection of church letters in the Mennonite Archives at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario.

Western Ontario Mennonite Conference Historic Amish Materials, Box IV-6.1: Folder IV-6.1.16)

4) Wendy Wild's notes and photocopies of records will be found in the ZEHR JOSEPH, Woolwich Township Immigrant, Documents file.

5) Evidently Peter Zehr, son of Joseph and Barbara (Kennel) Zehr inherited his parents' family Bible with the Joseph Zehr family register. Peter's son Joseph B. Zehr took the Bible with him to Lewis County, New York and added his family list to the register. Additional names of spouses came from Noreen Streeter. I have indicated where the family list differed from those found in the civil registrations.

6) On the tombstone Joseph was called John, and Joseph's and Barbara's years of birth were interchanged.

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH B. AND BARBARA (KIPFER) ZEHR

Joseph B. Zehr, son of Peter Zehr and Barbara Beller

b. 16 May 1857, Croghan, N.Y.

d. 18 Jan 1929, bu. Kirschnerville Cem., N.Y.

m. 4 Dec 1879, Mornington Twp.

Barbara Kipfer, dau. of Christian Kipfer and Barbara Wagler

b. 29 Sep 1863, Mornington Twp.

d. 27 Jan 1918, bu. Kirschnerville Cem., N.Y.

1) Peter K. Zehr, b. 4 Nov 1880, Mornington Twp., Perth County, Canada

d. 27 Feb 1967

m. 1902 to Mary Hunt, b. ? ; d. 1972

dau. of William and Carolina (Ratz) Hunt

4 children (Noreen, Mrs. Art Streeter)

2) Christian K. Zehr, b. 26 Oct 1881, Mornington Twp.

m. Adeline Bush

- 3) Menno K. Zehr, b. 11 June 1884, Ellice Twp., Perth County
 d. 22 Apr 1953
 m. Elizabeth Martin
- 4) Fanny Zehr, b. 18 Dec 1885, Ellice Twp.
 d. June 1974
 m. Clinton Stevens
- 5) Mary Zehr, b. 18 Feb 1887, Baden, Ont., Wilmot Twp.
 d. 21 Dec 1888, Wilmot Twp.
- 6) Barbara Zehr, b. 27 July 1889, Wilmot Twp. (civil record)
 27 July 1888 (family list)
 m. Henry Kempny
- 7) Anna Elizabeth Zehr, b. 17 Sept 1891, Machar Twp., District of Parry Sound
 d. 10 Feb 1892 "
- 8) Magdalena Zehr, b. 3 Jan 1893, Machar Twp. (civil record)
 3 Jan 1892 (family list)
 m. George Fisher
- 9) Eva Bena Zehr, b. 9 July 1895, Machar (civil record)
 Verbena Zehr, b. 9 July 1895 (family list)
 m. Clarence Jebo
- 10) Reuben Lesley Zehr, b. 1 July 1900
 d. 27 Feb 1955
 m. Marion Lehman, 2m. Russel Grau, New Bremen, N.Y.
 Marion was in possession of the Bible until her death about 2001.
 (Paul M. Zehr letter to Lorraine Roth, Mar 21, 2003)
- 12) Wilford Leo Zehr, b. 15 Aug 1907
 d. 1907

Lorraine Roth
 Tavistock Ontario
 July, 2009

THE FAMILY OF MICHEL ZEHR (1755?-1813)

Michel Zehr, b. ca. 1755
 d. 1 June 1813, Olferdingerhof, Gros-Réderching, Moselle
 1m. ca. 1783
 Catherine Esch, d. 1785, (Hébert)

Anna Marie Kohler, dau. of Christophe Kohler and Anne Hunssinger (from Colmar)

b. ca. 1753

d. 28 Mar. 18106, Olferding

Michel Zehr, 3m. 7 Sept. 1809, Gros-Réderching

Madelaine Farni, dau. of Christian Farny and Anne Hirschy (from Belgrad)

b. ca. 1783

2m. to Joseph Risser

Children of Michel Zehr and Catherine Esch:

[A] Christian Zehr, b. ca. 1784, Assviller, Bas-Rhin (farmer at Savonnière)

d. 7 Dec. 1847, Foug, Meurthe-et-Moselle (Hébert & Levine)

m. 9 Jan. 1812, Fauconcourt, Vosges

Barbara Mosimann, dau. of Jean Mosimann, b. 1765

and Marie Prachbile, b. 1771

b. ___ 1791, St. Quirin, Moselle

d. 27 Oct. 1868, new Bremen, N.Y.

2m. to Joseph Farney in N.Y.

Barbara migrated to N.Y. in 1849.

1. Barbara Zehr, b. ___ ___ 1816 ___ France
d. Feb 2, 1903

m? Beckler (stayed in France)

m. François Leyendecker, N.Y.

Children born illegitimate:

a. Barbara Zehr/Beckler, b. ___ ___ 1837, ___ France

b. Joseph Zehr/Beckler, b. Aug. 10, 1841, Foug, France (in America with mother)

c. Catherine Zehr/Beckler, b. ___ ___ 1845, ___ France

d. daughter, b. _____ (died at sea) (family tradition)

e. Francois Zehr, b. June 16, 1848, Foug, France (no birthfather recorded)

2. Marie Zehr, b. 22 June 1818, Autrey, Vosges, France

d. Oct. 14, 1848 Ambacourt, Vosges, France

m. May 21 1844 Rosier-aus-Salines Franc

to Chrétien Springer b. 1816

son of Joseph Springer and Barbara Zehr

Child:

1) _____ Springer b. Oct. 14, 1848

3. Andrew Zehr, b. 26 Oct. 1821, Autrey, Vosges d. Dec. 6, 1866 Croghan, Lewis Co., NY

1m. May 21, 1844 Rosier-aus-Salines, France.

to Catherine Springer, dau of Joseph Springer and Barbara Zehr

b. 1814 Rosier-aus-Salines, France. D. Oct. 1865, Croghan, Lewis County

2m 1882 to Mary Yousey

Emigrated to America in 1850

Children: *list from Rootsweb/Ancestry.com*

1. Magdalena Zehr: Birth: 2 SEP 1844 in France. Death: 6 FEB 1922 in Croghan, Lewis Co New York

2. Catherine Kate Zehr: Birth: 14 NOV 1847 in France. Death: 11 MAY 1920 in Croghan, Lewis Co New York m. Louis Lambert

3. Joseph Zehr: Birth: 14 APR 1849 in France. Death: 16 JUN 1908 in Croghan, Lewis Co., New York
 4. Louise L Zehr: Birth: 14 JUN 1853 in Croghan, Lewis Co New York. Death: 1 JUN 1921 in Croghan, Lewis Co New York m. Peter Mathys
 5. Christian A Zehr: Birth: 13 MAY 1855 in Croghan, Lewis Co., New York. Death: 16 APR 1911 in Croghan, Lewis Co., New York m. 1882 to Mary Yousey
4. Joseph C.Zehr b. 8 Sept. 1822 _____ France
 m. Barbara Wütherich/Widrick in N.Y.
 2m. Katherine Yoder
5. Magdalena Zehr. b. 10 Sept. 1824, Montigny Meurthe-et-Moselle, (Hébert)
 m. Peter Jantzi/Yancey in N.Y.
6. Catherine Zehr b. 18 Mar. 1832 (family record)
 7 Mar. 1828, Montigny (Hébert)
 m. 10 Sept. 1848 _____ France
Jacob Rogue/Roggie, b. 23 Ja. 1824, Dalem, Moselle
 son of Joseph Roggy, b. 1793, & Veronique Thomas?
 Grandson of Johannes Roggy b. 1744 and Anne Marie Bender b. 1760
 Migrated to N.Y. in 1849. There is a family of 12 children

[B] BARBARA Zehr, dau of Michael Zehr and Catherine Esch (*from Rootsweb*)

b. 1783 d. May 11, 1843 Meurthe et Moselle, France
 m. Joseph Springer,
 b. 1780 d. June 29, 1844 Meurthe et Moselle, France

Children:

1. Joseph Springer: Birth: 1810.
2. Catherine Springer: Birth: 1814 in Rosier-aus-Salines, France. Death: OCT 1865 in Croghan, Lewis Co., New York m. 1844 to Andre Zehr
3. Chretien (Christian) Springer: Birth: 1816. m. Marie Zehr
4. Andre Springer: Birth: 1819.
5. Jean Springer: Birth: 1823.

Children of Michael Zehr and Anna Marie Kohler

[C] Michael Zehr, b. 29 Sept. 1791, Meisenthal, Gros-Réderching (Hébert)

1789 (family records)

d. 27 Feb. 1880, Croghan, N.Y.

m. 9 Oct. 1811, Gros-Réderching, France

Anna Jantzi, dau. of Christian Jantzi and Anna Farny

b. ___ Apr. 1795 _____ France

d. 18 Jan. 1886, Croghan, N.Y.

This family left Le Havre, France on the Barque Statera and arrived in New York on June 19, 1833.

1. Michael J. Zehr, b. 25/28 Dec. 1812, Belgrad, Bistroff, Moselle
 m. Barbara Boshart (in Canada by 1840)
2. Chretien Zehr, b. 10 Jan. 1815, Olferding, Gros-Réderching
3. George Zehr, b. 18 Jan. 1817, Olferding
4. Anne Zehr, b. 5 Mar/26 Feb. 1819, Belgrad
5. Jean Zehr, b. 25/26 Feb. 1821, Bischwald, Bistroff

6. Joseph Zehr, b. 19/14 June 1823, Bischwald
7. Pierre Zehr, b. 19 Mar. 1825; d. 23 Mar. 1830, Belgrad
8. Barbe Zehr, b. 3 Dec. 1827/1 Nov. 1828, Belgrad
9. Catherine Zehr, 25 May 1830, Belgrad
10. Susanne Zehr, b. 20 Feb. 1832, Belgrad
11. Andrew Zehr, b. 8 may 1834, Croghan, N.Y.
12. Jacob Zehr, b. 24 Feb. 1838, Croghan, N.Y.

[D] (Anne) Marie Zehr, b. ca. 1792
 m. 1815 to Philippe Steiner

1. Joseph Zehr, b. 1813, Windstein, bas-Rhin
 d. 1820

[E] George Zehr, b. 28 Aug. 1794 Meisenthal, Gros-Réderching
 d. 4 Apr. 1849, Montigny (Hébert)
 m. 1 Mar. 1821 _____

Elisabeth Mosimann, dau. of Michel Mosimanne and Suzanne Breiffphiel,
 d. 11 mar. 1876, Sarrebourg, Moselle

1. Marie Zehr, b. 7 Apr. 1822, Chazelles, Meurthe-et-Moselle (Hébert)
 m. 22 Feb. 1841, Imling (Roth)
Christophe Martin, son of Christophe Martin, b. ca. 1786
 and Elisabeth Sert, b. ca. 1789
 b. 20 Jan. 1815, Igney Meurthe-et-Moselle
 witness: André Zert, uncle of Christophe
 Emigrated to U.S.A. in 1848

a. Christian Martin, b. 25 Aug. 1843 (family record)
 15 Aug. 1843, Gosselming, Moselle (Hébet)

b. Barbara Martin, b. 12 Nov. 1846 (family record)
 9 Nov. 1846 (Hébert)

2. Christian Zehr, b. 7 Apr. 1824, Montigny
 m. 1850
 Madeleine Zert, dau. of André Zehr and Madeleine Zehr

3. Barbe Zehr, b. 5 Oct. 1826, Montigny
 m. 1853
 Joseph Schertz

[F] André Zehr, b. 5 Aug. 1797, Gros- Réderching (Hébert)
 d. 4 Dec. 1859, Arracourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle
 m. 24 Mar. 1816, Domèvre-sur-Vezouze, Meurthe-et-Moselle
 Madeleine Zehr, parents _____
 b. 4 feb. 1798, Herling?
 d. 9 Apr. 1851, Arracourt

1. Christian Zehr, b. 13 mar. 1817, Domèvre-sur-Vezouze
2. André Zert, b. 14 Oct. 1818; d. 4 June 1835, Arracourt
3. Catherine Zert, b. 10 Aug. 1819, Arracourt
 m. 1850 to Jean Zert

Parents _____

4. Joseph Zert, b. 28 Nov. 1822, Arracourt
5. Madeleine Zets, b. 23 Oct. 1824, Arracourt
m. 1850 to Christian Zert
son of George Zehr and Elisabeth Mosimann
6. Christianne Zest, b. 5 Oct. 1825, (perhaps not of this family)
7. Lise Zest, b. 26 May 1826; d. 23 Nov. 1849, Arracourt
André Zest, b. 20 Dec. 1826 (perhaps not of this family)
8. Marie Zehr, b. ____ 1835, Arracourt
m. 1860 to Joseph Geny?
2m. 18172 to Daniel Eymann
9. Nicolas Zehr, b. 6 Mar. 1836; d. 18 Feb. 1837, Arracourt

Children of Michael Zehr and Madaleine Farny

[G] Pierre Zehr, b. 20 Aug. 1809 Gros-Réderching, France, (French records)
2 May 1808 (family records)

Pierre was born before the marriage of his parents and was legally recognized as Michel's son at the time of their marriage.

m. _____

Barbara Roth, dau. of Nicolaus Roth and Veronica Zimmerman (from Baden)
Came to America in 1835 (first child born 16 Oct. 1835 on Atlantic Ocean)
Peter was a medical practitioner.

[H] Madelaine Zehr, b. 18 Mar. 1813, Gros-Réderching
c. 12 Apr. 1823, Singling, Gros-Réderching

Note for Christophe Martin (see above family list)

The parents of Christophe Martin married to Marie Zehr (page 86)

Christophe Martin, b. 1786, Zilling, Moselle
d. 3 May 1873, Imling
m. 13 Dec. 1810, Domèvre-sur-Vezouze

Elisabeth Zert/Zehr, parents: _____
b. 1789, Helling, Moselle
d. 11 Mar. 1783, Imling

Hébert puts all the following children into one family. I have indicated the mother's names to the right for those born at Imling. The father's name is always Christian; so it may be that Marie, Barbe, and Elisabeth are the same person.

