

# Coover Presentation

2014

Our Host

Uncle Walt



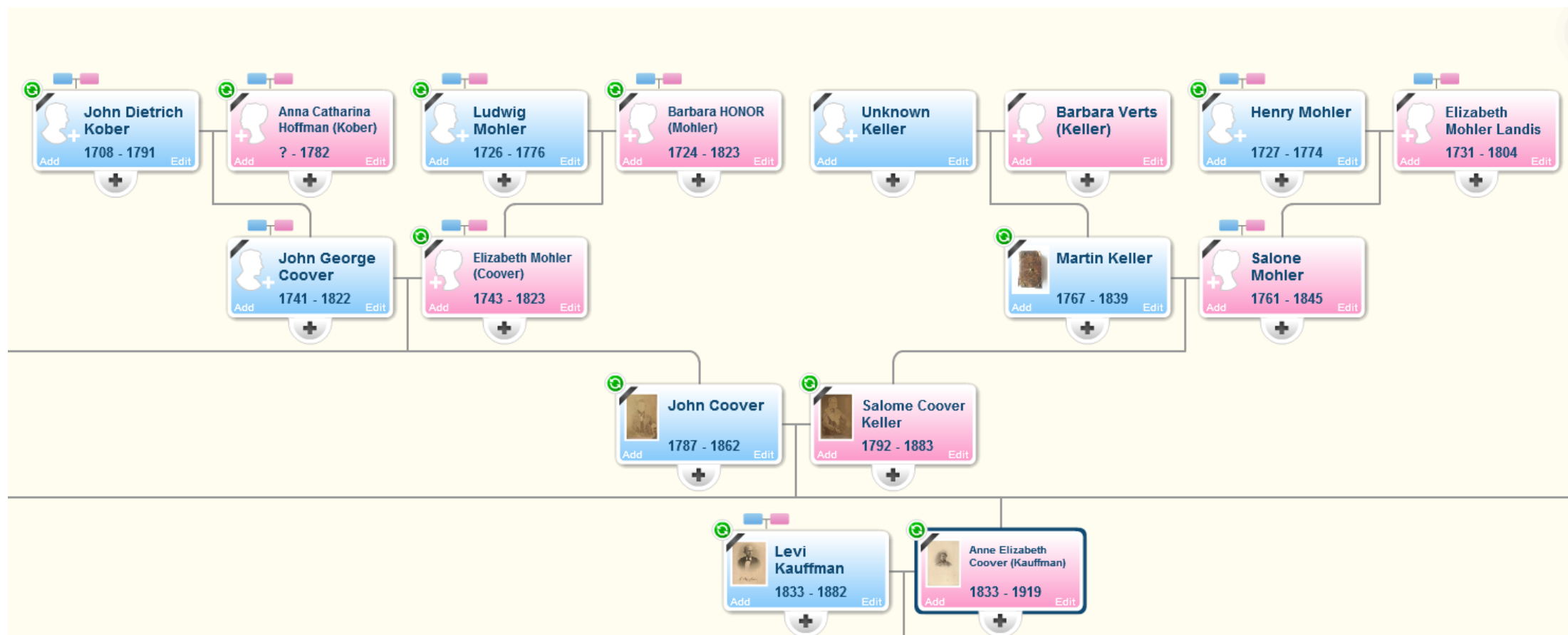
# Coover Home 1856



# Coover Home 19xx



# Coover/Keller Family Tree



# John Coover Family



John Coover  
Salome Keller Coover  
Sarah Zug  
Mary Hummell  
Ann Elizabeth Kauffman

Missing:

