

## ESCH \*/ OESCH

### ORIGINS

The Anabaptist Esch/Oesch family from which the Canadian Oesches descend probably originates in Oberlangenegg, Switzerland, in the southeastern part of the Emmental. The name may derive from places named Aeschi or Oesch. It is also the German name for ash tree. Johannes Esch who came to Canada in 1824, signed his name "Esch" on his passport, but soon after his arrival in Canada, he changed to "Oesch," and his descendants have been writing it thus ever since. The original Swiss spelling was probably Ösch.

In 1767 an Elsbeth Oesch petitioned the municipality of Oberlangenegg that she be given the property of her brothers who were Anabaptists and had long ago left Switzerland and were living at Girschhausen, a place which has not yet been identified. She mentioned her brother Hans and the children of her deceased brothers Christian and Daniel. (1) (See Notes on page 13)

Hermann Guth, a researcher from Zweibrücken, Germany, tried to place all Oesch persons under the above-mentioned brothers.(2) In his Book Amish Mennonites in Germany he has abandoned this outline because it is not possible to place the many persons by this name in three family outlines with any degree of certainty.

MFH 1991 and 2021 have articles of the Oesch family at Forsthof. Not a direct connection found, but Friedrich Hege m. to our Oesch family is mentioned in the Forsthof Oesch family articles

### JOHANNES ESCH, HIS FOREBEARS AND LOCATIONS IN GERMANY

Johannes Esch/Oesch was born in 1791. Arriving at his date of birth from his age at time of death, we had been dating it in 1792. His passport stated that he was born at Barbenstein, near Zweibrücken. Since there is no Barbenstein near Zweibrücken, and since a "Hannes" Esch was living at this time on the farm called Barbelstein at the foot of the Berwartstein Castle near Erlenbach, we had come to the conclusion that this was the likely place of his birth. Erlenbach is some distance east of Zweibrücken. The discovery of Hannes Esch's Bible (described below) and further research at Erlenbach and on the Barbelstein Hof have confirmed this conclusion. (3)

Hannes Esch procured a 1744 Bible which he inscribed as follows (English translation): "This book cost me 12 fl[orins]. Hannes Esch, Barbelstein, the 26th March 1786." On one of the flyleaves, he recorded his marriage to "Freni Heres" and the births and deaths of several children. Hannes, born August 27, 1791, is, no doubt, the Johannes whose year of birth had been estimated as being 1792. This page also included the dates of death of Hannes and Freni and the death of Freny, the daughter who had married Friedrich Hage. The Bible was brought to the United States with the Hage family and was preserved by their descendants. (4)

There has been some speculation that Freni Heres (proper spelling of her name is uncertain) had Dutch ancestry. Confirmation of this theory has come by way of two little Dutch books which were passed down in the family of Rachel Oesch married to Andrew L. Kuepfer/Kipfer.(5)

The family of Hannes and Freni (Heres) Esch according to the family Bible:  
Hannes Esch, (birthdate and place not recorded)

m. 29 Dec 1782 (place not recorded)  
d. 25 Apr 1818 (place not recorded) \*generally the spelling of  
Freni Heres, (birthdate and place not recorded) the name in the U.S.A.  
d. 6 Mar 1806 (place not recorded)

Children of Hannes and Freni (Heres) Esch:

- 1) Hannes Esch, b. 18 May 1788; d. 24 May 1788
- 2) Fröny Esch, b. 20 Feb 1790; d. 14? July 1790
- 3) Hannes Esch, b. 27 Aug 1791 m. Barbara Schutlz (to Ontario)
- 4) Rudolph Esch, b. 1 Feb 1795; d. 1 Oct 1796
- 5) Fröny Esch, b. 7 Mar 1798  
d. 4 Dec 1869 [tombstone: Dec. 1, 1879] Abraham Mast Cem.  
m. Friedrich Hage b. Feb. 23, 1794 [d. June 28, 1863, age 69 y.,  
5 m., 5 d.]  
bu/ Abraham Mast Cem. Berlin, Holmes Co. Ohio
- 6) Catrina Esch, b. 16 Sept 1800 [birth also recorded at Erlenbach]

The spirit of the French Revolution was extending into Germany, and Hannes Esch was having a great deal of difficulty with the residents near Barbelstein. He addressed two letters -- one in 1789 and one in 1790 -- to the Waldenburg magistrate, Mr. Knapp, concerning these problems. Among other things, the residents were claiming that the meadows belonged to the municipality and drove out Hannes's sheep and ordered him not to sell any more lumber from the woods. (6) No doubt, these troubles sent Hannes looking for another place to live, and when King Maximilian invited settlers from the Palatinate and Alsace, it is quite likely that this Esch family followed the many other Mennonite settlers to Bavaria. Maximilian wanted these settlers to develop the Danube Marsh and maintain the cloister farms which he had confiscated from the Catholic Church.

It is not known where Hannes Esch settled in Bavaria. Son Hannes (or Johannes) eventually lived at Rothsee, a cloister farm, southeast of Weilheim. In his family Bible, he wrote that he married Barbara Schultz on February 20, 1820, at Rothsee in the Kingdom of Bavaria. Since his passport was issued in Weilheim, it gave us the clue as to where to look for Rothsee. Several miles southeast of Weilheim (which is south of Munich), we have found a little lake (no larger than a pond) named Rothsee with a former cloister (also named Rothsee) beside it. In 1985 the little chapel had been restored and redecorated. The owner who lived in what appears to have been a cloister residence was not at home at the time of my visit.

An inland passport was issued to Johannes on the 18th of February, 1823. It stated that he wished to ride via Mannheim to Zweibrücken on a personal mission, and it was stamped in Zweibrücken in March of the same year. (7) It is possible that Johannes and Barbara were already thinking about emigration to Canada, and Johannes wanted to revisit his birth place in the Zweibrücken area.

Friedrich Hage preserved several "Attestations," which indicated he had rented the farms Forsthof, near Neuburg, Meierhof, near Munich, and Josephenburg near Karlskron. These places are located near Ingolstadt where there is still a thriving Mennonite congregation in 2000.

#### THE ESCH FAMILY, BOUND FOR AMERICA

It may be that Johannes and Barbara Esch planned to emigrate to Canada in the summer of 1823, but only went as far as Probfeld in the vicinity of Ingolstadt when Barbara had become pregnant with her third child. Families frequently

continued their journey, and women gave birth enroute on either land or sea. On December 21, 1823, a son, whom they named Johann, was born at House No. 1 in Probfeld, south of Ingolstadt.

They remained in Probfeld for the winter and on into the spring. Perhaps the health of the child delayed their leaving, for on May 2, he died.(8) It then took the family only a month to set out on their journey. The travelling group included Johannes and Barbara and their two remaining children, Henry Schultz, Barbara's father, and Barbara's three brothers and two sisters. Jacob Steinman, a young man from east of Munich joined the group which left Neuburg on the Danube on June 1, 1824.(9) They sailed from Amsterdam on the Brig *Ospray* and arrived in New York on September 2, 1824. The trip on the ocean is to have taken eleven weeks. They must have come on a very small vessel. Their party was composed of twelve persons. There were only six other passengers on the boat.(10)

The Hage family and Peter Steinman (assumed to be the brother of Jacob who travelled with the Esch/Schultz group) left from Hamburg, Germany, and landed in Philadelphia August 17, 1826. Later correspondence indicates that the Hages in Ohio and the Oesches in Canada maintained contact. There was also mention made of their sister Catherine who was reported to have been in Pennsylvania at the time of a letter dated in 1839.(11)

The Hages settled near Sugarcreek, Ohio, probably in Tuscarawas County. They are buried in the old Martin's Creek Cemetery which is in Holmes County. Frederick's tombstone gives his date of death as June 28, 1863 at the age of 69 years, 5 months, 5 days, giving him a birthdate of 1794. Veronica's tombstone is illegible.(12)

Catherine Esch, born in 1800, is believed to have given birth to a son whom she named John Ringenberg. The name of the father was also John Ringenberg, but he and Catherine were not married. Catherine came to Ohio with her son and later they moved to Indiana. It is not known whether Catherine later married. She died in 1867. John Ringenberg was ordained a minister and helped to establish the congregation now known as First Mennonite Church, Nappanee, Indiana.(13)

#### ON TO CANADA

According to tradition, the Johannes Esch family remained in Pennsylvania long enough to acquire oxen and a covered wagon with which they made the journey to Waterloo in Upper Canada. It is said that while they camped in the area which is now Kitchener, John stuck his whip into the ground and left it there. It sprouted and eventually grew into a large tree.

The survey for an Amish settlement in Wilmot Township was made the same year the Oesch and Schultz families arrived; so they remained in Waterloo Township for a few years. They appeared in the census records of this township in 1825, 1826 and 1827. In 1827 they had two oxen and two cows.

John claimed Lot 15, North Snyder's Road, in the new settlement. The lot consisted of 200 acres, and in 1835 he received his deed to the front 50 acres - free except for the cost of the survey and the deed. The rear 150 acres still belonged to King's College (forerunner of the University of Toronto).(14) The front part of the farm eventually became part of the village of Baden and on it the Livingstons built their mansion, known as Castle Kilbride.