1. Christophe Martin, b. 20 Jan. 1815, Igney, Meurthe-et-Moselle
m. 1841 to Marie Zehr
2. Elisabeth Martin, b. 1818, Igney
m. 1836 to Christian Roth
3. André Martin, b. 15 Apr. 1820, Imling Marie Barbe
m. 1850 to Catherine Schertz
4. Joseph Martin, b. 8 Feb. 1824, Imling Marie Barbe
m. 1873 to Anne Martin
5. Jean Pierre Martin, b. 19 May 1825, Imling (Roth) Elisabeth

Pierre martin, b. 20 May, 1826, Imling (Hébert)
6. Nicolas Martin, b. 21 Mar. 1835, Imling, Elisabeth

A son and two grandsons of Michel Zehr (1755?-1813) immigrated to Canada. Their stories and family charts appear below.

1. DR. PETER AND BARBARA (ROTH) ZEHR
2. MICHAEL J. AND BARBARA (BOSHART) ZEHR FAMILY
3. JOSEPH C. AND BARBARA (WUTHERICH/WIDRICK) AND KATHERINE (YODER) ZEHR

DR. PETER AND BARBARA (ROTH) ZEHR

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The identity of **Peter Zehr**, born to Michel and his third wife Madeleine (Magdalena) Farny was somewhat difficult to establish. The Canadian immigrant, (Dr.) Peter Zehr, was married to Barbara Roth, daughter of Nicolaus Roth and Veronica Zimmerman from Baden, Germany. According to his age at the time of his death, Peter's birthdate was May 2, 1808. Michel and Magdalena's son Peter was born August 20, 1809. Discrepancies in dates are not unusual, but then one looks for other clues to document the relationship. In Ontario, the descendants did not retain a tradition that there was a relationship. In fact, the descendants of Peter and of Joseph C. Zehr were sure there was none. The Oregon decendants, however, did have the tradition that Peter and Michael Zehr, the Lewis County bishop, were brothers or half brothers.

Peter and Barbara Zehr set out on their journey across the Atlantic in the fall of 1835. In one census record son Andrew is reported to have been born on the Atlantic and in his obituary in "Havre de Grace, France,"(4) both indicating that he was born enroute to America. His date of birth is usually given as October 16, but one old tattered record gives it as October 26.

Peter and Barbara (perhaps with a new-born infant), sailed on the Ship *Formosa*, landing in New York on December 28.(5) Accompanying the Zehrs were Joseph and Madeleine Risser, Peter's mother and step-father and two children John and Madeleine/Magdalena, also called Risser on the passenger list, but were probably named Farny.(6) The fact that the Rissers and Peter Zehr were travelling together is rather strong evidence that there was a relationship. It presents another problem, however, because we do not know what happened to the Rissers.

Since the route up the Hudson River and the Erie Canal would have been partially frozen over by the time the Zehrs and Rissers landed, they, no doubt, spent the winter in Pennsylvania before proceeding on to Lewis County, New York. This would fit in well with another family tradition that they lived in Pennsylvania for a while and still another tradition that they were in Franconia.

In 1842 the Zehrs had 45 acres under cultivation - perhaps some of it had been cleared by Copland. They had one horse, which Peter would have used to visit the sick, injured, and confinement cases. One horse would not be very useful in farming. The four oxen were more useful in clearing and farming the land. Two cows supplied the milk. The first few years, a trunk which had carried their belongings across the ocean

served as their table. It is said that Barbara shared the first bread she baked from the first wheat grown on their land with the Indians who camped at the creek.

After the birth of Christian, the sixth child, in 1852, it was time to build a larger house. It is said that Peter made the bricks himself to build the house which was completed in 1855 and is still in use today. A barn (with an 1855 date stone), and a new orchard and white picket fence around the yard made an attractive farm site, which could have been sold for a handsome profit. Peter would have had a mind to do so and find a new frontier, but Barbara felt she had moved enough and refused to consider moving again.

Whatever thoughts Peter might have had about moving, he bought more land - in both South Easthope and East Zorra townships. Between 1848 and 1891 he purchased more than 800 acres. Several of these farms were turned over to his sons and a son-in-law and some were sold to new immigrants such as John S. Wagler in South Easthope and Joseph Stere in East Zorra.

The trustees of School Section No. 2 purchased a small parcel at the southeast corner of the Zehr farm in 1855. Burials also took place at this corner for a number of years, but it was not until 1874 that cemetery trustees were appointed and a deed was drawn up for the burying ground. Unfortunately, the cemetery trustees, Christian Zehr, Andrew Zehr (both sons) and Daniel Brenneman, were not replaced, and the cemetery fell into disuse and neglect. For a period of time, this burying ground caused some conflict between teachers and students. Students were forbidden to enter the burial grounds, but what else could one do to retrieve the stray balls? It is now (2002) marked by a clump of small bushes at the southwest corner of the former school property, now serving as a home.

PETER ZEHR, DOCTOR OR MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

According to family tradition, "Dr." Peter Zehr received his medical training in Paris, France. His specialties were midwifery and the making of medicines and salves. He was not licenced in Canada until he went to Toronto for a "refresher course." What part of this tradition is fact, and what part is fiction?

The chances of an Anabaptist orphan boy going to Paris to study medicine are rather slim. Due to military conscription in France, most young men, including the Anabaptists, had to serve in the army. It is more likely that Peter served in the medical corp and there got his training as well as his interest. On the flyleaf of Peter Zehr's *Auss Bundt* is found the following notation -- an attempted transcription: ". . . *Artillirie Comando / An / Das Patterie / Das 9t Linion butt / Patterie Comando / Grossredreisingen*" (Gros-Réderching). This looks like military jargon, indicating Peter was in the army, taking his Anabaptist hymn book with him!(4)

No doubt Peter delivered his own children -- Andrew, at sea, and Barbara in New York - but we have no other documentation on Peter's medical activities until after his arrival in Canada. A very interesting article in the newspaper published in Berlin (now Kitchener) indicates that Peter was soon actively engaged after his arrival in Canada.

A young lad by the name of William Rebscher sustained a very serious leg injury in Wilmot, and Dr. Scott of Berlin, in consultation with another doctor, had advised amputation. The family preferred to try other "healers" in order to save the leg. Eventually Peter Zehr was called and, according to the report in the newspaper, the boy was recovering and still had his leg! The editor named neither Dr. Scott nor Peter Zehr, calling Zehr an "old Amish Brother in Wilmot," and ended his little report with "Honour to whom honour is due."

Evidently Dr. Scott took offense at the report; so in the next issue, the editor printed the doctor's story of the proceedings in the case. He did not name Peter Zehr, but made the following remarks: "Since then a man, of whom I know very little, except that in surgery he is very ignorant (of which anyone who wants to take the trouble, to investigate the dislocated shoulder of the wife of Jacob Miller from the Middle Street in Wilmot, can soon satisfy,) has the leg under his supervision; and it is said, the same fortunately, finds itself improving."

The editor made his own comments in the second issue as well. This time he named him -- but without the title doctor: "Mr. Zehr in Wilmot, a valued German philanthropist, is to be thanked; and . . . therefore we closed with these very fitting words, and said: 'Honour, to whom honour is due.' . . . And now we repeat . . . without wishing to cause the doctors (educated or uneducated (studied or unstudied) any damage at all."(5) This little exchange is more about the tiff between W. H. Peterson, the editor, and Dr. Scott than about Dr. Peter Zehr. However, in the altercation between them, we are given a little window on Peter Zehr's early medical practice.

The late Harold Schmidt's version of the story was that Dr. Zehr had treated his ancestor, Barbara (Mrs. Jacob) Miller without anesthetic. For a dislocated shoulder, this was to be expected -- certainly in 1839 -- but evidently she was not well pleased!

Peter's medical services would have been welcome in the frontier community in which he settled, but he was sometimes challenged. It is quite noticeable that he did not publicly advertise his medical abilities. In the census records, his occupation was "farmer." There was also the occasional criticism from the church members when he was called out on medical cases when they thought he should be at the meeting.

After the founding of the Upper Canada School of Medicine in 1850 and the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1869, more pressure was brought on unlicensed practitioners like Peter Zehr. In 1878, at age 70, Peter went to Toronto to obtain his licence. What the "refresher course" consisted of is not known. The College has only a record of the date (April 8, 1878) when he was granted a licence, stating that he had been practicing since before January 1850, the date of the opening of the first medical school in Canada.(6)

Peter's specialties in the medical practice were midwifery and the making of medicines and salves. Peter's services as a physician were used in a wide area. One occasionally finds him named as the attending physician in both birth and death records, although the births at which he assisted were limited to family and a few others. It is interesting to note that in census or land records after he obtained his licence, his occupation was given "Dr." or "physician".

Peter's granddaughter, Barbara, who later married John Schultz, accompanied him in his buggy while she was still a teenager, and it was to her that he passed on his midwifery interests and skills. According to family tradition, Peter kept weekly office hours in a hotel in Berlin (Kitchener), advertising them in the Berliner Journal. Several hours of searching in this paper, however, has not turned up a copy of his advertisement. Peter's son Joseph continued the making and dispensing of medications, which he learned from his father.

PETER ZEHR, MINISTER

In A Brief History of the Mennonites in Ontario, Jacob R. Bender indicated that Peter had been ordained a minister in Europe.(7) A note in possession of the Lewis County historian would suggest he was ordained in Lewis County. If so, probably Peter and his half brother Michael were ordained at the same time. The date is not known, but historian Arlene Yousey suggests the year 1836 as a possibility.(8)

Wherever the ordination took place, Peter was an ordained, Amish-Mennonite minister on his arrival in Canada. The organization of a congregation west of Wilmot, first known as the South Easthope-East Zorra congregation was organized in 1837. This congregation, except for the services of Deacon Nicholas Roth (no relative of Barbara's), was being served by the Wilmot ministers. Thus Peter's ministerial services would have been most welcome. Perhaps Peter was encouraged to take up residence in South Easthope for that reason. It wasn't until 1849 that additional ministers were ordained in this congregation.

During the 1860s and 1870s, the North American Amish Mennonite ministers gathered almost annually for consultation in an attempt to establish unity and some uniformity of practice. The Canadian ministers participated occasionally, and in 1871 both Peter Zehr and Daniel Schrag from the East Zorra congregation attended the conference held in Livingston County, Illinois. No doubt, Zehr and Schrag also used this opportunity to visit relatives -- Barbara (Roth) Zehr's family had eventually settled in Illinois, and Daniel Schrag's widowed sister-in-law had migrated to Illinois with her children.

At that meeting Schrag was appointed to a committee to help the congregation in Bureau County (Illinois) to come to unity while Zehr was chosen as part of a council to investigate the circumstances in Joseph Stuckey's and other congregations -- also in Illinois.(9)

The motive of Peter Zehr's trip to Adams County, Ohio, with son Joseph in January of 1882 is not quite as clear. Bishop Henry Egly, founder of the Defenceless Mennonite Church (now Evangelical Mennonite Church) recorded this visit in his autobiography, saying that he was visited by Brother J. Schneider (whose identity is not known) and the two Dr. Zehrs from Canada and that they attended their meeting.(10) Egly made several trips to Canada during the next few years and gained a number of converts in Hay Township. He made at least one visit to Wilmot Township, but no indication that he returned the visit to the Zehrs. So, were the Zehrs interested in Egly's revivals, or were they looking for a place to which to migrate and the visit to Henry Egly's meeting was coincidental?

DR. PETER AND BARBARA (ROTH) ZEHR

IN CONCLUSION

Barbara died in 1888, but Peter continued with his medical practice for several more years. According to his obituary he was in failing health for about a year before his death in 1898, at the age of almost 89.(11) Peter and Barbara were buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line.

THE PETER AND BARBARA (ROTH) ZEHR FAMILY

Peter Zehr, probably son of Michel Zehr and Madeleine Farny(12)

- b. 2 May 1808 (estimate from date of death)
- 21 Aug 1809, Gros-Rederching, Moselle, France
- d. 2 Jan 1898, bu. East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery
- m. 1831/32, France or Germany

Barbara Roth, dau. of Nicolaus Roth and Veronica Zimmerman

- b. 21 Nov 1812 (Roth genealogy)
- 28 Dec 1813, Baden, Germany (Roth family Bible)

d. 21 Sep 1888, bu. East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery

Children: Grandchildren:

1) Andrew Zehr

b. 16/26 Oct 1835 Atlantic

d. 20 Aug 1917 E.Zorra foster children:

m. 1857 John Eiman, age 14 (1861 census)

Barbara Sommer Barbara Jacob, age 11 (1861 census)

b. 16 Aug 1834 NY Samuel Zehr (1871-1947) m. Susan Milson

d. 10 Feb 1908 E.Zorra Margaret Pantz m. Charles Hoff

dau. of John Sommer John Neeb (Andrew's obituary)

and Barbara Risser David Sommers (nephew) (his own story)

Jacob Gingerich (1859-1896) m. Mary Schlabaugh

2) Barbara Zehr Magdalena Eimen (1864-1872)

b. 10 Dec 1837 NY Andrew Eimen (1865-1871)

d. 5 Nov 1886 Wayland,IA Barbara Eimen (1867-1910) m. Jephtha D. Gingerich

m. 4 Mar 1856 SHhope Daniel Eimen (1869-1944) m. Nellie Leper

2m. 1/3 Sep 1863 SEhope Peter Eimen (1871-1949) m. Anna Miller

Jacob Gingerich Katie Eimen (1873-1954) m. Mose S. Ropp

b. ca.1832 Wilmot Mary Eimen (1875-1961) m. Samuel Troyer

d. May 1859 E.Zorra Anna Eimen (1876-1940) m. Ben Shetler

son of Jacob S. Gingerich Joseph B. Eimen (1878-1940) m. Alice Yoder

and Catherine Honderich David Eimen (1880-1963) m. Ollie Bertie Showalter

Daniel Eimen Moses Eimen (1882)

b. 15 Oct 1842 Europe Lydia Eimen (1884-1887)

d. 27 Feb 1916 Wayland,IA Fannie Eimen (1886-1982)

