

MILLER

ORIGIN

The origin of the name Miller is not too difficult to guess. Since the occupation of miller was common to all peoples, countries and languages, it is obvious that the Millers do not all share the same ancestry. It is likely, however, that the Millers with Anabaptist ancestry were from Switzerland and would have spelled their name Müller, which in some cases became Mueller and in others was anglicized to Miller.

The Amish Mennonite Miller immigrants to Canada have a number of places of origin, but their specific places of residence have not yet been found.

THE MILLERS FROM GERMANY

Several Millers from Germany migrated to America in 1824. One of them, **Jacob Miller**, was identified as the step-son of Jacob Schrag in the Schrag family's application for permission to travel to Canada. He was said to have migrated to Wilmot "thirteen years ago," which in 1837 would have been 1824. Jacob and Magdalena (Holly) Schrag had lived at Zweibrücken where most of the children were born, but moved to Bavaria, where the youngest son was born in 1813. Where Jacob Miller was born is not known. His mother was likely Magdalena Holly, the wife of Jacob Schrag, but she had died before the Schrag family left Germany. Jacob Miller's father's name is not known.

Jacob had an illegitimate daughter named **Catherine**, to whom he had given his surname. The mother of the child was described as "Barbara W., hired girl in Weissenfels by Pardorf, Munich." When the Schrags were applying for permission to emigrate, Catherine was in the care of the "Mennonite Holly at Linden, District of Ebersberg." Both mother and guardian were agreed to allow Catherine to go with the Schrags. (1) (Notes begin on page 14)

A quite different story about Catherine Miller comes via a Ropp publication. I have tried to reconcile these different stories, because the Ropp story also bears some marks of authenticity. I discuss this in "The Catherine Miller Puzzle," found at the end of this MILLER introduction.

A group of Millers which appears to be a family, arrived in Baltimore during the fourth quarter of 1824, having set sail from Bremen, Germany. In this group were **Simon Miller**, age 45, Michael Miller, age 16, Peter Miller, age 14, Magdaline Miller, age 50, Anna Miller, age 14, and Catherine Miller, age 12. Christian Bender, age 28, and Anna "Gingering," age 40, were also listed with this group. (2) It is quite likely that Michael, Peter, Anna and Catherine were Simon's children, but was Magdaline his wife or his sister?

THE MILLERS IN CANADA

JACOB MILLER

According to the Schrag application to leave Bavaria, Jacob Miller arrived in Wilmot in 1824. That same year, the central section of Wilmot Township was surveyed, and Jacob claimed Lot 16, South Snyder's Road. By 1830, he qualified for the Crown Patent for the front 50 acres, which he did not acquire until 1835.

In 1828, however, the government had deeded the rear 150 acres of the lots on which the settlers had laid claim to King's College (the forerunner of the University of Toronto) as an endowment. This caused a great deal of consternation in the Wilmot settlement, and the settlers voiced their dissatisfaction.(3) Jacob co-signed two letters in June of 1829 addressed to the government.

Probably in the late 1820s, Jacob married Barbara Summer/Sommer, whose family of origin is not known. A son named Christian was born to Jacob and Barbara in 1830.

The late Harold J. Schmidt, a descendant, recalled the story that Barbara (Sommer) Miller had her leg amputated by Dr. Zehr without an anesthetic. In 1839, a story in the local newspaper concerning Dr. Zehr who tried to save the leg of a young boy without amputation, included a reference to his treatment of the dislocated shoulder of the wife of Jacob Miller about which she evidently was not pleased.(4) The family may have gotten the boy's leg and their grandmother's shoulder confused, but the part about no anesthetic was probably true.

In February of 1839, Jacob Miller, "of sound mind and memory," felt the need to be prepared to make his departure from this world and made his Last Will & Testament. No doubt, Jacob was physically ill, because by April of 1840 his Will was being probated.(5)

Barbara, with the help of her executors, Jacob Gardner and Jacob Bender, managed to keep the farm in operation. Jacob Bender died a few years later, but Jacob Gardner continued to make the payments to King's College, and in 1853, Christian, by then married to Maria Roth, acquired the title to the rear 150 acres. In 1851 and 1853, John and Christian Ernst of Petersburg and Christian Enslin of Berlin (now Kitchener), had written a number of letters to King's College on Christian Miller's behalf.(6) It wasn't until 1870 that Christian was given a clear title to the front 50 acres when Catherine (Christian's half sister), married to Jacob Bender's oldest son John, signed a Quit Claim. That was the only part of the property for which Jacob Miller had obtained a deed.

Delton Steinman, another Miller descendant, passed on the story that Christian S. Miller met with a serious accident in mid-life. His foot was caught in a cylinder of a threshing machine which shredded it to pieces. He was taken to Peter Zehr, "who happened to be a handy man in those days," who amputated his foot. He remained with the Zehrs for three months, and then Zehr took him to the Toronto Hospital where his leg between the knee and the ankle was amputated so that he could wear an artificial leg. This was the same "Dr." Zehr who had treated Christian's mother with the dislocated shoulder

Recently we learned of a number of letters written by Canadians to a Peter Graber in Indiana. Three of them were written by Christian S. Miller, dated at Baden from 1869 to 1876. Copies of partial translations of these letters are found at the end of the MILLER, Document, Notes file. One of them concerned a straw-cutting bench, but another one indicated church difficulties between

"Bishop Ranseyer" and the Amish Mennonite congregation in Wilmot. (8)

Christian's wife, Maria (nee Roth), served as a midwife in the community. She was frequently listed as the attending "accoucheur" (midwife) at the births of babies in Wilmot Township as recorded in the civil birth registrations.

The Miller farm, located at the southwestern edge of Baden, remained, and parts of it still remain with descendants of Jacob Miller. Christian's daughter Veronica married Henry L. Miller, son of a Catholic/Lutheran family.(9) Daughter Catherine married John B. O. Schmidt. It was to these daughters and sons-in-law that Christian S. Miller sold most of his property. The late Harold J. Schmidt, a descendant owned at least part of this lot until his death in 2001, and it may still be in possession of his widow in 2010.

THE JACOB MILLER FAMILY

Jacob Miller, b. 1790, _____ Germany
d. 11 Apr 1840, Wilmot Township, Canada
m. late 1820s, Wilmot

Barbara Summer/Sommer, parents not known
b. 1789, _____ Germany
d. 11 Nov. 1856, Wilmot, bu. Baden/Kropf Cemetery,

A. Catherine Miller, b. _____ 1824, probably in Bavaria, Germany
d. 1 Jul 1874, Wilmot Township
m. 11 Jul 1841, Wilmot

John Bender, son of Jacob Bender and Magdalena Brenneman
b. 14 Sep 1817, Hof Bellnhausen, Hesse, Germany
d. 14 Sep 1874, Wilmot

(See the BENDER file for further details)

B. Christian S. Miller, b. 22 Feb 1830, Wilmot
d. 25 Feb 1916, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery
m. 2 Feb 1851, Wilmot

Maria Roth, dau. of Rudolph Roth and Maria Litwiller
b. 16 Aug 1826, Largitzen, Haut-Rhin (Alsace) France
d. 29 Oct 1891, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery

Children:

Grandchildren:

1) Maria Miller
b. 13 Dec 1851 Wilmot
d. 30 Aug 1921 Wilmot
m. 27 Sep 1870 Wilmot
Christian Litwiller
b. 13 Sep 1848 Wilmot
d. 27 Aug 1924 Wilmot

Barbara Litwiller (1872-1936)
Jacob Litwiller (1874-1928) m. Rachel Jantzi
Moses Litwiller (1876-1916) m. Lydia Brenneman
Annie Litwiller (1878-1968) m. Moses O. Jantzi
Samuel Litwiller (881-1955) m. Veronica Schrag
Mary Litwiller (1882-1953) m. Jacob Musselman
Veronica Litwiller (1885-1920) m. Joseph Salzman

son of Peter Litwiller
and Elizabeth Lichti

Lydia Litwiller (1889-1932) m. Irvon Block
David Litwiller (1895-1959) m. Nellie N. Hilborn

2) Jacob R. Miller
b. ca. 1853 Wilmot
d. _____ Alberta
m. 15 Jan 1882 Wilmot
Mary Gordner
b. 8 Sep 1860 Wilmot
d. alter 1911 Alberta
dau. of Daniel Gordner
& Leah Schwartzentruber

{ Emma Miller (1884-)
Daniel Miller (1886-)
John Miller (ca.1889-)
Catherine (Katie) Miller (ca.1890-)
William Miller (1891-)
Sarah Miller (1892/3)
Clara Millar (1893/5)
Irvin Miller (1899-) (family in Carstairs,
Beatrice Miller (1902-) AB in 1911 census)

3) Magdalena Miller
b. 21 Aug 1854 Wilmot
d. 18 Oct 1944 Wilmot
m. 21 Oct 1876 Wilmot
David B. Roth
b. 12 Jan 1854 Wilmot
d. 7 Dec 1937 Wilmot
son of John Roth and
Catherine Boshart