John and Barbara had two children when they arrived in Canada. Barbara eventually have birth to 18 children, of whom 15 grew to maturity and married. John was ordained as a minister in the Wilmot Amish Mennonite congregation on February, 1829, and on September 13, he was ordained to the office of "full minister" (bishop).(15) He made at least two trips to Lewis County, New York, to perform ordinations in the congregation there.(16)

In November of 1848, John advertised his farm in the *Deutscher Canadier*. It comprised 200 acres--135 to 140 cleared, a good house, barn, washhouse with a pump in it, a large fruit garden and a small stream flowing through it.(17) According to family tradition, John had walked all the way to Huron County and had found plenty of land to start pioneering again.

At the same time, the Christian Wagler family arrived in the port of New York from Alsace, France. On their arrival in Wilmot, they were pleased to find a ready-made farm, and the Oesch family moved on.

John leased 600 acres from the Canada Company in Hay Township in 1849.(18) (Lots 9, 10, and 11, Concession XI, Lots 27 and 28, Con. XII and Lot 27, Con. XIII) They lived in Bayfield on Lake Huron, where the youngest child was born, while building a house on Lot 28, Con. XII, just south of the present hamlet of Blake. Son Christian (already married) leased 148 acres in Stanley Township, a short distance to the north.

The nearest settlement with mills was Goderich, about 24 miles distant. The story is told that John or one of his sons used to bring home two sacks of flour at one time from Goderich. They would carry one sack until they were tired. While they rested, they walked back for the second sack, and carried it as far or beyond the first sack. Thus, in the same amount of time they were able to carry home two sacks instead of one!

At the municipal council meeting in January of 1850, John was appointed one of 12 pathmasters for the township.(19) Pathmasters were responsible for recruiting the male residents to work on road repair and improvement. Unfortunately, John became ill shortly thereafter. It is said that son John walked and ran all the way to Goderich for a doctor. John had inflammation of the bowels (now known as appendicitis) which was frequently fatal at that time. He had time to make a will during his illness. In it he gave attention to every detail for the care of his wife and the little children. But he failed to mention the hundreds of acres of land to which he had laid claim.

Of all the land which he had claimed and which he and his sons had cleared, he had title to only the front 50 acres of the 200-acre lot in Wilmot Township. He probably had some kind of agreement with the Wagners, but such a document was not registered; so we do not know what that might have been. The rear 150 acres of the Wilmot Township lot was the property of King's College, and John had registered his intent to purchase it in 1835 and had paid the required rents. He would have no deed, however, until the whole was paid.

After John's death in 1850, the family and the executors -- Daniel and John Oesch (sons), John Brenneman (brother-in-law), and David Kropf (son-in-law) -- were left with the settling of the estate. During 1852 and 1853 John Brenneman continued to make payments on the rear 150 acres in Wilmot Township. Evidently, the University would sell only to the oldest son of the deceased claimant at the pre-negotiated price; so it was Christian who received the deed in 1855, although he was living in Huron County. In 1856, the executors of John Oesch sold the front 50 acres to Christian Wagler. To complete this transaction, John's widow, Barbara, had to sign a quit claim for which she received five

shillings for the release of her dower. The same year, Christian and his wife Catherine also sold the rear 150 acres to Christian Wagler.

In Hay Township, sons John and Daniel acquired deeds to several of the lots which their father had leased, selling them to various members of the Oesch family -- sons (including themselves) and sons-in-law. A few leases were transferred to other settlers. Those who acquired land from the lots leased to John Oesch Sr. were John Jr., Daniel, Rudolph, Andrew Kipfer (married to Rachel Oesch), Christian Baechler (married to Barbara Oesch), Christian Schwartzentruber (married to Leah Oesch), and Menno.

Barbara and her children carried on the building and clearing of a homestead in Hay Township. Daughter Leah and her husband Christian Schwartzentruber eventually became the owners of the farm which John had begun to develop. The Oesch children married, and some of them moved to various states south of the border.

Barbara outlived John by about 31 years. The following obituary appeared in the *Herald of Truth* (Mar. 1881 Vol, XVIII, p.52)

OESCH. -- Jan. 18th, in Huron Co., Ont., very suddenly, Sister

\_\_\_\_\_ Oesch, widow, aged 77 years, 10 months, and 22 days. She went to bed in the evening appearing well. In the night her daughter heard her getting out of bed in an unusual way, and going to her asked what she wanted. She said that she would go to bed; the daughter called her husband, but before he came, life had fled. She was the mother of 18 children, of whom 12 are living. John Oesch's family were the first German settlers in Hay Township, Huron Co., Ont., about the year 1848. She lived with her husband over thirty years, and as a widow over thirty years. The Amish church has lost a shining light. Funeral services conducted by C. Zehr, from 1 Cor. 15, and John Gascho from Mark 13:33-37.

John and Barbara are buried in the cemetery on the southwest corner of their farm. In 1885 the Hay Amish Mennonite congregation built their first meeting-house beside the cemetery. It became known as the Blake Mennonite Church, and is now (2012) used by a Conservative Mennonite congregation and is named "Lakeview."

#### THE JOHN OESCH AND BARBARA SCHULTZ FAMILY

John Esch/Oesch Sr., son of Hannes Esch and Freni Heres  
b. 27 Aug 1791, Barbenstein near Zweibrucken (passport)  
Barbelstein, Erlenbach, Germany  
d. 12 Mar 1850, bu. Blake Mennonite Cemetery  
m. 20 Feb 1820, Rothsee, near Weilheim, Bavaria

Barbara Schultz, dau. of Henry Schultz  
b. 1803, probably Germany  
d. 18 Jan 1881, bu. Blake Mennonite Cemetery

Children:

Grandchildren:

1) Christian Oesch  
b. 1 Apr 1821 Rothsee, BAV  
d. 11 Apr 1897 CassCo. MO

Catherine Oesch (1844-1921) m. John S. Helmuth  
John Oesch (1846-1940) m. Mary Amanda Smith  
Daniel Oesch (1848- )

- m. Wilmot Twp Joseph C. Oesch (1851-1890) m. Katherine  
Catherine Zehr Hofstetter, 2m. Anna Rich  
b. 29 Mar 1821 Nau Mill Barbara Oesch (1854-1940) m. Henry A. Moore  
d. 30 Oct 1871\* HickoryCoMO Anna Oesch (1856- ) m. \_\_\_\_\_ Cape  
dau. of Joseph Zehr David D. Oesch (1860-1933) m. Barbara  
and Barbara Kennel Reufenacht, 2m. Mary Ann Kurtz  
2m. to Mary Derick  
\*other dates given: { Moses Oesch (1864-1880)  
Menno Oesch (1869- )  
Christian Oesch (1874- )
- 2) Veronica Oesch (first three step-children)  
b. 8 Jul 1822 Rothsee,BAV Magdalena Gerber (1835-1893) m Nicholas Kipfer  
d. before 1861 Wilmot Twp Joseph Gerber (1838-1910)m Magdalena Brenneman  
m. 29 May 1842 Wilmot Twp Mary Gerber (1840-1916) m. John S. Kipfer  
John Gerber John Gerber (1843-1920s)  
b. 4 Apr 1809 France Christian Gerber (1845-1928) m. Anna Reschly  
Daniel Gerber (1847-1899) m. Anna Zehr  
d. 18 Aug 1889 Wilmot Twp Menno Gerber (1848- )  
son of John Gerber and Leah Gerber (1850-1901)  
Magdalena Gerber Barbara Gerber (1852-1908) m. John B. Zehr  
Valentine Gerber (1853-1928) m. Catharine  
Kennel
- 3) John Oesch  
b. 21 Dec 1823 Probfeld,BAV  
d. 2 May 1824 " "
- 4) Daniel Oesch  
b. 1 Jun 1825 Waterloo Twp.  
d. 8 Jun 1906 Grabill,IN  
m. ca.1854 Wilmot { Christian Oesch (1856-1929) m. Lydia Richards  
Barbara Roth Leah Oesch (1858-1933) m. Joseph Delagrang  
John Oesch (1860-1940) m. Mary Ann Troyer  
b. 6 Mar 1833 Hegenheim,FR  
d. 6 Feb 1901 Grabill,IN  
dau. of Christian Roth  
and Catherine Nafziger
- 5) Magdalena Oesch  
b. 9 Feb 1827 Wilmot Twp? { Barbara Kropf (1848-1921) m. Henry Resz  
d. 18 Jul 1887 CassCo.MO Catherine Kropf (1849-1922) m. Karl Shore  
m. 7 Jan 1847 Wilmot Twp John Kropf (1850-1912) m. Charity Ann King  
David Kropf Jacob Kropf (1852-1920) m. Elizabeth Hostetler  
Magdelene Kropf (1854- )  
b. 24 Mar 1824 WaterlooCo Leah Kropf (1855- )  
d. 18 Dec 1909 CassCo.MO Rachel Kropf (1856-1939) m. Daniel Schrock  
David O. Kropf (1857-1929) m. Catherine Mayer  
Josephine Magdalena Kropf (1859-1928)  
m. Israel Yoder  
Daniel J. Kropf (1861-1927) m. Anna Hostetler  
Christian J. Kropf (1863-1940) m. Elizabeth  
Miller  
Mary Kropf (1864-1948) m. Daniel Hershberger  
Nancy Kropf (1866-1934) m. Joseph Hostetler
- 6) John Oesch Jr.  
b. 5 Mar 1828 Wilmot Twp { Magdalena Oesch (1855-1942) m. Daniel Jantzi  
d. 23 Feb 1901 Hay Twp Joseph Oesch (1857-1944) m Magdalena Gingerich  
2m. Veronica Brenneman