3) Peter R. Zehr

b. 19 Dec 1842 SEhope Joseph S. Zehr (1864-1913) m. Catherine Roth

d. 15 Jan 1909 E.Zorra Peter S. Zehr (1865-1934) m. Catherine Bender

m. 13 Oct 1863 SEhope Barbara Zehr (1868-1938) m. David Bender

Jacobena Schlegel Anna Zehr (1871-1943) m. John R. Bender

b. 18 Oct 1840 SEhope Magdalena Zehr (1873-1955) m. Moses Bender

d. 3 Apr 1921 E.Zorra 2m. John Bender

dau. of Nicolaus Schlegel Bena Zehr (1875-1956) m. Joseph R. Bender

and Barbara Roth Daniel Zehr (1877-1942) m. Leah Iutzi

4) Magdalena Zehr

b. 23 Nov 1846 SEhope

d. 24 May 1895 SEhope Barbara Brenneman (1870-1898) m. Peter Y. Zehr

m. 30 Nov 1869 SEhope Peter 2m. Anna Ruby

Daniel L. Brenneman Anna Brenneman (1874-1947) m. Menno Kuepfer

b. 30 Oct 1847 SEhope Peter Z. Brenneman (1876-1954) m. Mary Oesch

d. 28 Dec 1916 SEhope

son of Jacob Brenneman

and Lydia Leonard

Jacob R. Zehr (1872-1940) m. Anna Ruby

2m. Laura Ellen (Gingerich) Ruby

5) Joseph R. Zehr Peter R. Zehr (1874-1960) m. Katherine Jantzi

b. 28 Aug 1849 SEhope Anna Zehr (1875-1915) m. Menno L. Schultz
 d. 28 Sep 1915 Tavistock Moses R. Zehr (1876-1940) m. Nellie Morgan
 m. 7 Mar 1871 SEhope Magdalena Zehr (1878)
 2m. 20 May 1883 Barbara Zehr (1879-1880)
 Maria Reschly Mary Zehr (1881-1918) m. Christian J. Gingerich
 b. 8 Oct 1848 France Catherine Zehr (1884-1957) m. John B. Brenneman
 d. 20 Mar 1883 E.Zorra Barbara Zehr (1886-1912) m. Moses Roth
 dau. of Joseph Reschly Amos Zehr (1887?-1891)
 and Anna Schweitzer Joseph Zehr (1889?-1892)
 Elizabeth Albrecht Daniel A. Zehr (1890-1912) m. Clarissa Hesse
 b. 19 Dec 1858 Wilmot Emanuel Zehr (1894-1902)
 d. 21 Aug 1923 Tavistock Clara Zehr (1895-1980) m. Amos Breneman
 dau. of George Albrecht Elvera Zehr (1902-1966) m. Edward
 and Marie Hammer Schwartzentruber
 Emory A. Zehr (1904-1978) m. Selina Kipfer

6) Christian R. Zehr

b. 28 Jan 1852 SEhope Daniel B. Zehr (1876-1948) m. Magdalena Schultz
 d. 1 Jan 1892 SEhope Barbara Zehr (1879-1954) m. John Schultz
 m. 4 Mar 1873 Wilmot Catherine Zehr (1881-1956) m. John W. Weicker
 Catherine Bender Christian B. Zehr (1885-1972) m. Elizabeth Iutzi
 b. May 1854 Wilmot Peter B. Zehr (1887-1967) m. Anna Lebold
 d. 23 Apr 1926 SEhope Andrew B. Zehr (1891-1968) m. Emma Erb.
 dau. of Christian Bender 2m. Lena (Zehr) Ruby
 and Catherine Honderich

7) Anna Zehr

b. 27 Feb 1854 SEhope Andrew Baechler (1874-1945) m. Susan Sommer
 d. 25 Jul 1937 E.Zorra Peter Baechler (1876-1959) m. Katherine Steinmann
 m. 6 Jan 1874 SEhope Joseph Z. Baechler (1880-1970) m. Christina Bender
 Joseph S. Baechler 2m. Mary Bender
 b. 12 Jul 1851 France Barbara Baechler (1882-1983) m. John Ruby
 d. 25 Sep 1933 E.Zorra Amos Baechler (1886-1959) m. Catherine Bender
 son of Joseph Baechler Catherine Baechler (1891-1985) m. Jacob Brenneman
 and Catherine Steinman

THE SECOND GENERATION BECOMES ESTABLISHED

Andrew Zehr married Barbara Sommer, daughter of John and Barbara (Risser) Sommer. The Sommers had migrated from Lorraine to Lewis County, New York, where Barbara was born. They also left New York about the same time as the Zehrs and settled in East Zorra. Andrew and Barbara took up farming on the

west half of Lot 34, Concession XVI, East Zorra. Part of the East Zorra Mennonite Church property is on the southwest corner of what had been their lot. Andrew's father had purchased this property already in 1848 and sold it to Andrew in 1868.

Andrew and Barbara had no children of their own, but hosted several foster children at various times. Samuel, an English boy, took on the name Zehr.(13) Barbara's nephew David Sommers also claimed that he lived with his aunt and uncle as a young lad. Another foster daughter was Margaret Pantz married Charles

Hoff. After Barbara's death in 1908, Andrew deeded 25 acres (part of Lot 25, Concession XIII, East Zorra) to Margaret for one dollar and 40 dollars annually during Andrew's lifetime. They drew up an "Annuity" to that effect, signed by Maggie and Charles Hoff and Andrew Zehr.(14)

Barbara Zehr was born in Lewis County, New York. In 1856 she married **Jacob Gingerich**, son of Jacob S. and Catherine (Honderich) Gingerich of Wilmot. They took up farming on Lot 25, Concession XV of East Zorra, Oxford County. However, Jacob contracted tuberculosis and died in May 1859. A son was born to Barbara in October, and she named him Jacob.

Barbara married **Daniel Eimen** in 1863. Their first three children were born in Oxford County, the next three in Illinois, the next two near Tavistock, Ontario, and from 1878 on at Wayland, Iowa. Barbara and Daniel had 13 children, of whom four died in infancy. Barbara and Daniel and the infants are buried in the Sugar Creek Mennonite Cemetery, Wayland, Iowa.

Peter R. Zehr, named for his father, married Jacobena Schlegel, daughter of Nicolaus and Barbara (Roth) Schlegel, immigrants from Alsace to South Easthope. Peter and Jacobena took up farming on the east half of Lot 23, Concession XIV in East Zorra. The farm buildings are on the 15h Line. They also purchased the east half of Lot 24, acquiring both from Peter's father. Lot 24 was sold to son Joseph S. Zehr and Lot 23 to son Peter S. Zehr. Peter S. Zehr was ordained deacon in 1919 and minister in 1933 in the East Zorra congregation.

Magdalena Zehr, the second daughter of Peter and Barbara, married **Daniel L. Brenneman**, also a resident of South Easthope. Daniel's parents, Jacob and Lydia (Leonard) Brenneman were living on Lot 5, Concession II, but had purchased Lot 6 across the road in 1862. Daniel and Magdalena took up farming here after their marriage in 1869 and probably built a new house soon after. It was a frame house, but the walls were filled with planks laid one on top of the other. The large Pennsylvania barn was probably not built until later in the century. Magdalena and Daniel had two daughters and a son, Peter. Peter and his wife Mary (Oesch) took over the farm in 1904. Magdalena and Daniel L. Brenneman are buried in the 19th Line Cemetery, East Zorra, near Punkeydoodles Corner.

Joseph R. Zehr married Mary Reschly in 1871. They had seven children when Mary died in 1883. Joseph then married Elizabeth Albrecht who bore him nine more children. Five of the 16 children did not survive infancy. The Joseph R. Zehr family lived in several different places. Immediately after their marriage, they lived with Joseph's parents on the homestead, but by the time son Jacob was born in 1872 they lived in East Zorra - the west half of Lot 30, Concession XVI, which had been purchased by Joseph's father in 1866, but not sold to Joseph until 1883. That was also the year that Maria died. Joseph then married Elizabeth Albrecht, sold the East Zorra farm in 1885 and moved to Wellesley Township (Lot 2, S 3/4, Concession I, West Section) where six children were born between 1886 and 1895. This farm was a short distance east of Topping. In 1896, Joseph purchased Lot 9, Concession III, in South Easthope, just around the corner from where he grew up but also retained the Wellesley property until 1899. At that time, son Jacob married and was probably installed on the South Easthope farm, with Joseph retaining ownership. Joseph may then have built a house in Tavistock and was living there by 1902. This house was located just opposite the railway station, behind what was known as Kalbfleisch's Hall (later the Opera Hall).(15) The railway station and the Opera Hall disappeared from the Tavistock landscape several years ago. The Zehr house was demolished only a few years ago (about 2000) to make way for a parking lot for the Bonnie Brae Health Care Centre.(16)

In 1910, son Jacob and his wife Annie purchased a farm on the 15th Line in East Zorra (Lot 22, E 1/2, Concession XV). It is believed that Joseph moved his family to the South Easthope farm for the next few years, because Elvera (also known as Vera) and Emory appeared in a Hartleib School photo in 1911. In 1914 Joseph and Elizabeth and Jacob and Annie exchanged properties. Jacob and Annie purchased the

South Easthope farm and Joseph and Elizabeth took over the ownership of the one in East Zorra. Joseph died in 1915, and his executors sold it in 1918. Who lived on the East Zorra farm during those years is not known. Joseph, Maria (nee Reschly) and Elizabeth (nee Albrecht), as well as some of the children are buried in the East Zorra Cemetery.

As mentioned earlier, Joseph carried on his father's medical practice, making and dispensing tablets and salves. He became known as "Pilla Sep." "Sep" is a nickname for Joseph. Tablets in the German dialect are "Pilla." A fairly large clientele is known to have consulted him for their medical needs.

Christian R. Zehr married Catherine Bender and stayed on the home farm. He purchased the neighbouring farm, Lot 12, Concession II in 1882, and his parents' farm, Lot 11, in 1883. Christian suffered from heart disease and died in 1892, at the age of 39, under the care of Drs. Zehr and Chas. Trow. Widow Catherine continued to operate the farm with the help of her children and father-in-law. In 1914, the youngest sons purchased the two farms from their mother -- Peter who was married to Annie Lebold, Lot 12, and Andrew, who was married to Emma Erb, Lot 11. Andrew and Emma had an infant son in 1922, and in 1933 Emma died. In 1938 Andrew married Lena (Zehr), widow of Joshua Ruby. She brought two children into the marriage -- Marie and Vernon. Marie married Arlin Zuercher of Ohio, but Vernon and his wife Isabel (Bender), a great-great-granddaughter of Dr. Peter and Barbara Zehr, became the owners of the farm. In 1999 they sold it to their son David.

Anna Zehr, the youngest member of the Dr. Peter Zehr family, married **Joseph S. Baechler** in 1874. The following year, Anna's father purchased Lot 16, Concession III in South Easthope. No doubt, Joseph and Anna began farming here and purchased the farm in 1883. Joseph's brother Christian was married to Mattie Schrag and was farming the Baechler homestead on the 15th Line in East Zorra. In 1896, the Schrag family prevailed on Christian and Mattie to come and take over the Schrag homestead near Punkeydoodles Corner; so Joseph and Anna moved to the East Zorra farm. They probably left the South Easthope farm in the care of their son Peter, although he was not yet married. In 1903 he married Katie Steinman and in 1905 he purchased the farm. Peter lived here until 1951, although his daughter Edith and her husband Lloyd Lebold rented it for part of that time. In 1951 he sold it to Ivan Zehr, great-great-grandson of Dr. Peter Zehr through Peter R. and Jacobena (Schlegel) Zehr. Ivan and Marie (Millie) (Kuepfer) Zehr's son Ray, married to Laurel (nee Roth) have been the owners since 1987.

Joseph S. and Anna (Zehr) Baechler farmed the East Zorra homestead, selling it to their son Joseph Z. in 1915. Joseph Z. was first married to Christena Bender and then to Mary Bender. After Joseph Z. retired, his son Earl farmed the homestead for a few years, and then it was sold to Joseph and Mary's daughter Doris and her husband Alvin Roth.

Except where otherwise stated, the children of Peter and Barbara Zehr are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. This is also the final resting place of many of their descendants.

Notes:

- 1) See the full reference of the Nicolaus Roth genealogy in the References on the next page.
- 2) "Needle in the Haystack: How I found the European Origin of My Zimmerman Ancestors," by John Schmeeckle, in Mennonite Family History, Vol. XXII, No. 1, January 2002. Although this is a Zimmerman article, there are a few references to the Nicolaus Roth family.
- 3) Joe Springer letter to Lorraine Roth, April 22, 2002

- 4) This Ausbund is located in the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana.
- 5) Canada Museum, September 10, 1839 and September 21, 1839
- 6) Letter from Richard C. Loranger, Information Services, The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, dated March 21, 1986, to Lorraine Roth.
- 7) "The Amish Mennonites in Canada" by Jacob R. Bender, in A Brief History of the Mennonites in Ontario by L. J. Burkholder. Markham, Ont.: Mennonite Conference of Ontario, 1935, p. 226.

8) Strangers and Pilgrims, History of Lewis County Mennonites by Arlene Yousey. Croghan, New York, 1987. On page 38, Yousey suggests the organization of the Amish-Mennonite congregation in Lewis County might have been in 1836, but refrains from giving the names or dates of the ordinations of any ministers, including that of Michael Zehr because of her lack of documentation.

A footnote on page 35 of January 2017 Mennonite Family History in the article about Peter Zehr by Hope Lind states: "One tradition, from Ralph Lehman, in a short unpublished paper I copied at a 2001 Zehr Reunion, is that Peter Zehr was ordained by Joseph Farney a bishop in France who immigrated to New York in 1834 and helped establish the congregation at Lowville."

9) Proceedings of the Amish Ministers' Meetings, 1862-1878, by Paton Yoder and Steven R. Estes. (Goshen, Ind.: Mennonite Historical Society, 1999), pp. 131-144)

10) Notes on "Henry Egly (1824-1890) and Canada" received from Steven Estes, with letter dated August 18, 2002

11) Obituary of Pre. (Preacher) Peter Zehr in Herald of Truth, February 15, 1898, pp. 60,61. (This account gives several dates and ages in Peter's life but, unfortunately, the arithmetic in some cases is faulty.)