{ Noah Roth (1878-1948) m. Mary Zehr
Catherine Roth (1881-1932) m. Jacob Z. Iutzi
Moses Roth (1883-1931) m. Catherine Bast
Mary Roth (1885-1947) m. Samuel Ruby
Daniel Roth (1888-1972) m. Veronica Jutzi
Lydia Roth (1890-1967) m. Peter Steinmann
Samuel Roth (1893-1958) m. Nancy Steinmann

6) Barbara Miller
b. 11 Jul 1857 Wilmot
d. 12 Jul 1903 Wilmot
m. 30 Sep 1879 Wilmot
Jacob Steinman
b. 16 Dec 1856 Wilmot
d. 11 Feb 1944 Wilmot
son of Daniel Steinman
and Elizabeth Gardner

{ Noah M. Steiman (1880-1964) m. Magdalena Gascho
Samuel M. Steinman (1882-1968) m. Barbara Gascho
Aaron M. Steinman (1886-1970) m. Mabel Marshall
Mary Steinman (1888-1976) m. Michael O. Jantzi
Lavina Steinman (1893-1940) m. Daniel Gascho

4) Rudolph Miller
b. 23 Apr 1859 Wilmot
d. 27 Nov 1909 Wilmot
m. 6 Dec 1881 Wilmot
Barbara Geisler
b. 2 Jun 1862 Wilmot
d. 3 Aug 1885 Wilmot
dau. of John Geisler
and Elizabeth Zehr

{ Mary G. Miller (1882-1945) m. Moses Schultz
Gideon G. Miller (1885)

5) Catherine Miller
b. _____ 1861 Wilmot
d. _____ 1942 Wilmot
m. 13 Nov 1883 Wilmot
John B.O. Schmidt
b. 21 May 1860 Morn-ton
d. 23 Jun 1940 Wilmot
son of Jacob Schmidt
and Barbara Boshart

{ Lydia Schmidt (1884-1966)
Samuel Schmidt (1887-1963) m. Veronica Bast
Abraham Schmidt (1889-1934) m. Clara B. Snyder
Mary Schmidt (1891-1970) m. Moses Steinmann
Noah Schmidt (1894-1976) m. Annie Yundt
Aaron Schmidt (1898-1978)
Elmina Schmidt (1903-1977)

7) Veronica Miller
 b. 23 Oct. 1864 Wilmot
 d. 8 Jan. 1932 Wilmot
 m. _____
 Henry L. Miller
 b. ____ 1861 Wilmot
 d. ____ 1944 Wilmot
 son of Frederick Miller
 and Sophie Law

{ David Miller (1887-1944) m. Lydia Bast
 Henry Miller (1889/90-) m. Ida Rueffer
 Mary Miller (1892-)
 Matilda/Tilie Miller (1893-) m. Edgar Snyder
 Lloyd Miller (in family list but not in records)
 Edna miller (1896-)
 Alfa/Alfreda Miller (1898-) m. Victor Schaefer
 Fannie/Fanny Miller (1900-)
 William Miller (1902 -)
 Cora Miller (1905-)
 Irwin Miller (1905) stillborn (twin)

8) Christian R. Miller

b. ca.1868 Baden
 d. 1953 Florida--- Ruth Miller (1906-)
 m. 5 Mar 1895 Berlin
 Elmina Shantz
 b. 22 Nov 1868 Waterloo Tp.
 d. 1943 Pinellas Co., Fla.
 dau. of Isaac E. Shantz
 and Magdalena Eby

THE FAMILY OF CHRISTIAN S. AND MARIA (ROTH) MILLER ESTABLISH THEIR HOMES

Maria Miller married **Christian Litwiller** in 1870. Probably a second set of farm buildings were built on the north half of the Peter Litwiller homestead (Lot 7, North Erb's Road) at this time, with Christian and Maria gaining ownership of this part in 1877. In 1914, Christian and Maria sold this farm to their daughter Veronica and her husband Joseph Salzman. Christian and Maria are buried in the St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery. (10)

Jacob R. Miller married Mary Gordner in 1882. Joseph, a carpenter, and Mary were still living in Wilmot Township (precise location not known) when the census was taken in 1891. It is not known when they moved to Edmonton, Alberta. Hence our knowledge of this family is somewhat limited.

Magdalena Miller married **David B. Roth** in 1876. From 1877 to 1890 they lived near Crosshill (Lot 11, Concession VII). They then exchanged this property for Lot 10, North Erb's Road, with Noah S. Shantz. In 1920, they sold the farm to son Moses, married to Catherine (nee Bast) and moved into the "Doddy House." Still later they acquired a house in Baden on the corner of Miller and Charlotta Streets. Magdalena and David are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery, west of Baden. (11)

Barbara Miller and **Jacob Steinman** were married in 1879. They lived with Jacob's parents, Daniel and his third wife Susanna Lebold, for a few years and then began farming on the northwestern outskirts of the Village of New Hamburg, on the north side of the railway tracks and on the west side of Waterloo Street. The street on which their house still stands is now called Steinmann Street. Barbara and Jacob are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery. (12)

Rudolph Miller married Barbara Geisler (also spelled Giesler) in 1881. They probably lived with Barbara's widowed mother. They had two children, one of

whom died at age three months. Barbara died a few months later of consumption (T.B.). At the time of the 1891 census, Rudolph and his daughter Mary were still living with Widow Elizabeth, Barbara's mother. Mary married Moses Schultz in 1904, and in the same year Widow Elizabeth and John Geisler's executors sold them the property (the north half of Lot 12, South Snyder's Road). Rudolph Miller and his mother-in-law both died in 1909. All of them are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery. (13)

Catherine Miller married **John B.O. Schmidt** in 1883. In 1889, Catherine's father sold them part of the south part of the Miller homestead. In 1912, Catherine and John sold their share to Catherine's sister Veronica and her husband Henry L. Miller and purchased 150 acres of Lot 17, on the west side of the Miller homestead. In 1927, they sold this property to their son Samuel, married to Veronica (nee Bast). Catherine and John are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery. (14)

Veronica Miller married **Henry L. Miller** in 1887. They remained with Veronica's parents. In 1898, Veronica's father, then a widower, sold them the north portion of the homestead, including the original buildings. In 1944, they sold the property to their son William. Veronica (Miller) and Henry L. Miller are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery. Annie Miller, age 22 (thus born in 1885) daughter of Henry and Fanny Miller, was married to Gottfried Leiskau in November, 1907, and registered the same day as David Miller and Lydia Bast's marriage. Annie does not show up in any census of the Henry and Veronica/Fanny Miller family. I (Lorraine Roth) do not know what to make of this Annie.

The birth records for Veronica and Henry's family have been found giving the names of those who attended at the births. The two oldest children were assisted by Veronica's mother, Mary (Roth) Miller. Mary and Matilda's were attended by Mrs. J. Schrag. She was probably the wife of Jacob Schrag, oldest son of Daniel Schrag, step-brother of Jacob Miller. Jacob and Catherine moved to the west end of Baden in 1890 and Catherine was called on to assist with the births of the next two children.

Christian R. Miller married Elmina Shantz in Berlin (now Kitchener) in 1895. Christian was ordained in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church. Soon after their marriage Christian was said to be assisting "on the Bethel field of labor," - in the late 1800s. (15) It is said the family settled in Florida in 1925 - probably in Gulfport where they appeared in the 1930 census. (16)

SIMON MILLER AND HIS FAMILY

According to his naturalization record, son Michael G. Miller arrived in Canada in 1826. Both Simon and Peter were listed as heads of households on an 1829 congregational list. By 1830, Simon had laid claim to Lot 9, North Bleam's Road, but had not completed his settlement duties. He had not even built a house. Peter Miller had claimed Lot 19 on the same side of the road, and he had

built a house and qualified for his patent. Perhaps the family had concentrated their energies on this lot. Michael Miller's name was on Lot 26, a small lot at the end of North Bleam's Road, but no improvements had been made on that lot either. George Jutzi's name appeared on Lot 8, beside Simon's. The proximity of these land claims might confirm the hypothesis that George Jutzi married Simon Miller's daughter. The Jutzis, however, had not built a house either. Perhaps this whole extended family was living under one roof, although some of them might also have been residing with Mennonites in Waterloo Township and working to earn some cash.

In the 1840 census, which listed only the heads of households by name, listed the Peter, Simon and Michael Miller families in succession. Simon's household consisted of one male over 16 and two females over 16. Magdaline Miller, on the ship passenger list was born about 1774, and Simon about 1779, making Magdaline five years older than Simon. It is, of course, possible that she was Simon's wife even if she was that much older, but she may also have been a sister. Anna "Gingering," born about 1784, was also in the family group on the ship. Perhaps both of these women were still living with Simon in 1840. By the time of the 1851 census, Simon was listed in the Peter Miller home as a 73-year-old widower who had died that same year.