- m. 18 Feb 1855  
 Barbara Gascho  
 b. 25 Jun 1831 Probfeld,BAV  
 d. 16 Nov 1875 Hay Twp  
 dau. of Joseph Gascho  
 and Magdalena Ingold
- Rachel Oesch (1860-1944) m. John E. Gingerich  
 Barbara Oesch (1861-1947) m. John Brenneman  
 John Oesch (1863-1946) m. MaryAnn Smith  
 Catherine Oesch (1865-1945) m Daniel Brenneman  
 Leah Oesch (1867-1942) m. Peter Brenneman  
 Mary Oesch (1872-1951) m. Peter Z. Brenneman  
 Anna Oesch (1874-1957) m. John S. Roth
- 7) Barbara Oesch  
 b. 2 Jun 1829 Wilmot Twp  
 d. 2 Apr 1909 Hay Twp  
 m. 1852  
 Christian Baechler  
 b. 27 Mar 1827 Bavaria  
 d. 29 Nov 1918 Hay Twp  
 son of Joseph Baechler  
 and Catherine Ingold
- { Menno Baechler (1853-1936) m. Magdalena Kropf  
 John Bechler (1855-1929) m. Barbara Gerber  
 Joel Bechler (1857-1927) m. Magdalena Gascho  
 Christian Bechler (1861-1925) m. Mary Gascho
- 8) Joseph Oesch  
 b. 4 Dec 1830 Wilmot Twp  
 d. 18 Jun 1915 Hay Twp  
 m. 1 Jan 1893  
 Carolina Schmidt  
 b. 16 Feb 1861 Germany  
 d. 29 Dec 1953 Hay Twp
- { dau. of Caroline:  
 Elizabeth Oesch (1889-1964) m. Rudolph Oesch  
 Samuel Oesch (1893- ) m. Mary Bedard  
 David Oesch (1896-1970) m. Fannie Gascho
- 9) Catherine Oesch  
 b. 11 Mar 1833 Wilmot Twp.  
 d. 8 Nov 1879 Nappanee, IN  
 m. 1854 HuronCo.,ON  
 Jacob Bechtel  
 b. 10 Dec 1828 WaterlooTwp  
 d. Nov 1896 Springs,OK  
 son of Abraham Bechtel  
 and Elizabeth Wanner
- { Menno Bechtel (1856-1925) m. Elizabeth Metzler  
 Rachel Bechtel (1857-1928) m. Noah C. Yoder  
 Leah Bechtel (1858- ) m. Henry Kring  
 Abram Bechtel (1861- ) m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Joel Bechtel (1863-1883)  
 Jonathan Bechtel (1865- ) m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Barbara Bechtel (1868- ) m. Eli Yoder
- 10) David Oesch  
 b. 18 May 1835 Wilmot Twp  
 d. 10 Jul 1841 " "
- 11) Menno Oesch  
 b. 30 Dec 1836 Wilmot Twp  
 d. 3 Dec 1910 Hay Twp  
 m. 7 Feb 1864  
 Susanna Meyer  
 b. 19 Sep 1848 France  
 d. 23 Apr 1905 Hay Twp  
 dau. of Jacob Meyer and  
 Catherine Charpiot
- { Jacob Oesch (1864-1943) m. Mary  
 Schwartzentruber  
 John Oesch (1868-1944) m. Anna Theiler  
 Catherine Oesch (1869-1907) m. Henry Brenneman  
 Barbara Oesch (1870-1971) m. Samuel Roth  
 Rudolph Oesch (1874-1958) m. Elizabeth Oesch  
 Moses Oesch (1877-1957) m. Lydia Shantz  
 Anna Oesch (1879-1956) m. Herman Walters  
 Menno Oesch (1881-1910)
- 12) Mary Oesch  
 b. 10 Mar 1838 Wilmot Twp  
 d. 18 Jun 1838 " "
- 13) Jacob Oesch  
 b. 8 Mar 1839 Wilmot Twp  
 d. 9 Feb 1913 Pigeon,MI
- { Barbara Oesch (1867-1901) m. Amos Overholt

- m. 27 Sep 1863 Wilmot Twp  
 Catherine Schwartzentruber  
 b. 14 Jun 1844 Wilmot Twp  
 d. 26 Nov 1919 Pigeon, MI  
 dau. of John Schwartzentruber and Barbara Birkey
- David Oesch (1870-1887)  
 Magdalena Oesch (1872-1956) m. Joseph Roth  
 Rachel Oesch (1883-1915) m. John Kipfer  
 Jacob Oesch (1887-1964) m. Caroline Armbuster
- 14) Rudolph Oesch  
 b. 27 Jul 1841 Wilmot Twp  
 d. 5 Nov 1875 Hay Twp  
 m. 26 Dec 1865  
 Magdalena Schwartzentruber  
 b. 30 Jul 1847 WaterlooCo  
 d. 8 Ju 1918 Wellesley Twp  
 dau. of John Schwartzentruber and Barbara Birkey
- { Barbara Oesch (1866-1916) m. John L. Erb  
 Elizabeth Oesch (1870-1952) m Christian L. Erb  
 Catherine Oesch (1873-1955) m. Christian Schultz
- 15) Leah Oesch  
 b. 27 Oct 1842 Wilmot Twp  
 d. 5 Feb 1933 Hay Twp  
 m. 10 Apr 1864 Wilmot Twp?  
 Christian Schwartzentruber  
 b. 2 Mar 1840 Wilmot Twp  
 d. 24 Jan 1919 Hay Twp  
 son of John Schwartzentruber and Barbara Birkey
- { Magdalena Schwartzentruber (1864-1952) m. John Erb  
 Rudolph Schwartzentruber (1866-1943) m. Catherine Roth  
 Barbara Schwartzentruber (1869-1936) m. John Gerber  
 Jacob Schwartzentruber (1874-1943) m. Agnes Drane  
 Christian Schwartzentruber (1878-1956) m. Nancy Zehr  
 David Schwartzentruber (1881-1947)
- 16) Joel Oesch  
 b. 29 Dec 1844 Wilmot Twp  
 d. after 1902 U.S.A.  
 m. 13 Oct 1874 Hay Twp  
 Katherine Erb  
 b. 1856 Canada  
 d. 10 Jan 1888 O'Neill, NE  
 dau. of Daniel Erb and Margaret Gingerich
- { Magdalena Oesch (1875-1954) m William J. Runty  
 John Oesch (1877-1953) m. Myrtle G. Little  
 David Oesch (1878-1968) m. Garphine M. Olsen  
 2m. Anne Henry  
 Elizabeth Oesch (1881-1964) m. Joseph Benash  
 Katherine Oesch (1884-1967) m. William Bruner  
 2m. Matt Schmitz  
 Margaret Oesch (1888-after 1978) m. Frank Benash
- 17) Rachel Oesch  
 b. 12 Sep 1847 Wilmot Twp  
 d. 7 Apr 1917 bu. EZ Cem.  
 m. 21 Jan 1868  
 Andrew Kuepfer  
 b. 24 Nov 1843 Wilmot Twp  
 d. 18 Apr 1932 N.Y.?  
 son of Jacob Kuepfer and Maria Lichti
- { Leah Kuepfer (1869-1880)  
 Menno Kuepfer (1870-1959) m. Emma Gabel  
 2m. Annie Brenneman  
 Solomon Kipfer (1871-1940) m. Rachel Schwartzentruber  
 Mary Kipfer (1873-1958) m. Daniel Schrag  
 Jacob Kipfer (1875-1970) m. Mary Albrecht  
 Moses Kipfer (1880-1952) m. Anna Habel  
 Daniel Kipfer (1886-1921)  
 Katie Kipfer (1889- ) m. Samuel Nafziger
- 18) Elizabeth Oesch  
 b. 16 Mar 1849 Bayfield



d. 8 Jun 1914 bu. Wilmot  
m. 26 Oct 1869 Wilmot?      { Michael Zehr (1872-1873)  
Michael Zehr                      { Daniel Potter ("adopted") m. Lydia Katzenmeier  
b. 2 Mar 1845 Wilmot Twp  
d. 29 Dec 1920 bu. Wilmot  
son of Michael Zehr  
and Barbara Boshart

THE DISPERSION OF THE FAMILY OF JOHN AND BARBARA (SCHULTZ) OESCH

When the genealogies of the children of John and Barbara were compiled in the 1960s, our research depended almost entirely on interviews with older family members. We had found a copy of his Will in the Registry Office in Goderich -- a very interesting document. Many across the American continent were contacted and their whereabouts was established. We had access to John and Barbara's Bible which gave the birth dates of all the children, but no death dates. Hence we were not sure which ones had died in infancy. We had not found trace of a family for Catherine; so we assumed she had died young. We learned to read enough German to be able to decipher the family record, but his dates of ordination were still unintelligible. We also had his passport, which we could read well enough to know that it was used to travel within the country and not to come to Canada. However, much of it remained a mystery because we could not read the Gothic German writing nor were we well enough acquainted with the geography of Germany.

The various genealogies give fairly good descriptions where the children of John and Barbara eventually settled. Research in Wilmot and Hay townships, however, has also filled in many details which had been unknown. We will add some the more significant details here, but refer persons to the original genealogies for more complete--and sometimes conflicting--information.

