7. BENDER

ORIGINS

The name Binder, the name from which Bender is derived, comes from the occupation of barrel making. It is found in Switzerland but much more common in the Waldeck/Wittgenstein area of Germany (northwest Hesse and Westphalia). Since there were no Benders in the Swiss refugee lists, it may indicate that the Bender family who joined the Anabapists were native Germans rather than Swiss. (1) (See Notes below)

The earliest known Mennonite Bender was "Mannus" Bender. (Perhaps Mannus was the nickname for Hermann.) He came from Siegen and leased the Homrighausen estate near Berleburg from Count Casimir in 1731 (Extra Note 2a)). These places are found west of present-day Hesse in Nordrhein-Westfalen (Westphalia). (2)

In 1737 Bender leased the Billinghausen dairy farm in the Principality of Waldeck, which is now in Hesse. The connection between this Hermann Bender and the Bender immigrants to America are tentative in some cases and have not been established at all in other cases. It is probable, however, that they are all his descendants.

The Amish Mennonite Bender immigrants to Ontario were the Jacob Bender family and three unmarried individuals -- Christian, John D. and Jacobena. The latter was likely the sister of Jacob. Jacob's passport included an unmarried sister, but she was not named. The Benders will be discussed under the following sub-titles in the order in which they arrived in Canada:

1. Christian Bender
2. The Jacob Bender and Magdalena (Brenneman) Family
    a) The John Bender and Catherine (Miller) Family [son]
    b) The Christian Bender and Catherine (Honderich) Family [son]
    c) The Jacob Bender and Magdalena (Miller) and Christena (Schlegel) Family [son]
3. Jacobena Bender Kropf Dotzert
4. John D. Bender

One also finds non-Amish Benders in Canada-Catholics in the St. Clements area and others in Hay Township. Maria Battle, a Schwartzentruber descendant married John Bender (b. 1873, son of Henry Bender, and they raised a family in Dashwood, Ontario. (3)

Berleburg Castle built by Count Casimir of Sayn-Wittgenstein-Berleburg (Germany)
Credit: Stefan Didam

◄ ***The Homrighausen estate in Wittgenstein, Germany, where Herman Bender and other Amish Mennonite leaseholders lived before emigrating to America***

Credit: Picture Postcards from Waldeck
Karl-Wilhelm Westmeier

Wittgenstein fields and woods ►
Benders farmed here
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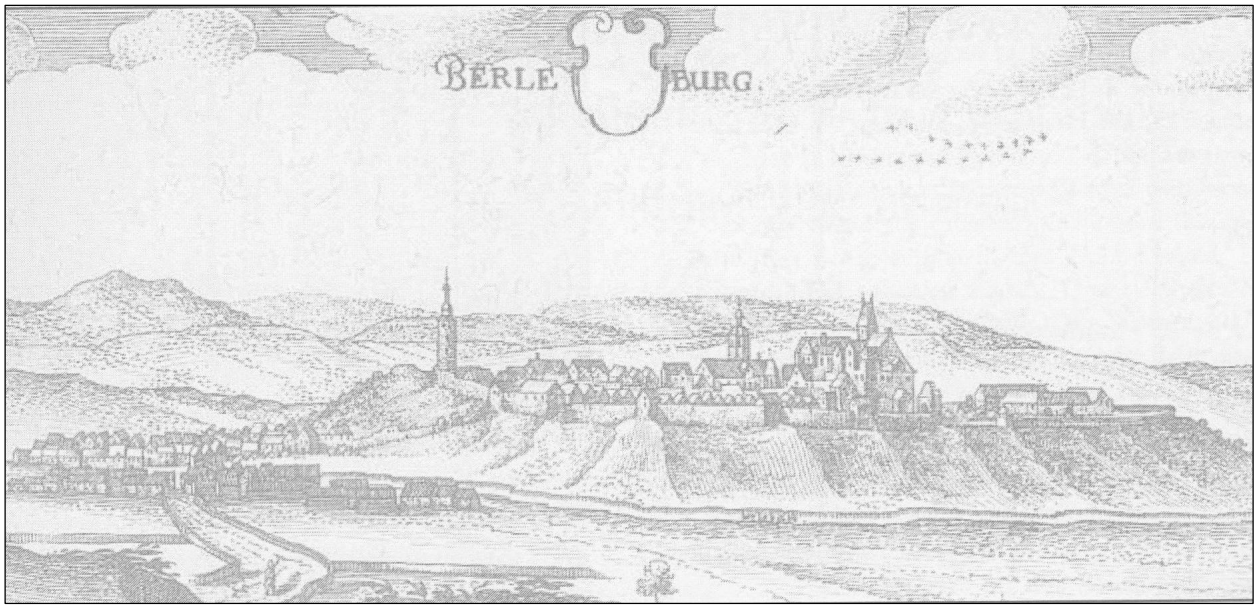

Sketch of Berleburg – 1665

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CHRISTIAN BENDER

This Christian Bender is the least known of all the Bender immigrants. There was a Christian Bender, age 28, among the arrivals in Baltimore between October and December of 1824. The Simon Miller family was in the same group. (4) It is quite likely that this is the Christian Bender who showed up in Canada.

Christian's name was on an 1828 congregational list, probably indicating that he was married and the head of a household. According to an 1829 letter by Peter Sommer, he was married to Elizabeth Brenneman, daughter of Preacher John Brenneman. (5)

Christian claimed Lot 12, North Bleam's Road, in the German Block, the central part of Wilmot Township. This lot was diagonally across the corner from that being settled by the Preacher John Brenneman family. By the time of the 1830 surveyor's report, he had cleared the roadway in front of his lot, had cleared ten acres of land and had built a habitable log cabin.

In 1828, the government of Upper Canada had deeded the rear three fourths of the lots the settlers had claimed in the German Block to King's College (later University of Toronto). This caused a great deal of consternation among the settlers, because the College was going to charge $4.00 an acre rather than the $2.50 which the settlers expected. There was much correspondence to negotiate a suitable settlement. On June 17, 1829, Christian Bender's name appeared at the head of a list of 38 settlers who sent a letter to the Canada Company asking for a quote on prices that the company was charging for "Bush or Wild Lands" (uncleared land).(6) This would then give them some bargaining power with the government and the College.

From 1831 to 1833, the census listed Elizabeth Bender on this lot, indicating that Christian died between the time of the survey in February of 1830 and the census taken in 1831. He left no record of his birth, parentage or place of origin. He also left no issue to keep alive his memory. His widow later married Peter Gardner and remained in the same location. She died in 1844 leaving no children from her second husband either.

John M. Byler believes Christian was a brother to Jacob, the next Bender immigrant to Canada. (7) Although, I don't think he has any documentation to prove it, there is also no documentation to the contrary. Again, the 28-year- old Christian Bender arriving in Baltimore in 1824 would be in the proper age range to be a brother to Jacob, born in 1791.

The known and presumed data concerning Christian Bender and his wife Elizabeth Brenneman is as follows:

Christian Bender, b. ca.1796? in Germany
d. 1830/31, Wilmot Twp., probably bu. at Wilmot Centre
m. ca. 1827, Wilmot Twp.
Elizabeth Brenneman, dau. of Preacher John Brenneman (mother's name not known)
b. 23 Mar 1800, Hesse, Germany
d. 23 Dec 1844, Wilmot Twp., probably bu. at Wilmot Centre
Elizabeth 2m. to Peter Gardner

No surviving children.

NOTES:

1) *Daniel Bender Family History* ed. by Lucy Beachy. Published by the Bender Book Revision Committee, Grantsville, MD, 1985, page 12.

2) *Amish Mennonites in Germany* . . . by Hermann Guth. Illinois Mennonite Historical and Genealogical Society. Published by Masthof Press, Morgantown, PA, 1995, pages 112,113.

2a) Read the interesting article of the problems encountered by Hermann Bender because of wild game damaging his crops on the land he leased from Count Casimir. *The Berleburh Documents: Count Casimir of Sayn-Wittgenstein-Berleburg and Amish Leasehold Hermann Bender* by Karl-Wilhelm Westmeir in the April 2013 issue of Mennonite Family History, published Masthof Press, 219 Mill Road, Morgantown, PA 19543-9516. The July 2012 issue of Mennonite Family History also contains an article referring to a lease signed by Hermann Bender with Count Casimir, *The Homrighausen Estate in Wittenstein*, also by Karl-Wilhelm Westmeir.

3) This family is mentioned in *Christian Schwartzentruber, Magdalena Shoenbeck, 1743-1956…* Section 1, Michael Shwartzentruber and Magdalena Oswald, (by Major Peter Swartzentruber, Westmoreland, N.Y. page 39.

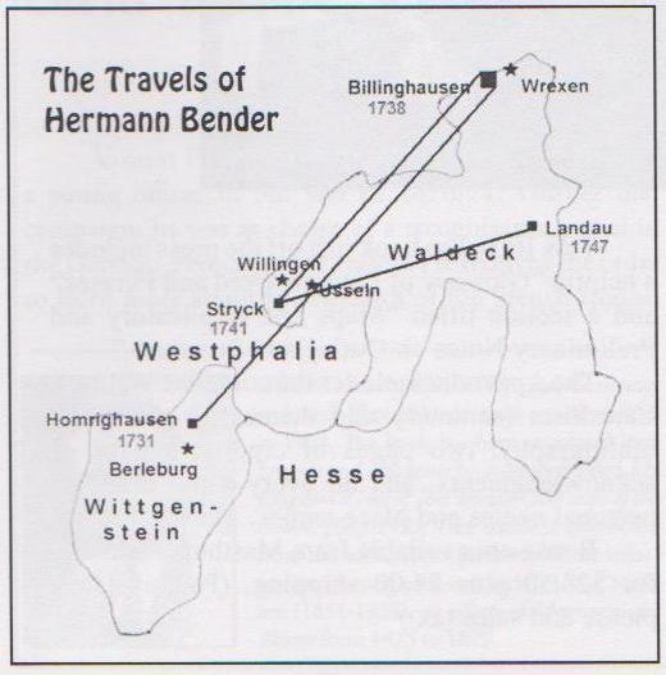
4)National Archives, Washington, D.C., Microfilm Series M 596, Roll #1

5) Peter Sommer letter from Waterloo on the Grand River to Christian Iutzi at Mittelhof, an estate farm near Feslberg, south of Kassel, Germany, dated 1 May 1829. (Transcription and translation in "Sommer/Iutzi Letters" file.)This letter is part of the Olga Kennel/Christian Iutzi Letter Collection (OKCILC.27).

6) National Archives of Canada, RG5, A1, Vol. 94, pp. 52844-46, Film #C-6868

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

7) *Amish Immigrants of Waldeck and Hesse* . . . by John M. Byler. Bellville, OH, 1993, p. 25.



In 1731, Herman Bender signed a lease with Count Casimir for Homrighausen Estate in Wittgenstein. Homrighausen, tucked deep into the forests north of Berleburg (castle), was not only a princely estate, but was also a refuge for religious dissendents including Amish Mennonite families in the 1700's. The woods covering the steep hills surrounding the estate constituted a favourite hunting reserve for Count Casimir of Sayen-Wittgenstein-Berleburg. Herman Bender did move from place to place in the area of Waldeck and Westphalia, as the map on the left shows

Credit: Picture Postcards from Waldeck
Karl-Wilhelm Westmeier

THE JACOB BENDER AND MAGDALENA (BRENNEMAN) FAMILY

JACOB BENDER AND HIS EXTENDED FAMILY

In his Bible register, Jacob identified his father as Jacob Bender. (1) Hermann Guth found Jacob Bender as the leaser/manager of a farm at Bodenhausen, northwest of Kassel. (2) Young Jacob failed to record his own birth date in the family Bible. His passport gives his place of birth as Bodenhausen.

The following is a possible list of the Jacob Bender Sr. family: (3)

THE JACOB BENDER SR. FAMILY

Jacob Bender, leaser/manager of a farm at Bodenhausen, northwest of Kassel, Germany
m. wife unknown

Children:
1) Maria Bender, b. 1782
m. 1803 to Daniel Brenneman, b. 1769, son of Nikolaus Brenneman
migrated to America in 1825 (did not come to Canada)

2) Johannes Bender, b. ca.1786 d. Apr. 1833, Butler Co., Ohio
m. 1814 at Wohra to Maria Brenneman, dau. of Jacob Brenneman and Anna Gingerich
migrated to America in 1832

3) **Jakob Bender**, b. 1791 at Bodenhausen, near Kassel
m. 1816 at the Fiddemuhle to Helena/Magdalena Brenneman
dau. of Samuel Brenneman and Marie Schwartzentruber
migrated to Pennsylvania in 1831; to Canada in 1832

4) **Christian Bender**, b. ca.1796?; d. 1830/31, Wilmot Township
m. ca.1827 in Wilmot/Waterloo to Elizabeth Brenneman, dau. of John Brenneman
immigrant to Canada in 1824?

5) **Jacobena Bender**, b. ? ; d. before 1857
1m. to Jacob Kropf Jr., 1838, Wilmot Twp.,
2m. ? to Conrad Dotzert
probably Jacob Bender's
"unmarried sister,"
included, but not named in his passport (1831) (she does not appear on ship passenger list)

The Hof Sorge, near Burg-Gemünden, Hesse, Germany ►

This was the residence of Jacob and Magdalena Bender and family before leaving for Canada. The buildings are built around a central courtyard.

(photo by Lorraine Roth 1992)

JACOB BENDER MARRIES AND TAKES UP FARMING IN HESSE, GERMANY

Jacob Bender recorded his marriage to Magdalena Brenneman on the "Fittemol" (Fiddemuhle) on March 30, 1816. The German records usually call her Helena, but the family records give her name as Magdalena or Lena. The Fiddemuhle, near the town of Rauschenberg is located north and east of the city of Marburg. It was the location of the Samuel Brenneman family of which Magdalena was a daughter. Samuel Brenneman was a minister and bishop in the Amish Mennonite church, although in Hesse they were simply called Mennonite without the "Amish." Samuel's brother Johannes Brenneman became one of the earliest pioneers and ministers in Wilmot Township in what was then known as Upper Canada (arriving in Penna. in 1820; in Canada in 1823).

The oldest building on Hof Sorge in 1992
(photo by Verna Schwartzentruber)

Early in 1817, the Hof (farm) Bellnhausen became available. It consisted of 333 "Ackers" of land, 137 "Ackers" of meadows, and 18 1/2 "Ackers" of gardens. (How these "Ackers" compared with our acres is not known.) A barn had burned a few years previously, and because of the losses sustained during the Napoleonic Wars in 1813, the previous owner could not make up the lease payments. This farm is located near Itzhain (4) and lies to the north east of the Fiddemuhle. Jacob's father-in-law and Magdalena's uncle Jacob Brenneman, helped him with the security deposit. (5)

The children of Jacob and Magdalena Bender registered in the state church book at Itzain during the next few years were Johannes in 1817, Christian in 1820, Maria in 1822, and Samuel in 1824. All the dates agree with those recorded in the family Bible except Maria's. The church book has her born January 10, the Bible January 11.