THE SIMON MILLER FAMILY OUTLINE MAY BE AS FOLLOWS:

Simon Miller, b. 1778, Hesse Darmstadt(17), Germany
d. 1851, Wilmot Township
Wife: Magdaline Gingerich, b. 1780, Hesse Germany

Children:

- 1) Michael G. Miller (1807-1 Oct 1883)
m. 1831 to Jacobina Nafziger (ca.1813-1879)
dau. of Christian Nafziger and Maria Stalter
This family moved to Davis Co., Iowa
A family list will be found on page 8.
- 2) Peter Miller ca.1798 (according to census and age at time of death)
d. 3 Dec.1855, Iowa
m. to Anna Gingerich
This family also moved to Davis Co., Iowa
A family list will be found on pages 9.
- 3) Anna Miller (ca.1810-ca.1870?)
?m. Joseph Rupp (ca.1800-1873)
Joseph Rupp, an immigrant from France, was married to an Anna, whose maiden name is unknown. We assume Anna Miller may have been his wife. Joseph and Anna remained in Canada, but some descendants emigrated. For the Joseph and Anna Rupp family, see the ROPP/RUPP file.
- 4) Catherine Miller (1813/4-1896)
m. 18 June 1830 to George Jutzi/Iutzi (1801-1882)
son of Christian Jutzi, mother's name uncertain
Catherine and George remained in Canada, but some second generation Iutzis emigrated to the U.S.
For the George and Catherine Jutzi family see the JUTZI/IUTZI/YUTZI file and the *George Iutzi and Catherine Miller Genealogy, 1801-1992* by Maurice

and Velma Witzel, Kitchener, Ontario, 1992.

Additional Comments on the Simon Miller family:

Was Anna "Gingering," age 40, a single woman and perhaps a sister to Simon Miller's wife? A John and Anna Gingerich were in Wilmot, appearing in the land records in the 1830s and were still in the census in 1851. By 1861, John Gingerich, a widower was with the Michael G. Miller family in Davis Co., Iowa.

It is quite certain that Catherine Miller, age 12, when the family migrated to America, became the wife of George Jutzi. What happened to Anna, age 14, is not certain. She would be a good "fit" for Joseph Rupp whose wife's name was Anna. Joseph Rupp, believed to have migrated from Alsace to Pennsylvania in 1818, claimed Lot 14, South Bleam's Road, and although he had not yet built a house in 1830, he qualified for his patent in S. S. Wilmot's survey report. Michael G. Miller married Jacobena Nafziger, daughter of Christian and Maria Nafziger in September of 1831.(18) Peter Miller married an Anna before 1830, but her maiden name and parentage are not known.

As stated above, Simon Miller, a widower, died in 1851. That was also the last census record in which Peter's and Michael's families appeared. In 1835, Peter had obtained the patent to the front 50 acres of his lot from the Crown, and in July of 1853, upon the payment of 93 pounds and 15 shillings, he received his deed from the University of Toronto, for the rear three quarters of the 200-acre lot. In August of the same year, Peter and Anna sold the 200 acres, plus 12 1/2 acres which they had acquired in Block A, to William Scott, the miller of New Hamburg. Both Peter and Michael left mortgages with William Scott, which were paid off in 1855, when Peter certified in writing from Grove, Davis County, Iowa, that Scott had paid his dues of 550 pounds with interest, while Michael certified in writing from "Peleiry" (Pulaski), Davis County, Iowa, that Scott had paid his dues of 312 pounds, ten shillings.(19)

Although Simon, Peter, and Michael had all laid claim to lots along the north side of Bleam's Road in Wilmot, only Peter acquired deeds to his claim. One suspects that they all lived on this lot. By the time of the 1851 census, the Peter Miller family was living in a two-storey brick house, and Simon, although deceased by the time of the census, was listed with Peter. Michael and Jacobena and their family, listed right beside Peter and Anna's family, lived in the one-storey log house.

THE CANADIAN MILLERS WHO EMIGRATED TO IOWA

Peter and Anna Miller's sale of their property in Wilmot Township in 1853 heralded their leaving Canada. In 1854, they purchased land in Bloomfield Township, Davis County, Iowa. The Michael Miller family along with widower, John Gingerich, were listed in Prairie Township, Davis County, Iowa, in the 1860 census. According to the obituary of a daughter, they had come to Iowa in 1852.

In the Wilmot census of 1851, the youngest child in the Michael Miller family was Moses, age five. In the 1860 Iowa census, this child was identified as Moses Nafziger. It is believed that Moses was the son of Jacobina's brother John, who eventually went to Nebraska. John Nafziger may also have been the one who had scouted out this new location for the Millers and Gingerichs.

The Peter Miller family is known to have joined the Apostolic Christian Church, also known as the "New Amish," particularly in areas where they had a number of converts from the Amish Mennonites.(20) It may be that the Michael Miller family also joined this movement, but I have no evidence that they did.

THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL G. MILLER AND JACOBINA NAFZIGER

Michael Miller, son of Simon Miller and perhaps Magdaline Gingerich

b. 1807, Hesse, Germany
d. 1 Oct 1883, Pulaski, IA
m. 11 Sept 1831, Canada

Jacobina/Jacobine Nafziger, dau. of Christian Nafziger and Maria Stalter

(known as Phoebe) b. 1814, Bavaria, Germany
d. 31 Jul 1879, Pulaski, IA, bu. North Pulaski Cemetery

1) Anna/Nancy Miller, b.b. 5 Aug.1832, Wilmot Township
d. 1894, Hickory Co., MO
m. ca. 1853, Canada or Iowa

Christian Zehr, son of Joseph Zehr and Barbara Kennel

b. 29 Mar 1831, Woolwich Township, Canada
d. 17 Mar 1915, Hickory Co., MO

2m. after 1894 to Elizabeth Hofstetter Kuntze (1852-1928)

Four children

2) Magdalena Miller, b.31 May 1835, Wilmot Township
d. 7 Aug.1912, Hayes Co., NE
m. 1854

Daniel S. Christner, b. Apr. 1830, New Hamburg, ON, Canada

24 Oct. 1894, Hayes Center, Hayes Co.,NE.

Eleven children

3) Marie/Mary Miller, b. 22 Apr 1836, Wilmot (Hamburg, Canada in Obituary)
d. 31 Aug 1925, Morton, IL (living with a daughter)
m. 1853; 2m. 11 Nov.1854, Pulaski, Davis Co., IA

Christian Stevig, b. 1 Oct.1833, Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin, France
d. 13 mar.1907

Daniel Kinsinger, b.

d. ca.1913, Davis Co., IA

Two children to first marriage, eleven to Kinsinger marriage

4) Lisbeth/Elizabeth Miller, b. ca.1837, Wilmot
(May be listed William Augspurgr's list as born in 1857
m. to ? Kinsinger)

5) Catherine Miller, b.31 May 1840,Wilmot; d. Prairie, David Co.,, IA
m. 8 Sept.1857, Pulaski, IA

Peter Kinsinger b. 13 July 1834, Bavaria, Germany, d. Prairie, Davis Co.,IA

Eleven children

6) Barbara Miller, b. 22 May 1842, New Hamburg,ON; d. 1917, Prairie,Davis Co.

m. 12 Feb.1860Prairie, Davis Co., IA
Christian AE. Augspurger, b. 1835, Germany or Switzerland (21)
d. 14 Aug.1897, Pulaskie, Prairie, Davis IA
Four children

7) David Miller, b. 1844, Wilmot Township

8) Lydia Miller, b. 7 Apr 1846, Wilmot Township
d. 23 Sep 1916, Milford, NE
m. 1 Apr 1875

David Bender, son of Jacob Bender and Magdalena Brenneman
b. 2 May 1832, Lancaster Co., PA
d. 12 Oct 1912, Milford, NE

No children

David had previously been married to Lydia Miller,
dau. of Christian Miller and Catherine Nafziger.

THE FAMILY OF PETER AND ANNA MILLER

Peter Miller, b. ca.1798, _____ Germany (according to census)
ca.1810 (according to ship passenger list)
d. 3 Dec. 1855, Pulaski, Davis Co., IA

Anna Gingrich b. 1808; d. 1 Oct. 1896
2m. 18 Dec 1862 to Jeremiah Miller (1m. Elizabeth Livengood)

1) Samuel Miller, b. 1827 Wilmot Township, Canada
d. 12 Aug. 1857, Davis Co., IA (of typhoid)
m. Lena Kinsinger

Samuel owned a sawmill; was executor for his father's estate.

2) Catherine Miller, b. ca.1828, Wilmot
d. Pulaski, IA?
m. before 1848, Canada

John Nafziger, son of John Nafziger and Catherine Gingerich
b. ca.1818, _____ France
d. Pulaski, IA?

Had three children by the time of the 1851 census in Wilmot.
Purchased 160 acres in Section 24, Grove Township, Davis Co., IA in 1853.

3) Christian Miller, b. ca.1830, Wilmot; d. ?
m. 19 Dec 1854, Davis Co., IA (by Joseph Goldsmith)
Frances Lehman, dau. of John and Frances Lehman

4) Michael Miller, b. 16 Dec 1832, Wilmot
d. 20 Nov 1926, Pulaski, Davis Co., IA
m. 16 Feb 1856, Davis Co.