12) Because of the discrepancy in Peter's birthdate, I am still saying that "Dr." Peter Zehr was "probably" a son of Michel Zehr and Madeleine Farny. Knowing that for 30 years we had been up the wrong family tree on Barbara Roth, Peter's wife, I have been somewhat reluctant to climb up the Michel Zehr family tree. Until there is further evidence for or against, I will place Peter into this family -- still attached to a "probably" clause.

There are no new files for this continuation. 5 pages seem to have been missed from Conrad Grebel.

13) Samuel took on the Zehr name and is buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line.

14) John Neeb is mentioned in the obituary, but nothing further is known about his identity. Margaret (Pantz) Hoff and Andrew's residence with her after Barbara's death is also mentioned in the obituary and in the land documents found in the East Zorra land records: #9764 & #9765, microfilm Roll #29.

15) Joseph R. Zehr's Will, dated 28th April 1915 at Tavistock, describes in detail the location of his residence in the Village of Tavistock. (Will Probate is found under #11255, microfilm Roll #33.)

16) With the aid of photographs in Fact & Fantasy, A History of Tavistock & District, A Centennial Project of the Rotary Club of Tavistock and an interview with William J. Gladding, editor/publisher of The Tavistock Gazette, we were able to find the location of the Joseph R. Zehr home in Tavistock.

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A Genealogical Study of the Nicolaus and Veronica (Zimmerman) Roth Family, 1834-1954, compiled and published by Ruth C. Roth and Roy D. Roth, Elkhart, Indiana, 1955, pp. 71-180

The following genealogies were published later than that of Nicolaus Roth and contain some of the Zehr families:

The Family History and Genealogy of Nicolaus and Barbara (Roth) Schlegel, compiled and published by Henry and Mae Yantzi, New Hamburg, Ontario, 1986, pp. 123-178. This genealogy contains the family of Peter R. Zehr and Jacobena Schlegel.

History and Genealogy of Jacob and Lydia (Leonard) Brenneman Family, 1845-1963, compiled and published by Lorraine Roth, Shakespeare, Ontario, 1963, pp. 45-52. This genealogy contains the family of Magdalena Zehr and Daniel L. Brenneman.

To the descendants of Joseph and Anna (Schweitzer Roeschly by Helen (Wilcox) Reschly, [ca.1984]. This genealogy contains the family of Joseph R. Zehr by his first wife, Mary Reschly. A second edition was published by Betty and Erwin Steckly, Stratford, Ontario, 2003. The Joseph R. Zehr family is found on pages 31-102

Family History and Genealogy of George and Elizabeth (Bauer) Albrecht, Second marriage to Marie Hammer, 1850-1978, by Mr. & Mrs. Amos Albrecht, Brunner, Ontario, pp. 49-52. This genealogy contains the family of Joseph R. Zehr by his second wife, Elizabeth Albrecht.

The History and Genealogical Study of Joseph G. Baechler by Glenn H. Baechler, Bamberg, Ontario, 1996, pp. 137-203. This genealogy contains the family of Anna Zehr and Joseph S. Baechler.

Country Roads: The Story of South Easthope, 1827-2000, edited by Jim Hagarty. Stratford: Published by the South Easthope History Book Committee, 2000

Peter Zehr farm, pp. 153-156; Christian R. Zehr farms, pp. 152-157

Daniel L. and Magdalena (Zehr) Brenneman farm, pp. 144-147

Joseph R. Zehr farm, pp. 219-221

Joseph S. and Anna (Zehr) Baechler farm, pp. 231-232

MICHAEL J. AND BARBARA (BOSHART) ZEHR FAMILY

Michael J. Zehr, son of Michael Zehr and Anna Jantzi
grandson of Michael Zehr (1755-1813 and Marie Kohler
b. 25/28 Dec 1812, Belgrad Farm, Bistroff, Moselle, France
d. 3 Jan 1899, Wilmot, Canada (civil registration)
3 Feb 1899 (genealogy) bu. Amish Menn. Society Cemetery
m. 13 Sept 1840 Wilmot

Barbara Boshart, dau. of Christian Boshart and Catherine Litwiller
b. 23 Jun 1822, Seppois-le-Haut, Haut-Rhin, France
d. 11 Mar 1904, bu. Amish Mennonite Society Cemetery

Children:

Grandchildren:

1) Christian B. Zehr

b. 19 Aug 1841 Wilmot Barbara Zehr (1863-1963) m. Michael L. Jantzi

d. 29 Jul 1928 Wilmot Christian S. Zehr (1864-1938) m. Magdalena Wagler
m. 2 Dec 1862 Wilmot Jacob S. Zehr (1866-1953) m. Leah Kuepfer
Veronica Schultz Magdalena Zehr (1869-1945) m. Peter F. Lichty
b. 26 Apr 1844 Wilmot Kate Zehr (1870-1902)
d. 23 Nov 1917 Wilmot Michael S. Zehr (1872-1944) m. Anna Zehr
dau. of George Schultz John S. Zehr (1874-1906) m. Catherine Schultz
and Magdalena Erb

2) Katherine Zehr Barbara Schrag (1864-1905) m. Joseph E. Schwartz-
b. 14 Jun 1843 Wilmot entruber
d. 1 Dec 1922 Baden Magdalena Schrag (1867-1929) m. Simon F. Lehman
m. 11 Mar 1862 Wilmot Katherine Schrag (1869-1923) m. Christian Widrick
Jacob Schrag Daniel Z. Schrag (1871-1950) m. Susanna Meyer
b. 1 May 1841 SEhope Jacob Z. Schrag (1876-1949) m. Magdalena Martin
d. 4 Jul 1904 Baden Michael Z. Schrag (1877-1956) m. Mary Bast
son of Daniel Schrag 2m. ?
and Elizabeth Gingerich Veronica Schrag (1882-1940) m. Samuel Litwiller

3) Michael B. Zehr
b. 2 Mar 1844 Wilmot
d. 29 Dec 1920 Wilmot? Michael Zehr (1872-1873)
m. 26 Oct 1869 Wilmot Daniel Potter (1872-) ("adopted")
2m. 20 May 1915 m. Lydia Katzenmeier
Elizabeth Oesch
b. 16 Mar 1849 Bayfield
d. 8 Jun 1914 Wilmot?
dau. of John Oesch
and Barbara Schultz
Nancy (Jantzi) Schmidt dau. of Joseph G. Jantzi
b. 26 Mar 1861 Wilmot? and Catherine Schwartzentruber
d. 27 Mar 1927 widow of Menno B.O. Schmidt

4) Mary Zehr (d. age 3 years)

5) Anna Zehr
b. 9 Sep 1849 Wilmot
d. 28 Nov 1934 Welles.? Michael Z. Gerber (1874-1943) m. Veronica Jantzi
m. 19 Jan 1869 Wilmot Barbara Gerber (1883-1921) m. Michael L. Jantzi
Daniel Gerber Magdalena Gerber (1885-1980) m. James Birmingham
b. 10 Apr 1847 Wilmot Christian Z. Gerber (1890-1969) m. Lena Lichty
d. 1 July 1899 Welles.? Daniel Z. Gerber (1892-1976) m. Catherine Leis
son of John Gerber
and Veronica Oesch

6) Barbara Zehr
b. 3 Aug 1851 Wilmot
d. 10 Apr 1876 Welles. Christian Leis (1873-1874)
m. 30 Apr 1872 Wilmot Barbara Leis (1876-1950) m. Menno Meyers
John Leis
b. 14 Oct 1846 Welles.
d. 5 Nov 1920 Welles.?

son of Joseph Leis John Leis 2m. to Veronica Schwartzentruber
and Catherine Kennel 3 children born to 2m.

7) Magdalena Zehr

b. 19 Mar 1854 Wilmot

d. 19 Jan 1877 Welles.

m. 1 Jun 1875 Welles. _____ Daniel Boshart (1877-1878)

Menno Boshart

b. 15 Oct 1853 Wilmot

d. 20 Dec 1934 Croghan NY Menno Boshart 2m. to Catherine Schwartzentruber

son of Joseph E. Boshart 3m. to Anna (Sengpal) Kennel

and Mary Roth several children born to 2m.

8) Veronica Zehr

b. 9 Dec 1855 Wilmot Michael Schwartzentruber (1886-1961)

d. 9 Feb 1907 Wilmot Catherine Schwartzentruber (1891-1902)

m. 7 Mar 1882 Wilmot Samuel Schwartzentruber (1893-1962) m. Barbara

John E. Schwartzentruber Helmuth

b. 8 May 1857 Wilmot 2m. Mae Emily Bonn

d. 6 Aug 1950 Wilmot John E. Schwartzentruber 1m to Magdalena Bessinger

son of Michael Schwartz- 3m to Christina Brenneman

entruber & Barbara Erb no children to 1m or 3m.

9) Leah Zehr

b. 15 Aug 1857 Wilmot Fannie Gascho (1879-1949) m. Jacob B. Jutzi

d. 12 May 1944 Wilmot Barbara Gascho (1882-1971) m. Samuel Steinman

m. 1 Oct 1878 Wilmot Magdalena Gascho (1885-1957) m. Noah M. Steinman

Christian Gascho Lydia Gascho (1889-1977)

b. 25 Mar 1857 Wilmot Lovina Gascho (1890-1916) m. Solomon Mayer

d. 30 Jan 1843 Wilmot Emanuel Gascho (1892-1966) m. Melinda Steinman

son of John Gascho 2m. Lucinda Martin

and Barbara Erb

10) Mary Zehr Anna Albrecht (1883-1971) m. Joseph D. Miller

b. 16 Sep 1861 Wilmot Barbara Albrecht (1885-1892)

d. 5 Mar 1945* Welles. Fronia Albrecht (1888-1892)

m. 4 Oct 1881 Welles. Christian Albrecht (1891-1966) m. Barbara Jantzi

John Albrecht Katie Albrecht (1893/4-1971) m. Jacob W. Jantzi

b. 7 Feb 1859 Welles. Leah Albrecht (1895-1898)

d. 10 Dec 1936 Welles. Lavina Albrecht (1900-1976)

son of Jacob Albrecht Elizabeth Albrecht (1904-1970) m. Edwin Roth

and Anna Kennel

11) Elizabeth Zehr

b. 13 Apr 1863 Wilmot

d. 11 Aug 1942 Barbara Jantzi (1886-1959) m. David K. Roth

m. 20 Jan 1885 Wilmot Nancy Jantzi (1889-1991) m. Noah Erb

Christian Jantzi 2m. Joseph Schlegel

b. 6 Dec 1862 Wilmot Jonathan Jantzi (1898-1972) m. Nancy Gingerich
d. 24 Feb 1905 Samuel Yantzi (1901-) m. Manetta Lehman
son of Christian B.
Jantzi & Anna Lichti

*The tombstone gives Mary Zehr Albrecht's death as 1944, the genealogy as 1945.

RESIDENCES OF THE CHILDREN OF MICHAEL J. AND BARBARA (BOSHART) ZEHR

Christian B. Zehr married Veronica Schultz in 1862 and made his first purchase of 50 acres of the northeast part of Lot 17, Concession II, Block B, on the road south of the road on which his parents lived. In 1879 he purchased the northwest part. During the next decade there were a number of land exchanges between Christian and his father and his brother Michael in both Concessions II and III. In 1894, Christian and Veronica sold the south half of Lot 15, Concession III to their son Christian.

Christian B. Zehr was ordained deacon in 1873, minister in 1875 and bishop in 1914. He served the Wellesley Amish Mennonite congregation (now known as Maple View) for many years. Christian and Veronica's son Michael was ordained a bishop in Michigan and served in the Pigeon River Conservative Mennonite Church. Several grandsons have also served in the ministry. It is presumed that both Christian and Veronica are buried in the Maple View cemetery, but only Veronica's grave is marked with a tombstone.

Katherine, Michael and Barbara's oldest daughter, married **Jacob Schrag**, oldest son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Gingerich) Schrag of South Easthope. Jacob and Katherine purchased part of Lot 19, Concession I, Block B in Wilmot Township. Six of their seven children were born here. In 1879, they sold it and moved to a small lot at Crosshill. In 1890, they purchased a town lot at the west end of Baden and Jacob worked as a fireman, first at the oil mill in Baden and then in a furniture factory in New Hamburg. Katherine and Jacob are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery.

Michael B. Zehr married Elizabeth Oesch, daughter of Bishop John and Barbara (Schultz) Oesch, from Hay Township. In 1882, Michael B. purchased the north parts (84 acres) of Lots 16 and 17 in Concession II from his father. In 1884 he purchased another 50 acres of Lot 17 from his brother Christian. In 1905, he sold all of this property out of the family.

Michael and Elizabeth had only one son and he died in infancy, but had several foster children in their home. Daniel, born October 3, 1872, age 28, was listed with Michael and Elizabeth in the 1901 census. This was probably one of their "adopted" children named Daniel Potter. After Elizabeth's death, Michael married Nancy (Jantzi) widow of Menno B.O. Schmidt. Although there are no markers, it is supposed that Michael and Elizabeth, and perhaps Nancy, are buried in the Amish Mennonite Society Cemetery on the Michael J. Zehr homestead.

Anna Zehr married **Daniel Gerber**, son of John and Veronica (Oesch) Gerber, who lived at the east end of the Amish Settlement, southeast of the Village of Wellesley. Daniel and Anna purchased the east half of Lot 11, Concession VI in the West Section of Wellesley Township about 1882. In 1890 they purchased the west half of Lot 10 from Anna's father. These properties were a short distance west of Crosshill. After Daniel died in 1899, Anna and the family carried on, selling Lot 10 to Joseph Y. Zehr from East Zorra in 1901 and Lot 11 to Moses Bast in 1914. Anna and Daniel are buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery.

Barbara Zehr married **John Leis**, son of Joseph and Catherine (Kennel) Leis. John obtained a patent (deed) for Lot 10, Concession VI, West Section, Wellesley Township, from the Crown in 1879. They may have been living here since 1872 because a mortgage was registered under that date. By 1879, Barbara and

their son Christian had died, leaving John with an infant daughter. John then married Veronica Schwartzentruber and sold this property to Barbara's father in 1881. In 1890 this same property was purchased by Barbara's sister Anna and her husband Daniel Gerber. Barbara, John and Veronica are all buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery.