**Christian**, the oldest of the children was born at Rothsee and was three years old when the family crossed the Atlantic. He grew up in what is now Baden. He married Catherine Zehr, daughter of Joseph Zehr and Barbara Kennel. Her family lived in Woolwich Township, but after the death of Joseph, the widow and her children went to live in Wilmot where most of the Amish Mennonites had settled. In 1849, Christian leased Lot 6, Concession XIII in Stanley Township, a short distance north of the land which his father leased in Hay Township. After the death of John, Christian was issued the deed for the 150 acres still owned by the University of Toronto in 1855. The Christian Wagler family, who had been residing there since the Oesch family moved to Huron County, then purchased both the 150 acres from Christian and the front 50 acres from John's executors in 1856. In 1858, Christian gave up his lease to the property in Stanley Township, and it was transferred to C. H. Bushey.

It was probably in 1858 or shortly thereafter that Christian and Catherine left for Davis County, Iowa. Several other Amish Mennonite families were leaving Canada for this distant state. After living there a few years, they moved to Hickory County, Missouri. Catherine's brother Christian settled there also, but it is not known whether he was living there before the Oesches arrived or whether he came later. Christian Zehr probably served as a minister in this Amish Mennonite Community. It was while in Hickory County that Catherine died. Various records give different dates--from 1867 to 1871.

Between 1880 and 1885, Christian and his family--several of them already married--moved to Cass County, Missouri, northwest of Hickory County where the land was considered better. Christian and many of his children were members of the Sycamore Grove Amish Mennonite Church at Garden City. Christian and several family members are buried in the Clearfork Cemetery. The Christian Oesch family has spread all over the North American continent.

**Veronica** celebrated her second birthday while the family was on their way to Canada in 1824 and grew up in what would become Baden. In 1842 she married **John Gerber** who lived in the Amish Settlement southeast of Wellesley. John was the son of John Gerber and Magdalena Gerber. He had migrated to Lewis County, New York, where he was married to Magdalena Nafziger. She died soon after their arrival in Canada, leaving John with three children. Veronica and John had another seven children. They remained on the north half of Lot 13, Concession III, Block B, Wilmot Township all their lives. The date of Veronica's death is not known, but John was a widower by the time of the 1861 census. She was likely buried in the Amish Mennonite Cemetery two farms west of the Gerber homestead. A large stone house was built on the farm during the late 1850s. No doubt, Veronica was still living at that time.

Descendants of John and Veronica Gerber are still on the family farm in 2005, although the young couple now bears the name Jantzi. Barbara and her husband John B. Zehr lived in Lewis County, New York and then Pigeon, Michigan. The youngest son Valentine took his family to Holt County, Nebraska, in the mid-1880s. From there they moved to Reading, Minnesota. In 1910, they moved back to Canada. Some of the older children had already found spouses and settled in various states. The younger children returned to Canada with their parents.

The **first John Oesch Jr.** was born in December 1823 in Probfeld, near Ingolstadt in Bavaria and died there the following May. After his death, the family was soon on their way to Canada.

**Daniel** was the first to be born in Canada. The family lived in Waterloo Township for a few years while clearing the land and building a cabin in Wilmot. Daniel grew up in Wilmot where the village of Baden would develop. He accompanied his parents to Hay Township. The date of his marriage to Barbara Roth, daughter of Christian Roth and Catherine Nafziger, has not been found, but in 1850 he purchased Lot 22, North Boundary Concession in Hay Township, one of the lots which had been leased by his father a year earlier. No doubt, this is where Daniel and Barbara established their home. They bought another 100 acres (Lot 28, Concession XI) in 1861.

At an 1852 municipal council meeting, Daniel was listed as one of two fence viewers. The February 1853 council meeting was held at Daniel's house. At this meeting it was decided to lay out the township in school sections.(20)

Daniel was ordained a minister in the Amish Mennonite congregation at Blake, but he and a fellow minister came under censure--the reason is no longer known. No doubt, it was following this episode that Daniel and Barbara sold both of their properties in 1869 and moved to Missouri where brother Christian was living. Later, however, they moved to Allen County, Indiana--in the vicinity of Fort Wayne. They are buried in the Yaggey Cemetery near Grabill, Indiana.

**Magdalena** was probably also born in Waterloo Township, but the family soon moved into their new quarters in Wilmot where Magdalena grew up. In 1847 she married **David Kropf**, son of Jacob Kropf and Magdalena Rothacker. The Kropfs had the two properties east of the Oesch homestead where they farmed and ran a sawmill.

David became the chief sawmiller in the family. In 1853, the sawmill burned to the ground. Although they had no insurance, they rebuilt the mill.

In 1862, however, David and Magdalena sold their properties in Wilmot and left for Ohio. Due to the Civil War in progress at the time, they were there only a year and returned to Hay Township where Magdalena's family was living. In 1867, they again moved south--to Hickory County this time where Magdalena's brother Christian was located at the time. They also moved to Cass County, were members of the Sycamore Grove Amish Mennonite Church, and are buried in the Clearfork Cemetery. Several of David and Magdalena's children migrated to Oregon where one now finds numerous descendants.

The **second John Oesch Jr.** was probably the first to be born in Wilmot Township. He was only 22 years old and unmarried when he was appointed one of his father's executors. In 1855, John married Barbara Gascho, daughter of Joseph Gascho and Magdalena Ingold. The Gaschos arrived in Canada about the time the Oesches were moving to Huron County. It was not until 1861 that John purchased one of the lots which had been leased to his father (Lot 27, Concession XIII). This became their family homestead. It was almost across the road from his mother's homestead and the cemetery where his father was buried. John was also involved in the ownership of the parental farm for a period of time.

Barbara died in 1875 when her youngest daughter was only three years old. John never married again, but carried on with the help of his children. The children married and most of them left Hay Township. Magdalena and her husband Daniel Jantzi lived in Minnesota and Nebraska for a while but returned to Baden, Ontario. Joseph, after being widowed the second time, took his family to Saskatchewan. Only Leah and her husband Peter Brenneman remained at Blake. The rest lived in the Baden, Milverton or Tavistock areas.

**Barbara Oesch**, born and raised at Baden, accompanied her parents to Hay Township. She married **Christian Baechler**, son of Joseph Baechler and Catherine Ingold. He had recently arrived in Canada with his mother and step-father, Christian Shantz. As the only son of Christian and Catherine Shantz (another son had died in his youth), Christian and Barbara Baechler probably remained on the farm with Christian's mother and step-father. Christian Shantz had purchased Lot 9, Concession XI from the John Oesch estate, and in 1882 he sold it to Christian and Barbara Baechler. This farm was a few miles south of Zurich, across the road from the Zurich Mennonite Cemetery.

At an 1866 municipal council meeting, Christian Baechler was appointed one of the pathmasters.(21) In 1876 he was ordained a minister in the Amish Mennonite congregation in Hay. Barbara and Christian are buried in the former Amish Mennonite Cemetery, south of Blake.

**Joseph** was born and raised in Baden and moved with his family to Hay Township. He was already over 60 when he married Carolina Schmidt, a recent immigrant from Germany. She had a daughter Elizabeth who took on the Oesch name, and Joseph and Caroline had two sons. Joseph had purchased the north half of Lot 27, Concession XV, where they farmed until his death. Joseph was buried in the Amish Mennonite Cemetery at Blake and Carolina in the Mennonite Cemetery, south of Zurich.

**Catherine** was born and grew up in Baden. She moved with her family to Hay Township and did not die young--at least not in childhood--as reported in the early versions of the Oesch genealogy. She married **Jacob Bechtel** who had also moved from Waterloo County to Hay Township. The Bechtels were Mennonites, not

Amish Mennonites, and probably Catherine and Jacob became members of the Mennonite congregation. According to family tradition they moved to Elkhart County, Indiana, in 1866. Some Amish Mennonite families also made the move to Elkhart County that year.

Catherine and Jacob had seven children, of whom five survived infancy. Catherine died in 1879 and is buried in a cemetery near Nappanee, Indiana. Jacob died in 1896 in Springs, Oklahoma. Their oldest son was Menno Bechtel, and I have had contact with several of his descendants. My first contact, however, was with Hazel Church of Lebanon, Oregon. She was a granddaughter of Catherine and Jacob's oldest daughter Rachel, married to Noah C. Yoder

**David Oesch** was born in 1835 and died in 1841 in Wilmot Township. His death was reported in *Der Deutsche Canadier*, a newspaper printed in Berlin (now Kitchener).

**Menno** was born and raised in Baden and moved with his parents to Hay Township. He married Susanna Meyer who had migrated to Canada with her parents in 1856. In 1869 he purchased the east part of Lot 28, Concession XI, from his brother Daniel. This became the Menno Oesch homestead and was passed down to John M. Oesch and his son Edmund. This place was directly east of Menno's parents' homestead with the laneway on the Goshen Line. Menno purchased part of the lot across the road in the 10th concession, which he sold to his son Jacob. Menno also purchased a five-acre parcel of Lot 27, Concession XIII, which had been part of John Oesch Jr.'s farm. Menno sold this property to his son Rudolph.

**Mary Oesch** was born in March 1838 and died in June of the same year. Her death was reported in the *Canada Museum*, the Berlin newspaper at that time.

**Jacob** was born and raised in Baden and accompanied his parents to Hay Township. He married Catherine Schwartzentruber who had also moved to Hay with her father John Schwartzentruber and step-mother Catherine Erb. A few years later her parents moved to Elkhart County and then to Daviess County in Indiana. Jacob and Catherine owned the north half of Lot 27, Concession XIV, in Hay Township from 1870 to 1877. They remained in the Blake area until about 1904. Their daughter Barbara, married to Amos Overholt had died in 1901 and their son David at age 17, but their three youngest children accompanied them to Pigeon, Michigan. Jacob and Catherine are buried in the Pigeon River Mennonite Cemetery.