Barbara Kinsinger, dau. of Christian Kinsinger? and Elizabeth Sommer?
b. 1832; d. 1930, Davis Co., IA

5) John Miller, b. ca.1835, Wilmot
m. Magdalena _____

6) Magdalena Miller, b. 1838, Wilmot
m. 26 July 1856, Davis Co., IA
Jacob Gingrich b. 11831, Penna.; d. 1912, Morton, IL

son of Peter S. Gingerich and Helena/Magdalena Miller

- 7) Daniel (David in 1851 census) Miller, b. ca.1843
- 8) Marie/Mary Miller, b. 14 Feb 1847, Wilmot
d. 25 Apr 1823, Milford, NE
m. 25 Aug 1863, Davis Co., IA (by Christian Kropf)
Joseph Schlegel, Jr., son of Joseph Schlegel and Madeleine Peterschmidt
b. 17 Nov 1837, Rheinfelderhof, Rustenhardt, Alsace, France
d. 25 Dec 1913, Milford, NE
(See the SCHLEGEL, Joseph file for further details on this family)
- 9) Joseph Miller, b. ca.1850, Wilmot; d. 13 Mar. 1855

CHRISTIAN MILLER, ANOTHER EARLY IMMIGRANT TO CANADA

The origin of Christian Miller, born in 1806, and married to Catherine Nafziger in 1829 in Canada, is not known. Perhaps he came from Switzerland. According to the local newspaper, Christian Miller, a young man from Wilmot, made or was going to make a trip to Switzerland.(22) The Christian Miller born in 1806 may still have been considered young in 1835, but he also had a wife and four very young children. If these Christian Millers were the same person, it might confirm a Swiss place of origin.

Wherever Christian Miller came from, he did marry Catherine Nafziger, daughter of Christian and Maria (Stalter) Nafziger, and by 1830 they had a son whom they named John. In 1830, they were the occupants of Lot 7, North Bleam's Road, on the west side of the lot claimed by Catherine's parents. This lot had originally been claimed by John Gingerich, and Christian Miller had his name on Lot 25 at the west end of North Bleam's Road. The early settlers did a lot of "lot-swapping," and it must have been difficult for the administrators of the settlement to keep track of them.

Christian Miller was ordained to the minisgtry - probably about 1829 before Bishop Peter Nafziger left for Ohio. He was also ordained bishop, but the date is not known. Records of two marriages he performed have been found -- one in 1842 another in 1844. A historian reported that he "made the trip to Pennsylvania with horse and buggy to preach the gospel to the churches."(21) Perhaps his making a trip to Switzerland, as suggested earlier, was not out of character for this Christian Miller. He may have had some of the same characteristics as his father-in-law Christian Nafziger.

As was the case with many other Wilmot Amish Mennonites, Christian Miller received his patent to the front 50 acres of his lot from the Crown in 1835. At the same time, Christian registered his intent to purchase the remaining 150 acres from King's College. On March 15, it was reported in the *Deutscher*

Canadier that Christian Muller, Bishop of the Amish Mennonites, had died on March 10. This left Catherine with ten children between the ages of two and twenty.

Evidently, the University was not informed of Christian's death, and in 1855 a deed was issued in his name for the rear three fourths of the lot, having paid 93 pounds and 15 shillings. In 1845, Christian and Catherine had sold one acre to Francis Feaser, an innkeeper, and in 1859, the executors of Christian Miller's estate sold the remaining 199 acres to Jacob Hallman.

Of the ten children in the Christian Miller family, only two were males. John the oldest, married Barbara Helmuth, but died about 1860 at the age of 30. Christian Jr. was born in 1845, migrated to the U.S. where he married Barbara Stauffer and died in 1925 in Los Angeles, California.(24)

Catherine did not appear in the 1861 census. According to daughter Barbara's obituary, her mother died when she was five years old, bringing the date of Catherine's death to about 1852. Daughter Magdalena's fate is not certain, but a careful study of the outline below will reveal that five of the Millers met early deaths. Of these, only Jacobina, married to Christian Gardner, had surviving children. Lydia, married to David Bender died at the age of 38. Only Mary, Christian and Barbara lived into this century. All of Christian and Catherine's children or grandchildren who had survivors emigrated to the U. S.

THE FAMILY OF CHRISTIAN MILLER AND CATHERINE NAFZIGER

Christian Miller, b. 1806, perhaps in Switzerland
d. 10 Mar 1850, Wilmot Township, Canada
m. 1829, Canada

Catherine Nafziger, dau. of Christian Nafziger and Maria Stalter
b. ca.1812, Bavaria
d. 1852, Wilmot

1) John Miller, b. ca.1830, Wilmot
d. ca.1860 "
m.

Barbara Helmuth, dau. of George Helmuth and Magdalena Brenneman
b. 22 Jan 1831, Wilmot
d. 4 Jun 1864 "
2m. 4 Mar 1862, Wilmot
Christian Gingerich (1831-1910)

son of Jacob W. Gingerich and Veronica Litwiller
John and Barbara had resided on Lot 17, South Snyder's Road in Wilmot.
After Barbara's marriage to Christian Gingerich, the property was deeded to
Christian. After Barbara's death in 1864, Christian married Veronica Mayer.

a) Katherine Miller, b. ca.1853, Wilmot (in 1861 census only)

b) Magdalena Miller, b. ca.1855, Wilmot
d. 5 Oct 1881, East Zorra Township
m. 7 Apr 1874, Wilmot

Christian L. Zehr, son of Joseph Zehr and Maria Lichti
b. 1851, Wilmot
d. 28 Jul 1824, U.S.A.

Christian's 2m. 6 June 1882, East Zorra
to Anna Kennel (1862-1927)
dau. of John Kennel and Magdalena Schweitzer

(See the ZEHR file for further details on this family)

2) Magdalena Miller, b. ca.1832, Wilmot Twp.

No doubt, Magdalena was the first wife of Jacob Bender and that her age in
the census record or her date of birth in the Bender genealogy, given as
1838, is incorrect. Magdalena, the wife of Jacob Bender died on May 14, 1857.
A daughter Maria, born in 1854 died in 1855. A son Noah was born in 1856 and
died a month and ten days after Magdalena. Jacob remarried to Christena
Schlegel.

3) Mary Miller, b. 8 Mar 1833, Wilmot
d. 16 Feb 1913, Wayland, Iowa
1m. ?

2m. 13 Mar 1860, East Zorra (by Joseph Ruby)
Samuel Bender, son of Jacob Bender and Magdalena Brenneman
b. 21 Feb 1826, Hesse, Germany
d. 24 Oct 1857, East Zorra, bu. 19th Line Cemetery

John N. Roth, son of John Roth and Magdalena Nafziger
b. 21 Sep 1837, Germany?
d. 24 Aug 1904, Noble, IA

Migrated to Iowa

(See the BENDER and ROTH files for further details)

- 4) Catherine Miller, b. 1834, Wilmot
d. 25 Feb 1857, "
m. 5 Sep 1854, "
John Buerge, son of Jacob Buerge and Elizabeth Grieser
b. 24 Mar 1832, Wilmot
d. 28 May 1920, Harrison, MI
2m. Anna/Nancy Gingerich (1840-1920)
dau. of Jacob S. Gingerich and Catherine Honderich
(See the BIRKEY/BUERGE file for further details)
- 5) Lydia Miller, b. 1835, Wilmot
d. 7 May 1873, Trenton Co., IA
m. 28 Jan 1855, Canada
David Bender, son of Jacob Bender and Magdalena Brenneman
b. 2 May 1832, Lancaster Co., PA
d. 1912, Milford, NE
2m. Lydia Miller (1846-1916)
dau. of Michael Miller and Jacobena Nafziger
(See the BENDER file for further details) (25)
- 6) Jacobena Miller, b. 1839, Wilmot
d. 1860
m. 20 Apr 1858, Wilmot
Christian Gardner, son of Michael Gardner and Maria Stutzman
b. 1835, Wilmot
d. Aug 1895, Lancaster, MO
2m. Mary Gingerich (ca.1840- ?)
dau. of Peter S. Gingerich and Magdalena Miller
3m. Jacobina Kropf (1845-1913)
dau. of Christian Kropf and Mary King
(See the GARDNER file for further details)
- 7) Elizabeth Miller, b. 1842, Wilmot
d. 19 May 1864, East Zorra
m. 6 Oct 1863 (by Joseph Ruby)
Jacob M. Bender, son of John Bender and Catherine Miller
b. 4 Jun 1842, Wilmot
d. 14 Jul 1914, bu. East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery
2m. Mary Ruby, dau. of Joseph Ruby and Magdalena Roth
No known child for Elizabeth.
- 8) Christian Miller, b. 8 July 1845, Wilmot
d. 26 Dec 1925, Los Angeles, CA
m. 1869

Barbara Stauffer, d. Oct 1924
Sons Elmer and Titus, died in infancy
son Omar Edom, d. 1902, daughter-in-law and granddaughter survived him.
Five nephews and four nieces also survived him. (from obituary)
- 9) Anna Miller, b. July 1846, Wilmot
d. 8 Nov 1864, East Zorra Township, Oxford County
In the 1861 census, Anna was living with Daniel and Fanny (Roth) Bender in
East Zorra. Bishop Joseph Ruby reported her death of T.B. at age 17 years,
4 months, and 7 days. She was likely buried in one of the East Zorra

cemeteries, but there is no tombstone.

(continued)

- 10) Barbara Miller, b. 11 Oct 1847, Wilmot
d. 1 Aug 1918, Wayland, Iowa
Barbara's obituary states she was five when left an orphan. She accompanied a sister (must have been Mary) to Henry County, Iowa in 1873. She was unmarried but raised a foster daughter, Jessie who married Levi Wenger, who had two daughters, Gladys and Mildred. She was survived by one brother (Christian), six nephews and four nieces.(26)
- 11) According to Christian's obituary he was the youngest of 11 children, but we can account for only 10. He was supposed to have two brothers -- we found only one.