Magdalena Zehr was **Menno Boshart's** first wife. In 1876, Menno purchased the east half of Lot 10, Concession VI, West Section Wellesley Township (beside his sister Barbara and her husband John Leis). Magdalena died the following year and their son Daniel in 1878. Menno married Catherine Schwartzentruber and sold the farm in 1891 to his father Joseph E. Boshart, a resident of Wilmot. It was probably at this time that Menno and Catherine went to Thurman, Colorado, where Catherine died in 1897. Menno married once more -- to Anna Sengpal. Menno died in Lewis County, New York and is buried in the Croghan Mennonite Cemetery.

Veronica Zehr married **John E. Schwartzentruber**, son of Michael and Barbara (Erb) Schwartzentruber, of Wilmot Township. She was his second wife and the only one who bore him children. In 1882, Michael Schwartzentruber Jr. sold the west half of Lot 9, South Snyder's Road to Michael Zehr. Although John E. was the son of Michael Schwartzentruber, it was Veronica's father who purchased the farm for the young people. In 1899, Barbara Zehr, Michael's widow, and his executors sold the farm to John E. and Veronica Schwartzentruber. Veronica died here in 1907. John then married Christina Brenneman and sold the farm in 1914. Veronica, John, and Christina are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery.

Leah Zehr married **Christian Gascho**, son of Bishop John and Barbara (Erb) Gascho. In the 1881 census, Christian, a farmer, and Leah were listed among other residents on Snyder's Road in Wilmot Township, but they have not appeared in the land records; so they may have been renting a farm. Christian Gascho was ordained a deacon and then minister in the Wilmot Amish Mennonite congregation in the 1890s. Leah and Christian are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery.

Mary Zehr married **John K. Albrecht**, son of Jacob and Anna (Kennel) Albrecht. They farmed the south half of Lot 15, Concession III, Block B, Wilmot Township, from 1896 to 1905 and then moved to the adjoining lot 16. The north half of both of these lots were occupied by Mary's parents. In 1928 they retired to the Village of Wellesley. Mary and John are buried in the Cedar Grove Amish Mennonite Cemetery, Wellesley Township.

Elizabeth Zehr married **Christian L. Jantzi**, son of Christian B. and Anna (Lichti) Jantzi. Christian's mother was Maria Boshart, sister to Elizabeth's mother, Barbara Boshart, making them first cousins, once removed. Elizabeth and Christian got ownership of Elizabeth's parents' farm, which was the original Zehr homestead, from her widowed mother, Barbara. Barbara, Elizabeth and Christian's oldest daughter, married David K. Roth, and they succeeded her parents on the homestead. Their son Ernest and his wife Marion (Jantzi) were still occupying it in 2000. The hand-written Maple View Mennonite Cemetery record contains Christian's name but not Elizabeth's and there are no tombstones. It is likely, however, that they are both buried there.

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In her European background, she uses the information put forward by several researchers concerning Michel Zehr's ancestry.

JOSEPH C. AND BARBARA (WUTHERICH/WIDRICK) AND KATHERINE (YODER) ZEHR

Joseph C. Zehr's parents were Christian Zehr and Barbara Mosimann. A brief extended family outline showing his grandparents and other extended family is found on page 7.

The birthplace of Joseph in France has not been found, but his father died at Foug in the Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle. The family must have moved around a great deal, for some of his siblings were born at Autrey, in the Department of Vosges, and others at Montigny, in Meurthe-et-Moselle. All of these places, however, are in the area known as Lorraine, but at the south- western part, quite far removed from the area where most Anabaptists lived.

In 1849, after the death of Christian Zehr in 1848, Barbara left for America. At least five of her children and three grandchildren also migrated -- perhaps all at the same time. Barbara went to Lewis County, New York, because that was where her brother-in-law, Michael Zehr was located.

Joseph C. Zehr, the fourth child of Widow Barbara Zehr married Barbara Wutherich/Widrick in Lewis County, probably in 1851. Barbara was the daughter of Peter Widrick and Mary Kennel. Joseph was ordained to the ministry in 1852. A son named Peter was born about 1852, but must not have survived childhood since he was not remembered by the family.(1) Daughter Catherine was born in 1855, and Mother Barbara died in 1856. Joseph then married Katherine Yoder(2), who brought a son Jacob Oakley into the family.

In 1860, Joseph C. Zehr brought his family to Canada and took up residence in East Zorra Township, Oxford County. In 1861, he purchased the southeast quarter (50 acres) of Lot 22, Concession XII and in 1868 he purchased another quarter lot across the road in Concession XIII. These properties are located on the 13th Line, at the southwest extremity of the Amish Mennonite settlement. Later, one also finds some Amish Mennonites along the 12th and 11th lines, but in 1861, the Zehrs were on the fringe of the Amish community.

In 1876, Joseph and Katherine sold their East Zorra properties and moved to Blandford Township, to the east of East Zorra, but still in Oxford County. They purchased Lot 8 Concession XIV and had moved there in time to be listed in the 1876 Atlas of Oxford County. A few other Amish Mennonite families also moved to Blandford but all remained part of the East Zorra congregation.

Joseph and Katherine had eleven children. All of them married except Nicholas, the youngest one who died at age eleven. Katherine Yoder Zehr died in 1893 and was buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery. In 1889, Joseph had purchased two acres of Lot 8, and perhaps they had retired here. In 1901, he sold both the

farm and this acreage out of the family and went to live with his children. He was with his daughter Annie and her husband Daniel Roth at the time of his death in 1915. He was buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery Wellesley Township.

Notes:

1) Peter, age 3, is been found in the 1855 Lewis County census. The Zehr family must have forgotten about this child, who evidently did not survive childhood. His death date has not been found.

2) Recently, Katherine Yoder's parentage has been recently found. Her mother was Katharina Joder, the daughter of Jean/John Joder and Barbe Stauffer. Mother Katharine appeared with the Joseph C. Zehr family in the 1871 East Zorra census, but without a surname indicated. She was not listed with them in 1881, but neither have we found a record of her death.

JOSEPH C. AND BARBARA (WIDRICK) AND KATHERINE (YODER) FAMILY

Joseph C. Zehr, b. 8 Sept 1822, Lorraine, France
d. 22 Apr, 1915, bu. Mapleview Mennonite Cemetery
m. ca.1851, Lewis County, NY
2m. 1857, Lewis County, NY

Barbara Widrich, dau. of Peter Widrick and Mary Kennel
b. 12 Jan 1832, Hingsange, Linstroff, Grostenquin, France
d. 1856, Lewis County, NY

Katherine Joder/Yoder, dau. of Katharina Joder
b. 6 Mar 1831, Hirtzbach, Haut-Rhine (Upper Alsace)
d. 4 Jun 1893, bu. East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery

Children:

Grandchildren:

Born to Joseph C. Zehr and Barbara Widrich

1) Peter Zehr

b. ca.1852; d. after 1855

Barbara Kuepfer (1876)

2) Catherine Zehr Rachel Kuepfer (1877-1957) m. Moses Steckly
b. 9 Mar 1855 Croghan, NY Rebecca Kuepfer (1878-1962) m. John Streicher
d. 12 Aug 1900 Morning. Joseph Z. Kuepfer (1881-1967) m. Lydia Jantzi
m. 4 Apr 1875 Mornington Katie Kuepfer (1885-1950) m. Peter Steckly
Solomon Kuepfer Jacob Z. Kuepfer (1886-1966) m. Katie Lichti
b. 29 Jun 1853 Welles? Lena Kuepfer (1888-1889)
d. 25 Jul 1934 Morning. Sarah Kuepfer (1889)
son of John L. Kuepfer Ezra Z. Kuepfer (1892-1984) m. Lydia Bender
and Magdalena Jantzi Christina Kuepfer (1893-1081) m. Harold Carter
Solomon 2m. Mary Kuepfer (1895-1977) m. Christian W. Kuepfer
Katie Schwartzentruber Solomon Kuepfer (1898-1974)

3 children to 2nd marriage

Born to Katherine Yoder and [REDACTED]

3) Jacob Henry Oakley Albert Henry Oakley (1896-1918)
b. 26 Aug 1855 Syracuse Daniel Elmer Oakely (1897-1966) m. Dollie E.
d. 23 May 1921 Pueblo, CO Havelka
m. 4 Nov 1891 Thurman, CO Eli J. Oakley (1899-) m. Mertie Ermina

Mary Estella Greenwood Jarratt
b. 13 Apr 1872 NHampton,IA Gladys Leona Oakley (1903-)
d. 4 Dec 1947 Rye,CO 1m. Edward Joseph Coday
2m. Charles Nolan Barkelew

Born to Joseph C. Zehr and Katherine Yoder

4) Mary Y. Zehr Christian Steinman (1881-1960) m. Magdelina
b. 1 Mar 1858 Croghan,NY Gingerich
d. 7 Dec 1888 Wilmot Joseph Steinman (1883-1969) m. Mattie Brenneman
m. 18 Mar 1881 Wilmot Solomon Steinman (1884-1917) m. Sarah Albrecht
Joseph H. Steinmann Magdalena Steinman (1886-1971) m. Jacob Albrecht
b. 13 Jun 1855 Wilmot Abraham Steinmann (1887-1963) m. Mary Roth
d. 25 Jan 1919 Wilmot Katie Steinman (1888-1975) m. Jacob R. Moser
son of Christian Steinman
and Maria Honderich
Joseph 2m. Catherine Schmidt 5 children to this marriage

5) Joseph Y. Zehr
b. 1 Apr 1859 Croghan,NY Katherine Zehr (1890-1927) m. Noah Jantzi
d. 9 Jan 1939 Wellesley Moses Zehr (1892-1972) m. Fannie Lichty
m. 9 Jan 1888 Mornington David S. Zehr (1895-1977) m. Magdalene Jantzi
Barbara Schmidt Jacob Zehr (1897-1980)
b. 27 Jul 1864 Morning. Barbara Zehr (1900-1990) m. Raymond Noftsier
d. 8 Jul 1949 Wellesley Aaron S. Zehr (1902-1990)m. Nina Noftsier
dau. of Jacob Schmidt Amos Zehr (1904-) m. Nancy Steckly
and Barbara Boshart

6) Annie Y. Zehr Christian Z. Roth (1888-1963) m. Veronica
b. 8 Apr 1860 Croghan,NY Boshart
d. 23 Jul 1939 Wellesly Bena Roth (1890-1984?) m. Abraham Graber
m. 28 Dec 1885 E.Zorra 2m. Manas R. Miller
Daniel Roth Katie Roth (1893-1895)
b. 17 Feb 1864 Blandford? Samuel Roth (1895-1974) m. Katie Brenneman
d. 28 May 1947 Wellesley Joseph Roth (1897-1965) m. Salome Eicher
son of John Roth Adeline Annie Roth (1904-1998) m. Moses J.
and Barbara Bellar Jantzi

7) John Y. Zehr
b. 3 Sep 1862 E.Zorra
d. 26 Dec 1930 Morning.?
1m. 12 Mar 1889 Elma Emma Zehr (1890-1946) m. Andrew Kuepfer
2m. 2 Dec 1897 Elma Samuel Zehr (1892-1893)
3m. 1912 Anonious Zehr (1893)
Barbara Steckly Mary Zehr (1894-1965) m. David S. Kuepfer
b. 6 Aug 1865 Elma Katie Zehr (1897-1968) m. Solomon S. Kuepfer
d. 3 Apr 1897 Mornington Christian S. Zehr (1898-1968) m. Veronica Maude
dau. of Joseph Steckly Herrfort
and Maria Wagler Joseph S. Zehr (1900-1976) m. Mary Herrfort
Barbara Schmidt Simon S. Zehr (1902-1975) m. Sarah Bast
b. 21 Dec 1878 Elma Jacob Zehr (1903?)

d. 30 Dec 1911 Elma Fannie (Frances) Sarah Zehr (1905-1977) m.
 dau. of Christian Schmidt Henry Herrfort
 and Catherine Wagler Daniel S. Zehr (1907-1963) m. Edna Schweitzer
 Annie Schweitzer Annie Zehr (1911)
 b. 23 Feb 1864
 d. 12 Dec 1927 Morning.?
 dau. of Joseph Schweitzer and Maria Schlabach

8) Christian Y. Zehr

b. 15 May 1864 E.Zorra
 d. 26 Apr 1943 Shickley,NE Christian Zehr (1893-1986) m. Lydia Rediger
 m. 5 Jan 1893 Thurman, CO Aaron Zehr (1896-1959) m. Linnie Alice Baker
 Barbara Lichti Nancy Zehr (1900-1937)
 b. 20 Nov 1867 Wilmot
 d. 19 Jan 1927 Shickley,NE
 dau. of Christian E. Lichti
 and Anna (Nancy) Schlegel

9) Lena Y. Zehr

b. 20 Nov 1865 E.Zorra Noah Albrecht (1896-1983) m. Catherine Lichty
 d. 4 Oct 1936 Wellesley Henry Z. Albrecht (1900-1975) m. Ethel Wallace
 m. 19 Dec 1893 Blandford Joseph Z. Albrecht (1901-1956) m. Elizabeth
 Joseph S. Albrecht Lebold
 b. 12 Jan 1868 Wilmot Amos Albrecht (1904-1988) m. Mary Lebold
 d. 12 Feb 1956 Wellesley Lydia Albrecht (1905-1972) m. Elam Horst
 son of Henry Albrecht Eli Albrecht (1908-1978) m. Magdalena Kipfer
 and Mary Stever

10) Peter Y. Zehr

b. 28 Jul 1867 E.Zorra
 d. 24 Aug 1935 SEhope
 1m. 11 Oct 1892 SEhope
 2m. 14 Feb 1899 E.Zorra
 Barbara Brenneman Susanna Zehr (1895-1981)
 b. 9 Sep 1870 SEhope Barbara Zehr (1898-1985) m. Michael Ropp
 d. 25 Jun 1898 SEhope
 dau. of Daniel L. Brenneman and Magdalena Zehr Lena Zehr (1899-1978) m. Joshua Ruby
 Anna Ruby Ezra Zehr (1901-1980) m. Anna B. Roth
 b. 5 Jul 1865 SEhope
 d. 29 Mar 1938 E.Zorra
 dau. of Joseph Ruby
 and Magdalena Roth