Samuel Brenneman took over the lease of the Hof Bellnhausen in 1823, but Jacob and Magdalena probably remained there at least another year, because Samuel was born there in 1824. His death in 1825 was not registered, nor the birth of the second Samuel in 1826, nor the birth of Barbara in 1828.

At the time of son Jacob's birth in 1829, the family was living on the Hof Sorge near Burg-Gemünden.(6) According to the Bible record another son was born and died in Germany, but the registrations were not recorded at Burg-Gemünden, although the family was living there when they acquired their passport, dated 10 May 1831. The passport was issued in Giessen, south of Marburg. (7)

The Manor House at the Fiddemühle as it appeared in 1992. The Fiddemühle, located near Rauschenburg, Hesse, Germany, was the residence of Samuel and Marie (Schwartzentruber) Brenneman, the parents of Magdalena Brenneman. Jacob Brenneman and Magdalena Brenneman were married here in 1816.

(Photo by Verna Schwartzentruber, 1992)

The farm complex at the Fiddemühle

Samuel Brenneman was the farmer, and his family would have lived in a dwelling house on this complex – not in the manor house. There had been a mill near this location, but it is no longer in existence.

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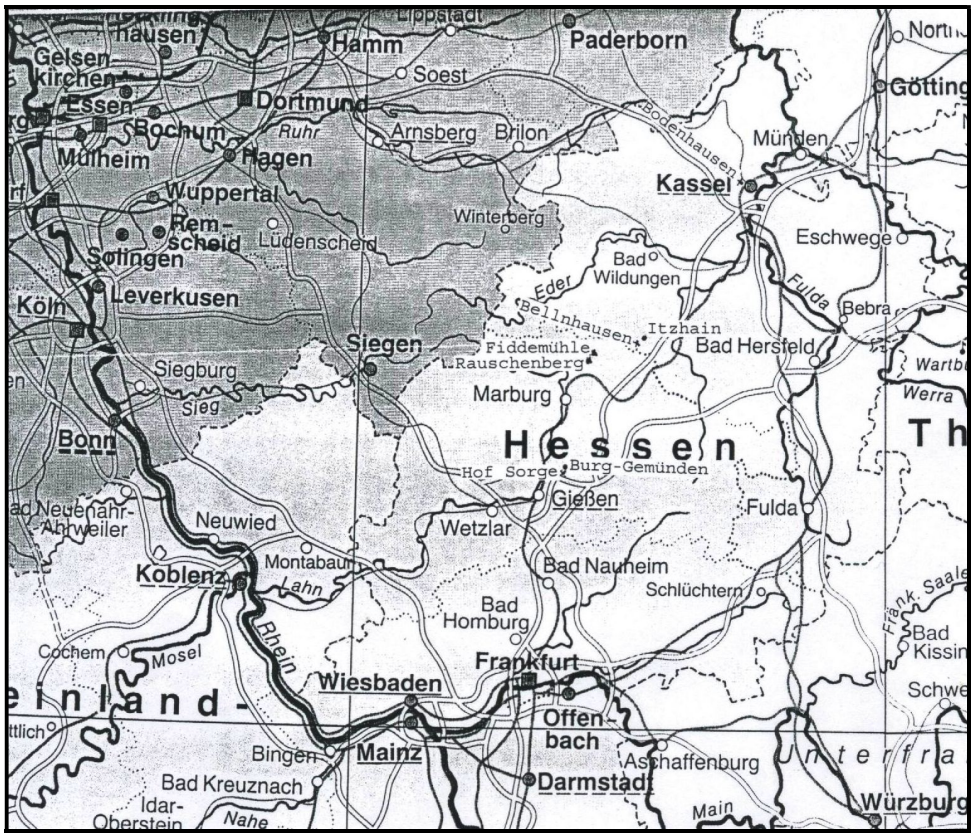


Bender Residences, near Kassel, in Hesse, Germany

- Bodenhausen, located on the northwest side of the city of Kassel, was the birthplace of Jacob Bender in 1791
- Fiddemühle, near Rauschenburg, was the residence of the Samuel Brenneman family. This is where Jacob Bender and Magdalena Brenneman were married
- Bellnhasen, near Itzhain – This was the residence of the Jacob Bender family from 1817 – ca.1824.
- Hof Sorge, near Burg-Gemünden – This was the residence of the Jacob Bender family from 1828 – 1831.
- Jacob Bender's passport was issued at Gießen/Giessen.

BOUND FOR AMERICA

In the family Bible Jacob recorded that they left the "Helnheuserhof" in August of 1831 to go to America. No doubt, this is a misspelling of Bellnhauserhof which Magdalena's parents were still leasing and on which they were probably living. Jacob probably took his family back to the Bellnhauserhof to say good-bye. Samuel, Magdalena's father, died in 1834.

The Bender family sailed on the Ship *Juno* from Bremen, Germany, to New York. Jacob gave the date of arrival as November 12. The passenger manifest gave the November 14 as the date. This list is one of the cases where Magdalena was called Helena. The Gardner family who also came to Canada was on the same ship. There were also Schlabachs and Nahrgangs. The Schlabachs were probably Amish Mennonite but did not come to Canada. The Nahrgangs were not Mennonite but were from the same town as the Gardners and did come to Canada. (8)

By the time the Bender family landed in New York, winter was at the door and Magdalena was pregnant. The family remained in Pennsylvania until after the birth of their son David in May of 1832.

ESTABLISHING A HOME IN CANADA

When the Benders got to Wilmot, the land on the east side of the Nith River was largely settled. According to the 1830 survey report, a Jacob Nafziger had claimed Lot 26, South Bleam's Road. Nafziger was not a permanent settler; so when Jacob Bender arrived, he was able to acquire that lot and was granted the Patent (deed) from the Crown for the front 50 acres in 1835, in spite of the fact that he was not the first claimant. Neither was he in Canada the required seven years before obtaining land ownership. (9)

Jacob and his family created a home on the west bank of the Nith River, known to the early settlers as Smith's Creek. Two more children were born -- Daniel in 1835, Barbara in 1837. In 1843, Jacob died suddenly (we do not know the circumstances) and without a Will. According to a note in the university file, John Bender gave notice on July 29, 1844 of the death of his father and that he being the oldest son had his father's estate in his hands under arrangement with the rest of the family. Jacob, however, had not yet purchased the remainder of the lot. The University of Toronto had received the land on which these Mennonite settlers were living from the government as an endowment; so it was the university that the settlers had to deal with regarding the rear 150 acres of their lot. On December 29, 1851, John wrote, or probably had someone write for him the following letter. (spellings per original copy)

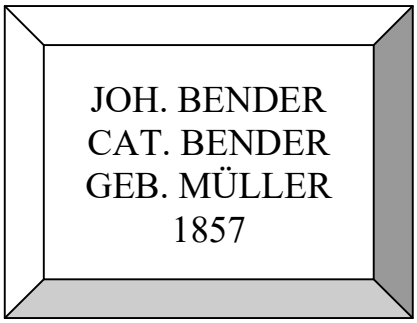
"I Beg leve to call your attention to Standing of the Rear 3/4 Lot No. 26, South Side Bleams Road in this township the Balance on the land you will see is paid in full and I require the deed and am ready to take the necessary steps according to the Rules of your office in the Matter. I am the owner of the land but you will observe that my father's Name stands in your Books. He died very sudent without a will now you will Please give me such instructions in the Matter as will enable me to forward the necessary document to recover my deed. Your imediate attention to this will much oblige.

Your obt. ser. [obedient servant]
John Bender

[John also requested a deed for the
rear 3/4 of Lot 16, South Snider's Road,
his deceased father-in-law's property.]

New Hamburg
Post Office
C. W. [Canada West] (9)

The university granted John Bender a deed in 1852, but it was not registered until 1853. John and his wife Catherine Miller built the large stone house in which several more generations of Benders were raised. The following is inscribed in the gable end of the house:



John Bender
Catherine Bender
born Müller
1857

The executors of Jacob Bender did not issue John a deed for the front 50 acres until 1867.

Jacob died on July 11, 1843. (11) Unfortunately, no one remembers where he was buried and no tombstone has been found. Magdalena died April 7, 1877 and is buried on the East Zorra, 19th Line cemetery. The inscription on her tombstone reads: ". . . Lena Brennimann wife of Jacob Bender . . ." It is not likely that Jacob was buried there because the land was not under Amish-Mennonite ownership until 1857. It was not deeded to a cemetery board of trustees until 1872, but it was likely used for burials before then. It is possible that Jacob was buried on the family farm, but the New Hamburg cemetery was already in use by that time (although not deeded until 1849), and it may be that Jacob was buried there. The cemetery was located on the north side of Bleam's Road, between what is now Wilmot Street and the Nith River flats. In the late 1930s the graves were exhumed and moved to Riverside Cemetery where they are now located in a special pavilion or pergola. Remaining tombstones were imbedded in the walls and floor of this structure. A third possibility would be the Wilmot Centre Cemetery.

Pioneer Bender Residence in Wilmot Township, Ontario, Canada

Jacob and Magdalena (Brenneman) Bender settled on the west side of the Nith River, but it was son John, married to Catherine Miller, who obtained the deed of the property and built the house pictured here

Photo credit:
Vivian (born Peachey)
wife of L. Brian Bender,
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THE JACOB AND MAGDALENA (BRENNEMAN) BENDER FAMILY(12)

Jacob Bender, son of Jacob Bender
b. __ ___ 1791 in Bodenhausen, near Kassel, Hesse, Germany
d. 11 Jul 1843 in Wilmot Township, Canada
m. 30 Mar 1816 on the Fiddemuhle, near Raushenburg, Hesse
Magdalena Brenneman, dau. of Samuel Brenneman and Marie Schwartzentruber
(also Lena or Helena) b. 29 Oct 1797 in Germany [date estimated from tombstone]
d. 7 Apr 1877 in Wilmot Township

Children:

1. John Bender
b. 14 Sep 1817 Hesse, GER
Hof Bellnhausen
d. 14 Sep 1874
Wilmot Twp.
m. 11 Jul 1841
Wilmot Twp.,Can.
Catherine Miller
b. Nov 1823, Germany
d. 1 July 1874
Wilmot Twp.
dau. of Jacob Miller

Grandchildren:

Jacob M. Bender (1842-1914) m. Elizabeth Miller; 2m. Mary Ruby
Christian M. Bender (1845-1908) m. Magdalena Streicher
John M. Bender (1847-1917) m. Catherine Ruby
Magdalena Bender (1849-1889) m. John Streicher
Joseph M. Bender (1851-1915) m. Elizabeth Ruby
Solomon M. Bender (1854-1926) m. Veronica Steinman
Moses M. Bender (1856-1857)
Samuel M. Bender (1859-1930) m. Magdalena Lebold
Mary Bender (1861-1889) m. Joseph K. Yantzi
David M. Bender (1864-1935) m. Barbara Zehr
Noah M. Bender (1866-1894) m. Anna Schwartzentruber

2. Christian Bender
b. 9 Apr 1820 Hesse, Germany
Hof Bellnhausen
d. 5 Sep 1887 SEasthope Twp.
m. 15 Dec 1844*
Catherine Honderich
b. 2 Apr 1828, Wilmot Twp.
d. 7 June 1916
Wilmot Twp.
dau. of Christian Honderich
and Margaret Gingerich

Marie Bender (1847-1921) m. John Schwartzentruber
John H. Bender (1849-1934) m. Barbara Brenneman
Christian H. Bender (1851-1934) m. Catherine Spenler
Catherine Bender (1854-1926) m. Christian R. Zehr
Jacob H. Bender (1856-1932) M. Catherine Streicher
Daniel H. Bender (1860-1942) m. Magdalena Jantzi
Magdalena Bender (1862-1935) m. Daniel K. Yantzi
Joseph H. Bender (1865-1947)m. Catherine Zehr; 2m.Veronica Ropp
Elizabeth Bender (1866-1949) m. Christian I. Zehr
Barbara Bender (1869-1957)
Lydia Bender (1872-1964) m. Noah Roth

**Bishop John Oesch listed this marriage in his records for 1844.*

3. Marie Bender
b. 10 Jan 1822 Hesse, Germany
Hof Bellnhausen
d. 1 Oct 1879 Wilmot Twp
m. 10 Nov 1844 Wilmot
Joseph Jutzi
b. 18 May 1809 Hesse, Germany
d. 3 Jul 1888, Wilmot Twp.
son of Christian Jutzi

Samuel Iutzi (1845-1920) m. Barbara Roth
(Yutzi) 2m. Catherine Brenneman
Magdalena Jutzi (1847-1926) m. Christian Kropf
Catherine Jutzi (1850-1927) m. Daniel Roth
Barbara Jutzi (1852-1883) m. Christian Steinman
Christian Jutzi (1855-1928) m. Anna Roth
Joseph Jutzi (1857-1878)
Mary Jutzi (1860-1931) m. John L. Mayer
John B. Jutzi (1862-1939) m. Elizabeth Jantzi
Jacob Jutzi (1866-1921) m. Leah Jantzi

4. Samuel Bender
b. 3 Mar 1824 Hesse, Germany
Hof Bellnhausen
d. 1825

5. Samuel Bender
b. 21 Feb 1826, Hesse, Germany
d. 26 Oct 1857, E. Zorra Twp.
m. 8 Mar 1850
Mary Miller
b. 8 Mar 1833, Wilmot Twp.
d. 12 Feb 1913, Wayland, Iowa
dau. of Christian Miller
and Catherine Nafziger

Catherine Bender (1853-1917) m. Daniel Boshart
2m. Benedict Wenger
Mary Bender (1856-1880)
[*Mary Miller Bender Roth's obituary states there were 5 children born to this marriage. No records of the other 3 have been found*.]