ADDITIONAL MILLERS IN CANADA

Maria (also known as Polly) **Miller** was the wife of **Christian H. Erb**, an immigrant from France. They were married ca.1822, probably in Pennsylvania. Maria was born in October of 1800 in Pennsylvania, but her parentage is not known. It may be that she was a sister to Christian Miller, married to Catherine Nafziger.(27)

Helena/Magdalena (or Lena) **Miller** and her husband **Peter S. Gingerich** came to Canada with one son in the late summer of 1831. It is not known whether they married in Germany or in Pennsylvania. Lena's parentage also is not known. Peter and Lena lived in Wilmot and East Zorra townships, moving to Stiles, Iowa in 1872 or 1873, taking their family with them -- unless some of the family had preceded them.(28)

One finds several other Miller families in the census records of Wilmot Township, and some of them may have been Mennonite, but have not turned up in Amish Mennonite congregations.(29)

Christian Miller, born about 1812 and listed as "Swiss" in the census record, appeared with his family on Lot 4, Concession IV, North Easthope in the 1851 and 1861 census records. His wife was Barbara Christner. Her parents were from Florimont, upper Alsace and were considered Mennonite rather than Amish. Not much is known concerning the descendants of this family except that one granddaughter married Henry Nicklas of East Zorra, whose mother was a Christner from an Amish-Mennonite family.(30)

AMISH MENNONITE MILLERS IN FRANCE, WITH DESCENDANTS IN CANADA

Christian Muller and Pierre/Peter Muller appeared on a list of applicants for passports, dated February 22, 1819. Jacob and Magdalena Kropf with three children, Christian and John Erb, Joseph Rothacker, and Christian Sommer were

the other persons on this list. The Muller's place of residence was given as Selestat.

On March 20, 1819 a passport was issued to Christian Muller and his brother Pierre/Peter, age 24. The passport contains the seal of the Mayor of Soussure (Saulxures?) Vosges, but is issued in Strasbourg.(31) Christian and Peter along with their siblings Moses, Andrew, and Barbaa appeared on the passenger list of the Ship *Montgomery* which arrived in Philadelphia on June 18, 1819 (32)

These Miller siblings had a sister Magdalena who was married to George Diener. After the deaths of George and Magdalena, their children migrated to America with the help of their uncles Christian and Andrew. Three of the Diener daughters -- Magdalena, Elizabeth, and Anna came to Canada, although Magdalena (married to Jacob Waltz) did not stay. A brief outline of these Millers/Millers will be found at the end of this MILLER Introduction.

Notes:

1) Hermann Guth, a German researcher, discovered the Schrag application to emigrate which included Catherine Miller. A translation of the document is found in the MILLER, Documents, Notes file.

The 1986 "Revisions" inside the back cover of *The Daniel Schrag Family History & Genealogy* by Keith G. Schrag et al. Kitchener, Ontario, 1981 contains a translation of the 1837 emigration application.

2) National Archives, Washington, D.C., Microfilm Series M-596, Roll #1, passengers arriving in Baltimore, 1 Oct 1824 - 31 Dec 1824 (4th quarter).

3) For more details on the settlement in Wilmot Township, see *The Amish and Their Neighbours, The German Block, Wilmot Township, 1822-1860* by Lorraine Roth. Waterloo, Ont.: Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario, 1998.

4) The newspaper stories relating to Dr. Zehr were found in the September 10th and 21st 1839 issues of *Canada Museum*, the German newspaper published in Berlin (now Kitchener).

5) A copy of the Jacob Miller's Will and the correspondence are found in the University of Toronto Archives, Correspondence with Settlers No. A68-0010/040, File Lot 16, South Snyder's Road.

6) This correspondence is found in Boxes 001, 003, 013 of the above collection. Notes on this correspondence are found in the MILLER, Documents, Notes file.

7) A photocopy of the Quit Claim Deed with partial translation is found in the MILLER, Document, Notes file.

8) Christian S. Miller's letters are found in a Peter Graber Collection in the Mennonite Archives at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, and were received from Joe Springer, curator of the Mennonite Historical Library in Goshen.

9) A family list "The Family of Frederick and Sophie (Law) Miller" is found in the MILLER, Documents, Notes file. Two of their daughters married Amish Mennonite spouses.

More Than a Century in Wilmot Township, published by the 1967 Historical Committee of the New Hamburg - Wilmot Township Centennial Committee features a brief history of the Miller homestead and photos of the house, submitted by Beatrice (Miller) Snyder, pages 32,33.

10) For the family of Maria (Miller) and Christian Litwiller, see the *Peter Litwiller and Elizabeth Lichti Family History and Genealogy* by Mary and Earl Litwiller, et al, Petersburg, Ontario, 1998, pages 486-532.

11) For the family of Magdalena (Miller) and David B. Roth, see the *History and a Partial Genealogy of Michael and Magdalena (Lichti) Roth and History and Full Genealogy of John and Catherina (Boshart) Roth* by Alvin Roth, London, Ontario, ca.1973, pages 77-107.

12) For the family of Barbara (Miller) and Jacob Steinman, see *The Family History and Genealogy of Christian Steinman(n) and Veronica Eyer* by the Christian Steinman(n) Family Book Committee, Baden, Ontario, pages 311-318.

13) Mary (Miller) and Moses Schultz's family are also found in the Litwiller genealogy (see Note #7), page 148.

14) For the family of Catherine (Miller) and John B.O. Schmidt, see the *Jacob Schmidt Family History* by Nicholas J. Schmidt, [Milverton, Ontario], 1980, pages 22-24.

15) In their marriage record, both Christian and Elmina were listed as Mennonite, and Christian was designated a minister. They were married by Peter Cober, a Brethren in Christ bishop. Ezra E. Eby indicated Christian was an assistant to Rev. Solomon Eby on the Bethel field of labor.

16) Research on the Veronica and Henry Miller and Christian R. Miller families by Wendy Wild - notes in MILLER , Documents, Notes file.

17) John M. Byler, in his *Amish Immigrants of Waldeck and Hesse . . .* , Bellville, Ohio, 1993, page 102, gives Simon's place of origin as Hesse-Darmstadt, but does not indicate his source of information.

18) Michael and Jacobena's marriage was reported by Johannes Schwartzentruber in a letter dated Sept 11, 1831, to Johannes Gingerich, probably resident of Somerset Co., Pa.

19) University of Waterloo Rare Book Room, Wilmot Township Land Records, Book C2, #106-#109.

20) For information on the Peter Miller family I am indebted to Anne Augspurger Schmidt-Lange of White Plains, New York, Terry Lawson, Moore, Oklahoma, and a manuscript written by the late Lee Schlegel of Milford, Nebraska. The Peter Millers are also mentioned in *Marching to Zion, A History of the Apostolic Christian Church of America, 1847-1982* by Perry A. Klopfenstein, Fort Scott, KS, page 180.

21) Information on the Augspurger marriage from William Augsperger as well as some additional information on the Peter and Anna (Gingerich) Miller family.

- 22) The October 8, 1835, issue of *Canada Museum*.
- 23) "The Amish Mennonites in Canada" by Jacob R. Bender in *A Brief History of the Mennonites in Ontario* by L. J. Burkholder, Markham, Ontario, 1935, page 222
- 24) *Gospel Herald*, May 20, 1926.
- 25) For the Lydia (Miller) and David Bender family, also see *1832 - Bender Family - 1990* by Dorothy L. Bender, Milford, Nebraska.
- 26) Obituary in *Gospel Herald*, August 15, 1918
- 27) See the ERB file for more details on the Christian H. and Maria (Miller) Erb family.
- 28) See the GINGERICH file for more details on the Peter S. and Lena (Miller) Gingerich family.
- 29) Ezra E. Eby, in *A Biographical History of Early Settlers and their Descendants in Waterloo Township, 1895 & 1896, 1971 Edition* by Eldon D. Weber, Kitchener, Ontario (pages 238-241) gives brief accounts of four Miller heads of households who came to Canada from three different counties in Pennsylvania and settled in and around Berlin, with the next generations moving into Woolwich Township and further afield.
- 30) See the CHRISTNER file for more details on this family.
- 31) A translation of this document is found in the *History of the Diener Family* by Menno A. Diener, Arthur, Illinois, 1964, page 18.
- 32) Article by Neil Ann Stucky Levine in *Mennonite Family History*, July 2004.

Additional Items in this File:

"THE CATHERINE MILLER PUZZLE"

"Century Farms," from *More Than a Century in Wilmot Township, 1967* (photocopy of page 32 and photographs, page 333)

"HOUSE BUILT ON THE MILLER HOMESTEAD AT THE WEST END OF BADEN, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SNYDER'S ROAD"

Photo of tombstone of Barbara S. Miller on Baden/Kropf Cemetery, by Bill McComb

"THE FAMILY OF HANS MÜLLER"

"LUDWIG MÜLLER AND MARIE ANNE SOMMER MÜLLER FAMILY"

- Several of their children and their families immigrated to Canada and the United States.