11) Elizabeth Y. Zehr

b. 25 Mar 1869 E.Zorra

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d. 15 Dec 1916 E.Zorra Catherine Brenneman (1891-1977) m. John L. Kropf
 m. 1 Dec 1887 E.Zorra Lydia Brenneman (1893-1981) m. Peter Bender
 David L. Brenneman Amos Brenneman (1895-1980) m. Clara Zehr
 b. 7 Nov 1866 SEhope Annie Brenneman (1898-1991) m. Daniel Zehr
 d. 8 Dec 1955 E.Zorra? Lavina Brenneman (1904-1996) m. John Brenneman
 son of Jacob Brenneman
 and Lydia Leonard
 David 2m. Catherine Yantzi

12) Andrew Y. Zehr Eli Zehr (1891-1920) m. Fannie Bast
 b. 29 Oct 1870 E.Zorra Annie Zehr (1893-1980) m. John J. Steckly
 d. 14 Feb 1908 E.Zorra Menno Zehr (1895-1989) m. Amanda Bender
 m. 8 Mar 1891 E.Zorra 2m. Sarah (Roth) Helmuth
 Catherine Ropp Nicholas Zehr (1898-1976) m. Mary Steckly
 b. 25 Nov 1872 Morning. Joseph Zehr (1899-1976) m. Barbara Schlegel
 d. 24 Nov 1957 SEhope? Fannie Zehr (1903-1987) m. Jonathan Steckly
 dau. of Peter Ropp Lena Zehr (1903-1966) m. Noah R. Yantzi
 and Annie Rupp Adeline Zehr (1906-1918)

Solomon Zehr (1896-1979) m. Mary Kuepfer
 Elizabeth Zehr (1898-1899)

13) Daniel Y. Zehr Gideon Zehr (1899-1959) m. Mary Schmidt
 b. 2 Oct 1872 E.Zorra Rachel Zehr (1902-1915)
 d. 14 Mar 1934 Welles.? Jonathan Zehr (1904-1974) m. Leah Kuepfer
 m. 31 Dec 1895 Maria Zehr (1905-1934) m. John Kuepfer
 Maria Wagler Cornelius Zehr (1907-) m. Christena Steckly
 b. 31 May 1875 Fannie Zehr (1808-1970) m. Andrew Kuepfer
 d. 27 Jan 1939 Welles.? Annie Zehr (1910)
 dau. of Joseph Wagler Bena Zehr (1912-) m. Solomon R. Albrecht
 and Elizabeth Spenler Catherine Zehr (1915-1967)
 Daniel W. Zehr (1919-) m. Emma Kuepfer

14) Nicholas Y. Zehr
 b. 6 Jul 1874 E.Zorra
 d. 24 Jul 1885 E.Zorra

RESIDENCES OF THE CHILDREN OF JOSEPH C. AND BARBARA AND KATHERINE ZEHR

Catherine Zehr, the only surviving child born to Joseph and his first wife, Barbara Widrick, married **Solomon Kuepfer** of Mornington Township. Catherine and Solomon purchased his parents' farm (the north half of Lot 4, Concession VII) in 1879. Catherine gave birth to 12 children and died in 1900. Solomon then married Katie Schwartzentruber and had three more children. David Schwartz, born in 1871, also joined the household at a young age. Solomon and Catherine and Katie are buried in the Amish Cemetery, 7th Line, Mornington.

Jacob Oakley, at age 15, was still in the home of his mother Katherine (Yoder) and his step-father Joseph C. Zehr at the time of the 1871 East Zorra census. It is not known when he went west, but in 1891 he was married in Thurman, Colorado. He died in Pueblo, Colorado, in 1921.

Mary Y. Zehr was the oldest of the children born to Joseph and his second wife, Katherine Yoder. All of the children, including the girls tended to use the "Y" initial to distinguish them from the several other Zehr families in Canada. Mary married **Joseph H. Steinmann** of Wilmot Township. They settled on part of Joseph's parents' farm -- the east half of Lot 18, South Bleam's Road. Mary died in 1888, following the birth of her sixth child. Joseph remarried to Catherine Schmidt, and they had five children. No doubt, Mary is buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery, although there is no tombstone. Joseph and Catherine are buried there.

Joseph Y. Zehr married Barbara Schmidt, sister to Catherine who became Joseph Steinmann's second wife. Joseph had purchased a half acre at the northeast corner of Lot 30, Concession XV in East Zorra in 1887 from Christian R. Kennel who was moving to the U.S.A. Joseph probably did carpenter work while he and Barbara lived here until 1901 when they moved to Wellesley Township (west half of Lot 10, Concession VI, West Section) west of Crosshill. In 1914, they also purchased the east half of Lot 10, in Concession VII, across the road. In 1921 they sold the property on the north side of the road to son David, and in 1929, the home farm to son Amos. In 1928 Joseph and Barbara purchased about four acres of Lot 11, Concession VII in the East Section of Wellesley Township, southeast of the main intersection in Crosshill. Here they probably retired from farming, but Joseph may have continued with his carpenter work. Joseph and Barbara became members of the Cedar Grove Amish Mennonite Church and are buried in the adjoining cemetery, at the corner of Deborah Glaister Line and Hutchinson Road (formerly the Third Line and the Wellesley-Crosshill Road).

Annie Y. Zehr was the last of the children to be born in Lewis County, New York. She married **Daniel Roth** in 1885, and they lived on the 9th Line in Elma Township with Daniel's family for a while. In 1896 they moved to a farm in Wellesley Township. They owned two lots -- Lot 12, Concession III in the East Section and Lot 12, Concession IV, in the West Section. The road running from Wellesley to Crosshill separates the two sections. Their buildings were in the West Section. Annie and Daniel were members of the Cedar Grove Amish Mennonite Church and are buried in the adjoining cemetery.

John Y. Zehr was born in East Zorra Township after the arrival of his parents and older brothers and sisters in Canada. John married Barbara Steckly of Elma Township in 1889. They took up residence on the east half of Lot 3, Concession V, Mornington Township in 1890. After Barbara's death in 1897, he married Barbara Schmidt. The two Barbara's were cousins (their mothers were Wagler sisters). Barbara Schmidt was also a cousin to Barbara and Catherine Schmidt mentioned above.

In 1904, John and Barbara sold this farm and moved to Elma Township where they purchased Lots 34 in both Concession XIV and XV. John's second wife died in 1911, leaving John with eight living children from both marriages. In 1912 he married Annie Schweitzer. The lot in Concession XIV was sold to David Steckly in 1908, but John retained the one in Concession XV until 1924.

The John Y. Zehr family were members of the Old Order Amish congregation, and it is believed that Barbara (Steckly) Zehr and Barbara (Schmidt) Zehr are buried in the 7th Line Amish cemetery (Edgcombe) in Mornington. John and Annie, however, were buried in the Mornington Amish Mennonite Cemetery, west of Poole.

Christian Y. Zehr travelled west, either looking for adventure or work. Perhaps he was influenced by his half brother Jacob Oakley, because two years after Jacob married in Thurman, Colorado, Christian did too. Christian, however, married a Canadian girl, Barbara Lichti, who had accompanied her parents from near St. Agatha in Wilmot Township to Wayland, Iowa, and then to Colorado. Christian and Barbara lived in Thurman, Hygiene, and Longmont, Colorado. They later moved to Nebraska and are buried in the Salem Mennonite Cemetery near Shickley.

Lena Y. Zehr married **Joseph S. Albrecht** of Mornington Township. In 1896 they purchased the north half of Lot 18, Concession IX in Mornington Township, and in 1909 they purchased another 60 acres across the road in Wellesley Township (part of Lot 1, Concession IX, West Section). In 1928 they sold the farm in Mornington to son Joseph and the 60 acres in Wellesley in 1933. Lena and Joseph are buried in the 7th Line Amish cemetery in Wellesley Township.

Peter Y. Zehr married Barbara Brenneman of South Easthope Township in 1892. In 1895, Peter and Barbara bought a 50-acre farm in East Zorra (the southwest quarter of Lot 24, Concession XIV) from Barbara's grandfather, Dr. Peter Zehr. This farm was on the east side of the 14th Line, south of the Cassel Sideroad. Barbara died in 1898, five days after the birth of her second daughter. Peter then married Annie Ruby, daughter of the late Bishop Joseph Ruby. In 1901 they moved to Lot 12, Concession III, South Easthope where another daughter and a son were born. Peter Y. and Annie's son Ezra remained on this farm until son Melvin took it over. Melvin's son Steven is the owner of the farm in 2000. Peter Y., Barbara, and Annie are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery on the 16th Line.

Elizabeth Zehr married **David L. Brenneman** of South Easthope. David's father Jacob had purchased Lots 36 and 35, Concession XIX, East Zorra Township (at Punkeydoodles Corner). The lots were divided into east and west half, and David and Elizabeth took up farming on the west half. They had four daughters and one son. Elizabeth died in 1916, and David remarried Catherine Yantzi. The Brennemans were members of the East Zorra Amish Mennonite congregation. David's father had granted the northwest corner of Lot 36 to be used as a cemetery, and this is where Elizabeth, David and Catherine are buried. The cemetery is located at the corner of the 19th Line East Zorra and the Perth- Oxford Line (formerly known as the Townline).

Andrew Y. Zehr married Catherine Ropp in 1891. They first lived on the 16th Line of East Zorra. In 1894 they purchased parts of Lots 30 and 31, Concession XIII in North Easthope Township, near Topping. In 1907, they sold this property and moved to a farm north of Newton in Mornington Township. The family left Mornington for South Easthope, living for a time on Lot 3, Concession II, near Punkeydoodles Corner. Andrew had a sore leg, and Andrew Zehr, son of Dr. Peter Zehr, invited the family to come and live with them while he tried to cure the leg. Unfortunately, Andrew Y. died. For a while Catherine and her family lived on the 17th Line until the other Andrew offered them a small acreage on the north side of the East Zorra Amish Mennonite church on which to build a house. She owned this house from 1911 to 1931. After daughter Lena's marriage to Noah R. Yantzi, Lena and Noah lived with Barbara for a while, and when they bought a farm in South Easthope, she sold the house, and lived with her daughters Lena and Annie. Andrew and Catherine were members of the East Zorra Amish Mennonite Church and are buried in the adjoining cemetery.

Daniel Y. Zehr married Maria Wagler in 1895 in Mornington Township. They purchased Lot 18, Concession XI in Mornington in 1899 and built a new house in 1908. In 1913 they moved to Wellesley Township, near Crosshill. In 1916 they moved to the Wagler homestead (part of the south half of Lot 18, Concession X, Mornington) where they lived until 1934, with a brief period between 1917 and 1918 when they lived at Musselburg, near Poole. Aaron Zehr, grandson of Daniel and Maria, was on the last Mornington farm until 1983. Daniel and Maria are buried in the Amish Cemetery, 7th Line Wellesley Township.

Reference:

Family History and Genealogy of Joseph C. Zehr and Barbara Wutherick, Henry Oakley and Katherine Yoder, Joseph C. Zehr and Katherine Yoder by Emanuel and Laurene Albrecht et al, Kitchener, Ontario, 1980

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LIST OF ZEHR DOCUMENTS, PHOTOS, ETC.

General:

Photocopy of Michael Zehr and Madelaine Farny marriage record & translation

Photocopy of death record of Michel Zehr & translation

"An Extended Zehr Family" (4 pages)

Collection of photos of Zehr ancestral locations in Switzerland and France, assembled by Paul M. Zehr, Lancaster, Pa.

List of first and second generation Zehrs and their locations in Canada
(abstracted from land records)

Joseph Zehr:

Photocopies of Mill Oderfang location at St. Avold

Photocopy of Joseph Zehr family Bible record

Photocopy of Joseph Zehr estate administration documents

Photocopy of Peter & Barbara (Beller) Zehr church letter, 1879,
from ministers in Lewis County, N.Y. & translation

Some additional information on the Peter & Barbara (Beller) family

Photo of Joseph Zehr Jr. house on Snyder's Rd. Wilmot
(built in 1857, photo taken about 1907)

Peter Zehr:

Photocopy of Peter Zehr birth record and translation

A few copies of inscriptions in Peter Zehr's books

Photocopy of ship passenger list, 1835

Translations of 1839 articles re Peter Zehr's medical practice

Advertisement in Deutscher Canadier, 14 Nov 1848, re sale of property in E.Zorra

Photocopy of Canada Company Deed, 1850, for Lot 16, Con. IV, South Easthope (settled by Christian Ruby, deceased; sold to John S. Wagler)

Transcription of sale of burial ground, Peter & Barbara Zehr to trustees, 1874

Letters to and from College of Physicians and Surgeons

Photocopy of 1891 deed, Peter Zehr, physician, to David M. Bender (E 1/2 of W 1/2 of Lot 26, Con. XIII, East Zorra)

"A Study of the Movements of the Peter Zehr Family From the Time of Their Marriage until Settling in South Easthope." (2 pages)

List of persons Peter attended at birth or death (2 pages)

Peter Zehr's obituary in Herald of Truth, February 15, 1898

Photographs of farm and house

The "Annuity" Andrew Zehr had drawn up with his foster daughter Margaret, married to Charles Hoff. (#9764, microfilm Roll #29, East Zorra)

An Additional file on the Joseph R. Zehr family

Michael J. Zehr:

Photocopy of Michael Zehr and Anne Farny marriage record & translation (parents of Michael J.)

Various photos of house

Notes:

1) Ober- and Niederstocken are found to the west of the northwestern end of Lake Thun.

2) This note is from the Amterbuch Thun, J 397-426, 1768, printed in the 1986 – 1 BULLETIN DU CERCLE GENEALOGIQUE D'ALSACE;, page 611. translation by Lorraine Roth and Gertrud Guth.

3) There is a Moulin Neuf to the east of St. Avold. Perhaps that is the site of what the Bible record calls. "Nau" Mill.

4) "Autobiography of a Pioneer" in Centennial History of the Mennonites of Illinois, 1829-1929 by Harry F. Weber. Pub. by the Mennonite Historical Society, Goshen College, Indiana; Printed by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, Pa., 1931.