Mary 2m. 13 Mar 1860 to John N. Roth
(6 children and one foster daughter)

6. Barbara Bender
b. 14 Oct 1828
d. 1829 Hesse, Germany

7. Jacob Bender
b. 10 Jul 1829* Hesse, Germany
Hof Sorge
d. 12 Dec 1902, E. Zorra Twp.
1m. 15 Feb 1853
Magdalena Miller
b. 1838
d. 14 May 1857
Probably dau. of Christian Miller
and Catherine Nafziger

*date of birth from church record at Burg-Gemunden

Maria Bender (1854-1855)
Noah Bender (1856-1857)

2m. 28 Mar 1858
Christena Schlegel
b. 30 Dec 1838, SEasthope Twp
d. 7 July 1915, E. Zorra Twp.
dau. of Nicolaus Schlegel
and Barbara Roth

Barbara Bender (1860-1925) m. Nicholas Ruby
Christian S. Bender (1861-1887) m. Anna Kennel
Jacob S. Bender (1862-1927) m. Barbara Schwartzentruber
Magdalena Bender (1868-1944) m. Henry Brenneman
Nancy Bender (1879-1960) m. David K. Sommer
[registered as Anne C. Bender, born 22 Jul 1879]

8. Infant Son
b. 4 Oct 18[30]
d. 18__, Hesse, Germany

9. David Bender
b. 2 May 1832, Lancaster Co.,PA
d. 10 Oct 1912, Milford, Neb.
1m. 29 Jan 1855
Lydia Miller
b. ___ ___ 1835 Wilmot Twp.
d. 7 May 1873 Milford, Neb.
dau. of Christian Miller
and Catherine Nafziger
2m. 1 Apr 1875
Lydia Miller
b. 7 Apr 1846, Wilmot Twp.
d. 23 Sep 1916, Milford, NE
dau. of Michael Miller
and Jacobina Nafziger

Mattie Bender (1856-1918) m. Joseph Stauffer
Leah Bender (1858-1901) m. John Maurer
John M. Bender (1860=1945) m. Barbara Miller
Mary Bender (1863-1947) m. Alexander Stutzman
David Aaron Bender (1865-1957) m. Mary M. Hansen
Emanuel Bender (1867-1952) m. Elizabeth Roth
Amanda Bender (1870-1945) m. Nicholas Edward Roth
[*obituary mentions another son*]

[*no children to second marriage*]

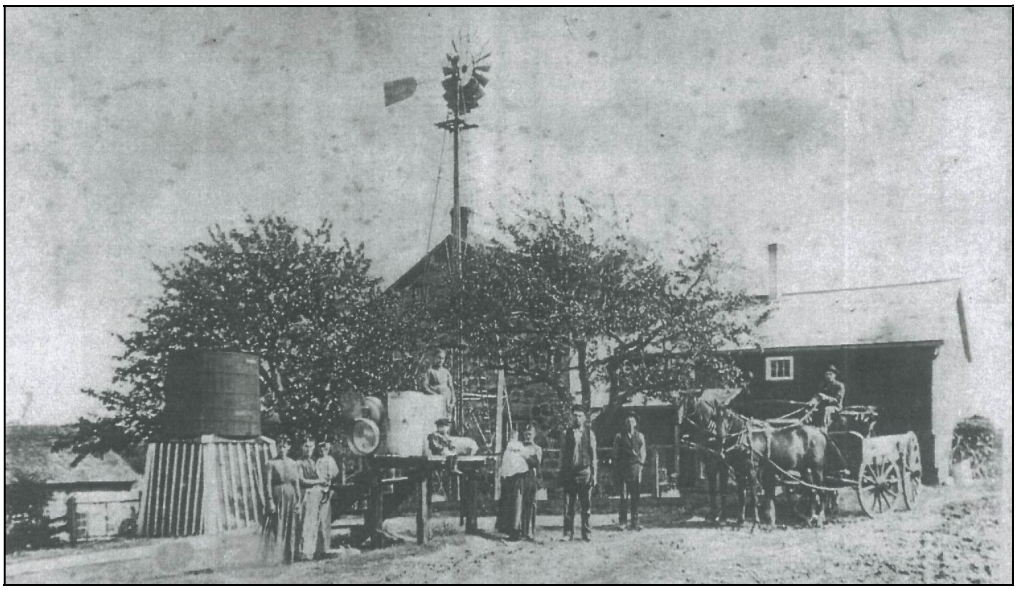
10. Daniel Bender
b. 28 Apr 1835
Wilmot Twp.
d. 31 May 1920
Elkhart Co., Ind.
m. 23 Mar 1858
Veronica Roth
b. 23 Feb 1839
Alsace, France
d. 15 Jun 1912
Elkhart Co., Ind.
dau. of John Roth and
Magdalena Nafziger

Son (Daniel?) (7 Sep-4 Oct 1859)*
Mattie Bender (1860-1938) m. Ben J. Miller; 2m. Jacob H. Miller
Christian R. Bender (1863-1930) m. Anna Miller
2m. Elizabeth Guengrich
Anna Bender (1865-1890) m. Henry Schwartzentruber
Mary Bender (1867-1927) m. Emanuel J. Miller
Noah R. Bender (1870-1940) m. Katie N. Gingerich
Daniel R. Bender (1872-1941) m. Susie Mast
Menno R. Bender (1874-1942) m. Ida May Bender
Ezra R. Bender (1877-1956) m. Sarah Hochstetler
2m. Lena Schweitzer
Lydia Bender (1880-1904) m. Edward Gingerich
**recorded by Bishop Joseph Ruby*

11. Barbara Bender
b. 16 Nov 1837, Wilmot Twp.
d. 16 Dec 1927, SEasthope Twp.
m. 2 Feb 1858
Nicolaus Schlegel
b. 30 Jul 1833, Heimsbrunn,FR
d. 16 Apr 1896, SEasthope Twp.
son of Nicolaus Schlegel
and Barbara Roth
Nicolaus 2m. Nancy (Yantzi) Erb

Magdalena Schlegel (1860-1933) m. Christian Kipfer
Nicolaus Schlegel (1862-1929)
Barbara Schlegel (1864-1865)
Jacobena Schlegel (1867-1868)
Jacob Schlegel (1869-1930) m. Catherine Ruby
Christian Schlegel (1872-1908) m. Annie Yantzi
Catherine Schlegel (l874-1956) m. Daniel R. Yantzi
Joseph Schlegel (1877-1971) m. Leah Bast
Aaron Schlegel (1882-1957) m. Barbara Sommer

The basic outline of this family was taken from the 1946 Bender genealogy. (11)



Bender Homestead – Children and grandchildren of Joseph M. and Elizabeth Bender
L-R: Katie, Lena, Olive, Annie, Norman, Lucinda, Barbara, Christian, Ezra (taken in 1907)

THE SECOND GENERATION OF THE JACOB BENDER FAMILY FIND HOMES

It has already been pointed out that **John Bender**, the oldest son, acquired the Bender homestead in Wilmot Township. He married Catherine Miller, believed to be the daughter of Jacob Miller, a settler on Snyder's Road at what is now the west end of Baden. Some folks in Illinois claimed her as a relative, putting her identity into question. (13)

It appears that John may have considered leaving the homestead, or perhaps he was thinking of investing for the next generation. In 1849, John, Samuel and Jacob signed lease contracts with the Canada Company in Hay Township. Samuel and Jacob were not yet married, but John already had three sons. John leased Lot 14, Concession XI, Samuel Lots 15 and 16, Concession XI, and Jacob Lots 13 and 14, Concession X. By 1854, all of these leases had been transferred to other settlers, and this Bender clan remained in Wilmot or in townships close by.

John's lease in Hay Township was transferred in 1854, and in 1857 the large stone house was built overlooking the Nith River in Wilmot. It is still occupied in 2000. John and Catherine (or Katie) remained here the rest of their lives. They are buried in the cemetery on the 19th Line, East Zorra, where John's mother is buried. John Bender's executors deeded the homestead to son John who deeded it to his brother Joseph M. Bender, who occupied it until 1917. A John and Catherine (Miller) Bender family list and their residences will be found in the following pages.

Christian Bender married Catherine Honderich in 1844 (according to Bishop John Oesch's marriage record). Christian had already leased the north half of Lot 27, Concession I, in Block A of Wilmot Township from the Canada Company in 1840, acquiring the deed in 1848. In 1874 he also purchased the north half of Lot 25 in the same concession and about three acres of the north part of Lot 28. In 1881 he purchased the north half of Lot 24, Concession II, also in Block A.

Christian, however, had already gone farther afield as early as 1855 when he purchased the east half of Lot 32, Concession XV, in East Zorra Township, Oxford County. In 1887, Christian and Catherine sold the farm on Lot 25 (Con. I, Block A.) to their son Christian H. and the one on Lot 24 (Con. II, Block A) to son Jacob H. At the same time, the East Zorra farm was sold to John H. No doubt, these sons had already been resident on these farms from the time of their marriage or when Christian purchased them. Joseph H. acquired the home farm on Lot 27 and the three acres of Lot 28 (Concession I) from his father's estate in 1893. The farm on Lot 27 is still in the family at the beginning of the 21st century. Christian and Catherine are buried in the 19th Line Cemetery, East Zorra. A Christian and Catherine (Honderich) Bender family list and their residences will be found on the following pages.

Marie Bender married **Joseph Jutzi**, and they purchased Lot 11, North Bleam's Road in Wilmot. They are buried in the Wilmot Centre Cemetery, a short distance west of their home. (14)

It was mentioned above that **Samuel Bender** had leased property in Hay Township. The same year (1849) he also signed a lease contract with the Canada Company for the west half of Lot 30, Concession XVI, in East Zorra Township, Oxford County. These two properties are almost 50 miles apart! In 1850, he married Mary Miller, granddaughter of the Christian Nafziger who negotiated for part of Wilmot Township for the Amish Mennonites wishing to emigrate from Europe. Samuel and Mary probably took up residence on the lease in East Zorra. In 1852 and 1854 he had the Hay Township leases transferred, and in 1857, Samuel died and was buried in the cemetery on the 19th Line, East Zorra. In his will, Samuel bequeathed a third of his estate to each of his survivors -- Mary and the two daughters. If the children died, Samuel's brothers and sisters were to receive their portion. Mary was to have the use of the house for three years and after that, eight acres in the north angle of the lot "for her use forever." Mary's needs changed somewhat when she married John N. Roth. The executors sold him the property in 1861. In 1866, John N. and Mary sold the East Zorra farm and joined Samuel's brothers, David and Daniel and their families in their move to northern Indiana. David's wife was Lydia Miller, sister to Mary, now John N. Roth's wife. Daniel's wife was Veronica Roth, a sister of John N.; so these families were doubly related. Mary and John's final destination was Wayland, Iowa. (15)

Jacob Bender had his leases in Hay Township transferred in 1851 and purchased the west half of Lot 32, Concession XVI, East Zorra, from Joseph Wutherich (Wittrig), relinquishing it again in 1852. Jacob then married Magdalena Miller, probably a sister to Mary who had married Samuel Bender. In 1854 (or 1859?)

Jacob purchased the east half of Lot 35, Concession XV. Magdalena died in 1857. The following year Jacob married Christena Schlegel, daughter of Nicolaus and Barbara (nee Roth) who lived across the Townline in South Easthope Township. In 1868 Jacob also purchased the west half of Lot 36. In 1886 he sold 1/8 acre to Charles Weicker who built a blacksmith shop at the corner of the 16th Line and the Townline. Jacob was ordained a deacon in 1871 and a minister in 1883 for the East Zorra Amish Mennonite congregation. Jacob and Christena are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. Son Jacob S. Bender purchased the farm from his father's estate in 1906, and it was in the family for another three generations. A Jacob and Magdalena (Miller) and Christena (Schlegel) Bender family list and their residences will be found on the following pages.

David Bender married Lydia Miller, a sister to Mary, Samuel's wife -- hence also a granddaughter of Christian Nafziger. David received Jacob Egli's transfer on the east half of Lot 32, Concession XV, East Zorra, in 1854. He acquired the deed from the Canada Company the same year. In 1866, David and Lydia sold this lot to the Jantzis of Wilmot and left for northern Indiana. Their final destination was Milford, Nebraska. Their farm was located four miles west of Milford. After the death of Lydia, Daniel married another Lydia Miller. Their mothers were sisters, but their fathers were not known to be related. Daniel and the two Lydias are buried in the East Fairview Mennonite Cemetery. (16)

Daniel Bender married Veronica (Fannie) Roth, sister to John N. Roth, who married Samuel's widow. Veronica and John's mother was a Nafziger, but no relation to Christian, the leader of the Amish to Canada. Daniel purchased the west half of Lot 27, Concession XV, East Zorra in 1859. In 1866 Daniel and Veronica sold the property to Christian Ruby and moved to Elkhart County, Indiana, where they remained the rest of their lives.

Daniel and Veronica purchased a farm on County Road 35 about 1867. Their son Noah and his wife Katie (nee Gingerich) became the next owners, followed by their daughter Esther and her husband. In 1996 it was owned by their daughter Katie and her husband. Daniel and Veronica (Fannie) are buried in the Clinton Union Cemetery from which one has a view of the Bender farm.

It is interesting to note that David and Lydia Bender replaced Jacob Egli in 1854 -- the year when several Amish Mennonites in South Easthope and East Zorra sold their properties and moved west. Several of them went to Iowa, but may have stayed briefly in Indiana or Illinois. Then 12 years later (1866), the two Bender brothers and John and Mary Roth were again pulling up stakes and following the trek westward. (17)

Barbara Bender married **Nicolaus Schlegel**, son of Nicolaus and Barbara (nee Roth) Schlegel of South Easthope, and they acquired the Schlegel homestead (Lot 11 and part of Lot 12, Concession IV). They are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. (18)

NOTES:

1) The Jacob Bender Bible with its family register is located at the Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana. A transcription of the German was made by Nelson Springer, librarian, in 1977, and a translation by Lorraine Roth in 1986. A copy of the translation follows in an abbreviated form below and is also found in the Document files. Digital files in full form are in the care of Bruce W. Jantzi who may be contacted at bwjantzi@gmail.com

2) *Amish Mennonites in Germany* . . . by Hermann Guth, p. 113. Guth does not note the two generations of Jacob Benders, and mistakenly suggests that Jacob married to Helena Brenneman was the leaser\manager.

3) This list has been arrived at by piecing together information in Guth and Byler. I have included Jacobena Bender who was married to Jacob Kropf, because a "sister" of Jacob Bender was included in his passport, although her name did not appear on the ship passenger list -- unless I missed it.

4) Itzenahin also appears as Itzhain on maps.

5) "The Family of Samuel Brenneman and Marie Schwartzentruber Documentation at Hof Bellnhausen in Kurhessen" by Anne Augspurger Schmidt-Lange, in *Mennonite Family History*, Vol. XX, No. 3, July 2001, pp. 164-171. An excellent description of the farm at the time the Benders and Brennemans leased it is found on pages 169 to 171. Photocopies are found in the Documents file.

6) A photocopy of Jacob's birth record is found in the Document file.

7) The original passport is in the Archives of the Mennonite Church, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana. A photocopy and translation are found in the Documents file. A copy of the passport was published in *The Joseph M. Bender Family* by Delmer and Lauretta Bender et al, [New Hamburg, Ontario, ca.1987], page 2. A copy of the passport is found in the Documents file with its transcription and translation is also be found here. Digital files are in the care of Bruce W. Jantzi who may be contacted at bwjantzi@gmail.com

8) Microfilm Series M-237, Roll #15. A photocopy of the passenger list is found in the Documents file.

9) Crown Patents were to be issued only to settlers who had claimed them by 1830 and deeds were not issued to persons who were not yet Canadian citizens. Citizenship could not be obtained until after residing in the country for seven years. No doubt, Jacob Bender slipped in with the group of earlier settlers, and no one challenged him.

10) University of Toronto Archives, #A68-0010/047, File SBR Lot 26; /001, B 1851, Jan-Dec (6); /008, K 1852 (1); /013, K 1853 (1).

