

12. BLUM

Blum is hardly recognized as an Amish Mennonite name, whether in Canada or anywhere else. There is no record which identifies Jacob and Madeleine Blum as Amish Mennonite. Their connection with Amish Mennonites is first found in their being on the same ship as the Michael Zehr, Christian Kennel and Christian Nafziger families. They sailed on the *Barque Statera* from Le Havre, France, arriving in New York on June 19, 1833. The Zehrs, Kennels and Nafzigers went to northern New York. The Blums seem to have been in Woolwich Township during the 1830s and in Wellesley during the 1840s.

On the ship passenger list the family appeared as follows:

Jacob Blum, 48, miller, from France

Madaline Blum, 46

children: Madaline, 23

Barelt/Babette?, 21

Catharine. 16

In the newspaper announcement of John Mosser's marriage to Barbara Blum (1836), her place of residence was given as Woolwich. Christian and Catherine Nafziger were also in Woolwich for a while after their marriage. The naturalization records indicate that Jacob Blum arrived in Wellesley in 1841 and was still there in 1848. These records could be interpreted that the daughters were in Woolwich in the 1830s and the parents were not in Canada until 1841.

Marriages to Amish Mennonites for two of the Blum daughters have been found in the Canadian records.

Barbara Blum, b. ca.1812, France

m. Jan 1836, Wilmot Twp., by Bishop John Oesch

(14 Jan 1836 issue of "*Canada Museum* on Sunday 8 days ago")

John Mosser, son of Isaac and Catherine Mosser of Wilmot

See MOSER/MOSSER Family Genealogical Introduction for further details on the Isaac Mosser family.

Catherine Blum, b. ca.1817, France

d. 29 Apr 1896, bu. North Easthope Reformed Mennonite Cemetery

m. Jan 1836 Wilmot Twp.

Christian Nafziger, son of Christian Nafziger and Maria Stalter

b. ca.1818, Bavaria, Germany

d. 22 May 1886, bu. North Easthope Reformed Mennonite Cemetery

Children:

1) Barbara Nafziger (1839-1841)

2) Magdalena Nafziger (1841-1885) m. John Koch/Cook

See NAFZIGER Family Genealogical Introduction for further details and a list of descendants.