**Rudolph** married Magdalena Schwartzentruber, sister to Catherine who was married to Rudolph's brother Jacob. Rudy purchased eight acres of Lot 28, Concession XI from his brother Daniel and parts of Lots 27 and 28 of Concession XII, from his father's estate. After being married almost ten years, Rudy died in a threshing accident and was buried in the Blake Amish Mennonite Cemetery. Mattie, his widow married David Leis and moved to the Wellesley area. Three daughters were born to Rudy and Mattie, and Mattie and David Leis had five more children. Mattie and David are buried in the Maple View Mennonite Cemetery, Wellesley.

**Leah** was born and spent her early childhood in Baden. She accompanied her family to Hay Township. Leah married Christian Schwartzentruber, brother to Magdalena and Catherine who were married to Leah's brothers. Leah and Christian were married by Bishop Peter Litwiler--probably in Wilmot Township. Leah and Christian remained with Barbara on the homestead, gaining ownership in 1881. They sold it to their youngest son David. He was unmarried and had no children and willed the farm to his grand nephew Glenn D. Schwartzentruber. Glenn sold it to Horst Mathonia, an immigrant, whose family still occupied it in 2000.

**Joel** was born in Baden and accompanied his parents to Hay Township when a young child. He married Katherine Erb, daughter of Daniel Erb and Margaret Gingerich. The Erbs had also moved to Hay Township. Since none of their children's births are reported in the Canadian records, Joel and Katherine as well as Katherine's parents probably left for Holt County, Nebraska, after their marriage in 1874. Katherine died in 1888, following the birth of her sixth child, Margaret. She was buried at the time of a terrible blizzard. Joel did not marry again, and the children were raised by their grandparents or other relatives.

From some of the Oesch cousins I had heard rumours that one of the Oesches disappeared. Since I had difficulty finding trace of several of them, I did not know to which one this might apply. Just before completing the last few genealogies, I found someone who could put me in touch with Margaret, who by that time was 80 years old. She told me that her father travelled much through the southern states trying to find a cure for what was probably arthritis. He visited the family in the spring of 1902 and then headed south again. Following that visit, Margaret received one letter from him mailed in Tennessee, saying he was travelling with a doctor but did not say where he was going. That was the last word they had from him. Margaret's older sister tried various means to discover what may have happened to him, but to no avail. In 1978 I visited Margaret in the hospital in O'Neill, Nebraska. She had been married to Frank Benash and remained in the area where she was born.

**Rachel** was born in Baden and moved with her family to Hay Township. She married **Andrew Kuepfer/Kipfer**, son of Jacob Kuepfer and Maria Lichti from St. Agatha. It is not known whether they married in Wilmot or Hay, but a year after their marriage, Andrew purchased part of Lot 27, Concession XII, from the John Oesch estate. In 1877, they sold it to Christian Kropf and took up residence at St. Agatha. In 1903, they purchased a place in Shakespeare, now 3973 Huron Street. Rachel died in 1917 and is buried in the East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery. Andrew is believed to be buried beside her, but his dates were not added to the tombstone.

**Elizabeth**, the 18th and youngest child of John and Barbara was born in Bayfield while the family was working on clearing and building on their chosen lot (Lot 28, Concession XII) in Hay Township. She married **Michael Zehr**, son of Michael Zehr and Barbara Boshart. They were married by Bishop John Jantzi--probably in Wilmot. Elizabeth and Michael had one son who died when he was about seven months old. They "adopted" a son Daniel Potter.

Elizabeth and Michael visited their friends and relatives and so were known to and remembered by their nieces and nephews and even grand nieces and nephews. They were buried in the Amish Mennonite Cemetery on the Zehr farm, south of the Village of Wellesley.

Notes:

1) Isaac Zurcher Notes: I/365 ff RM 288/310, in Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen, Indiana.

2) "Once Upon a Time There Were Three Brothers: An attempt at an Oesch Genealogy," unpublished manuscript by Hermann Guth, 1988.

- 3) "Der Barbelsteinerhof und die Widertaufer" [The Barbelstein Hof and the Anabaptists], by Werner Kuhn, in *souvenance anabaptiste / mennonitisches gedachtnis*, Bulletin of the French Mennonite Association of Anabaptist-Mennonite History, Number 20, 2001, pages 85-95.
- 4) The Bible, Hage documents, and correspondence are located in the Mennonite Historical Library College, Goshen, Indiana. Correspondence with Joe Springer concerning these documents (1997).
- 5) "Vom Barbelsteiner Hof" by L. Kampfmann in the *Pirmasenser Geschichtsblätter*, July 21, 1938. Translated from the German by Lorraine Roth and Gertrud Guth.
- 6) Copy of passport and translation in *150 Years, Sesquicentennial of the Amish Mennonites of Ontario* by Lorraine Roth and Dorothy Sauder. Kitchener, Ont.: Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario and the Western Ontario Mennonite Conference, 1972. .
- 7) Information about Catherine and her son is from the Proceedings of the Amish Ministers' Meetings, 1862-1878 by Paton Yoder and Steven R. Estes. Goshen, Ind.: Mennonite Historical Society, 1999, pp.355, 356
- 8) A translation of an undated letter by Jacob Steinman to his brother Christian is found in *The Family History and Genealogy of Christian Steinman(n) and Veronica Eyer*, by the Christian Steinman Family Book Committee, Baden, Ont., 1990, p. 377. In it Jacob gave the date and place of their departure.
- 9) National Archives, Washington, D.C., Microfilm Series M-237, Roll #6.

The following Notes are not included in the new file.

11) See Note #4

12) Correspondence with Mabel Miller of Millersburg, Ohio, widow of Clayton W. Miller, a Hage descendant, February 2001 to May 2002. She supplied me with information from the Hage tombstones.

13) Information about Catherine and her son is from the "Proceedings of the Amish Ministers' Meetings, 1862-1878" by Paton Yoder and Steven R. Estes. Goshen, Ind.: Mennonite Historical Society, 1999, pages 355,356.

14) The ownership of the land in Wilmot Township on which the Amish were settling by the University of Toronto is explained in "The Amish and Their Neighbours: The German Block, Wilmot Township, 1822-1860" by Lorraine Roth. Waterloo, Ont.: Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario, 1998.

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15) John recorded both dates of ordination in the family Bible, but 1834 was erroneously given as the date of ordination for bishop in "The Amish Mennonites in Canada" by Jacob R. Bender in "A Brief History of the Mennonites in Ontario . . ." by L. J. Burkholder. Markham, Ont.: Mennonite Conference of Ontario, 1935, page 222. In "The Amish of Canada" Orland Gingerich copied the error.

16) "Strangers and Pilgrims: History of Lewis County Mennonites" by Arlene Yousey, 1987, pages 53, 54.

17) The advertisement appeared in the November 17th issue of the "Canada Museum".  
(photocopy in the OESCH Document file)

18) "In the Illustrated Historical Atlas The County of Huron Ont." H. Beldon & Co., Toronto, 1879, page xv, it was thought that John "Orsch" and his family were the first of the many German settlers in the township of Hay. It was assumed that they must have arrived about 1846 -- probably because that was when the township was organized into an independent municipality. It is not likely that John brought his family to Hay until after he had signed lease contracts for land, which we now know was in 1849.

19) "Hay Township Highlights 150 Years of Diversified Progress 1846-1996", 2nd Reproduction, Paperback Version. Pub. by Desktop Publishing, Huron Park, ON, page 38. (The minutes quoted were not identified as taken at the January meeting, but since the next meeting was to be in February, it is assumed that those being quoted were from a meeting in January.)

20) "Ibid".

21) "Ibid"., page 41

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John and Barbara (Schultz) Oesch Family History and Genealogy, Volumes I and II by Lorraine Roth. Kitchener, Ontario, 1964-1969. Complete genealogies for all of the children of John and Barbara were made at different times between 1964 and 1969 except for Catherine who was married to Jacob Bechtel. Her marriage and family has only been discovered since the book was compiled. An incomplete, unpublished list of her family is available.

"Johannes Oesch Comes to Canada" by David Luthy in Family Life, February, 1992.

John Esch's passport and his family Bible which contains the family register are now located at the Heritage Historical Library [Amish] at Aylmer, Ontario. His 1580 edition of the Froschauer Bible is at the Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana.

The Amish and Their Neighbours; The German Block, Wilmot Township, 1822-1860 by Lorraine Roth. Waterloo Ont.: Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario.

Lorraine Roth  
Waterloo, Ontario, January 2002

## AN OESCH FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM

Beginning in Switzerland, several places in Germany,  
Baden, Ontario, and Hay Township

The Oesch/Esch name is found in Oberlangenegg and in the nearby village of Schwarzenegg in the southern part of the Emmental in the Canton of Bern, Switzerland. Although we are unable to find the connection between our Oesch family who lived in both the Palatinate and in Bavaria in Germany and our Swiss ancestors, it is believed that this was their original home before fleeing the persecution which the Anabaptists suffered in Switzerland in the 16th to the 18th centuries.