Lorraine Roth
Tavistock, Ontario
November, 2010

THE CATHERINE MILLER PUZZLE

CASE #1:

Catherine Miller, age 13, illegitimate dau. of Jacob Miller, who went to Wilmot "13 years ago," is on the list of Schrags requesting leave from Bavaria to go to Canada in 1837. This document identifies the mother of Catherine as "Barbara W., hired girl in Weissenfels by Pardorf, Munich." (Staatsarchiv Munchen R.A./17130 Landgerichtebersberg. Document noted by Hermann Guth, Saarbrücken, Germany)

The Bender Book gives Catherine Miller's birth as 1824 -- wife of John Bender. This date corroborates with the data given above. From her age at time of death, we arrive at November 1823 as her date of birth.

When Jacob Miller got to Canada, he married Barbara Sommer, and they had one son Christian. Jacob Miller's Will, listed Catherine and Christian as his children. Jacob Bender, father of John, was one of his executors.

Catherine, daughter of Jacob Miller and wife of John Bender, and John Bender signed a Quit Claim to the front 1/4 of the lot formerly owned by Jacob Miller, then by his son Christian Miller, in 1870.

A number of other documents give evidence of a relationship between Catherine Miller Bender and Christian S. Miller, son of Jacob.

Case #2:

"This is from the fi[r]st chapter of Walter A Ropp's Autobiography./The entire book is in my possession./Dr. Robert Earles, Dept. Math, & Statistics, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Mn 56301, home phone: 612-251-0339" (partial copy of Mss. received from Steve Estes 1995)

Quote from page 59: "Mary Ruck, (her kin at Deer Creek all say Rich now,) was born in Bavaria. Her father's name was David Ruch. Her mother's family name, Birky. In 1831 when she was 12 years old she and an older half-sister, Kate Miller, came to America with a Birky family, the father of the Rev. Joe Birky of Tiskilwa. . . In Lancaster they met a family named Bender who came a year before, . . . When they went to Canada, Catherine went along and afterwards married one of their boys. This parting was final here. Grandma was never in Canada and I'm sure her sister never came here. Some of her children came, and father, Aunt Lydia and Fannie and Uncle Chris and Peter were in their land. It's near Tavistock, near the old Ropp home. Father saw the farm they lived on. He didn't think much of it. These Bender cousins, 9 of them, were father's only known relatives on his mothers side." Mary went to Butler County with the Birky family and to Illinois in 1840 where she married Andrew Ropp. (The *Christian Ropp, 1812-1896*, genealogy gives Mary Ruck's date of birth as "1919" and her last name as "Ruh" -- probably both typographical errors. And she was married Peter Ropp, not Andrew.)

How can one reconcile these two stories?

I suppose it is possible that Mary Ruch and Catherine Miller may have been half sisters, although it is rather difficult to figure out how.

If, indeed, the Catherine Millers in the two cases are the same person, then there are two incorrect items in the story of case #2. The Catherine Miller who was married to John Bender was born in 1824, hence was not older than Mary Ruch, but younger. Catherine Miller, the daughter of Jacob Miller, and wife of John Bender was still in Bavaria in 1837; so she did not come to America in 1831.

If Mary Ruch was born in 1819, then she was 12 years old in 1831, which corroborates with the story in Case #2.

I suspect that the two girls, whatever their relationship, were separated in Bavaria, not Lancaster. The oral tradition probably had to find some way to get her to Canada, and decided that getting her there with the Benders was the best way. Since the Benders also got to Pennsylvania in 1831 and went to Canada in 1832, it would have been a possible scenario.

Lorraine Roth
Tavistock, Ontario
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This the printed explanation on a page of 2 Miller home photos.

HOUSE BUILT ON THE MILLER HOMESTEAD AT THE WEST END OF BADEN ON THE SUTH SIDE OF
SNYDER'S ROAD

Jacob Miller (1790-1840) born in Germany, is to have arrived in Canada in 1824. He found his way to Wilmot Township, the central part of which was surveyed that year and laid claim to Lot 16, South Snyder's Road. He acquired the patent (deed) to the front 50 acres in 1835, part of which is now the southwest part of Baden.

Jacob married Barbara Sommer, and in 1830 a son was born to them whom they named Christian. Jacob died in 1840, but Christian and his mother carried on the farming, and with the help of her executors eventually gained the ownership of the remaining 150 acres of the lot in 1853.

By that time Christian was married to Marie Roth, and in 1855, they built a barn and in 1856 a brick house which is still in use.

THE FAMILY OF HANS MULLER

Hans Muller, b. ca. 1710

Living in Nidersberg (not listed in my Atlas), Alsace France in 1740

Wife's name not known

Children of Hans Muller:

- 1) Christian MULLER, d. 24 Nov. 1766, Val de Villé, Bas-Rhin, Alsace, France
m. Marie ADAM, b. ca 1723
Family listed below
- 2) Jakob Muller, b. ca. 1730, Hochburg, Baden Germany
- 3) Hans Muller, b. 1733; d. 1807
m. Anna BERNHARD, b. in Bischheim, Bas-Rhin

THE FAMILY OF CHRISTIAN MULLER AND MARIE ADAM MULLER

Christian Muller, d. 24 Nov. 1766, Val de Villé, Bas-Rhin

Marie ADAM (information on two marriages and children in *MFH* Jan. 2002)

Children of Christian MULLER and Marie ADAM

- 1) Jacob Muller, b. ca.1740, Alsace, France
d. 1781
- 2) Antoine Muller, b. 1749, Alsace
- 3) Ludwig Muller, b. 1750/51, Salm, Bas-Rhin
d. 23 June 1823, Umkirch (near Freiburg), Baden Germany
6/8/23 (*MFH*, Oct.2006)
m. ca. 1777, Salm, Bas-Rhin
Marie Anna SOMMER, b. Sommerhof, Neuviller-la-Roche, Bas_Rhin
d. after Apr. 1816, Baden Germany
(Which death date belongs to Ludwig and which one to Marie Anna?
In the e2006 printout both are listed as died after 1816.
In the printout received in 2008, Ludwig died in 1823)

See next page for this family,

- 4) Peter Muller, b. 1764/65, Alsace
(Census of 1780, Record of Anabaptist families living in County of Ville,
Alsace, page 74, stepchild of Ulrich Schlabach (*MFH* Oct. 2002)
- 5) Anna Muller, b. 1765/66, Urbeis, Bas-Rhin
d. 1814
m. 21 Aug. 1797, La Croix-aux-Mines, Vosges, France
Nicholas ROTH, b. 1760; d. 1840
(Census of 1780, Record of Anabaptist families living in County of Ville,
Alsace, page 74, Anna was stepchild of Ulrich Schlabach, (*MFH* Oct. 2002)

LUDWIG MÜLLER AND MARIE ANNE SOMMER MÜLLER FAMILY

Ludwig MÜLLER, son of Christian Muller and Marie Adam

b. 1750/51, b. Principality of Salm, Bas-Rhin, France

Farmer, weaver, lease-manager, by 1799 in Bourg-Brouch, Bas-Rhin
from 1801 at Palais Near Saulxures, Bas-Rhin
in 1813 at Farm Sainte Croix, near Freiburg, Baden
Germany, with daughter Maria Güngerich
d. 23 June 1823 (MFH Oct. 2006, Umkirch, near Freiburg-im-Breisgau)
m. ca. 1777 at Salm

Marie Anne SOMMER, dau. of Jacob Sommer and Barbara Gerig
b. at Sommerhof, Neuvillerl-la-Roche, Bas-Rhin
d. after Apr. 1816

Children of Ludwig and Marie Anna Sommer Muller:

- 1) Anna MÜLLER, b. 24 Aug. 1778, Salm, LaBroque, Bas-Rhin
d. 3 Jan. 1854, le Saulcy, Vosges, France
m. 31 Dec. 1801, Bourg-Bruche, Bas-Rhin
Johannes KROPF (did not emigrae to America)
- 2) Jacob MÜLLER, b.1779m Salm LaBroque, Bas-Rhin
d. before 1872, Green Township, Wayne County, OH
m. 4 jan. 1813, Badonville, Moselle, Lorraine
Maria Bächler/Bechler, b. 1787, Neuviller, Bas-Rhin
(Emigrated to Ohio in 1818)
- 3) Marie MÜLLER, b. 1780, Salm, LaBroque, Bas-Rhin
d. probably in Baden, Germany
m. ca. 1803 to
Johannes GÜNGERICH (Did not emigrate to America)
- 4) Joseph MÜLLER , b. ca. 1783, Salm, LaBroque, Bas-Rhin
d. 22 Apr. 1870, Mifflin, PA
m. ?
Mary WARYE (no children)
- 5) Christian MÜLLER/MILLER b. 15 Feb. 1784, Salm, LaBroque, Bas=Rhin
d. 26 Dec. 1837, Gordonville, Lancaster Co., PA
m. ca. 1823, Gordonville, PA
Veronica PETERSCHEIM, dau. of Georg Peterscheim and Christina Nissley
b. 22 Feb.1791(discrepancies in dates here and with those
d. 12 Nov. 1857 in Peterscheim genealogy)
(Christian Miller and siblings Peter, Moses, Andrew, and Barbara arrived
in Philadelphia on the Ship *Montgomery* on June 18, 1819, (MGH July 2004)
- 6) Barbara MÜLLER, b. ca 1785, Salm, LaBroque, Bas-Rhin
d. ca. 1832, Stark Co., OH
m. 19 Apr..1808, Saulxures, Bas-Rhin
Jacob SHALLENBERGER
(Emigrated to Ohio in 1819 - see Christian Muller/Miller)
- 7) Magdalena MÜLLER , b. 9 Nov. 1788, Salm LaBroque, Bas-Rhin
d. 17 Mar. 1837, St. Benot-la Chipotte, Vosges
m. 30 Nov. 1808, Saulxures, Bas-Rhin
(Johannes) Georg DIENNER, b. 11 Mr. 1780, Loudrefing, Château-Salins, Mosell
d. 5 Mar. 1833, St. Benoit-la-Chipotte /Moselle
(Children emigrated to America with the help of their uncles Christian and
Andrew Miller. Three daughters came to Canada - only 2 stayed)