Census records and land records were consulted for places of residence.

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ZEHR

ZEHR, JOSEPH (Woolwich Twp. Immigrant) Documents, Etc. file:

- 1) Maps and photos showing Odergang Mill, residence of this Joseph Zehr family before emigrating to Canada.
 - a) Map of St. Avold and environs, showing location of Mill Oderfang
 - b) photocopied pages, showing mill stone, Oderfang Mill and Oderfang Farm in recent times (name of publication not noted) (several copies)
- 2) Miscellaneous Notes (in envelope)
- 3) Joseph Zehr Bible Records
 - a) hand-written translation
 - b) photocopy of Bible record (Bible located in Lewis County, NY)
- 4) Notes on Will and Will Probate of Joseph Zehr, dated Jan. 28, 1845.
This page also contains a list of son Joseph's family – I have numbered the two Josephs, Joseph I and Joseph II.
- 5) photocopy of A Will of Joseph Zehr I and Probate, signed Nov. 14, 1877 by Joseph Zehr II.
- 6) diagram showing the location of the Zehr farm ("Widow Zehr") at St. Jacobs
- 7) death record of Barbara Zehr, Oct. 3, 1877
- 8) University of Toronto notes on correspondence of Joseph Zehr II, for property in Wilmot township – Lot 17, North Snyder's Rd.
(Waterloo Oxford District Secondary School occupies the northwest corner of this farm) and is owned by Ralph Wagler, a descendant.
- 9) photo of house built by Joseph Zehr II in 1857
photo taken about 1907 (2 laser copies)
- 10) French writing on beams in Joseph Zehr II barn

- transcribed and translated as much as possible
- photo pages – 1 copy original, 4 laser copies

- 11) Church setter from Croghan, NY for Peter Zehr (youngest son of Joseph Zehr I), his wife and son Joseph (photocopy , not transcribed, nor translated)
- 12) A brief history and family list of the above Peter Zehr and his family son Joseph with map showing Parry Sound District and Lount and Machar townships where Peter and his wife died.
- 13) An additional copy of the above, to be included in the ZEHR INTRODUCTION for families interested in this detail
- 14) Transcription and translation of Joseph L. Zehr's Bible Record
(This Joseph is Joseph Zehr III and lived on the town Line in East Zorra)
- 15) Photo page captions
- 13) Transcriptin of conveyance of property from Peter Zehr to trustees of burying ground at southeast conrer and adjacent to school property – diagram attached. *****I don't know if this next sheet or not but numbers do not match???
- 14) print-out of obituary for Pre. Peter Zehr in Herald of Truth, Feb. 15, 1898
- 15) photocopies of photograph of Martyr's Mirror and title page, believed to have belonged to Dr. Peter Zehr – it was later in the home of daughter Magdalena, married to Daniel L. Brenneman, daughter of immigrant Jacob Brenneman who settled in South Easthope Township.
- 16 draft of a page of photo captions
- 17) "List of Dr. Peter Zehr's medical Cases"
- 18) "Dr. Peter Zehr's Healing Salve (1809-1898) " (from Ellen Holst)
- 19 " Zehr Themes for discussion" – used abridged form for Zehr/Reschly Tour group, 2003.

SON ANDTEW ZEHR

Annuity – Margaret Hoff (wife of Charles Hoff, fosgter dau. of Andrew Zehr)
to Andrew Zehr
jan. 12,1909

SON JOSEPH R> ZEHR (Pilla Zep)

- 1) Photos of Joseph R. Zehr's house in tavistock – in envelope (several copies)
- 2) Aerial photos of Tavistock from *Fact and Fantasy*, showing location of Zehr

house in relation to downtown area.

- 3) List of birth places of Joseph R. Zehr's children
- 4) transcription of report of accident, killing Daniel Zehr, son of Joseph R. and Moses Roth, married to Joseph R's daughter Barbara at railway crossing Tavistock, from *Tavistock Gazette*, May 30, 1912
- 5) Notes from Irene (Zehr) Kipfer's story
- 6) "Louella Blosser: pioneer missionary" by Emory Hochstetler in *Gospel Herald*, 1985 (2 copies)
"Submerged in God's Grat Love" by Louella Blosser, Japan
- a report written by Louella herself, no date
(Luella (Gingerich) Blosser was a granddaughter of Joseph R. Zehr (Pilla Zep))
- 7) "The Story of Peter and Katie (Jantzi) Zehr" by Ivan Kauffman
- Peter was the son of Joseph R. Zehr)
- 8) *Zehr Family Directory, 2001*, by Cliff and Hope Lind
- also of Peter R. and Katie Zehr (with a sheet of up-dates, 14 Nov. 2001)
- 9) "Talking Business," unidentified newspaper article (May 1970) concerning Emory Zehr's grocery store business after Loblaw's had purchased controlling interest in the company, retaining the ZEHR name
- son Lester is pictured and probably provided most of the information.

ZEHR, MICHAEL J, Documents, Etc. file

- 1) Miscellaneous Notyes re Michael Zehr, son of Michael Zehr and Anna Jantzi Lewis Co. N.Y. 9 in envelope)
- 2) Zehr Notes (Lewis Co.,N/Y.) (in another envelope)
- 3) Photos of stone house built on Lot 15/15, Conc, III Wilmot (Block B)
(in envelope – some photos removed fro printed Zehr Introduction)
- 4) Studio photo of house with unidentified men and children, date not known
(2 laser copies)
- 5) Handwritten list of Michael Zehr and Anna Jantzi family
- 6) Marriage record of Michel Zer (sic) and Anne Jantzy (sic), 9 Oct. 1811
- parents of Michael J. Zehr
(photocopy of original – no transcription or translation.

ZEHR JOSEPH C. ZEHR, Documents, Etc. file

- 1) Miscellaneous Notes (in envelope)
- 2) "Joseph C. Zehr, Ancestors, and Zehr Relatives"

3) “ The Peter Y. Zehr Family“
-prepared for Edna Yantzi for their Peter Y. Zehr genealogy

***next page – aerial photo of Peter and Barbara Zehr farm

The following not on new files

Peter Zehr, b. 2 May 1808, _____ Lorraine?

m. _____ 1832, _____

Barbara Roth, dau. of Nicolaus Roth and Veronica Zimmerman

b. 21 Nov 1812, _____ France? Baden?

First son Andrew, b. 16 Oct 1835 on Atlantic Ocean

Peter, it is said, studied medicine in Paris. He practiced midwifery and the making of medicines in Ontario. He was licensed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Toronto in 1878, but had practiced for many years before that. The family spent some time in Lewis County, N.Y. and perhaps in some other place before coming to Canada in about 1837. Peter was ordained minister before coming to Canada.

Michael Zehr, son of Michael Zehr & Anna Jantzi (immigrants to Lewis Co. N.Y.)

b. 25/28 Dec 1812, Farm Belgrad, Bistroff, Lorraine, France

m. 13 Sept 1840, Wilmot, Canada

Barbara Boshart, dau. of Christian Boshart and Catherine Litwiller

Joseph C. Zehr, b. 8 Sept 1822, _____ France

1m. _____, Lewis Co., N.Y.

Barbara Wutherick/Widrick, b. 12 Jan 1832, Hingsange, Grostenquin, Lorraine

dau. of Peter Widrick and Marie Kennel

d. _____ 1856, Lewis Co., N.Y.

Joseph C. Zehr, 2m. _____, _____ N.Y.

Katherine Yoder Oakley, b. 6 Mar 1831, _____

Joseph C. Zehr was ordained minister in Lewis Co. About 1860 he migrated to Canada with his family.

John B. Zehr, son of Christian Zehr and Anna Beller
grandson of Michael Zehr and Anna Jantzi
b. 22 Nov 1848, Lewis Co., N.Y.
d. 23 July 1923, bu. Pigeon River Menn. Cem.
m. 31 Jan 1868, Wilmot, Canada
Barbara Gerber, dau. of John Gerber and Veronica Oesch

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ZEHR FAMILY deaths: (some of these have been filled in on WP)

Joseph Zehr, b. 1817; d. ____ ____ 1905, Wilmot
wife: Maria Lichti

Menno Oesch, b. 1874, d. _____ in Missouri (probably as a child)
Christian Oesch, b. _____, d. _____ " " " "
sons of Christian and Mary Oesch

Anna/Nancy (nee Miller), b. ca. 1831; d. _____ (before 1894?)
wife of Christian Zehr _____ Hickory Co., Missouri

Peter Zehr, b. 1833; d. _____ probably Lewis Co., NY
wife: Barbara Beller

Barbara (Beller) Zehr, b. 1828; d. _____ probably Lewis Co.
husband: Peter Zehr

Peter Zehr, b. ca. 1863; d. _____ (probably after 1888 in Lewis Co. NY)

son of Peter and Barbara Zehr

Andrew Zehr, b. 1870; d. _____ East Zorra (probably as a child or youth)
son of Joseph L. and Lydia Zehr

Christian L. Zehr, d. 28 Jul 1924 _____ (Nebraska?)
his wife Anna (nee Kennel) d. 24 Nov 1927 at Kearney, NE

Their children: Mary Zehr, b. ca. 1876, E.Z.
(from E.Z. Jacob Zehr, b. ca. 1878, E.Z.
 census) Allen Zehr, b. ca. 1880, E.Z.

 {John Zehr
from Anna's {Mattie Zehr m. Kiser
obituary {Lydia Zehr, m. Stevens
 {Edith Zehr, m. Oswald
 {Clays Baker
 {Irvine Zehr

(I don't suppose you can find any of the above -- don't waste any time looking)

David Zehr, b. 1894; d. _____ (perhaps Michigan)
married, but wife's name not known
son of Daniel L. and Anna Zehr

Jacob L. Zehr, b. 1866; d. ____ Oct 1928, Lewis Co., N.Y.
wife: Anna Lichti

Daniel Eimen, b. 1842; d. _____ Wayland, IA
wife: Barbara Zehr

Mary (Eimen) Troyer, b. 1875; d. _____ perhaps Iowa
husband: Samuel Troyer

David Eimen, b. 1880; d. _____ perhaps Iowa
wife: Ollie Showalter

Fannie Eimen, b. 1886; d. _____ Iowa
(unmarried) I visited Fannie in 1978; so she died after that.
Mary, David, Fannie were children of Barbara (Zehr) and Daniel Eimen.

Barbara (Boshart) Zehr, b. 1822; d. ____ ____ 1904, Wilmot

husband: Michael J. Zehr

Menno Boshart, b. 1853; d. 20 Dec 1934 _____ where?
his first wife, Magdalena Zehr, died in Wellesley,
his second wife, Catherine Schwartzentruber, died in Thurman, Colorado
his 3rd wife was Anna Sengpal (sometimes went by name Kennel)

Samuel Schwartzentruber, b. 1893; d. _____
wife: Barbara Helmuth place _____
parents: Veronica (Zehr) and John E. Schwartzentruber (of Wilmot)

Samuel Yantzi, b. 1901, d. _____ in Lewis Co., NY (note change of
wife: Manetta Lehman spelling of name)
parents: Elizabeth (Zehr) and Christian Jantzi

David S. Zehr, b. 1895; d. _____ Canada (may be Cedar Grove)
wife: Magdalene Jantzi

Jacob Zehr b. 1897; d. _____ likely Canada (may be Cedar Grove)
(unmarried but may have been an adult)

Barbara (Zehr) Noftsier, b. 1900; d. _____ Lewis County, NY
husband: Raymond Noftsier

Aaron S. Zehr, b. 1902; d. _____ Lewis County
wife: Nina Noftsier

Amos Zehr, b. 1904; d. _____ Canada (may be Cedar Grove)
wife Nancy Steckly
The above Zehrs were children of Joseph Y. and Barbara (Schmidt) Zehr

Christian Zehr, b. 1893; d. _____ probably Nebraska
wife: Lydia Rediger

Annie (Brenneman) Zehr, b. 1898; d. _____ East Zorra/Tavistock?
husband: Daniel Zehr

Menno Zehr, b. 1895; d. _____ Tavistock
2nd wife: Sarah (Roth) Helmuth

Fannie (Zehr) Steckly, b. 1903; d. _____ Tavistock
husband: Jonathan Steckly

Cornelius Zehr, b. 1907; d. _____ Canada
wife: Christena Steckly (may be Amish Mennonite)

Bena (Zehr) Albrecht, b. 1912; d. _____ Canada
husband: Solomon R. Albrecht (may be Amish Mennonite)

Daniel W. Zehr, b. 1919; d. _____ Canada
wife: Emma Kuepfer (may be Amish Mennonite)

*****Despite the more than 50 sheets of new files on Zehr, we did not get the Zehr residences files at Conrad Grebel. Lorraine's residence files never need changes, only underlining or bold print instead of the old hieroglyphics.

ZEHR RESIDENCES

WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP (WATERLOO COUNTY)

Joseph Zehr, Lot 9, German Company Tract, 1827 to 1840 census and assessment records

Barbara Zehr, Lot 9 (N pt), 104 ac. 4 perch., purch. from Abraham Weber, 1853

(widow) " " 101 " 1 " sale to Mathias Stricker, 1855

" " 3 ac., 7? perches, " " Jacob C. Snider, 1856

Lot 54, 2 acres, purch. from John & Mary Scheider, 1851

" " sale to Mathias Stricker, 1855

WILMOT TOWNSHIP (WATERLOO COUNTY)

German Block

Joseph Zehr, claimant on Lot 8, South Snyder's Rd., 1830 (S.S. Wilmot's Report)
(Barbara Kennel)

Joseph Zehr Jr., 1846, Lot 17, N Snyder's Rd., (Rear 3/4)

(Maria Lichti) transfer from Joseph Lichti

1850, Lot 17, N Snyder's Rd., (Front 1/4)

purchase from Joseph Lichti

1850, (same as above), deed from University of Toronto

1890, " " " sale to Christian Wagler (son-in-law)

Block A

Joseph Zehr, 1859, Lot 9, N 1/2, trans. from Hall/J.G. Naffziger

(Maria Lichti) 1862 " " deed from Canada Company

1874 " " sale to Christian Wagler

Block B

Conc. Lot

Christian [B.] Zehr 1862 II 17 NE pt 50 ac. purch. Detzler

(Veronica Schultz) 1879 " " NW pt " " Wagner

" " " NE pt " sale Michael Zehr Sr.