Thus we begin our photo record with views of Oberlangenegg, followed immediately by a view of the Danube River at Neuburg in Bavaria, from which our Oesch family left on June 1, 1824, headed for the port of Amsterdam, Holland, on their way to America. (Photo page I)

We first find trace of the family of Hannes Esch and his wife Freni (born Heres) in the Palatinate, some distance east of the city of Zweibrücken between 1788 and 1798, during which time John Esch/Oesch, the immigrant to Canada was born. Hannes was the farmer on the Barbelsteinhof which belonged to the nobleman living in the Berwartstein Castle on top of the hill. The castle has been restored, and its restaurant is patronized by both locals and tourists. The village of Erlenbach spreads out in the plain below the castle. (Photo page II)

When King Maximilian issued an invitation to settlers from the Palatinate and Alsace to come to Bavaria to take up the cloister farms which he had confiscated and to develop the Danube marsh into farm land, Hannes Esch moved his family to Bavaria. We lose track of their exact location, but in his family Bible, John wrote that he married Barbara Schultz at Rothsee in 1820. In 1823, he was issued an inland passport at Weilheim, a fairly large town south of the city of Munich. Thus we were able to find Rothsee, one of three little lakes or ponds southeast of Weilheim.

Rothsee turned out to be a cloister farm, with at least two buildings dating back to its days as a Catholic cloister -- a small chapel and a residence. In 1985, the chapel was being restored, and the residence was obviously still lived in, but not by monks or nuns. (Photo page III)

Then in 1823, John applied for a passport to allow him to travel back to the Zweibrücken area. He would have entered the town through its eastern gate which is still used today. The town hall has moved to larger and more modern quarters, but the town hall in which John secured his passport is still there (the narrow building beside the church) and is used as a museum. (Photo page IV) A copy of the passport is found on page Va, with a translation (Vb) on the reverse side.

By December, 1823, John and Barbara and their two children had left Rothsee. A third child, named John was born December 21, 1823 in Probfeld on the Danube marsh, not far from Neuburg. On May 2, the following spring, the child died, and by June 1, the family, along with Barbara's widowed father and his unmarried children left Neuburg on their way to America.



When the Schultz/Oesch families arrived in Canada in the fall of 1824, the central part of Wilmot Township had been surveyed, but the heavy growth of trees had to be cut to grow crops and make roads. John chose Lot 15 on the north side of Snyder's Road, and while he set to work clearing the forest, the family lived in Waterloo Township which had been settled by the Mennonites from Pennsylvania during the previous 20 years.

In the latter 1840s, John began looking further afield for more land on which to settle his eight sons. At the same time an extended Wagler family had arrived from Alsace looking for a place to settle. John leased them the Wilmot property and moved his family to Huron County. John died in 1850, leaving his family to complete the building of a second family home without him. (Photo page VI, bottom)

In March of 1849, Barbara (Schultz) Oesch gave birth to her 18th child in Bayfield where the family lived while clearing land in the northwest part of Hay Township. Three of her children did not survive childhood -- and she outlived him by 30 years!

In the meantime, the Wagler family purchased the Wilmot property from the John Oesch estate and continued to exploit it until 1876 when they sold it to John and James Livingston, who immediately built an imposing villa and called it Castle Kilbride after their home in Scotland. (Photo page VI, top)

Now back to the Oesch family in Hay Township. The family buried their father near the southwest corner of the lot on which they had chosen to build their farm buildings (Lot 28, Concession XII). The Amish Mennonites continued to use this location to bury their dead, and about 1886 they built a brick meeting-house at the same location. It became known as the Blake Amish Mennonite Church because of its proximity to the hamlet of Blake, a short distance to the north. (Photo page VII)

Although John and Barbara Oesch had many sons, several of them left Canada for greener fields south of the border. Rudolph (known as Rudy) died at the age of 34 in a threshing accident, leaving only John Jr. and Menno and their families as residents of Hay Township. Daughter Leah, married to Christian Schwartzentruber, remained with Barbara on the homestead. Daughter Barbara, married to Christian Baechler, also remained in Hay Township. Three other daughters remained in Canada but not in Hay.

John Jr. married Barbara Gascho and settled on Lot 27, Concession XIII, almost across from the Blake cemetery and church. (Photo page VIII) Menno married Susanna Meyer, born in France, and settled on Lot 28, Concession XI, on the Goshen Line - back to back with the family homestead on the Bronsen Lin, (Photo page IX)

Addendum:

A portion of map showing Weilheim, where John Esch secured his inland passport, and Oberammergau, location of the Passion Play enacted every 10 years is inserted following John Esch's passport.

\*\*\*\*8 pages of photos follow.

#### ADDITIONAL OESCH IMMIGRANTS TO CANADA

A second John Oesch family migrated to Canada from France in 1857. John was born in 1821 in Ernestviller, near Sarralbe, Department of Moselle, France -- in

the area also referred to as Lorraine. His parents were Christoph/Christian Oesch and Marguerite Sommer.(1) (See Notes on next page) In 1848 John married Barbara Nafziger, daughter of Pierre Nafziger and Anne Abresol/Ebersol, at St. Mihiel, Commercy, Department of Meuse. John and Barbara had three children born at St. Mihiel, and then decided to make the trip to Canada.

According to family tradition, John was a French school teacher. Barbara, it is said, learned to read all three languages -- French, German and English. When they got to Canada, they first lived in Wilmot Township, near Philipsburg. In the 1861 census, John was listed as a miller. In the 1871 census the family was living in Elma Township, Perth County, and John's occupation was listed as farmer. According to family tradition John also made clothing and magazine racks, which were both ornamental and useful. From 1878 to 1882 John and Barbara owned an 8-acre plot of Lot 3, Concession VI in North Easthope at the Wilmot Township line.(2) From 1884 to 1886, both John and Barbara and son John N. and Magdalena (nee Boshart) occupied the village Lots 30 and 79 (now #3981, Road 107) in Shakespeare.(3)

Although there is no tombstone, the Steinmann Mennonite Church cemetery record indicates John and Barbara were buried in the first grave at the northwest corner of the cemetery.

#### THE JOHN AND BARBARA (NAFZIGER) OESCH FAMILY

John Oesch, son of Christoph/Christian Oesch and Marguerite Sommer

b. 16 Jan/Jun 1821, Ernestviller, Sarralbe, Moselle, France

d. 3 June 1904, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery

m. 5 Mar 1848, St. Mihiel, Commercy, Meuse, France

Barbara Nafziger, dau. of Pierre Nafziger and Anne Abresol/Ebersol

b. 11 Sept 1817, Imling, Sarrebourg, Moselle, France

d. 18 June 1896, bu. Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery

#### Children:

#### Grandchildren:

1) John N. Oesch

b. 30 Aug 1849 St.Mihiel

d. 2 Aug 1916 Wilmot Twp

m. 8 Mar 1876 Mornington

Magdalena Boshart

b. 17 Jan 1841

d. 15 Apr 1924 Wilmot Twp

dau. of Joseph Boshart

and Catherine Conrad

Christian Oesch (1877-1923) m. Elizabeth Schweitzer

Barbara Oesch (1878-1942) m. Jacob M. Kropf

Mary Oesch (1879-1968) m. Peter Schweitzer

Annie Oesch (1880-1940) m. Joseph Schweitzer

Rebecca Oesch (1882-1972) m. Frank Hinsberger

2m. James Sederchuck

John B. Oesch (1884-1971) m. Mattie Schweitzer

2) Barbara Oesch

b. 4 Mar 1851 St.Mihiel

d. 10 Mar 1922 Wellesley

m. 25 Apr 1876 Mornington

Christian G. Erb

b. 31 Jul 1855 Hay Twp

d. 28 Sep 1932 Wellesley

son of Daniel Erb and

Margaret Gingerich

Annie Erb (1878-1965)

Mary Erb (1883-1938) m. Joseph E. Lichti

Noah O. Erb (1890-1950) m. Nancy Jantzi

(

3) Anna Oesch



## A DUTCH-OESCH CONNECTION

Two Dutch booklets were found in the collection of Iva (Kipfer) Caddick (1909-2000) when she moved from her house in Tavistock, to Greenwood Court in Stratford, Ontario. Her nieces and grand nieces responsible for helping Iva dispose of her collection are to be commended for placing them into the Mennonite Archives at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario.

How did these little books get into the Kipfer family? It has recently been discovered that the mother of Johannes/John Esch/Oesch, the immigrant to Canada is believed to have been Dutch. Iva Kipfer's grandmother was Rachel (Oesch) Kipfer, the second youngest daughter of immigrant John Oesch and Barbara (nee Schultz).

A Bible belonging to Hannes Esch, father of immigrant John Esch/Oesch, was brought to America by John's sister Froni and her husband Friedrich Hage, and this family had retained the tradition that Hannes Esch's wife, Freni Heres, was Dutch. Iva Kipfer's books together with a copy of the 1646 Dutch edition of Menno Simon's works found in the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen College in Indiana from the Esch-Hage line seem to offer substance to the tradition.