- 8) Johannes MÜLLER, b. 24 Sept.1791, Salm, LaBroque, Bas-Rhin
d. 10 June 1818, Sucy-en-Brie, Val-de-Marne, outside Paris
(by drowning in a pond in Boissy-Saidt-Leger, near Sucy)
m. 11 Apr. 1816, Sucy-en-Brie to my Atlas)
Barbara SCHLABACH, dau of Ulrich Schlabach and Marie Adam
d. 9 Oct. 1778, Saales, Bas-Rhin
(did not emigrate to America)
- 9) Peter MÜLLER b. 25 Mar. 1793, Salm, LaBroque, Bas-Rhin
d. 15 Feb. 1869, Wayne Co., OH
m. (perhaps in PA)
Barbara PLANK
(Peter emigrated to America in 1819 - see brother Christian)
- 10) Elisabeth MÜLLER b. 29 Apr. 1795, Salm, LaBroque, Bas-Rhin
d. 14 Feb. 1796
- 11) Moses MÜLLER b. 7 Apr. 1799, Salm, LaBroque, Bas-Rhin
d. 6 July 1871, Long Green, Baltimore, MD
m. 1 June 1825, Lancaster, PA
Nancy Anna JOHNSON
(Moved to Long Green, MD in 1850 (PMH April 2004)
- 12) André/Andrew MÜLLER/, b. 23 Nov. 1803, Bourg-Bruche, Bas-Rhin
Miller d. 11 Jan. 1872, Leacock Township, Lancaster, CO., PA
m. in Lancasgter, PA
Elizabeth STOLTZFUS
(no children)

From a MÜLLER print-out received in 2006 and a SOMMER print-out received in April 2008 from Nancy Burkhard, E. Amherst, NY, with editing by Lorraine Roth

The MÜLLER print-out is found in the MILLER, Documents, Notes file, the print-out "Ancestors of Marie Anne SOMMER" is found in the SOMMER file.

"Ancestors of Magdalena MULLER (an undated print-out) from Nancy Burkhard was also used. The first part of this print-out was Magdalena's marriage to Johannes George DIENNER and their family. This part of the print-out is found in the DIENER file.

This list, titled "LUDWIG MÜLLER AND MARIE SOMMER MÜLLER FAMILY" supersedes the list obtained by David Kurtz from the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen College in 1994, which is also still found in this file.

Analysis of Miller entries on ship passenger list:

Arrivals in Baltimore during 4th quarter 1824 from Bremen, Germany
as listed on passenger list: as listed in other sources:

Simon Miller, age 45, miller (b. ca.1779)	on Lot 9, N Bleams Rd. in Wilmot in 1830 no house, settling duties not completed (never received patent) listed in Peter Miller house in 1851 census widower, age 73 (b. ca.1778) death in 1851, weakness of old age, in census
Christian <u>Bender</u> , age 28, farmer (b. ca.1796)	on Lot 12, N Bleams Rd. in Wilmot in 1830 m. before July 1829 to Elizabeth Brenneman, dau. of Pre. John Brenneman (Sommer/Jutzi letter of 10 July 1829) d. 1830/31 (Elizabeth listed in 1831 census) Elizabeth 2m. to Peter Gardner
Michael <u>Miller</u> , age 16 (b. ca.1808)	on Lot 26, N Bleams Rd. in Wilmot in 1830 (no house, no settling duties, never received patent) m. Jacobina, b. ca.1813 (1851 Wilmot census) Phoebe (JMByler) (living with John, age 65, & Anna Gingerich, age 71 in 1851 census) (listed as New Menn.) (in 1860 were in Prairie Twp., Davis Co., IA, JMByler)
Peter <u>Miller</u> , age 14 (b. ca.1810) (age in this list must not be correct if the passenger and the settler are the same person)	on Lot 19, N Bleams Rd. in Wilmot in 1830 (had completed settling duties, received patent in 1835, purchased rear 150 acres from U. of T. in 1853) Peter, age 53 (b.ca.1798) in 1851 census wife Anna, age 43, in 1851 census (1854 purchased land in Bloomfield Twp., Davis Co., IA, JMByler) (family was "New Amish", Lee Schlegel)

<p>Magdaline Miller, age 50 (b. ca.1774)</p>	<p>Is this Simon's wife, sister, or other relative? -- not found in other sources</p>
<p>Anna Gingering, age 40 (b. ca.1784)</p>	<p>Identity of this person is not known. She could be the wife of John Gingerich mentioned above, but where was he on the ship passenger list?</p>
<p>Anna Miller, age 14 (b. ca.1810)</p>	<p>Identity of this person is not known. Joseph Rupp came to Canada in 1827 and married an Anna, whose age has not been found in any source. Her first known child was born in 1833. Anna Miller could have been the wife of Joseph Rupp</p>
<p>Catherine Miller, age 12 (b.ca.1812)</p>	<p>The wife of George Jutzi was Catherine Miller, b. 14 Feb 1813. It is quite likely that these Catherines are the same person. George Jutzi and Simon Miller had claimed lots adjacent to each other.</p>

□ □ THE FAMILY OF FREDERICK AND SOPHIE (LAW) MILLER
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Frederick and Sophie Miller lived between Baden and Kitchener. Frederick was Catholic and Sophie Lutheran. Two children from this family married into the Amish Mennonite faith.

- 1) August Miller, b. ca.1855
m. Catherine Zulauf, b. ca.1865

- 2) Christina Miller, b. ___ ___ 1858, Wilmot Township
d. ___ ___ 1935, bu. St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery
m. Oct 30, 1977, Wilmot
Rudolph Jantzi, son of Michael Jantzi and Maria Boshart
b. Oct 16, 1852, Wilmot
d. Oct 25, 1935, bu. St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery
(See the JANTZI file for further details)

- 3) Sophia Miller m. Joseph Norton

- 4) Henry L. Miller, b. ___ ___ 1861, Wilmot
d. ___ ___ 1945, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery
m. ___ ___ ___
Veronica Miller, dau. of Christian S. Miller and Maria Roth
b. ___ ___ 1864, Wilmot
d. ___ ___ 1932, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery
(See the Jacob Miller story for more details)

- 5) Christian Miller m. Catherine Zulauf (widow of August Miller)

- 6) Jacob Miller m. 16 June 1894 to Elizabeth Reibling

- 7) George Miller (not married)

- 8) Henrietta Miller m. George Suggit

- 9) Veronice (Fannie) Miller m. 8 Sept 1896 to John Heubschman
- 10) Peter Miller m. Maude _____
- 11) John Miller m. Josephine Dietrich
- 12) William Miller (either not married or wife's name not known)

□ □ LOUIS (JOSEPH) MULLER
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Note: Information in square brackets [] has been inserted in this outline taken from a list in the Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, photocopied by David Kurtz, received in 1994.

Louis (or Joseph) Muller, b. ? ; d. ?
 married
 to Marie Ann Sommer, b. ? ; d. ?
 Lived in Alsace France. [Valley Salm near Labroque]

Note: List is not in order of birth

- B1 Moses Muller (April 5, 1797-July 6, 1871)
 m. Nancy Johnson
- B2 Andrew Miller* [ca.1804-Jan 11,] 1872)
 m. Elizabeth Stoltzfus (no issue)
 [Andrew was actually the youngest member of the Miller family.]
- B3 John Muller (Sept 24, 1791-)
 m. Marie Schlappach (one child)
- B4 Joseph Muller (-)
 m. Marie Vari (no issue)
- B5 Christian Miller (Jan 15, 1784-Dec 26 1837)
 b. Salm, Commune LaBroque, Dept. Vosges
 m. Fannie Petersheim
 [This marriage was still questioned on the original list]
- B6 Magdalena [Muller (Nov 9, 1788-Mar 17,1837]
 [b. Salm, Bas-Rhin; d. St. Benoit-la-Chipotte, Vosges]

m. Jean George Dienner
Never came to America, but all of their children did.

B7 Jacob [Miller] Sr., m. Marie Peclere [Bechler]
[These were the ancestors of David Kurtz. The photocopy includes another generation.]

B8 Peter [Miller] (Mar 25, 1793-Feb 15, 1869)
m. Barbara Plank

B9 Barbara [Miller] (-)
m. Jacob Shallenberger

B10 Anna [Muller] (-)
m. John Kropf
Never came to America.