- Susan Long
- Emma Coover

# Coover House



# Barbace Cemetery





# Furniture from the Coover Home



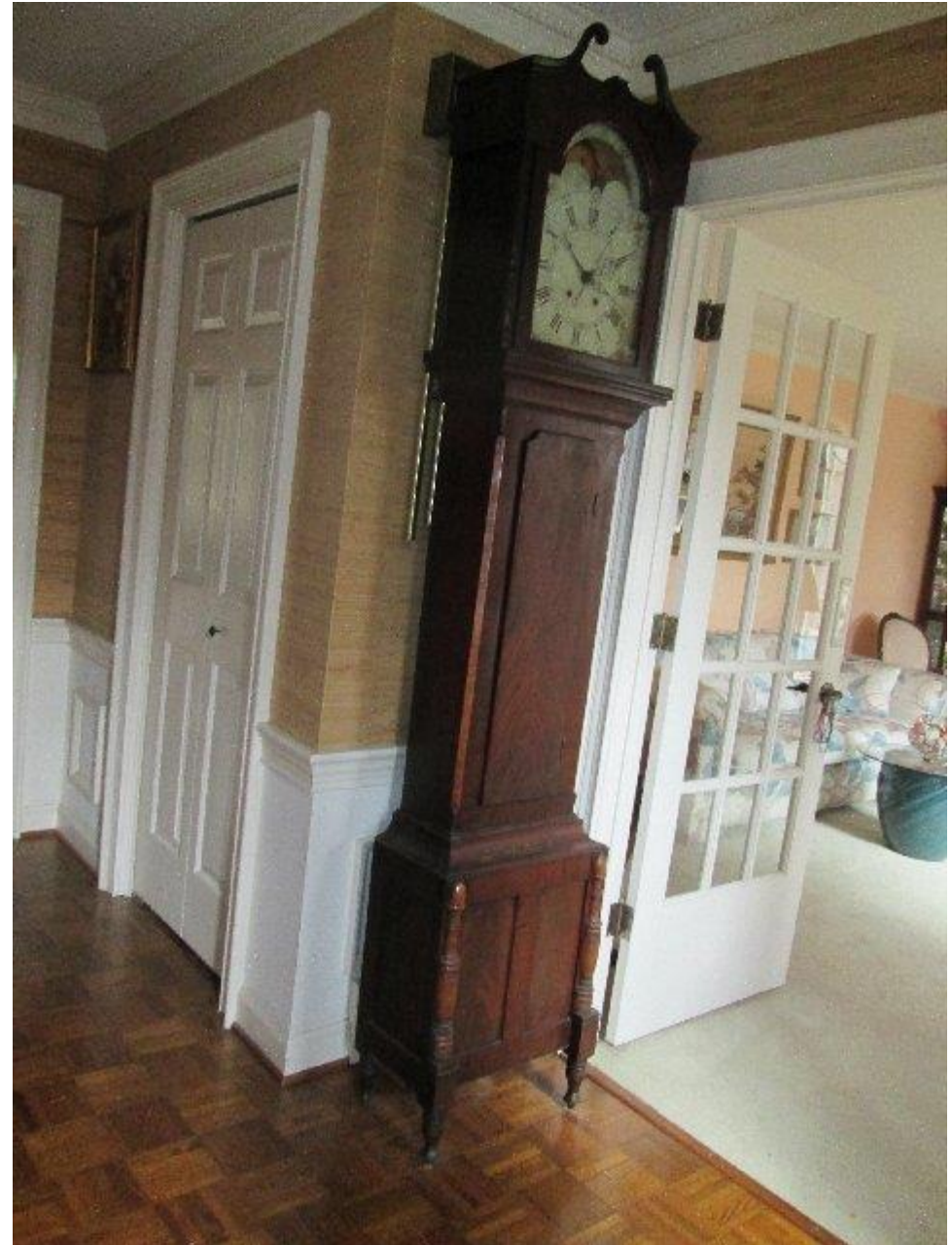
This old black walnut sideboard, made about 1825, was owned by my Grandmother Coover, and upon her death came into possession of my Mother.

Signed, Walter L Kauffman



***"This clock was owned by grandfather John Coover and Grandmother Salome Coover, in 1819 when they were married and went house-keeping. Upon the death of my Grandmother Coover, in 1875, it came into possession of my mother. It has been running all these years and still keeps accurate time.***

***November 1, 1944  
W. L. Kauffman***



# Chest and Desk



# Other

This old lamp--for whale oil or lard--  
with a cotton wick, was used by my Grand-  
mother Coover, and hung in her fire-place  
for many years.

Walter L. Kauffman  
Born 1860



# Stiletto



Stiletto -- China Cup -- Coffee Spoon.

In the days before Railroads, when all merchandize was brought from the Eastern cities in the great Conestoga wagons, which had carried the produce of the country in exchange, our merchants rode armed, on horseback or later in stage-coach to these cities; This is the Stiletto carried by my father, John Coover, in the early days, from 1816 until the railroads were built. Happily the blade is untarnished by the blood of highway robber, wild beast or Indian.

Many things were luxuries then that since have become necessities, among the was Coffee. About the year 1790 my maternal Grandfather, Martin Keller, while visiting friends in Baltimore, Md., drank of this beverage. He immediately bought a lot of Coffee, also a dozen lovely China Coffee cups and saucers, in which to serve it. Previous to that time Pewter was generally used, and this is my Grandmother's porridge cup. It was winter and very cold, at that time wood fires burned on the hearth. There were no furnaces, no coal nor gas to equalize the temperature of the rooms, so the first time these China cups were to be used they were very unfortunate. The coffee was made according to directions, and at a boiling-point was poured into the delicate cups, which having just been taken from their placers were icy cold, and as a consequence several were split into pieces. In the years which followed, one after another was broken until only one remained, and its place was always in my Grandmother's corner cupboard. Back in 1840 my Grandmother gave it to my sister Mary, who in time gave it to me. She brought it to me this past Summer (1904) and to our great regret the saucer was broken in more than adozen pieces in the transportation, as you can see by the cracks on the underside. I was fortunate in succeeding in having it pur together.