A German researcher, Hermann Guth has found the record of Hannes Oesch on the Barbelsteinerhof (farm) at the Berwartstein Castle in the eastern part of the Palatinate in 1783. Also on this farm was another Mennonite by the name of Roless. (See reference to Guth's publication on page ) In the handwritten notes on the flyleaves of the New Testament on page 2, we will find that it belonged to Heere Roless in 1770. Previous owners back to 1727 are indicated, but Johannes Oesch did not record when he acquired it.

photos of Bibles follow (3 photos)

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Susan Best

Two booklets on Psalms and Songs are published within the covers of the first booklet. It measures 11 cm. high, 7 1/2 cm. wide and 5 cm. thick. Library call No. BV472.M45 P8, 1633

The second book (with clasps) is the New Testament with a brief list of principal doctrines following the book

Translation of the title page of the New Testament:  
The New / Testament / Our Dear Lord / Jesus Christ / John 5 verse 39 / Study the Scripture / which is my witness / Printed from the old copy of Nicolaes Biestkens / printer's mark with sower / For Hope (in scroll) / at Amsterdam / By J. Rieuwertsz Book-

of Revelation. The clasps are intact, but the pages have thickened with use and do not allow closing of the clasps. Library call No. BS2124, 1697

seller in the Beurs / Street / in the Martyrs-Book 1697. In Company (2) / For additional items at the end of the New Testament, see top of next page:

After Apocalypsis (Revelation):

Register of the principal doctrines in the New Testament with chapters and verses in the order of the A.B.C.s (not all letters of the alphabet are used)  
Register of the principal happenings in the New Testament, [according to] John the Baptist

Photos and translations of title pages of Book of Psalms and Pieter Jansz Twisck's small Song Books, bound in one volume:

2 more photos of Bibles

Photo Credits: Susan Best

A translation of the title page of the booklet of Psalms in the first booklet (pictured on left):

Some / of David's Psalms / Hymns and / Spiritual songs. / Very suitable to be sung with attention at a Christian / meetings of believers / or elsewhere / to honour God. / ----- / ----- / ----- / Col. 3.16 / Teach and entertain each other with Psalms, / Hymns and Spiritual songs. / James 5:13 / Is anyone in a good mood? / May they sing.

¶ \$ ¶ Design

¶ ¶ Tot Hoorn? / printed by Isaac Willemsz. / For Jan Jansz. Deutel, Bookseller / in the Gouw in Bieskens Testament / 1634.

A translation of the title page of second book, bound with the above (pictured on right):

Pieter Jansz, / Twisck small Song Books / Ephesians 5.19. / As you sing Psalms / and Hymns and Spiritual / Songs. Sing make melody to the / Lord in your hearts. Design

At Hoorn? / for Zacharias Cornelisz, Book- / seller of the Liefveltschen? Bible / [in the] Year 1633.

Handwriting on the flyleaves of the New Testament: (3 sides) Only the third side has been reproduced. It appears opposite the photograph of the New Testament title page on page 1. The old Dutch (remember it was printed in 1697) is difficult to decipher and even more difficult to attempt a translation.

Translation:	transcription:
Hear/Belongs Isaaks Swolt?	Hoort Isaaks Swolt
1727 the? 29 November?	1727 d__rg netden
now bought from	an
Koert jzaeks / and belongs	nu? gekocht Van
to me	Koert jzaeks en hoort toe
Pieter Hendriks	by my
cost 10 St.(nickles?)	Pieter Hendriks
17	Kost 10 ht:
Mr. Roelefs? (Roeless)	17
now T[?] enniggin	Heere Roeless
Here is my	nu Tenniggen
Book in the	heeres myn
Year 1770	Boeck in het
	¶ Jaar 1770

O Lord make	[next page]	O Heer maakt
me capable	[an?]	my bekwaam
that I may		dat ih mag
honour you		zyn u erch[?]
O Lord		genaam o heer
*grant me		ver leent my
blessing not		zeegen nog
adversity		weese al de
	next 5 lines	den heever
	not understandable	vreehen[?] enz
		zin gebaden des
		Hare lin be[?]
		Noi mane[?]

On other side:	on verso:
Be Him and	hem wesen en
bare the	Spanen met
Palm/Crown? with Him	hem de kroon
O Lord will [you]	O heer wilt my
give me	Alzulken her
such a heart	te geevenom u
to fear you more	te vreehen meer
and more and that	en meer en da
I such	ik zulkeen
a heart from you	hert van u
desire	Begeer ____[?]
my prayer	myr beede
O dear Lord	O __heere

\*Mrs. Danen (of Dutch birth) suggests that this might be translated "grant me neither blessing nor adversity" - in other words, I am not looking for special favours!

Transcriptions of title pages and inscription on flyleaves of the New Testament by Joe Spring, curator of Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen College,

Goshen, Indiana

Translations by Mrs. Bart (Jerry) Danen, Tavistock, Ontario,  
with some revisions by Lorraine Roth, also of Tavistock.

Notes:

1) An inscription inside the front cover of *Oper Menno Symons* (Haarlem?), 1646) at Goshen reads: "'Heere Roelefs mijn Boeck, gekregen den 23 Aprilis 175\_/ gekocht, voor 35 St' (Heere Roelefs, my book acquired Apr. 23, 175\_/ bought for 35 stuiver)."

The book has been passed through the Esch-Hage line to a great-granddaughter of Froni Esch Hage who arranged to donate the book to the library. (Information courtesy of Joseph A. Springer, curator of Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen College, Indiana.

2) Herman Guth's publication: *Amish Mennonites in Germany/ Their Congregations, The Estates Where They Lived, Their Families*. Illinois Mennonite Historical and genealogical Society, Metamora, Illinois. Copyright 1995 by Masthof Press. (pages 14,15)

3) Additional Note of Interest re Dutch Appearance in Alsace and Palatinate: A letter published in *Christ Seul*, the French Mennonite periodical, by Pierre Sommer in the August 1931 issue, pages 8,9, submitted and translated by Joe Springer.

"A very interesting letter, written November 10, 1782 at Moehlin (Bettwiller) the very center of the (Pays de Bitsche) community bears the signature of Hans Naffziger, Christen Yoder, Christel Imhoff, Hans Habecker, Hans Imhoff, Petter Imhoff, Jacob Schenk. These are without doubt the ministers of several congregations that had gathered to deliberate. It concerned taking a position regarding a family that had arrived from Holland, to determine if one should rebaptize these people or not in order to receive them into membership. The letter is addressed to Jacob Kupferschmidt (elder of the Salm congregation), from whom they request counsel. The letter writers invoke the opinion of Menno Simons, as well as those of several known elders: Nicolas Plank, Michel Richard (both from Montbéliard), Henry Goldschmidt (of Ste-Marie-aux-Mines) and Hans Zutter (a name one finds in the records without being able to determine to which congregation he belonged)."

The timing of this letter less than six weeks ahead of Hannes Esch's marriage to Freni Heres and geographical proximity (61 km. by road today, somewhat shorter as the crow flies) between the place the deliberation was held and Bewartstein, where we later know Esch and his father-in-law to have been, makes it nearly certain that Heere Roelefs family is the Dutch family in question . . . "(See Springer's letter to Roth, Jan. 8, p.4)

JOHN AND BARBARA (SCHULTZ) OESCH FAMILY

		BORN	DIED
John Oesch, probably son of Hans Oesch		1792	Mar 12, 1850
m. Feb 20, 1820 at Rothsee, Bavaria		1803	Jan 18, 1881
Barbara Schultz, dau. of Henry Schultz			
1) Christian Oesch (Missouri)		Apr 1, 1821	Apr 11, 1897
m. Mar 29, 1842 to Catherine Zehr		Mar 29, 1821	Oct 30, 1871*
2m. to Mary Derick			
2) Veronica Oesch (Ontario)		July 8, 1822	before 1861
m. May 29, 1842 to John Gerber		Apr 4, 1809	Aug 18, 1889
3) John Oesch (born and died at Probfeld)		Dec.21, 1823,	May 2, 1824
4) Daniel Oesch (Indiana)		June 1, 1825	June 8, 1906
m. to Barbara Roth		Mar 6, 1833	Feb 6, 1901
5) Magdalena Oesch (Missouri)		Feb 9, 1827	Jul 18, 1887
m. Jan 7, 1847 to David Kropf		Mar 24, 1824	Dec 18, 1909
6) John Oesch (Ontario)		Mar 5, 1828	Feb 23, 1901
m. Feb 18, 1855 to Barbara Gascho		Jun 25, 1831	Nov 16, 1875
7) Barbara Oesch (Ontario)		June 2, 1829	Apr 2, 1909
m. 1852 to Christian Baechler		Mar 27, 1827	Nov 29, 1918
8) Joseph Oesch (Ontario)		Dec 4, 1830	Jun 18, 1915
m. Jan 1, 1893 to Carolina Schmidt		Feb 16, 1861	Dec 29, 1953
9) Catherine Oesch (Indiana)		Mar 11, 1833	Nov 8, 1879
m. 1854 to Jacob Bechtel		Dec 10, 1828	Nov 1896
10) David Oesch (b & d in Wilmot Township )		May 18, 1835	July 10, 1841
11) Menno Oesch (Ontario)		Dec 30, 1836	Dec 3, 1910
m. Feb 7, 1864 to Susanna Meyer		Sep 19, 1848	Apr 23, 1905
12) Mary Oesch (b & d in Wilmot Township)		Mar 10, 1838	Jun 18, 1838
13) Jacob Oesch (Michigan)		Mar 8, 1839	Feb 9, 1913
m. Sept 27, 1863 to Catherine Schwartzentruber		Jun 14, 1844	Nov 26, 1919
14) Rudolph Oesch (Ontario)		Jul 27, 1841	Nov 5, 1875
m. Dec 26, 1865 to Magdalena Schwartzentruber		Jul 30, 1847	July 8, 1918
15) Leah Oesch (Ontario)		Oct 27, 1842	Feb 5, 1933
m. Apr 10, 1864 to Christian Schwartzentruber		Mar 2, 1840	Jan 24, 1919
16) Joel Oesch (Nebraska)		Dec 29, 1844	**
m. Oct 13, 1874 to Katherine Erb		1856	Jan 10, 1888
17) <b>Rachel Oesch***</b> (Ontario)		Sep 12, 1847	Apr 7, 1917
m. Jan 21, 1868 to Andrew Kuepfer/Kipfer		Nov 24, 1843	Apr 18, 1932