11) The date of Jacob's death was given in an Affidavit in the correspondence and documents listed in Note #10. In his Preface to the Bender genealogy listed in the following note, Jacob R. Bender states that Jacob “died in Preston with heart trouble.” Perhaps he died while on business about his land.

12) The latest outline of the Jacob and Magdalena (Brenneman) Bender family was taken from the latest edition of the Jacob Bender genealogy- *The Genealogy of Jacob and Magdalena Bender, Record of Descendants until the year of our Lord 1946*, Third Edition, by Jacob R. Bender. Tavistock, Ontario, Canada. In several cases the births of the first generation are corrected from the list in the Jacob Bender Bible located in the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen College. That record was not available to Jacob R. Bender when he compiled the 1946 edition. Some birth records have now been found in the state church records of Germany. See the article by Anne Augspurger Schmidt-Lange cited earlier. The church records at Itzhain and the Bible record agree except for Maria's date of birth, which is given as January 10 in the church record and January 11 in the Bible. The birth record for Jacob gives his date of birth as July 10, 1829. Photocopies of the article and of Jacob's birth record are found in the BENDER Documents file.

13) I have tried to sort out the two traditions of Catherine Miller's story in "The Catherine Miller Puzzle" which is found in the BENDER file.

14) For a history and genealogy of Marie Bender and Joseph Jutzi, see the *Joseph Jutzi and Marie Bender Family History and Genealogy* by Joseph Jutzi Family Book Committee, Chairman Rufus Jutzi, Waterloo, Ontario, 1995.

15) For the Mary (Miller) Bender and John N. Roth family, see the ROTH file, pages 41,42.

16) For more details on the David Bender family see *1832 - BENDER FAMILY - 1990* [by Dorothy Bender, Milford, Nebraska]

17) Daniel E. Hochstetler, a descendant of Daniel and Veronica (Roth) Bender has done much research on the family but, to my knowledge, has not published a genealogy. His address in 2005 is 1102 South 13th Street, Goshen, IN 46526-4416

18) For Barbara (Bender) and Nicolaus Schlegel and for Jacob and Christena (Schlegel) Bender, see *The Family History and Genealogy of Nicolaus and Barbara (Roth) Schlegel* by Henry and Mae Yantzi, New Hamburg, Ontario, 1986.
- Jacob and Christena (Schlegel) Bender, pages 99-121
- Nicolaus and Barbara (Bender) Schlegel, pages 45-65

19) *Amish Immigrants of Waldeck and Hesse,* by John M. Byler, published 1993 by John M. Byler, 7219 T.R. 82, Bellville, Ohio 44813. This book contains pertinent information for the Bender families referred to in this Introduction; see pages 25-31

THE FAMILY OF JOHN AND CATHERINE (MILLER) BENDER

John Bender, son of Jacob Bender and Magdalena Brenneman
b. 14 Sep 1817, Hof Bellnhausen, Itzain, Hesse, Germany
d. 14 Sep 1874, Wilmot, bu. 19th Line East Zorra
m. 11 Jul 1841, Wilmot

Catherine Miller, dau. of Jacob Miller
b. Nov 1823 (1824 in Bender Genealogy), Germany
d. 1 Jul 1874, Wilmot, bu. 19th Line East Zorra

Children:

1) Jacob M. Bender
b. 4 Jun 1842 Wilmot
d. 14 Jul 1914 SEasthope
1m. 6 Oct 1863 Wilmot
2m.11 Oct 1864 SEasthope
Elizabeth Miller
b. Apr 1843* Wilmot
d. 19 May 1864 E. Zorra
dau. of Christian Miller
and Catherine Nafziger
Mary Ruby
b. 10 Feb 1845 SEasthope
d. 2 Feb 1916 SEasthope
dau. of Joseph Ruby
and Magdalena Roth

Grandchildren:

Magdalena Bender (1866-1886)
John R. Bender (1867-1952) m. Annie Zehr
Catherine Bender (1869-1947) m. Peter S. Zehr
Mary Bender (1871-1926) m. John Lebold
Joseph R. Bender (1873-1948) Bena Zehr *photo and comments below*
Jacob R. Bender (1875-1947) m. Fannie Schwartzentruber
David R. Bender (1878-1963) m. Barbara Wagler
Christena Bender (1880-1920) m. Joseph Baechler
Barbara Bender (1883)
Annie Bender (1884-1938) m. Noah Ramseyer
Lydia Bender (1886-1940) m. John B. Schwartzentruber
Sarah Bender (1890-1972) m Joel Schwartzentruber

**calculated from age at time of death*
1842 in Bender genealogy

2) Christian M. Bender
b. 29 Jun 1845 Wilmot
d. 2 Jun 1908 E. Zorra
m. 2 Mar 1869
Magdalena Streicher
b. 3 Jun 1848 Wellesley
d. 22 Jan 1924 E. Zorra
dau. of Leonard Streicher
and Barbara Kennel

Emma b. 1868 (1881 census)
Moses Bender (1869-1897) m. Magdalena Zehr

3) John M. Bender
b. June 1847 Wilmot
d. 7 May 1917 E. Zorra
m. 28 Mar 1871 SEasthope
Catherine Ruby
b. 14 Nov 1846 SEasthope
d. 26 Jul 1927 E. Zorra
dau. of Joseph Ruby
and Magdalena Roth

Anna Bender (1872-1945)
Joseph J. Bender (1875-1958) m. Catherine Kropf
John J. Bender (1878-1948) m. Rebecca Wagler
Samuel J. Bender (1881-1949) m Veronica Baechler
Moses Bender (1885-1974) m. Catherine Roth

4) Magdalena Bender
b Aug 1849 Wilmot
d. 4/5* Apr 1889 SEasthope
m. 13 Jun 1875 SEasthope
John Streicher
b. 2 Dec 1852 Wellesley
d. 11 Nov 1940 SEasthope
son of Leonard Streicher and Barbara Kennel

- Solomon Streicher (1877-1964) m. Jacobena Yantzi
- Barbara Streicher (1885-1888)

John Streicher 2m. 5 Jan 1890 to Leah Lebold (two sons)

**Civil Registration, Apr 4; tombstone Apr 5*

5) Joseph M. Bender
b. 15 Jan 1851 Wilmot
d. 2 May 1915 Wilmot
m. 28 Sep 1875 SEasthope
Elizabeth Ruby
b. 31 Oct 1852 SEasthope
d. 19 Apr 1929
dau. of Joseph Ruby and Magdalena Roth

- Daniel Bender (1877-1923) m. Barbara Iutzi
- John Bender (1878-1970) m. Magdalena Zehr
- Joseph Bender (1880-1904)
- Solomon Bender (1882-1957) m. Rachel Jutzi
- Christian Bender (1884-1964) m. Fannie Erb
- Magdalena Bender (1886-1977/8*) m Noah Z. Wagler
- Aaron Bender (1888-1919) m. Delila Ruby
- Ezra Bender (1890-1969) m. Katie Lebold
  2m. Clara (Ruby) Bender
- Catherine Bender (1893-1972) m. Christian Lebold
- Annie Bender (1895-1988) m. Christian Baechler

6) Solomon M. Bender
b. 14 Jun 1854 Wilmot
d. 16 Nov 1926 E. Zorra
m. 12 Dec 1876 Wilmot
Veronica Steinmann
b. 31 Aug 1855 Wilmot
d. 6 Jan 1937 E. Zorra
dau. of Daniel Steinmann and Elizabeth Gardner

- Daniel Bender (1877-after 1908) m. Catharine Ann Stauffer
- Jacob Bender (1880)
- Noah S. Bender (1881-1961) m. Magdalena Ruby
- Susanna Bender (1884-1906) m. Aaron Brenneman
- Aaron 2m. Catherine Erb
- Mary Bender (1885-1966) m. Elias R. Ruby
- Catherine Bender (1888-1984) m. Amos Baechler
- Moses Bender (1890-1895)
- Simon Bender (1894-1985) m. Mary Schwartzentruber
  2m. Ida Bender

7) Moses M. Bender
b. 1856 Wilmot
d. 6 Nov 1857 Wilmot

8) Samuel M. Bender
b. 3 Jun 1859 Wilmot
d. 10 May 1930 Baden
m. 9 Jan 1883 Wilmot
Magdalena Lebold
b. 8 Dec 1859 Wilmot
d. 8 Jan 1929 Baden
dau. of Christian Lebold and Barbara Roth

- Leah Bender (1884-1915) m. Jacob B. Jutzi
  Jacob's 2m. Fannie Gascho
- Sarah Bender (1885-1983) m. John B. Yutzi
- Allen Bender (1889-1966) m. Magdalena Jantzi
  2m. Laura (Oesch) Brenneman
- Catherine Bender (1896-1981) m. David S. Steinmann

9) Mary Bender
b. 19 Jul 1861 Wilmot
d. 3 Sep 1889 E. Zorra
m. 15 Feb 1881 Wilmot
Joseph K. Yantzi
b. 10 May 1852 Waterloo
d. 27 Jun 1926 E.Zorra
son of Michael B. Yantzi and Jacobena Kennel

- Veronica Yantzi (1882-1953) m. Amos Z. Birkey
- John B. Yantzi (1887-1959) m. Catherine Schwartzentruber

Joseph's 2m. Mary (Lichti) Kropf - (five step-children)
Joseph's 3m. Anna (Schwartzentruber) Bender widow of Noah M. Bender - (four step-children; two sons)

10) David M. Bender
b. 28 Jan 1864 Wilmot
d. 29 Mar 1935 E. Zorra
m. 6 Dec 1887 E. Zorra
Barbara Zehr
b. 20 Feb 1869 E. Zorra
d. 13 Sep 1938 E. Zorra
dau. of Peter Zehr
and Jacobena Schlegel

Jacobena Bender (1889-1959) m. Noah Lichti
Peter Bender (1891-1973) m. Lydia Brenneman
Anna Bender (1897- 1987) m. Simon Helmuth
Catherine Bender (1899-1982) m. Joel Albrecht

11) Noah M. Bender
b. 1866 Wilmot
d. 28 Sep 1894 E. Zorra
m. 18 Dec 1888 E. Zorra
Anna Schwartzentruber
b. 11 Feb 1869 E. Zorra
d. 1 May 1934 E. Zorra
dau. of John Schwartzen-
truber and Anna Sommer

Nancy Bender (1889-1972) m. Christian R. Yantzi
Katie Bender (1891-1950) m. Christian K. Bender
John Bender (1893/4-1968)
Mary Bender (1895-1988) m. Joseph Z. Baechler
Joseph's 1m. Christina Bender

Anna 2m. 18 Feb 1900 Joseph K. Yantzi
(two sons)

RESIDENCES OF CHILDREN OF JOHN AND CATHERINE (MILLER) BENDER

John Bender purchased several lots in East Zorra between 1855 and 1870. It is quite likely that **Jacob M. and Elizabeth (Miller) Bender** settled on the west half of Lot 35, Concession XV (on the 15th Line), because they eventually got ownership of this farm in 1876. In 1868, Jacob and his second wife Mary Ruby purchased the west half of Lot 36 (about 22 acres) from the Michael Roth estate. Michael was Mary's maternal grandfather. In 1878, Jacob and Mary exchanged ownership of their property with that of Mary's parents in South Easthope (Lot 13, Concession IV) -- almost directly across the Townline. Joseph and Magdalena Ruby bought the East Zorra property for others of their children, and Jacob and Mary moved in with her parents on the South Easthope farm.

Jacob had been ordained deacon in 1871 and minister in 1883 in the East Zorra Amish Mennonite Church. Evidently Bishop Joseph Ruby requested the ordination of a replacement after the death of his wife in 1887, and his son-in-law Jacob M. Bender was chosen. Joseph lived another ten years. In 1888, Jacob M. purchased the adjacent lot to the east and installed his son John R. Bender on it, selling it to him in 1904. The Joseph Ruby homestead was sold to son Jacob R. Bender in 1915, who sold it to son Wallace in 1943. It was in the Bender family until Doreen (Bender) and Douglas Shantz sold it in 1996. Jacob and Mary are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. (1) (see Notes below)

In 1870 and 1872, John Bender had purchased the east half of Lot 36 (25 acres), and the east half of Lot 35 (100 acres), both in Concession XVII, and installed his son **Christian M. Bender** on these adjacent properties. The laneway, entering on the Townline, crossed Lot 36, and the buildings were built on Lot 35. Christian was also a multi-talented man. Probably sometime in the 1800s, he convinced his neighbours to organize a community cheese factory, which took on the name "German Union Cheese and Butter Company." Christian had it built at the entrance to his laneway -- the house on one side, the factory on the other. He didn't sell the land on which it was built, but charged a modest yearly rental fee. Christian was also frequently asked to serve as executor for the estates of his neighbours -- both Amish Mennonite and others.

Christian's name appeared as the author of "*Die Amischen Mennonites in Canada*" in a little paper called *Familien-Kalender* in 1903. Perhaps it was Christian himself who was the historian, or maybe he served as the writer for his older brother Jacob who was the bishop of the East Zorra congregation. In any case, this

concise little account of the beginnings of the Amish-Mennonite congregations in Canada, no doubt, served as the basis for later histories.

Christian outlived his only son Moses; so he willed the farm to his grandson Christian Z. Bender with instructions for the care of his wife Magdalena for the remainder of her life. Christian Z. also died an early death. The farm eventually was taken over by his youngest son Christian who farmed it until he sold it and moved into the Durham area.