1884 " " NW pt " " Michael B. Zehr

1872 III 15 S 1/2 100 ac. purch. Michael Zehr Sr.

1884 " " N 1/2 " " " "

1891 " " " " sale Michael Zehr Sr.
 1894 " " S 1/2 " " Chris. S. Zehr
 1884 " 16 N 1/2 " purch. Michael Zehr Sr.
 1891 " " " " sale " "

Christian S. Zehr 1894 III 15 S 1/2 100 ac. purch. Christian Zehr
 (Magdalena Wagler) 1896 " " " " sale John K. Albrecht

Daniel L. Zehr 1899 I 9 all 200 ac. purch. M. Kennel Est.
 (Anna Kennel) 1910 " " " " sale N. S. Lichti

Jacob L. Zehr 1893 I 5 E pt 2 ac. purch. J. Kennel Est.
 (Anna Lichti) 1912 " " " " sale A. Denlinger

Michael Zehr 1847 III 16 N 1/2 100 ac. lease Canada Co.
 (Barbara Boshart) 1853 " " " " deed Canada Co.
 1853 " " S 1/2 " " " "
 1884 " " N 1/2 " sale Christian Zehr
 (cont'd) 1891 " " " " purch. " "

WILMOT

Michael Zehr (cont'd)

Estate 1903 " " " " sale Chris. L. Jantzi
 " 1905 " " S 1/2 " " John K. Albrecht
 1863 III 15 N 1/2 100 ac. deed Canada Co.
 1864 " " S 1/2 " purch. Can. Perm.
 1872 " " " " sale Christian Zehr
 1873 " " 1/3 ac.+ sale bur. ground, etc
 1884 " " N 1/2 100 ac. " Christian Zehr
 1891 " " " " purch. Christian Zehr
 Estate 1903 " " " " sale Chr. L. Jantzi
 1868 II 16 N pt 41+ ac. purch. Henry Albrecht
 1882 " " " 9+ ac. sale George Bast
 " " " " 34 ac. " Michael B. Zehr
 1879 " 17 NE pt 50 ac. purch. Christian Zehr
 1882 " " " " sale Michael B. Zehr

Michael B. Zehr 1882 II 16 N pt 34 ac. purch. Michael Zehr Sr.
 (1m. Elizabeth 1905 " " " " sale Heimpel
 Oesch 1882 II 17 NE 1/4 50 ac. purch. Michael Zehr Sr.
 2m. Nancy (Jantzi) 1884 " " NW 1/4 50 ac. " Christian Zehr
 Schmidt) 1905 " " N 1/2 100 ac. sale Heimpel

SOUTH EASTHOPE TOWNSHIP (PERTH COUNTY)

Conc. Lot

Peter Zehr (Dr.) 1842 II 11 100 ac. census/assessment
 (Barbara Roth) 1844 " " " " trans. from George Capling
 1846 " " " " deed from Canada Co.
 1883 " " " " sale to Christian R. Zehr
 1850 IV 16 100 ac. deed from Canada Co.
 " " " " sale to John [S.] Wagler

	1874	III	16	100 ac.	purch. from Joseph Weiss
	1883	"	"	"	sale to Joseph S. Baechler
Christian R. Zehr (Catherine Bender)	1882	II	12	100 ac.	purch. from Thomas Capling
	1914	"	"	"	est. sale to Peter B. Zehr
	1883	"	11	"	purch. from Peter Zehr (Dr.)
	1914	"	"	"	est. sale to Andrew B. Zehr
Joseph R. Zehr (2m. Elizabeth Albrecht)	1896	III	9	100 ac.	purch. from Benedict Roth
	1914	"	"	"	sale to Jacob R. Zehr (son)
Peter Y. Zehr (2m. Anna Ruby)	1901	III	12	100 ac.	purch. from Henry Trachsel
	1933	"	"	"	sale to Ezra Zehr

EAST ZORRA (OXFORD COUNTY)

					from/to whom
Peter Zehr (Dr.) (res. of SEhope)	1848	XVI	34	100 ac. N 1/2	purch. Thomas Trow
	1854	XV	32	100 ac. E 1/2	purch. Merritt
	1855	XV	32	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Christian Bender (via Absalom Jones)
	1857	XIV	23	100 ac. E 1/2	purch. Michael Overholt
	1863	XIII	30	25 ac. SE pt	purch. Joseph Diedrich
	1868	"	"	"	sale Henry Schaefer
	1868	XVI	34	100 ac. N 1/2	sale Andrew Zehr

(continued)

Peter Zehr (Dr.) (cont'd)	EAST ZORRA				
	1866	XVI	30	100 ac. W 1/2	purch. John N. Roth (formerly Samuel Bender)
	1869	XIV	23	100 ac. E 1/3	sale Peter [R.] Zehr
	1872	XIV	24	100 ac. E 1/2	purch. John Thynne
	1883	XVI	30	100 ac. W 1/2	sale Joseph R. Zehr
	1888	XIV	24	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Peter R. Zehr
	1889	XIII	26	50 ac. EW 1/4	purch. Rockett
	1891	"	"	"	sale David M. Bender
	1889	XIV	24	50 ac. SW 1/4	purch. Shadwick
	1895	"	"	"	sale Peter Y. Zehr
	1891	XVI	36	7 1/2 ac. W pt	purch. David M. Bender
	1892	XVI	36	7 1/2 ac. W pt	sale Nicholas L. Roth

Andrew [R.] Zehr (Barbara Sommer)	1868	XVI	34	100 ac. W 1/2	purch. [Dr.] Peter Zehr
	1877	"	"	48 ac. NW pt	sale Christian L. Zehr
	1914	"	"	52 ac. pt W 1/2	" John Schumm (also sales to E.Z. church and for house beside church)
	1881	XIV	25	50 ac. SE 1/4	purch. Diebel
	1883	"	"	"	sale George Falck
	1888	XIII	25	25 ac. pt NW	purch. Barwood
	1909	"	"	"	sale Margaret Hoff

(foster daughter)

Peter R. Zehr 1869 XIV 23 100 ac. E 1/2 purch. [Dr.] Peter Zehr
(Jacobena Schlegel) 1888 XIV 24 100 ac. E 1/2 purch. [Dr.] Peter Zehr
1900 " " " " sale Joseph S. Zehr
1903 " 23 100 ac. E 1/2 sale Peter S. Zehr
1898 XII 30 100 ac. E 1/2 purch. J. Reynold
Estate 1909 " " " " deed Daniel S. Zehr

Joseph S. Zehr 1900 XIV 24 100 ac. E 1/2 purch. Peter R. Zehr
(Catherine Roth) 1928 " " " " sale Peter R. Zehr

Peter S. Zehr 1903 XIV 23 100 ac. E 1/2 purch. Peter [R.] Zehr
(Catherine Bender) 1917 XV 23 100 ac. W 1/2 purch. Wettlaufer
1926 XV 23 100 ac. W 1/2 sale Daniel Zehr
Estate 1938 XIV 23 100 ac. E 1/2 sale Mahlon Zehr

Joseph R. Zehr 1883 XVI 30 100 ac. W 1/2 purch. [Dr.] Peter Zehr
(Nary Reschly 1885 XVI 30 100 ac. W 1/2 sale John Nicklas
d. Mar /83

Elizabeth Albrecht 1914 XV 22 100 ac. E 1/2 purch. Jacob R. Zehr
m. May /83) Estate 1918 " " " " sale S. Jutzi/Heltcher
(lived in Wellesley & S. Easthope between these two -- may not have lived here)

Jacob R. Zehr 1910 XV 22 100 ac. E 1/2 purch. Carter Est.
(Anna Ruby) 1914 " " " " sale Joseph R. Zehr
(moved to S.Easthope)

Joseph Zehr 1854 XVI 36 25 ac. E 1/2 purch. Joseph Roth
(res. of Wilmot) 1874 " " " " sale Joseph [L.] Zehr
1854 " 35 100 ac. " purch. Joseph Roth
1874 " " " " sale Joseph [L.] Zehr
1868 " 35 100 ac. W 1/2 purch. Peter E. Boshart
" " 34 50 ac. NE 1/4 " " " "
1875 " 35 100 ac. W 1/2 sale Christian L. Zehr
1884 " 34 21 ac. pt E1/2 sale Joseph L. Zehr
1886 " 35 100 ac. W 1/2 " Daniel L. Zehr
1888 " 34 32 ac. pt E1/2 " Joseph L. Zehr

EAST ZORRA

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 1915 XVI 25 100 ac. E 1/2 sale Simon B. Zehr
 " " 24 104 ac.+ ? " Joseph B. Zehr
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(The sales on Lot 24 included "other lands," not specified.)

1912 XVII 23 93 1/2 ac. purch. Michael Schrag Est.
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 1943 XVII 36 25 ac. W 1/2 sale Christian O. Zehr
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 1894 " " " " sale F. Entricken

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 (Barbara Schmidt) 1893 XV 30 1/2 ac. NE cor. sale Peter Sommer Est.

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(Barbara Brennehan 1901 " " " " sale Werner Schmidt
Anna Ruby, m. 1899)

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(widow of 1931 " " " " sale Menno B. Ropp
Andrew Y. Zehr)

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP (WATERLOO COUNTY)

East Section

Michael Zehr 1862 III 4 NE pt 8 ac. purch. J. Lorenz
(res. of Wilmot) 1871 " " " " sale " "

Christian S. Zehr 1892 II 14 All 106 ac.+ purch. J. B. Schwartz..
(Magdalena Wagler) 1928 " " " " sale Aaron W. Zehr

West Section

Michael Zehr Sr. 1881 W-VI 10 W 1/2 100 ac. purch. John Leis
(Barbara Boshart 1890 " " " " sale Daniel Gerber
res. of Wilmot) 1886 W-II 3 E 1/2 99 ac. purch. Chris. L. Jantzi
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Joseph R. Zehr 1885 W-I 2 S 3/4 150 ac. purch. John Kennel
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Albrecht)

Joseph Y. Zehr 1901 W-VI 10 W 1/2 100 ac. purch. Daniel Gerber Est
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Andrew Y. Zehr 1894-1907 XIII 30 all
(Catherine Ropp) " " 31 all 16 ac.

ELLICE TOWNSHIP (PERTH COUNTY)

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John [Y.] Zehr 1890-1904 V 3 E 1/2 sale to Jacob Steckly
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(Leah Kuepfer 1898-1932 II 14 S 75 ac. sale to William K. Zehr

Daniel [Y.] Zehr 1899-1913 XI 18 S 1/2
(Maria Wagler)

ELMA TOWNSHIP (PERTH COUNTY)

John [Y.] Zehr 1904-1908 XIV 34 sale to David Steckly
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misc. notes:

"Dr" Peter Zehr

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(sold to son Christian in 1883)

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Joseph R. Zehr

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South Easthope Twp., 1914-1935
(from Joseph R. Zehr)

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South Easthope Twp., 1931-1943
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Additional References:

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b. 1 Apr 1821 Rothsee, Bav.	Anna Oesch (1856-) m. _____ Cape
d. 11 Apr 1897 GardenCity,MO	David D. Oesch (1860-1933) m. Barbara
son of John Oesch and	Reufenacht; 2m. Mary Ann Kurtz
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3) There is a Moulin Neuf to the east of St. Avold. Perhaps that is the site of what the Bible record calls "Nau" Mill.

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2) This note is from the [Amterbuch Thun] , J 397-426, 3.11.1768, printed in the 1986 - 1 [BULLETIN du Cercle Genealogique d'Alsace] , page 611. Translation by Lorraine Roth and Gertrud Guth.

3) There is a Moulin Neuf to the east of St. Avold. Perhaps that is the site of what the Bible record calls "Nau" Mill.

4) "Autobiography of a Pioneer" in [Centennial History of the Mennonites of Illinois] , 1829-1929 by Harry F. Weber. Pub. by The Mennonite Historical Society, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana; Printed by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, Pa., 1931.

Census records and land records were consulted for places of residence.

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Photocopy of Michael Zehr and Madelaine Farny marriage record & translation

Photocopy of death record of Michel Zehr & translation

"An Extended Zehr Family" (4 pages)

Collection of photos of Zehr ancestral locations in Switzerland and France, assembled by Paul M. Zehr, Lancaster, Pa.

List of first and second generation Zehrs and their locations in Canada
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Photocopies of Mill Oderfang location at St. Avold

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Photocopy of Peter & Barbara (Beller) Zehr church letter, 1879,
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Some additional information on the Peter & Barbara (Beller) family

Photo of Joseph Zehr Jr. house on Snyder's Rd. Wilmot
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Photocopy of Peter Zehr birth record and translation

A few copies of inscriptions in Peter Zehr's books

Photocopy of ship passenger list, 1835

Translations of 1839 articles re Peter Zehr's medical practice

Advertisement in ▯ Deutscher Canadier▯ , 14 Nov 1848, re sale of property in E.Zorra

Photocopy of Canada Company Deed, 1850, for Lot 16, Con. IV, South Easthope
(settled by Christian Ruby, deceased; sold to John S. Wagler)

Transcription of sale of burial ground, Peter & Barbara Zehr to trustees, 1874

Letters to and from College of Physicians and Surgeons

Photocopy of 1891 deed, Peter Zehr, physician, to David M. Bender
(E 1/2 of W 1/2 of Lot 26, Con. XIII, East Zorra)

"A Study of the Movements of the Peter Zehr Family From the Time of Their Marriage until Settling in
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Peter Zehr cont'd:

List of persons Peter attended at birth or death (2 pages)

Peter Zehr's obituary in ▯ Herald of Truth▯ , February 15, 1898

Photographs of farm and house

The "Annuity" Andrew Zehr had drawn up with his foster daughter Margaret, married to Charles Hoff.
(#9764, microfilm Roll #29, East Zorra)

An Additional file on the Joseph R. Zehr family

▯ Michael J. Zehr▯ :

Photocopy of Michael Zehr and Anne Farny marriage record & translation
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Various photos of house

Some of the above are more "available" than others.

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▮ Zehr History and Genealogy, From Switzerland to France to America▮ ;
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