18) Elizabeth Oesch (Ontario) Mar 16, 1849 June 8, 1914  
m. Oct 26, 1869 to Michael Zehr Mar 2, 1845 Dec 29, 1920

Province or states in brackets indicate last place of residence

\*other sources give Mar 5 1867 and Feb 28, 1868

\*\*was not heard from after 1902

\*\*\***family retained Dutch books**

Translation of Johannes Esch's passport

Isar District  
Kingdom of Weilheim  
Interior Passport

for Johannes Esch, tenant farmer  
born at Barbenstein\* in Zweibrucken  
Residing at Rothsee . . .  
to ride via Manheim to Zweibrucken  
on a personal mission  
The duration of the pass is 3 months

Personal Description

age thirty-one years  
height tall  
face long  
nose proportionate  
hair brown  
eyes blue  
marks none

Signature of the Traveller

Johannes Esch

the 18th of February 1820 and three

Bavarian Kingdom of Weilheim

official stamp and signature

\*Barbenstein should be spelled Barbelstein.

(On the reverse side, the original passport was  
dated March, 1823 with the official stamp and  
signature of Zweibrucken)

See reverse side for translation

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▯ Views of OBERLANGENEGG, a community of scattered farms  
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[] in the southern Emmental, Canton Bern, Switzerland  
[] [] [] Swiss home of the OESCH family  
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[] [] [] NEUBURG on the Danube in Bavaria  
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□ from which the Oesch and Schultz families set out  
□□ □ for America in June, 1824  
□□ □ (photos by Lorraine Roth, 1970 and 1985)  
□ □

BERWARTSTEIN CASTLE

Home of Hannes Oesch and  
Freni Heres in the late 1700s  
on the farm Barbelstein, at the  
foot of the castle, near the  
village of Erlenbach in the  
eastern part of the Palatinate,  
Germany  
John Oesch, immigrant to Canada,  
was born here in 1791.

Photos by Farb-Foto Theo Wadle >>  
and Herst.u.Verlag Schoning & Co.

ROTHSEE

A farming cloister southeast  
of Weilheim, Bavaria, Germany  
John Oesch and Barbara Schultz  
were married here in 1820, leaving  
a few years later for America.

Below: the cloister chapel was being  
restored in 1985.

Bottom right: the former cloister residence

(Photos by Lorraine Roth, 1970 and 1985)

Eastern city gate to WEILHEIM, through which the Oesches would have entered  
the city. (Photo by Lorraine Roth, 1985)

Aerial view of WEILHEIM city centre. The narrow building beside the church was then the townhall where John Oesch secured his passport in 1823.

(Photo: Luftbild Dachs, Weilheim)

[] [] John and Barbara Oesch settled on Lot 15, North Snyder's Road, Wilmot  
[] []

John cleared the land while the family lived in Waterloo Township until 1827. The family moved to Huron County in 1849, renting the Wilmot property to the Waglers, recent immigrants from Alsace.

The Waglers sold the property to the Livingstons in 1876. The Livingstons built this mansion and called it Castle Kilbride. It is now a national heritage site. (Photo by Lorraine Roth, 2006)

[] [] A New Home in Hay Township, Huron County  
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Of the several properties which John Oesch leased from the Canada Company in Hay Township, he chose Lot 28, Concession XII, as the location for the homestead farm, but he died in 1850 before he was able to finish it. In his Will he instructed his executors to finish the house for Barbara and the family. It was in the family through daughter Leah, married to Christian Schwartzentruber) until 1964. (Photo by Lorraine Roth, 2000)

Former BLAKE AMISH MENNONITE CHURCH  
(built about 1886) (at right)  
Note John & Barbara Oesch homestead  
to left of church.

Lower right: view of church and  
cemetery (John and Barbara Oesch  
tombstone in foreground)  
Below: Oesch tombstone

(Photos by Helen Brenneman and Lorraine Roth, 2001)

□ Views of the Farm of John Oesch Jr. and Barbara (nee Gascho)  
□□ □ Lot 27, Concession XIII, Hay Township  
□ □ (Bronson Line)  
□ □

□□ □ The lot was leased from the Canada Company by John Oesch Sr. in 1849  
□□ □ and sold by his estate to John Oesch Jr. in 1861  
□ □

John Oesch Jr. sold the north half to daughter Leah and son-in-law Peter Brenneman and the south half to son Joseph Oesch. Peter sold his portion to Joseph also, and in 1910 Joseph sold the 95 acres to Jacob and Agnes Schwartzentruber.  
(Photos by Lorraine Roth, 2000 and 2005)

Menno Oesch purchased 5 acres in 1894 and built the house on the right. It was occupied by his son Rudolph and Elizabeth Oesch during the first half of the 20th century and then by

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View of front of house  
(Photos by Lorraine Roth, 2003)

View of rear of house  
(1960s)

replace with views of house on right, above  
and Menno Oesch house:

[] [] JOHN JR. AND BARBARA (GASCHO) OESCH HOMESTEAD

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[] Lot 27, Concession XIII, Hay Township (on Bronson Line)

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1849 -- Canada Company Lease to John Oesch Sr.	(5 acres: house on right)
1861 -- John Oesch Estate to John Oesch Jr.	1894-1900 -- Menno Oesch
1888-1892 -- Peter Brenneman (north half)	1900-ca.1959 -- Rudolph Oesch
1891-1910 -- Joseph G. Oesch (south half)	1965-1979 -- Aaron Gingerich
1892-1910 - " " " (north half)	
(95 acres) 1910 -- Joseph G. Oesch to Jacob Schwartzentruber	
1941 -- Jacob Schwartzentruber to Wallace Gingerich	

Photo by Helen Brenneman, 2005

Lot 28, Concession XI, east part, 84 acres (Goshen Line) (one-storey log house)  
[] [] 1869 -- Menno Oesch from Daniel Oesch (brother)  
[] [] 1911 -- Menno Oesch to John M. Oesch (son)  
1940 -- John M. Oesch to Edmund Oesch  
1966 -- Edmund Oesch to Melvin J. Gingerich  
Photo by Lorraine Roth, 2005

Notes from Schwarzenegg, Switzerland

August 1992  
Lorraine Roth

Tauf Toten und Eherodel 1 Band  
erste Eintragungen der neugegründete Kirchengemeinde Schwarzenegg  
1693 bis 1728

EHE:

19 Nov 1694 Christen Osch und Elsbeth Stutzman  
Zeugen: Peter Schwaar, Anna Schwaar  
  
12 Feb 1697 Peter Osch und Elsbeth Roth von Mursy?  
(keine Zeugen)  
  
1 Nov 1700 Ulrich Osch und Anna Berger  
Z: Niclaus Osch, Catharina Ochsenbein  
  
18 Oct 1709 Caspar Osch und Susanna Speicher  
(keine Z.)  
  
13 Jan 1713 Christen Osch und Cathrin Wanger  
Z: Christen Wittder?, Magdalena Osch  
  
11 Juni 1717 Albrecht Mullschlegel? von Steffisburg

und Barbara Osch "vidua"

29 7tris 1719 Andreas? Kropf "vidua" und. Barbara Osch "vidua"

TAUF:

12 Mai 1700 Barbara Eltern: Peter Meyer, Barbara Osch  
Z: Michael Hooft, Elisabetha Stutz, Verena Roth

4 Sept 1701 Michael E: Uli Osch, Anna Berger  
Osch Z: Peter Gerber, Michael Imhooft, Elsbeth Roth

13 Nov 1701 Magdalena E: Peter Steiner,  
Catharinea Osch aus der Kirchen Diessbach  
Z: Christian Kuntzi, Barbara Wachter?, Barbara Osch

26 Feb 1702 Anna E: Nicolaus Osch, Catharina Ochsenbein  
Osch Z: M.? Andreas Zeller, Anna Kropff, Verena Gerber

25 Juni 1702 \_\_\_\_\_ E: Uli Roth aus Diessbach, Elsi Steiner  
Z: Hanns Reusser, Barbara Kuntzi, Catharina Osch

2 Juli 1702 Anna E: Christen Osch, Elsbeth Stutz  
Osch (zu Steffisburg getauft)  
Z: Hanns Krayenbuhl, Anna Moser, \_\_\_\_\_ Schweitzer?

8 Oct 1702 Elisabeth E: Michael Meyer, Barbara Fahrni  
Z: Christian Gerber, Barbara Osch, Magdalena Joder?

12 Nov 1702 Petrus E: Peter Meyer, Barbara Osch  
Z: Peter Zimmerman, Niclaus Meyer, Christina Zimmerman

3 Xtris 1702 Petrus E: Christen Muller, Catharina Zimmerman  
Z: Peter Osch, Hanes \_\_\_\_\_?, Margreth Joder

7 Jan 1703 Matthys E: Uli Osch, Anna Berger  
Osch Z: Peter Meyer, Zacharias Muller, Anna Wenger

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