Christian M. and Magdalena Bender were members of the East Zorra Amish Mennonite Church and are buried in the church cemetery on the 16th Line. (2)

John M. Bender married Catherine Ruby, sister to Mary, Jacob M. Bender's second wife. In 1874, John M. and Catherine purchased one of John's father's farms in East Zorra (Lot 32, W 1/2, Con. XV), but in 1877 they sold it brother Solomon and purchased the north part of both Lots 27 and 28 (a total of 100 acres), to the west of the Bender homestead in Wilmot. The farm buildings are on Lot 28 with the laneway between the 7 & 8 Highway and Punkeydoodles Corner. In 1915, John and Catherine sold the farm to their son Joseph J. and his wife Catherine (nee Kropf). They farmed it until 1956 when they sold it to David Lichti, a neighbour and Bender relative. John and Catherine are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line

Magdalena Bender married **John Streicher** from Wellesley, and convinced him to move closer to her family. In 1887 they purchased Lot 18, Concession IV in South Easthope, on the Sebastopol Road (now Line 29). Magdalena gave birth to two children, Solomon and Barbara. Barbara died in 1888; Magdalena in 1889. John then remarried to Leah Lebold. In 1905 John purchased Lot 16, Concession V almost across the road from the home place. John and Magdalena's oldest son Solomon settled on this farm, passing it on to his son Elmer. Ezra Streicher, son of John and Leah, married Annie (nee Iutzi). They got possession of the home farm on Concession IV. Magdalena, John and Leah are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. (2)

Joseph M. Bender, married to Elizabeth Ruby, also a daughter of Joseph and Magdalena (Roth) Ruby, was the third generation Bender to live on the homestead at the Nith River. Joseph acquired the deed from the executors of the estate of his father John in 1888. No doubt, Joseph and Elizabeth had been farming here since their marriage in 1875. The Joseph M. Bender estate sold the farm in 1917 to Samuel Luckhardt. Joseph M. and Elizabeth are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. (3)

Solomon M. Bender married to Veronica (also known as Fannie) Steinmann, daughter of Deacon Daniel Steinmann, on whose property an Amish-Mennonite meetinghouse would be built in 1884. Solomon and Veronica purchased the west half of Lot 32, Concession XV, East Zorra, from Solomon's brother John in 1877. This property is on the 15th Line with what had been the 15th Line School on part of the lot. In 1919, Solomon and Fannie sold the farm to their daughter Catherine (Katie) married to Amos Baechler. Solomon and Veronica are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. (4)

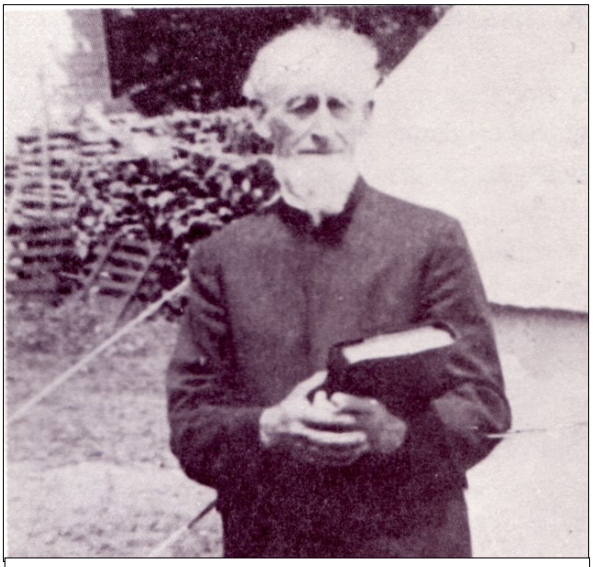
Samuel M. Bender married Magdalena Lebold. From 1883 to 1885 they farmed the southeast quarter of Lot 7, Concession XIV, Blandford Township, Oxford County -- just south of the Wilmot Township boundary. After selling that property, they probably moved to Shade Street, just west of New Hamburg, where they farmed until about 1920. They then moved to Baden where Samuel was successful in obtaining the rights to the Baden Telephone Exchange which he, and others whom he employed, operated out of a room in their house on Foundry Street. Samuel and Magdalena are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery, west of Baden. (5)

Mary Bender married **Joseph K. Yantzi**, a carpenter, who had purchased four acres in East Zorra at the corner of the 15th Line and the Townline. Mary gave birth to a daughter and a son and died in 1889. Joseph then married two more times. His third wife was Anna (Schwartzentruber) Bender, the widow of Mary's youngest brother Noah. Anna and Joseph had two more sons. Mary, Joseph and Anna are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. Either his second wife was buried elsewhere or her grave is not marked. (6)

David M. Bender married Barbara Zehr. They owned 7 1/2 acres on the Townline, just east of the 16th Line corner from 1889 to 1891 and then purchased 50 acres of the west part of Lot 26, Concession XIII (on the 13th Line). In 1907 they purchased another 50 acres of the same lot. In 1916 they sold part of it to their son Peter Zehr and in 1935 the other part to Solomon Brenneman. David and Barbara are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. (7)

Noah M. Bender married Anna Schwartzentruber. They owned the northwest quarter (50 acres) of Lot 30 Concession XIII, East Zorra, from 1889 to 1892. Noah died in 1894, leaving Anna with three children and another one not yet born. Anna then married Joseph K. Yantzi as mentioned above. Noah and Anna are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. (8)

JACOB R. BENDER: minister and churchman; born 8 August 1875 in East Zorra Township, Oxford County, Ontario. His father, Jacob M. Bender served as deacon, minister, and bishop 1871-1914 in the East Zorra Amish Mennonite Church. Therefore Jacob R. Bender grew up in a home that was special in the community. His father modeled Christian leadership and Christian living that affected Jacob R. deeply.



Jacob R. Bender (1875-1947)

Photo scan from book: Daniel S. Iutzi and Jacob R. Bender, Servants of God and the Church, authored by Lorraine Roth and Hugh Lawrence

Jacob R. was baptized in 1892 at age 17. On 22 October 1914 Jacob R. was ordained to serve as a minister. At the same time Deacon Daniel S. Iutzi was also ordained as a minister. In 1917 these two men were in the lot together to choose the next bishop, and the lot fell on Iutzi. They worked together as a very effective team in the congregation and conference for over 30 years.

As a man of vision, Jacob R. Bender met with other Mennonite leaders during World War I to remind the Canadian government of previous promises for exemption from military services, and then helped found the Non-Resistant Relief Organization of Ontario, 1917; Sunday School Conference, 1918; Young People's Bible Meetings, 1920; Ontario Amish Mennonite Conference (OAMC), 1924; English preaching, 1931; Winter Bible School, 1932; and Summer Bible School, 1940. Bender's keen appreciation for community traditions and lifestyle helped the Amish Mennonite church through much change.

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THE FAMILY OF CHRISTIAN AND CATHERINE (HONDERICH) BENDER

Christian Bender, son of Jacob Bender and Magdalena Brenneman
b. 9 Apr 1820, Hof Bellnhausen, Itzain, Hesse, Germany
d. 5 Sep 1887, Wilmot, bu. 19th Line East Zorra
m. 15 Dec 1844, Wilmot

Catherine Honderich, dau. of Christian Honderich and Margaret Gingerich
b. 2 Apr 1828, Wilmot
d. 7 Jun 1916, Wilmot, bu. 19th Line East Zorra

Children:	Grandchildren:
1) Maria/Marie Bender b. 16 Jun 1847 Wilmot d. 6 Mar 1921 Wellesley? m. 11 Apr 1865 Wilmot John B. Schwartzentruber b. 29 Aug 1842 Butler Co.OH d. 2 Jun 1900 Wellesley? son of John S. Schwartzentruber & Catherine Blank	Christian B. Schwartzentruber (1866-1955) m. Mary Albrecht Catherine Schwartzentruber (1867-1948) m. Daniel R. Streicher Mary Schwartzentruber (1870-1939) m. Jacob L. Wagler John B. Schwartzentruber (1872-1943) m. Katie M. Moser Barbara Schwartzentruber (1874-1943) m. David R. Gascho Anna Schwartzentruber (1876)
2) John H. Bender b. 5 Aug 1849 Wilmot d. 28 Apr 1934 E. Zorra m. 16 Jan 1872 SEasthope Barbara Brenneman b. 15 Sep 1849 SEasthope d. 5 Aug 1931 E. Zorra dau. of Jacob Brenneman and Lydia Leonard	Jacob B. Bender (1875-1956) m. Magdalena Ramseyer Lydia Bender (1878-1947) m. Aaron Eby Magdalena Bender (1880-1962) m. Christian R. Iutzi
3) Christian H. Bender b. 1851 Wilmot d. 1936 Wilmot m. 8 Jan 1878 Baden Catherine Spenler b. 15 Aug 1855 Baden d. 25 May 1946 SEasthope dau. of Peter Spenler and Katherine Kennel	no children

4) Catherine Bender
b. May 1854 Wilmot
d. 23 Apr 1926 SEasthope
m. 4 Mar 1873 Wilmot
Christian R. Zehr
b. 28 Jan 1852 SEasthope
d. 1 Jan 1892 SEasthope
son of Dr. Peter Zehr
and Barbara Roth

- Daniel B. Zehr (1876-1948) m. Magdalena Schultz
- Barbara Zehr (1879-1954) m. John Schultz
- Catherine Zehr (1881-1956) m. John W. Weicker
- Christian B. Zehr (1885-1872) m. Elizabeth Iutzi
- Peter B. Zehr (1887-1967) m. Anna Lebold
- Andrew B. Zehr (1891-1968) m. Emma Erb
  2m. Lena (Zehr) Ruby

5) Jacob H. Bender
b. 1856 Wilmot
d. 1932 Wilmot
m. 27 Oct 1885
Catherine Streicher
b. 1860 Wellesley
d. 1933 Wilmot
dau. of Leonard Streicher
and Barbara Kennel

- Aaron S. Bender (1889-1966) m. Magdalena (Mattie) Gingerich
- Barbara Bender (1891-1964) m. John W. Roth
  2m. Henry Shantz
  3m. Enos Gingerich
- Christian S. Bender (1898-1978) m. Lydia Roth

6) Daniel H. Bender
b. 26 Mar 1860 Wilmot
d. 4 Jun 1942 Mornington?
m. 8 Nov 1886 E. Zorra
Magdalena Jantzi
b. 12 Aug 1866 E. Zorra
d. 2 Jan 1921 Morn.
dau. of John G. Jantzi
and Katherine Brenneman

- Katie Bender (1887-1956) m. Jonas Kuepfer
- Lydia Bender (1889-1966) m. Ezra Kuepfer
- John J. Bender (1892-1969) m. Mary Jantzi
- Elizabeth Bender (1895-1975) m. Nicholas Kuepfer
- Allan Y. Bender (1899-1972) m. Fanny Lichti
- Margaret Bender (1904-1949) m. Christian K. Zehr

7) Magdalena Bender
b. 17 Jun 1862 Wilmot
d. 19 Apr 1935 SEasthope
m. 27 Jan 1885 Wilmot
Daniel K. Yantzi
b. 16 Nov 1856 Baden?
d. 10 May 1927 Blandford
son of Michael B. Yantzi
and Jacobena Kennel

- Susanna Yantzi (1888)
- Noah B. Yantzi (1889-1962) m. Susannah Roth

8) Joseph H. Bender
b. 20 Aug 1864/5* Wilmot
d. 22 Apr 1947 Wilmot
m. 25 Feb 1890 E. Zorra
Catherine Zehr
b. 30 Sep 1871 E. Zorra
d. 12 Sep 1922 Wilmot
dau. of Joseph L. Zehr
and Lydia Iutzi

**Bender genealogy, 1865*
age at time of death, 1864

- Simon Z. Bender (1891-1912)
- Lydian Bender (1892-1980) m. William Roth
- Nancy Bender (1895-1899)
- Ivan Isaac Bender (1909-1959) m. Magdalena Kropf

2m. Mar 1924 to Veronica (or Fronica) Ropp, b. 30 May 1881; d. 30 Jun 1955
dau. of Christian R. Ropp and Mary Kaufman

9) Elizabeth Bender
b. 16 Sep 1866 Wilmot
d. 15 May 1949 E. Zorra
m. 9 Feb 1886 Wilmot
Christian I. Zehr
b. 30 Apr 1866 E. Zorra
d. 24 Feb 1952 E. Zorra
son of Joseph L. Zehr
and Lydia Iutzi

- Simon B. Zehr (1886-1956) m. Katherine Bender
- Joseph B. Zehr (1889-1965) m. Susanna Brenneman
- Lydia Zehr (1891-1977) m. John Tiemens
- Emanuel B. Zehr (1893-1968) m. Emma Brenneman
- Reuben B. Zehr (1896-1965) m. Mary Iutzi
- Catherine (Kate) Zehr (1899-1997) m. Moses Steinman
- Isaac B. Zehr (1903-1973) m. Olive Bender
- Clayton B. Zehr (1905-1950) m. Saloma Brenneman
- Christian Omer Zehr (1908-1982) m. Edna Baechler

10) Barbara Bender
b. 19 Jan 1869 Wilmot
d. 3 Aug 1957 E. Zorra

11) Lydia Bender
b. 14 Jul 1872 Wilmot
d. 26 Apr 1964 E. Zorra
m. 13 Jan 1895 E. Zorra
Noah Roth
b. 27 Sep 1872 E. Zorra
d. 8 May 1939 E. Zorra
son of Nicholas K. Roth
and Barbara Roth

- Simon B. Roth (1896-1977) m. Selma Lichti
- Ezra Roth (1898-1985) m. Emma Louisa Steinman
- Aaron B. Roth (1900-1994) m. Gertrude Irene Ruby
  2m. Melinda B. (Iutzi) Ruby
- Josiah Roth (1902-1972) m. Talma Baechler
- Katie Roth (1906-2004) m. Moses Brenneman
- Mary Ann Roth (1908-1998) m. Alvin Ramseyer
- Titus Noah Roth (1916-1953) m. Marjorie M. Heidlinger

RESIDENCES OF CHILDREN OF CHRISTIAN AND CATHERINE (HONDERICH) BENDER

Marie Bender married **John B. Schwartzentruber** from Wellesley. They took up farming on John's father's farm, Lot 14, Concession II in the East Section of Wellesley Township, acquiring ownership of the farm in 1869. They sold the farm in 1892. They are buried in the Mornington Amish Mennonite Cemetery, west of Poole. (1) (see Notes below)

In 1855, Christian Bender, a resident of Wilmot, purchased the east half of Lot 32, Concession XV in East Zorra Township. He must have considered it an investment. Although it was previously owned, it was probably not yet developed. Christian and Catherine's oldest son **John H. Bender** married Barbara Brenneman in 1872 and, no doubt, took up residence on this property. John and Barbara purchased the farm in 1887.

In 1902, John purchased the farm across the road (the 16th Line) in Concession XVI, selling it to son Jacob in 1907. The homestead was sold by the estate to grandson Lorne Bender in 1935. John and Barbara are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, a short distance north of the farm. (2)

In 1874 Christian Bender purchased another farm in the neighbourhood of the home farm (the north half of Lot 25, Concession I, Block A, Wilmot). When **Christian H. Bender** married Catherine Spenler in 1878, they probably took up farming here, acquiring ownership in 1887. Christian H. and Catherine had no children. After Christian's death, the farm was sold to Melvin and Mabel Bender (no close relatives) with the stipulation that Catherine may retain her home on the farm. After she became ill, she was cared for in her nephew Andrew B. Zehr's home in South Easthope. Christian H. and Catherine Bender are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery, west of Baden.

Catherine Bender married **Christian R. Zehr**, and they were the ones chosen to remain on the Dr. Peter Zehr homestead, Lot 11, Concession II, South Easthope Township. In 1882 Christian purchased the adjoining lot (#12) and in 1883 obtained the deed to the home farm. Christian died in 1892, leaving Catherine with six small children and two farms. With the help of her father-in-law, who lived another six years, she managed the farm and her family. Her son Andrew B. became the owner of the Zehr homestead and Peter B. the farm on Lot 12, both in 1914. Catherine and Christian R. Zehr are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. (3)

In 1881, Christian Bender invested in yet another farm in the neighbourhood (Lot 24, N 1/2, Concession II, Block A, Wilmot), and this is where son **Jacob H. Bender** and his wife Catherine Streicher took up residence, acquiring the deed in 1887. In 1921 Jacob and Catherine sold the farm to their son Christian S. Bender and his wife Lydia (nee Roth). Jacob and Catherine are buried in the Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery. (4)

Daniel H. Bender married Magdalena Jantzi, daughter of John G. and Katherine (Brenneman) Jantzi in 1886. In 1887 they purchased the east half of Lot 34, Concession XVII (on the 18th Line), East Zorra, as well as another 25 acres of the adjoining Lot 33. In 1905 they sold this property to join Magdalena's parents and the rest of the family who had moved to Wellesley Township in order to be closer to the Old Order group who continued to worship in their homes when the Ontario Amish Mennonite congregations built meetinghouses in the 1880s.