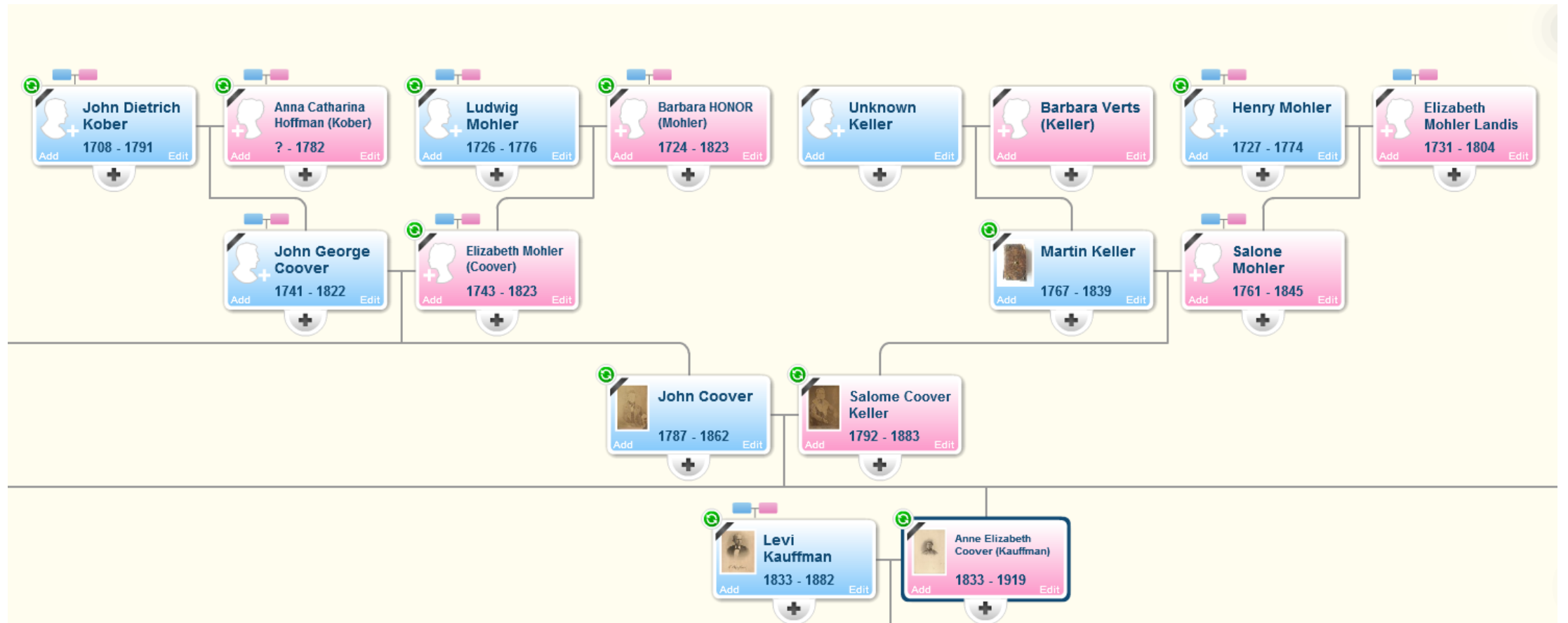
Now when this same Grandfather, Martin Keller, laid aside the gayeties of life, and turned his thoughts into religious channels, he let the vanities go also; hence his silver shoe buckles were converted into coffee spoons, of which this is one. One of my sweetest, if earliest memories is my visits to my Grandfather's farm, where it was always my great pleasure to drink coffee from this cup, and to use one of these tiny spoons. (Coffee was given to children in those days. 'Tis true that was a long time ago, but I was very little).

Ann Elizabeth (Coover) Kauffman.

Martin Keller died August 8, 1839.  
Salome Mohler Keller died May 25, 1845.

October, 1904.