*The MILLER file also contains a copy of the article "Dispute and Reconciliation Over Land Among the Lancaster Amish: Miller and Stoltzfus Families" by Paul S. Kurtz in *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage*, Vol. 24, No. 1, January 2001. Since Andrew and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Miller had no children, their estate was distributed to the next of kin which, it seems turned out to be only on the Miller side -- 77 of them -- a list of which appears in the article.

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THE FAMILY OF SIMON MILLER

A group of Millers which appears to be a family, arrived in Baltimore during the fourth quarter of 1824, having set sail from Bremen, Germany. In this group were Simon Miller, age 45, Michael Miller, age 16, Peter Miller, age 14, Magdaline Miller, age 50, Anna Miller, age 14, and Catherine Miller, age 12. Christian Bender, age 28 and Anna "Gingering," age 40, were also listed with this group. It is quite likely that Michael, Peter, Anna and Catherine were Simon's children, but was Magdaline his wife or his sister?

It is likely that the Simon Miller contingent did not go directly to Canada. Michael's naturalization record indicates he arrived in Canada in September of 1826. It is also possible they did not all come at the same time. By 1830, Simon had laid claim to Lot 9, North Bleams Road, but had not completed his settlement duties. He had not even built a house. However, Peter Miller had claimed Lot 19 on the same side of the road, and he had built a house and qualified for his patent. Perhaps the family had concentrated their energies on this lot. Michael Miller's name was on the small lot at the end of North Bleams Road, but no improvements had been made on this lot either. George Jutzi's name appeared on Lot 8, beside Simon's. It is believed that George married Catherine, Simon's daughter. The proximity of these claims might confirm that hypothesis. The Jutzis, however, had not built a house either. Perhaps this whole extended family was living under one roof, although some of them might also have been residing with Mennonites in Waterloo Township and working to earn some cash.

In the 1840 census, which listed only the heads of households by name, listed the Peter, Simon and Michael Miller families in succession. Simon's household

consisted of one male over 16 and two females over 16. Magdaline Miller, on the ship passenger list was born about 1774, and Simon about 1779, making Magdaline five years older than Simon. It is, of course, possible that she was Simon's wife even if she was that much older, but she may also have been a sister. Anna "Gingering," born about 1784, was also in the family group on the ship. Perhaps both of these women were still living with Simon in 1840. By the time of the 1851 census, Simon was listed in the Peter Miller home as a 73-year-old widower who had died that same year.

Anna "Gingering," however, may also have been the wife of John Gingerich. Although it seems strange that his name did not appear on the passenger list. John and Anna Gingerich were in Wilmot, appearing in the land records in the 1820s and were still in the census in 1851. By 1861, John Gingerich, a widower was with the Michael Miller family in Davis Co., Iowa.

It has been suggested above that Catherine Miller, age 12, when the family migrated to America, probably became the wife of George Jutzi. What happened to Anna, age 14, is not known, but Joseph Rupp was married to an Anna -- quite possibly Anna Miller. Joseph Rupp, believed to have migrated from Alsace to Pennsylvania in 1818, claimed Lot 14, South Bleams Road, and although he had not yet built a house in 1830, he qualified for his patent according to the 1830 report.

Michael Miller married Jacobena Nafziger, daughter of Christian and Maria Nafziger in September of 1831. (Johannes Schwartzentruber letter, dated Sept 11, 1831, to Johannes Gingerich, probably resident of Somerset Co., Pa.) Peter Miller married an Anna, but her maiden name and parentage are not known. Their first child was born about 1828.

As stated above, Simon Miller, a widower, died in 1851. That was also the last census record in which Peter's and Michael's family appeared. In 1835, Peter had obtained the patent to the front 50 acres of his lot from the Crown, and in July of 1853, upon the payment of 93 pounds and 15 shillings, he received his deed from the University of Toronto, for the rear three quarters of the 200-acre lot. In August of the same year, Peter and Anna sold the 200 acres, plus 12 1/2 acres which they had acquired in Block A, to William Scott, the miller of New Hamburg. Both Peter and Michael left mortgages with William Scott, which were paid off in 1855, when Peter certified in writing from Grove, Davis County, Iowa, that Scott had paid his dues of 550 pounds with interest, while Michael certified in writing from "Peleiry" (Pulaski), Davis County, Iowa, that Scott had paid his dues of 312 pounds, ten shillings. (Book C2, #106-#109)

Although Simon, Peter, and Michael had all laid claim to lots along the north side of Bleams Road in Wilmot, only Peter acquired deeds to his claim. One suspects that they all lived on this lot. By the time of the 1851 census, the Peter Miller family was living in a two-storey brick house, and Simon, although deceased by the time of the census, was listed with Peter. Michael and Jacobena and their family, listed right beside Peter and Anna's family, lived in the one-storey log house.

THE CANADIAN MILLERS IN IOWA

Peter and Anna's sale of their property in Wilmot Township heralded their leaving Canada. In 1854, they purchased land in Bloomfield Township, Davis County, Iowa. The Michael Miller family along with widower, John Gingerich, were listed in Prairie Township, Davis County, in the 1860 census. According to the obituary of a daughter, they had come to Iowa in 1852.

In the Wilmot census of 1851, the youngest child in the Michael Miller family was Moses, age five. In the 1860 Iowa census, this child was identified as Moses Nafziger. It is believed that Moses was the son of Jacobina's brother John who eventually went to Nebraska. John Nafziger may have been the one who had scouted out this new location for the Millers.

The Peter Miller family, except daughter Mary, is known to have joined the Apostolic Christian Church, also known as the "New Amish," particularly in areas where they had a number of converts from the Amish Mennonites (Lee Schlegel mss and "Marching to Zion", p. 180). It may be that the Michael Miller family also joined this movement, but I have found no evidence that they did.

THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL MILLER AND JACOBINA NAFZIGER

Michael Miller, son of Simon Miller and perhaps Magdaline _____*
b. ca.1808, _____ Germany
d.
m. Sept 1831, Canada

Jacobina Nafziger, dau. of Christian Nafziger and Maria Stalter
b. ca.1811, Bavaria
d.

- 1) Anna/"Nancy" Miller, b. ca.1831, Wilmot Twp.
m. [ca.1853]
d. [before 1894, Wheatland, Hickory County, Mo.]
[Christian Zehr, son of Joseph Zehr and Barbara Kennel]
- 2) Magdalena Miller, b. ca.1834, Wilmot Twp.
- 3) Marie/Mary Miller, b. 22 Apr 1836, Wilmot Twp. (Hamburg, Canada in Obit.)
d. 31 Aug 1925, Morton, IL (living with a dau.)
m. 1853
Daniel Kinsinger, b.
d. ca.1913, Davis Co., IA
14 children

- 4) Lisbeth/Elizabeth Miller, b. ca.1837, Wilmot Twp.
- 5) Catherine Miller, b. ca.1839, Wilmot Twp.
- 6) Barbara Miller, b. ca.1841, Wilmot Twp.
- 7) David Miller, b. ca.1844, Wilmot Twp.
- 8) Lydia Miller, b. 7 Apr 1846, Wilmot Twp.
 d. 23 Sept 1916, Milford, NE
 m. 1 Apr 1875
 David Bender, son of Jacob Bender and Magdalena Brenneman
 b. 2 May 1832, Lancaster Co., PA
 d. 1912, Milford, NE
 No children. David had previously been married to Lydia Miller, dau. of
 Christian Miller and Catherine Nafziger.

*The Magdaline Miller on the ship passenger list was five years older than Simon; so John M. Byler and I questioned whether she was his wife or his sister. Two adult women were living with Simon in the 1840 census, but it gives neither their names nor their status.

THE FAMILY OF PETER AND ANNA MILLER

Peter Miller, son of Simon Miller and perhaps Magdeline _____
 b. ca.1798, _____ Germany (according to census)
 ca.1810 (according to ship passenger list)

Anna _____ b. ca.1808

- 1) Catherine Miller, b. ca.1828, Wilmot Twp.
 d. Pulaski, IA?
 m. Canada

John Nafziger, son of John Nafziger and Catherine Gingerich
 b. ca.1818, _____ France
 d. Pulaski, IA?

- 2) Christian Miller, b. ca.1830, Wilmot Twp.
- 3) Michael Miller, b. 16 Dec 1832, Wilmot Twp.
 d. 20 Nov 1926, Pulaski, IA
 m. 16 Feb 1856, _____
 Barbara Kinsinger, dau. of

b.
d.

4) John Miller, b. ca.1835, Wilmot Twp.

5) Magdalena (or Madalene) Miller, b. ca.1838, Wilmot Twp.
m.

Jacob Gingrich

6) Daniel (David in census) Miller, b. ca.1843

7) Marie/Mary Miller, b. 14 Feb 1847, Wilmot Twp.

d. 25 Apr 1823, Milford, NE

m. 1863, Davis Co., IA

Joseph Schlegel, Jr., son of Joseph Schlegel and Madeleine Peterschmidt

b. 17 Nov 1837, Rheinfelderhof, Rustenart, Alsace, France

d. 25 Dec 1913, Milford, NE

8) Joseph Miller, b. ca.1850

Lorraine Roth

Waterloo, Ontario, July 1999

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