Daniel and Magdalena then purchased the west half of Lot 5, Concession VIII in the West Section of Wellesley Township. In 1918 they sold this farm to their son John J., married to Mary (nee Jantzi), and purchased a small plot, part of Lot 9, Concession VI in Mornington Township. Magdalena probably died here in 1921, and Daniel sold it in 1936 and probably lived with his children until his death in 1943. Daniel and Magdalena are buried in the 7th Line Old Order Cemetery (also known as the Edgecombe Cemetery) in Mornington Township. (5)

Magdalena Bender married **Daniel K. Yantzi** in 1885 and purchased the southeast quarter of Lot 34, Concession XVIII (19th Line) in East Zorra. In 1908 they sold this place and moved to Canboro Township, Haldimand County, where a group of Amish Mennonites attempted to establish a settlement. It did not prosper, and they all moved away. Magdalena and Daniel and their son Noah were the last to leave in 1915. (6)

Daniel and Magdalena purchased the south half of Lot 7, Concession XIII in Blandford Township, Oxford County, in 1917, selling to to their son Noah B. Yantzi in 1921. Noah and his wife Susan (nee Roth) sold it in 1932. Daniel and Magdalena are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. (7)

Joseph H. Bender married Catherine Zehr of East Zorra. In 1893 they purchased the Christian Bender homestead which consisted of the north half of Lot 27, Concession I and about three acres of Lot 28 in Block A, Wilmot Township. In 1822, daughter Lydia's husband William Roth died; so Lydia moved into the "Doddyhaus" on the home farm, and a few months later her mother died. Then Lydia moved in with her father to keep house for him. When he married again to Veronica Ropp, Lydia moved back to the Doddyhaus. In 1937 Joseph and Veronica sold the farm to David R. Bender, son of Bishop Jacob M. Bender. Joseph, Catherine, and Veronica are buried in the cemetery on the 19th Line, East Zorra.(8)

Elizabeth Bender married **Christian I. Zehr**, brother to Catherine who married Joseph H. Bender. Their parents were Joseph L. and Lydia (Iutzi) Zehr who lived on the Townline. Joseph had purchased the west half of Lots 35 and 36 (125 acres), Concession XVII, and this is where Elizabeth and Christian I. Zehr began farming, acquiring ownership of this farm on the 15th Line in 1893. During the next several years, Christian and Elizabeth purchased several other farms, selling them to their children. The homestead was sold to Christian O. and Edna (nee Baechler) in 1943. Elizabeth and Christian are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. (8)

After her parents' death, Barbara **Bender** lived with her sister Elizabeth and her husband Christian I. Zehr in East Zorra. She is buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line.

Lydia Bender married **Noah Roth**, and they took up farming at Lot 32, Concession VII, on the 18th Line East Zorra, purchasing the farm from Noah's father in 1899. In 1919, Noah and Lydia sold the farm to son Simon and retired at Punkeydoodles Corner. Simon and Selma, however, sold the farm in 1922 and moved to New Hamburg. Noah and Lydia are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line. (9)

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Hof Sorge, Burg-Gemünden, ► Hesse, Germany

Jacob Bender, (see below) son of Jacob and Magdalena (Brenneman) Bender, was born here in 1829.

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THE FAMILY OF JACOB AND MAGDALENA (MILLER) AND CHRISTENA (SCHLEGEL) BENDER

Jacob Bender, son of Jacob Bender and Magdalena Brenneman
b. 10 Jul 1829, Hof Sorge, Burg-Gemunden, Hesse, Germany
d. 12 Dec 1902, East Zorra, bu. East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery
m. 15 Feb 1853, (Bible record) Wilmot Township

Magdalena Miller, probably dau. of Christian Miller and Catherine Nafziger
b. ca. 1832 (birth order in census record) Wilmot Twp. (1838 in Bender Genealogy 1946)
d. 14 May 1857, ? place of death and burial uncertain

Jacob Bender, 2m. 28 Mar 1858

Christena Schlegel, dau. of Nicolaus Schlegel and Barbara Roth
b. 30 Dec 1838, South Easthope Twp.
d. 7 Jun 1915, East Zorra, bu. East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery

Children: Grandchildren:

Born to 1st marriage:

1) Maria Bender
b. 20 Apr 1854; d. 17 Nov 1855 ?

2) Noah Bender
b. 6 Jul 1856; d. 25 Jun 1857 ?

Born to 2nd marriage:

3) Barbara Bender
b. 16 Aug 1860 E.Zorra
d. 13 Feb 1925 Ellice?
m. 25 Jan 1881 E. Zorra
Nicholas Ruby
b. 27 Sep 1856 SEasthope
d. 26 Nov 1832 Ellice?
son of Joseph Ruby and Magdalena Roth

Grandchildren:
Christena Ruby (1883-1937) m. Moses Ropp
Noah Ruby (1885-1961) m. Veronica/Fannie Kropf
Jacob Ruby (1887-1942)
Joseph Ruby (1889-1984)
David Ruby (1891-1964)

4) Christian S. Bender
b. 15 Aug 1861 E. Zorra
d. 21 Nov 1887 SEasthope
m. 9 Oct 1883 SEasthope
Anna Kennel
b. 20 Mar. 1865 E. Zorra
d. 21 Oct. 1949 E. Zorra
dau. of John Kennel and Barbara Risser

- Elias Bender (1884-1888)
- Jonathan Bender (1886-1888)
- George Henry Bryant (1900-1968 (foster son)
  (born in London, England,
  son of George P. Bryant and Gertrude E. Hills)
  1m. 1927 to Ellen/Nellie Pierson
  2m. 1941 to Marion M. McNichol

5) Jacob S. Bender
b. 14 Sep 1862 E. Zorra
d. 21 Sep 1927 E. Zorra
m. 11 Oct 1887 E. Zorra
Barbara Schwartzentruber
b. 27 May 1867 E. Zorra
d. 27 Feb 1926 E. Zorra
dau. of John Schwartzen-truber and Anna Sommer

- Noah Jacob Bender (1888-1954) m. Magdalena/Lena Steinman
- Elias Bender (1890-1949) m. Magdalena Zehr
- Amanda Bender (1891-1954) m. Menno Zehr
- Manassa Bender (1893-1972) m. Mary Ann Erb
- Emma Bender (1895-1977) m. Albert H. Oesch
- Ida Bender (1896-1975) m. Simon Bender
- Simon 1m. Mary Schwartzentruber
- Christena Bender (1899-1976) m. Norman Roi

6) Magdalena Bender
b. 8 Oct 1868 E. Zorra
d. 21 Nov 1944
m. 23 May 1908
Henry Brenneman
b. 11 Mar 1868 Hay Twp.
d. 26 Apr 1938 Tavistock
son of Peter Brenneman
and Catharine Kuepfer

- step-children:
- Susan Brenneman (1890-1965) m. Joseph B. Zehr
- Emma Brenneman (1895-1979) m. Emanuel B. Zehr
- Anna Brenneman (1897-1983) m. Christian L. Ruby
- Rudolph/Rudy Brenneman (1902-1977) m. Susanne Iutzi
- child: Christina Brenneman (1910)

Henry 1m. 5 Mar 1889 to Catherine Oesch

7) Nancy Christena Bender
b. 22* Jul 1879 E. Zorra
d. 27 Jun 1960 E. Zorra
m. 22 Nov 1904 E. Zorra
David K. Sommers
b. 28 Jul 1880 E. Zorra
d. 9 Dec 1961 E. Zorra
son of Peter Sommer
and Katherine Krug

- Katie Ann Sommers (1907)
- Christina L. Sommers (1908-1994) m. Clayton I. Ruby
- Clayton I. Sommers (1910-) m. Erma M. Iutzi
- Wesley E. Sommers (1912-1996) m. Katie V. Zehr
- Viola M. Sommers (1914-) m. Nelson Iutzi
- Curtis J. Sommers (1916-1984) m Erma V. Steinman
- Ada B. Sommers (1920-) m. Oliver C. Zehr

**Registered as Anna C. at birth and date 22 July 1879*

RESIDENCES OF CHILDREN OF JACOB AND CHRISTENA (SCHLEGEL) BENDER

Barbara Bender married **Nicholas Ruby** in 1881. They may have stayed with her parents for a few years. In 1891 they purchased parts of the west half of Lots 35 and 36, Concession XV in East Zorra (next to Barbara's parents' property), but in 1895 they sold it and leased the east half of Lots 3 and 4, Concession XIII in Ellice Township from the Canada Company, acquiring the deed in 1923. In 1945, the farm was sold to daughter Christena and her husband Moses Ropp. Barbara and Nicholas are buried in the Poole (North) Mennonite Cemetery.

In 1878 Jacob Bender purchased Lot 12, Concession IV, South Easthope Township, across the Townline from his farm in East Zorra Township from the estate of his father-in-law Nicolaus Schlegel. Although none of their children were married, they probably thought it was a good investment. It was his son **Christian S. Bender** and his wife Anna (nee Kennel) who took up farming here. After Christian's untimely death in 1886, Anna moved back to her parental home in East Zorra, and Jacob sold the farm to his nephew, Jacob M.

Bender, who by this time was living on Lot 13 on the west side of this property. Christian S. and Anna are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line.

Jacob S. Bender married Barbara Schwartzentruber, and they were the ones to become the owners of the homestead. In 1906 they purchased the farm from Jacob's estate, and no doubt, Christena continued to live with them until her death in 1915. After Barbara's death in 1926 and Jacob's in 1927, the executors sold the farm to their son Noah J. Bender and his wife Lena (nee Steinman). Jacob S. and Barbara are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line

In 1908, **Magdalena Bender** married **Henry Brenneman** who had previously been married to Catherine Oesch. Lena became the mother of the four children (ages 6 to 18) who had survived infancy. She gave birth to a daughter Christina, who was either stillborn or died the same day. At this time Henry was living on the east half of Lots 35 and 36, Concession XIX, East Zorra. The 19th Line Cemetery is located on the northwest corner of their farm. Henry and Lena sold the farm in 1915 to John B. and Lydia Schwartzentruber and purchased from them an acre and a half at the corner of the 16th Line and Townline. In 1916 they bought another half acre from Magdalena's brother Jacob. In 1918 they sold this property to Amos Baechler, and probably at that time moved to Tavistock. Magdalena and Henry are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line.

Nancy Bender (registered Anna C. at the time of her birth, July 22, 1879) married **David K. Sommers** in 1904. The following year they purchased the north part (80 acres) of Lot 5, Concession XIV in Blandford Township, and in 1910 another 29 acres of the same lot. In 1920 they sold this property and purchased the north part (133 acres) of Lot 27, Concession XIV in East Zorra. In 1926 they also bought the adjoining southwest quarter of Lot 28. In 1946 they sold Lot 28 to Henry Schumm and in 1951 Lot 27 to son Curtis and his wife Erma (nee Steinman). Nancy and David then went to live with their daughter Christena and son-in-law Clayton (Ike) Ruby in Tavistock. What had been the Sommer farm was later occupied by McConnel's Nursery. Nancy and David are buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery, 16th Line.

Note: The Jacob and Christena (Schlegel) Bender family is found on pages 99-121 in *The Family History and Genealogy of Nicolaus and Barbara (Roth) Schlegel* by Henry and Mae Yantzi, New Hamburg, Ontario, 1986.

***Burg-Gemünden** (Hesse, Germany)*

Hof Sorge, which was the residence of the Jacob Bender family from 1828-1831, is located near to Burg-Gemünden

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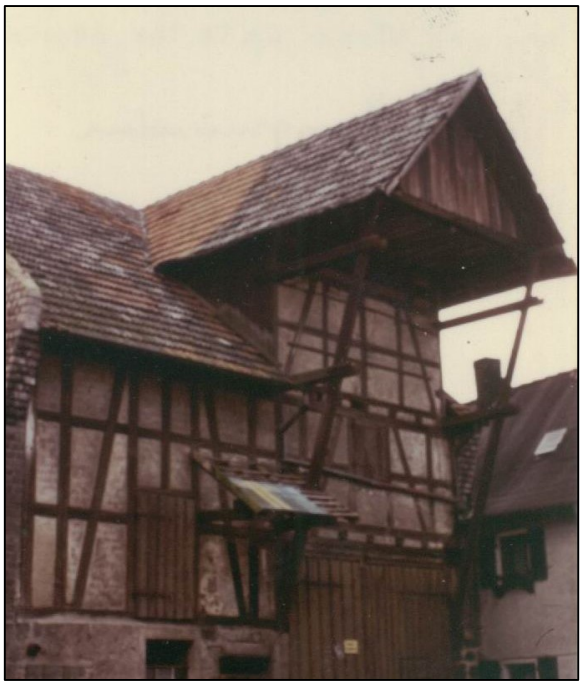

◄ ***Burg-Gemünden (Hesse, Germany)***
– A barn in the villageof Hof Sorg

A winch in the projecting roof is used to haul the hay and straw to the second level

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JACOBENA BENDER KROPF DOZERT

It has been noted that the Jacob Bender passport included an unmarried sister of Jacob's. It is quite likely that Jacobena was that sister.

The Berlin (now Kitchener) newspaper, the *Canada Museum*, carried the announcement that Jacob Kropf, son of Jacob, and Jacobena Bender were married on the 4th of October 1838, by Bishop John Oesch. The young couple resided on Lot 13, North Snyder's Road, on the lot first claimed by Jacob's father in the 1820s.

When Jacob Jr. composed his Will in 1848, he referred to a child, but no record of a child of Jacob and Jacobena has yet been found. If there was one, it evidently did not survive to get into any records. Jacob died December 31, 1848. Since a cemetery came to be located on the family farm, we assume he was buried there.

It seems that Jacobena remained on Lot 13, and by 1854, she had also acquired another husband, Conrad Dotzert. In a note in the University of Toronto archives (1) "Jacobena late widow of Jacob Kropf and now wife of Conrad Dotzert" relinquished their rights to Lot 13 to the executors of Jacobena's former husband's estate, John Lichty and Henry Kropf.

Jacobena must have died between 1854 and 1857, because Conrad Dotzert (I am assuming he was the same Conrad Dotzert) married Katherine Yost in 1857. Again there do not seem to have been any children.

Note: 1) University of Toronto Archives, file #A68-0010, Box 47 Wilmot, Lot 13, NSR.

Jacobena Bender, perhaps the daughter of Jacob Bender of Bodenhausen, Germany
b. date not known
d. between 1854 & 1857
1m. 4 Oct 1838, Wilmot Township
2m. between 1849 & 1854
Jacob Kropf, son of Jacob Kropf and Magdalena Rothacker
b. 14 Jun 1812, Epfig, Bas-Rhin (Alsace) France
d. 31 Dec 1848, Wilmot Township, bu. Kropf family graveyard
Conrad Dotzert, son of John Dotzert
b. 12 July 1828, Germany
d. 27 June 1895, bu. North Easthope Reformed Mennonite Cemetery
2m. 1857 to Katherine Yost, daughter of John Jost and Katherine Kohl

Jacobena Bender had no surviving children.
After Jacobena's death, her second husband, Conrad Dotzert remarried Katherine Yost, and they had a family of 10 children, which are listed below.

Katherine Yost
b. 6 Feb 1834 Darmstadt
d. 1 Dec 1910 NEasthopeTwp.
m. 1857
Conrad Dotzert
b. 12 Jul 1828 Germany
d. 27 Jun, 1895 NEasthope Twp.
son of John Dotzert

- William Dotzert (1858-1917) m. Mary Schoenholtz
- Samuel Dotzert (1859-1896) m. Susan C. Augustine
- Katherine Dotzert (1861-1951) m. John N. Cook; 2m. David Schultz
- Lydia Dotzert (1864-1944) m William Kleinknecht
- Mary Dotzert (1866-1952) m. Frederick Studer
- Sarah Dotzert (1868-1906) m. Wesley Neff
- Margaret Dotzert (1871-1962) m. William R. Yost
- David Dotzert (1873-1956) m. Katherine Cook
- Fanny Dotzert (1876-1948) m. Eli Roth
- Clara Dotzert (1879-1949) m. Herbert Bucher

JOHN D. BENDER

John D. Bender, at the age of 18, migrated with his widowed mother Elizabeth (Bauman) Bender and three brothers to America in 1842. They arrived in Baltimore on the Bark *Elizabeth Hall* on August 23. The father of the family, Daniel Bender, had died a few months earlier, on January 15, at Langendorf, near Wohra, the family residence at the time. (1) (See Notes on next page)

Only John came to Canada and married Elizabeth Erb, born to one of the early settlers in Wilmot, by about 1850. Two of his brothers, Joseph and Christian, had sons who married wives who had been born in Canada.

In 1850 John D. Bender leased Lot 24, Concession XIII in Hay Township from the Canada Company, and at the time of the 1851 census they were residing there. In 1861 they sold this property, but we find no record of where they were until 1868 when they leased the northwest quarter of Lot 24, Concession XIV, acquiring the deed to this property in 1873, selling it again in 1876. .

John was ordained to the ministry in the new settlement, but he and Daniel Oesch, one of his colleagues, came under church censure (no reason given). Oesch migrated to the U.S. and continued to affiliate with the Amish. John Bender remained in Hay, but his status in the Amish community is not known. (2)

John and Elizabeth had only two daughters who reached adulthood. Magdalena, married Joseph Beller in February 1879, gave birth to daughter Elizabeth in November and died in December. Joseph went to Nebraska, leaving his daughter with her grandparents, married again and died in the blizzard of 1888.

Both daughter Elizabeth, married to Peter S. Bauman, and granddaughter Elizabeth married and moved to the Wilmot area, and it is likely that John D. Bender and Elizabeth moved with them. John D. died in Wilmot in 1896 but Elizabeth is reported to have died in Hay in 1915. (4)

John D. Bender's extended family outline is as follows:

Daniel Bender, may be son of Christian Bender, d. 4 June 1822 at Rehseifen (3)
b. ca.1765, Rehseifen, near Berleburg, North Rhine-Westphalia
d. 15 Jan 1842, Langendorf, Wohra
1m. **Helena/Magdalena Schlabach,** dau. of Michael Schlabach and Irene Gingrich
2m. **Elizabeth Bauman**, b. ca.1794, d. 1862; migrated in 1842

Children: (first three were born to first marriage)

1) Christina Bender, b. 1793, married to Peter Schoenbeck, on Gut Heidwolf, Marburg
some descendants migrated

2) Daniel Bender, b. 1797, married to Katherine Diefenbach, migrated in 1851
ancestors of the late Harold S. Bender of Goshen, Indiana

3) Barbara Bender, b. 1801, married to Christian Swartzentruber, migrated in 1837

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4) Wilhelm Bender (1815-1894) migrated 1829/30 to near Grantsville, Md.
m. 1838 to Catherine Miller, dau. of Bishop Benedict Miller and Catherine Beachy
2m. Susanna Petersheim, dau. of Peter Petersheim and Susanna Miller

5) Joseph D. Bender (1816-1894) from Pa. to Iowa in 1857 (4)
m. Magdalena Schwarzendruber (1811-1892)
dau. of Christian Schwarzendruber and Catherine Roth
son Christian J. Bender (1848-1925)
m. Mary Gardner (1851-1939) (born in Canada)
dau. of Christian Gardner and Jacobina Roth

6) Christian D. Bender, (1822-1888), migrated with mother in 1842 (5)
bu. in Hartford, Kansas
1m. Aug 20, 1843 to Helena Guengerich (1820-1850), dau. of Michael Gingerich and Maria Otto
2m. Mary Kemp (1834-1873) dau. of John Kemp and Susanna Miller
3m. Catherine Yutzi (1831-1896) dau. of Peter Yutzi and Lydia Beachy
son Gideon C. Bender (1867-1947)
m. Magdalena Mayer (1865-1932) (born in Canada)
dau. of Joseph Mayer and Magdalena Erb

7) **John D. Bender**, b. 10 Feb 1824, migrated with mother in 1842 (6)
d. 1 Feb 1896, Wilmot Township (civil records); 2 Feb 1896 (Bender genealogy)
m. ca.1850, Wilmot Township
Elizabeth Erb, dau. of Christian Erb and Elizabeth Schultz (see ERB Family Introduction)
b. 26 Oct 1828, Canada
d. 16 May 1911, Wilmot

Children:

1) Magdalene Bender, b. 25 Oct 1856; d. 12 Dec 1879
m. 6 Feb 1879 to Joseph Bellar, so of Andrew Bellar and Anna Ropp

2) Elizabeth Bender, b. 12 Nov 1860; d. 8 Apr 1935
m. 21 Oct 1886, Zurich, Ontario to Peter S. Bauman, son of Solomon Bauman and Mary Stauffer

8) Jacob Bender (1826-1899), migrated with mother in 1842
m. Catherine Gnagey, dau. of Jacob Gnagey and Veronica Hochstetler

9) Michael D. Bender (1830-1897), migrated with mother in 1842, to Iowa in 1865
bu. in Hartford, Kans.
1m. Oct 17, 1852 to Catherine Hochstedler (1828-1874), dau. of Adam Hochstedler and Mary Miller
2m. Susanna (Kauffman) Hochstetler, dau. of Abraham Kauffman and Susanna Keck,
Widow of Noah J. Hoshstetler

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-copy in DAVID BENDER file

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Editor Lorraine Roth, Waterloo, Ontario, April, 1995
Marie was the third child of Jacob and Magdalena (Brenneman) Bender.

Additional Items in the BENDER Files:

1) "The Catherine Miller Puzzle"
2) "The Family of Samuel Brennemann and Marie Schwartzentruber Documentation of Hof Bellnhausen in Kurhessen" by Anne Augspurger Schmidt-Lange -- photocopy of portion on Jacob Bender lease.
3) "Samuel and Marie (Schwarzentruber) Brennemann Family"
4) Photocopy of Jacob Bender birth record (1829, 10 July)
5) Jacob Bender Passport (2 photocopies)
6) Ship passenger list -- Ship "Juno", from Bremen arrival in New York, November 14, 1831
7) Translations of Bender Bible records and transcriptions (2 copies)
8) Transcribed 1829 letter signed by about 28 Wilmot settlers, including Christian Bender, the one married to Preacher John Brenneman's daughter.
9) University of Toronto records of John Bender's purchase of and correspondence concerning the Bender homestead, Lot 26, South Bleam's Road

Lorraine Roth
Tavistock, Ontario
March, 2011

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JACOB BENDER FAMILY BIBLE

Bible, German, Zürich, 1744

The whole Bible, that is all the books of the Old and New Testaments according to the original language faithfully translated in German. Added to that, now comes a nice and complete Register or index on the whole Bible. The year and the calculation of the times from Adam to Christ together with certainty, Concordances, arguments and accounting. Printed in Zürich at Christopher Fröschauer's , in the year as man counts M.D. XXXVI. And in the year MDCCXLIV (1744) newly republished in Strasbourg by Simon Kürssner/Cantzley Book Printer.

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KNOWN OWNERS OF THE BIBLE

I. Christian Lantz
sold to cousin, 1795.

II. Jacob Bender
Inherited by son

III Jacob Bender (1791-1843) m. (1816 at Fiddemühle, Rauschenberg, Hesse to Magdalena Brenneman. Jacob recorded his marriage and information his children's births (and some deaths) Noted that the family left their home Belnhsuserhof/Bellnhausen in August 1831, arriving in New York on November 12(ie.14), 1831 (on the ship "Juno")
Inherited by son (1843)

IV. Jacob Bender (1830? (ie.1829)-1902) m1 (1853) Magdalena Miller, m2 (1858) Christina Schlegel. This Jacob recorded his first marriage, the births and deaths of the two children from his first marriage, and the death of his first wife.

V. (presumably) Jacob S. Bender (1862-1927)

VI. Noah J. Bender (1888-1954)
Donated Bible (ca 1928) to Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen College

Joe Springer Curator, Mennonite Historical Library
(Goshen College, Goshen, IN.)

TRANSCRIPTION OF ANNOTATIONS IN BENDER FAMILY BIBLE

1831 in August we left Germany, out of the Kingdom of Hesse, from the Helnheuserhof/Belnhauserhof moved to North America and arrived on the 12th of November in New York.

this Bible belongs "vor" Jacob Bender and I bought it from my cousin Christi Lantz for 2 "kronen daler" (coins the 13th November 1795.
I Jacob Bender inherited this Bible from my father Jacob Bender.

1816, 30 March I married a born Brenneman named Magdalena. May the Lord help us and be with us in our marriage, that we may live together peacefully and in unity until a blessed end.
Fiddemühle the 30th March 1816,
In the Kingdom of Hesse in Germany

1817, the 14th September my first (son) was born in the sign of the lion and is named Johannes. The Lord give him grace that he may become a godly and obedient child.
1820, the 9th of April my second son was born in the sign of the fish and is named Christian. The Lord give him grace until a blessed end.

1822, the 11th of January my first daughter was born and is named Maria. May the lord give her grace that she may grow up under the care of the Lord. Amen.

1824, the 3rd of March my 3rd son was born and is named Samuel. May the Lord be with and by him to a blessed end. Died in the year 1825.

1826, the 21st of February my 4th son was born and is named Samuel. May the Lord will to be merciful to him and be with and by him to a blessed end.

1828, the 14th of October my 2nd daughter was born and is named Barbara, the Lord be with her and by her and help her until a blessed end. She pleased the dear God and he took her to himself in the year 1829.

1829, the 10th July my 5th son was born and is named Jacob. May the Lord give him blessing that he may lead a happy life journey to a blessed end.
(Note by Lorraine Roth: The family gave his birth as 1830. His birth however, was registered in Burg-Gemünden as 1829) (Joe Springer had also arrived at 1829 as the year of birth. See note in following entry.)

1(830) the 4th of October my 6th son was born and is named J(oseb?). May the Lord be gracious to him. He died in the year 18(31) in April.
These children were all born to me in Germany.
(Note by Joe Springer: "Unfortunately the holes on the page obscure the critical years and name. The name may begin with "J" and end with "b". Another possibility is that it begins with a "P"(in which case it might be "Peter).
(Note by Lorraine Roth: This child does not appear in succeeding family lists.)

America
1832, the 2nd May my 7th son was born and is named David, may God the Lord will to accompany him and be with him to a blessed end. Amen
(Note by Lorraine Roth: David was born in Lancaster Co., while the family was on its way from New York to Canada.)
1835, the 28th April my 8th son was born to me and is named Daniel. The Lord be with him and by him as long as he lives.
1837, the 16th November my 3rd daughter was born and is named Barbara. May the lord will to give his grace so that she may become and remain a godly and obedient child to her end. Amen.

Wilmot township, the 1st of January 1855, I Jacob Bender the third, have inherited this Bible from my father.

1853, the 15th February I was married to Magdalena, born Miller. May the Lord will to accompany us in all our ways and spread before us flowers of unity that we may walk in unity on the right way that we may eventually be worthy of unending unity.

1854, the 20th April my first daughter was born and is named Maria. May the Lord will to bless and keep her always. Died the 17th November 1855.

1856 the 6th July my first son was born, Noah.

1857 the 14th May, the dear and faithful friend of my life departed into eternity.

1857 the 25th June Providence called home my little son in the beginning of his Thauen(?) Sad; but what God does is well done. Full of wisdom is his will.

Joe Springer, transcription
Lorraine Roth, translation
December 2010

BENDER LAND HOLDINGS

	date	concession	lot	description	sale/purchase	from/to whom
Wilmot Township, German Block						
Jacob Bender	1837	SBR	26	front 50 ac.	patent	Crown
Estate	1867	SBR	26	front 50 ac.	deed	John Bender
(Magdalena Brenneman)						
John Bender	1852	SBR	26	rear 150 ac.	deed	University of Toronto
Estate	1888	SBR	26	200 ac.	sale	John M. Bender
(Catherine Miller)		(Benders on Lot 26 also had 9 ac. of Lot 25, 1851-1917)				
John M. Bender	1877	SBR	27	N pt 50 ac.	purchase	Christ Merner
(Catherine Ruby)	1877	SBR	28	N pt 50 ac.	purchase	Christ Merner
	1915	SBR	27/28	103 1/2 ac.	sale	Joseph J. Bender
(estate	1888	SBR	26	200 ac.	purchase	John Bender Estate
settlement)	1888	SBR	26	200 ac.	sale	Joseph M. Bender
Joseph J. Bender	1915	SBR	27	N pt 50 ac.	purchase	John M. Bender
(Catherine Kropf)	1956	SBR	27	N pt 50 ac.	sale	David Lichti
		(did not note sale of Lot 28)				
Joseph M. Bender	1888	SBR	26	200 ac.	purchase	John M. Bender
Estate	1917	SBR	26	200 ac.	sale	Samuel Luckhardt
(Elizabeth Ruby)						
Wilmot Township, Block A						
Aaron S. Bender	1910	A-I	25	SE cor. 8 ac.	Purchase	Keegan
(Mattie Gingerich)	1913	A-I	25	SE cor. 8 ac.	sale	John L. Schultz
Christian Bender	1840	A-I	27	N 1/2 100 ac.	lease/trans.	Kelsey
(Catherine	1848	A-I	27	N 1/2 100 ac.	deed	Canada Co.
Honderich) Estate	1893	A-I	27	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale	Joseph H. Bender
	1874	A-I	25	N 1/2 100 ac.	purchase	Ed. Daniel
	1887	A-I	25	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale	Chris. H. Bender
	1874	A-I	28	N pt 3 ac.	purchase	Illingworth
Estate	1893	A-I	28	N pt 3 ac.	sale	Joseph H. Bender
	1881	A-II	24	N 1/2 100 ac.	purchase	W. Collum
	1887	A-II	24	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale	Jacob H. Bender
Christian H. Bender	1887	A-I	25	N 1/2 100 ac.	purchase	Christian Bender
(Catherine Spenler)	1934	A-I	25	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale	Melvin Bender
Jacob H. Bender	1887	A-II	24	N 1/2 100 ac.	purchase	Christian Bender
(Catherine	1921	A-II	24	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale	Chris. S. Bender
Streicher)						

John J. Bender	1914/18	A-I	29	108 ac.	purchase Lafortune/Zurbrigg
(Rebecca Wagler)	(This lot also included Huron Road allowance and residences at Punkeydoodles Corner.)				
Joseph H. Bender	1893	A-I	27	N 1/2 100 ac.	purchase Chris Bender Estate
(1m. Catherine Zehr	1937	A-I	27	N 1/2 100 ac.	sale David R. Bender
2m. Veronica Ropp)	1893	A-I	28	N pt 3 ac.	purchase Chris Bender Estate
	(David R. Bender probably got this part along with Lot 27)				
Moses J. Bender	1916	A-II	30	SW pt 50 ac.	purchase N. Klinkman
(Catherine Roth)	1922	A-II	30	SW pt 50 ac.	sale J. Brodrecht
	1914	A-II	31	45 ac.	purchase N. Kinkman
	1922	A-II	31	45 ac.	sale Lingelbach
	1922	A-III	30	N 1/2 100 ac.	purchase Wm. B. Roth Estate
	1947	A-III	30	N pt 95 ac.	sale Alvin Bender

Hay Township

Jacob Bender	1849	X	13/14	200 ac.	lease Canada Company
(single)	1851	X	13/14	200 ac.	transfer J. Villerage
John Bender	1849	XI	14	100 ac.	lease Canada Company
(Catherine Miller)	1854	XI	14	100 ac.	transfer J.C. Schwalm
(Wilmot resident)					
Samuel Bender	1849	XI	15/16	200 ac.	lease Canada Company
(single)	1852	XI	15	100 ac.	transfer James Morely
	1854	XI	16	100 ac.	transfer Fred Sckeymn?
John D. Bender	1850	XIII	24	100 ac.	lease Canada Company
	1858	XIII	24	100 ac.	purchase Canada Company
	1861	XIII	24	100 ac.	sale Geofrey Nicholson
	1868	XIV	24	N 1/2 of W 1/2	lease Canada Company
	1873	XIV	24	N 1/2 of W 1/2	purchase Canada Company
	1876	XIV	24	N 1/2 of W 1/2	sale John Prang

East Zorra Township

Aaron Bender	1920	XVIII	28	60 ac.	purchase Leuszler
(Delila Ruby) Est.	1946	XVIII	28	60 ac.	sale James Fleming
Annie Bender, widow	1905	XV	28	100 ac. E 1/2	deed John Kennel Estate
(Christian Bender)	1939	XV	28	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Christian [K.] Bender
Christian Bender	1855	XV	32	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase [Dr.] Peter Zehr
(Catherine Honderich)					(via Absalom Jones)
	1887	XV	32	100 ac. E 1/2	sale John H. Bender
Christian K. Bender	1939	XV	28	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase Annie Bender, widow
(Katie Bender)	1954	XV	28	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Harold C. Bender

Christian M. Bender	1876	XVII	36	25 ac. E 1/2	purchase John Bender Estate
(Magdalena Streicher)	1876	XVII	35	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase John Bender Estate
Estate	1915	XVII	36	25 ac. E 1/2	sale Christian Z. Bender
	1915	XVII	35	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Christian Z. Bender
Christian R. Bender	1917	XIV	32	50 ac. SW 1/4	purchase Adam Fuhr
(Veronica/Fannie	1931	XIV	32	50 ac. SW 1/4	sale Alvin Ramseyer
Erb)	1930	XIII	26	E 1/2 (-31 1/2)	purchase Joseph Roy
	1946	XIII	26	E 1/2 (-31 1/2)	sale Ervin Bender
	1944	XV	30	1/2 ac. NE corner	purchase John K. Sommer Estate
Estate	1967	XV	30	1/2 ac. NE corner	sale Bruce W. Ruby
Christian Z. Bender	1915	XVII	36	25 ac. E 1/2	purchase C. M. Bender Estate
(Clara Ruby)	1915	XVII	35	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase C. M. Bender Estate
Estate	1939	XVII	36	25 ac. E 1/2	sale Ezra and Clara Bender
	1939	XVII	36	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Ezra and Clara Bender
Daniel Bender	1859	XV	27	100 ac. W 1/2	purchase Pletz
(Veronica Roth)	1866	XV	27	100 ac. W 1/2	sale Christian Ruby
(moved to Indiana)					
Daniel H. Bender	1887	XVII	34	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase G. H. Weicker
(Magdalena Jantzi)	1887	XVII	33	25 ac. of E pt	purchase G. H Weicker
	1905	XVII	34	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Abraham S. Lichti
	1905	XVII	33	25 ac. of E pt	sale Abraham S. Lichti
David Bender	1854	XV	34	100 ac. E 1/2	transfer Jacob Egli
(Lydia Miller)	1854	XV	34	100 ac. E 1/2	deed Canada Company
(moved to Nebraska)	1866	XV	34	100 ac. E 1/2	sale John Jantzi
David M. Bender	1889	XVI	36	7 1/2 ac. E pt	purchase Daniel L. Zehr
(Barbara Zehr)	1891	XVI	36	7 1/2 ac. E pt	sale Peter Zehr
	1891	XIII	26	50 ac. EW 1/4	purchase Peter Zehr
	1916	XIII	26	50 ac. NW 1/4	sale Peter Bender
	1907	XIII	26	50 ac. WW 1/4	purchase Heltcher Estate
	1935	XIII	26	50 ac. SW 1/4	sale Solomon Brenneman
David R. Bender	1911	XIII	31	50 ac. SE 1/4	purchase Jacob M. Bender
(Barbara Wagler)	1922	XIII	31	50 ac. SE 1/4	sale Joel Schwartzentruber
(moved to Wilmot Twp.)					
Elias Bender	1918	XVI	26	1/2 ac., etc.	purchase Jacob S. Bender
(Magdalena Zehr)	1919	XVI	26	1/2 ac., etc.	sale Kaufman
(This may have been house later purchased by Joseph R. Zehr in Cassel)					
(Also purchased a small lot across the road; moved to Tavistock)					
Ervin Bender	1946	XIII	26	pt E 1/2	purchase Christian R. Bender
(Rachel Gerber)	1975	XIII	26	pt E 1/2	sale Mux-Lea Farms

Jacob Bender	1851	XVI	32	100 ac. W 1/2	purchase Joseph Wittrig
(Christena Schlegel)	1852	XVI	32	100 ac. W 1/2	Q.C. Sanford B. King
	1859	XV	35	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase Buschler formerly Joseph Schlatter
	1868	XV	36	22 ac. pt E 1/2	purchase Michael Roth Estate
	1886	XV	36	1/8 ac.	sale Charles Weicker
Estate	1906	XV	36	22 ac. pt E 1/2	sale Jacob S. Bender
Estate	1906	XV	35	100 ac. E 1/2	deed Jacob S. Bender
Jacob M. Bender	1868	XV	36	?22 ac. W ½	purchase Michael Roth Estate
(Mary Ruby)	1878	XV	36	22 ac. W 1/2	sale Joseph Ruby
	1876	XV	35	100 ac. W 1/2	purchase John Bender Estate
	1878	XV	35	100 ac. W 1/2	sale Joseph Ruby
	1903	XIII	31	50 ac. SE 1/4	purchase Staebler (formerly Joseph Wagler)
	1911	XIII	31	50 ac. SE 1/4	sale David R. Bender
Jacob S. Bender	1906	XV	36	23 ac. E pt	deed Jacob Bender Estate
(Barbara	1919	XV	36	26 ac.	sale Nicholas and Barbara Ruby
Schwartzentruber)	1906	XV	35	100 ac. E 1/2	deed Jacob Bender Estate
	1911	IX	30	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase J. Krug
	1913	IX	30	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Samuel Lemp
	1914	XVI	26	1/2 ac., etc.	purchase Reis
	1916	XV	36	1/2 ac.	sale Henry Brenneman
	1918	XVI	26	1/2 ac., etc.	sale Elias Bender
Estate	1927	XV	36	E 1/2 exc. pts	sale Noah J. Bender
Estate	1927	XV	35	E 1/2	sale Noah J. Bender
John Bender*	1855	XV	35	100 ac. W 1/2	purchase Peter Christner
(lived in Wilmot)	1863	XV	32	100 ac. W 1/2	purchase Booth
	1870	XVII	36	25 ac. E 1/2	purchase John Schrag Estate
	1872	XVII	35	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase Buschley
Estate	1874	XV	32	100 ac. W 1/2	sale John M. Bender
Estate	1876	XV	35	100 ac. W 1/2	sale Jacob M. Bender
Estate	1876	XVII	36	25 ac. E 1/2	sale Christian M. Bender
Estate	1876	XVII	35	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Christian M. Bender
John H. Bender	1887	XV	32	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase Christian Bender
(Barbara Brenneman)	1902	XVI	32	100 ac. W 1/2	purchase Shannon Estate formerly Wittrig & Jacob Bender
	1907	XVI	32	100 ac. W 1/2	sale Jacob B. Bender
Estate	1935	XV	32	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Lorne Bender
John M. Bender	1874	XV	32	100 ac. W 1/2	purchase John Bender Estate
(Catherine Ruby)	1877	XV	32	100 ac. W 1/2	sale Solomon [M] Bender
Joseph J. Bender	1911	XVII	26	50 ac. pt E 1/2	purchase Lotz
(Catherine Kropf?	1915	XVII	26	50 ac. pt E 1/2	sale Fullich
Joseph R. Bender	1900	XIII	30	50 ac. NE 1/4	purchase Daniel Gingerich
(Jacobena Zehr)	1914	XIII	30	50 ac. NE 1/4	sale Elias Ruby
	1914	XV	27	100 ac. W 1/2	purchase Elias Ruby
Estate	1950	XV	27	100 ac. W 1/2	sale Howard Bender

Lorne Bender	1935	XV	32	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase John H. Bender Estate
(Annie Ruby)	1970	XV	32	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Harold J. Bender
Manassa Bender	1947	XI	34	100 ac. W 1/2	purchase Wettlaufer
(Maryann Erb)	1954	XI	34	100 ac. W ½	sale Bourne
Milton Bender	1923	XIV	31	1 ac. SW corner	purchase Joel Erb
(Magdalena Roth)	1927	XIV	31	1 ac. SW corner	sale Menno B. Ropp
(moved to Clarence, N.Y.)					
Noah J. Bender	1927	XV	36/35	E 1/2 exc. pts	purchase Jacob S. Bender estate
(Magdalena Steinman)	1954	XV	36/35	E 1/2 exc. pts	sale Noah J. Bender estate
Noah [M.] Bender	1889	XIII	30	50 ac. NW 1/4	purchase Andrew Eydt
d. 1894 (Anna	1892	XIII	30	50 ac. NW 1/4	sale John Kaufman
Schwartzentruber, 2m. Joseph Yantzi)					
Peter Bender	1916	XIII	26	50 ac. NW 1/4	purchase David M. Bender
(Lydia Brenneman)	1925	XIII	26	50 ac. NW 1/4	sale Joel Albrecht
	1925	XIII	31	100 ac. W 1/2	purchase George Schneider
	1954	XIII	31	100 ac. W 1/2	sale Warren Bender
Peter Z. Bender	1939	XII	32	pt E 1/2	purchase Norman Wilker
(Lavina Erb)	1939	XII	31	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase Norman Wilker
	1955	XII	32	pt E 1/2	sale Merlin Bender
	1955	XII	31	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Merlin Bender
Samuel Bender	1849	XVI	30	100 ac. W 1/2	purchase Canada Company
(Mary Miller)					
Estate	1861	XVI	30	100 ac. W 1/2	sale John N. Roth (husband of Samuel's widow)
Simon S. Bender	1921	XIII	30	50 ac. NE 1/4	purchase C. Hammer
(Mary	1937	XIII	30	50 ac. NE 1/4	sale Wilfred Bender
Schwartzentruber,	1935	X	34	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase Com./Ag. Loans
Ida Bender)	1955	X	34	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Daniel L. Schumm
(moved to Ailsa Craig)					
Solomon [M.] Bender	1877	XV	32	100 ac. W 1/2	purchase John M. Bender
(Veronica Steinmann)	1919	XV	32	100 ac. W 1/2	sale Amos Baechler
Solomon R. Bender	1913	XVIII	35	50 ac. SW 1/4	purchase Christian R. Kropf
(Rachel Iutzi)	1923	XVIII	35	50 ac. SW 1/4	sale Jacob R. Roth
	1945	XVIII	30	SE corner	purchase J.G. Wood
Rachel Bender	1970	XVIII	30	SE corner	sale Sanford Bender
	1922	XVII	32	100 ac. E 1/2	purchase Simon B. Roth
	1930	XVII	32	100 ac. E 1/2	sale Stager

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Jacob Bender	1878	IV	12	64 ac.	purchase Nicholas Schlegel
(Christena Schlegel)					Est. via McTavish
	1888	IV	12	64 ac.	sale Jacob M. Bender

Jacob M. Bender	1878	IV	13	91 ac.	purchase Joseph Ruby
(Mary Ruby)	1915	IV	13	91 ac.	sale Jacob R. Bender
(The above farm also includes a "gore" in Con. V, across the road)					
	1888	IV	12	64 ac.	purchase Jacob Bender
	1904	IV	12	64 ac.	sale John R. Bender
Jacob R. Bender	1915	IV	13	91 ac.	purchase Jacob M. Bender
(Veronica Schwartz-truber)	1943	IV	13	91 ac.	sale Wallace J. Bender
John R. Bender	1904	IV	12	64 ac.	purchase Jacob M. Bender
(Annie Zehr)	1931	IV	12	64 ac.	sale John Zehr

Ellice Township

BENDER, J. (this may be John Bender, father of Daniel H. Bender who moved from East Zorra to be with the Old Order Amish)
Lot 3, Con. XII, 1895-1900 (Canada Company Lease)

Mornington Township

Daniel H. Bender	1905	W-VIII	5	W 1/2 100 ac.	purchase Hayes
(Magdalena Jantzi)	1918	W-VIII	5	W 1/2 100 ac.	sale John J. Bender
(moved here from East Zorra)					

Daniel H. Bender (son of Christian Bender and Catherine Honderich)
m. 1886 to Magdalena Jantzi, dau. of John G. Jantzi and Katherine Brenneman
Lot 9, 1/2 rood of E 1/2, Con. VI, 1918-1936