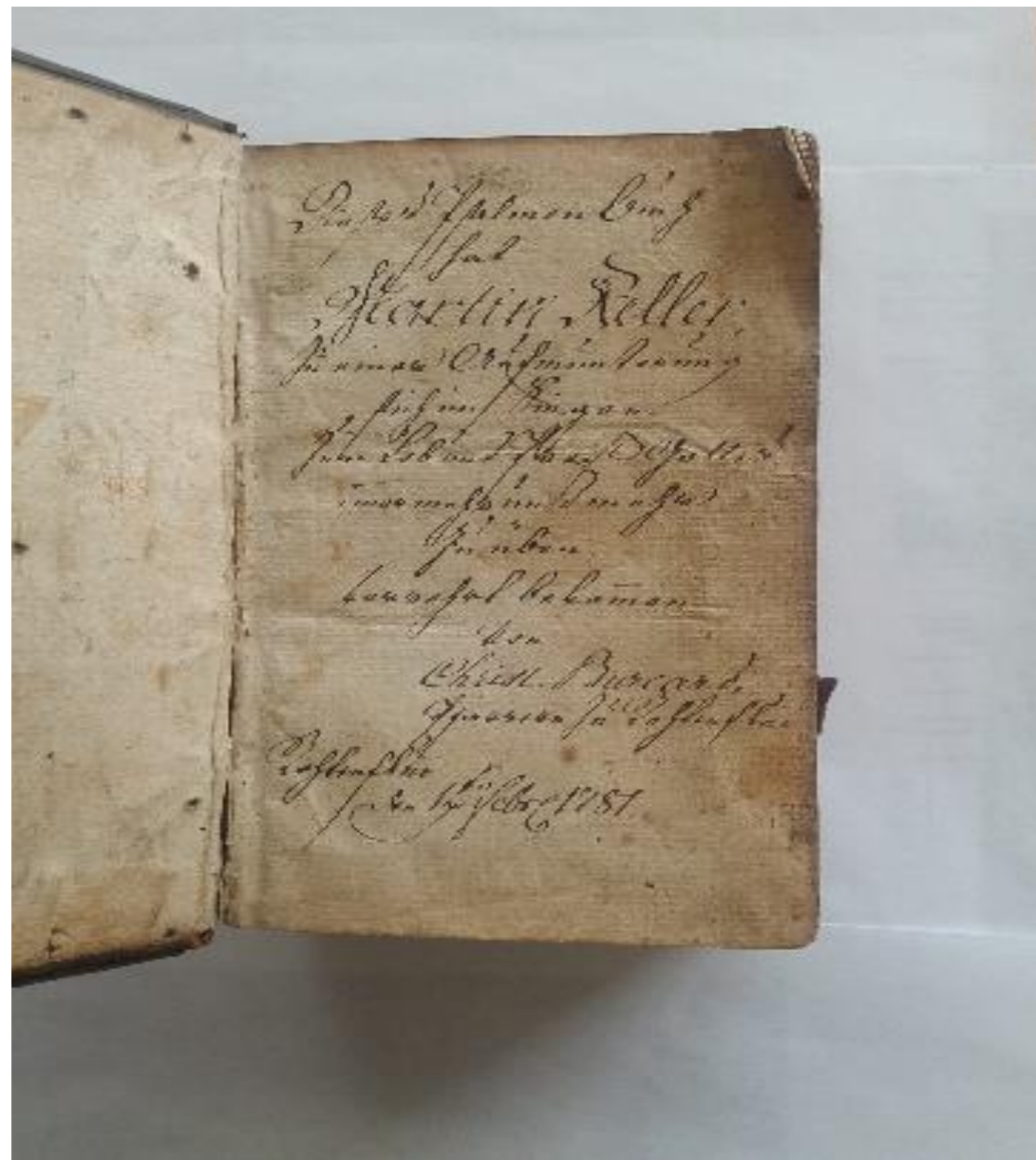
# Keller Family Tree



# Barbace Farm



# Keller Hymnal







Nancy

HISTORY OF OLD DOWER CHEST.  
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This Chest was brought from Switzerland by Ludwig Mohler and family (he was b. Apr. 4, 1698 d. June 6, 1754) on ship "Thistle" of Glasgow, which sailed from Rotterdam, and arrive in the United States Aug. 29, 1730.

Henry Mohler (his Son) b. Jan. 20, 1728 and d. April 20, 1774.

John Mohler (son of Henry) my Great, Great Grandfather, b. Sept. 16, 1757, d. Nov. 11, 1821. Married Ann Bollinger, (b. April 22, 1760, d. Aug. 6, 1822) who became owner of the Chest.

It was afterward owned by my Great Grandmother Salome Mohler (daughter of John and Ann Bollinger Mohler) b. Sept. 7, 1761 d. May 23, 1845. She was Married to Martin Keller, my Great Grandfather, b. Sept. 6, 1767 d. Aug. 8, 1839.

Later was owned by their daughter, Salome Keller, (my Grandmother) b. Sept. 13, 1792, d. May 13, 1883. She married Feb. 4, 1819, John Coover (my Grandfather) b. Feb. 22, 1792 d. May 13, 1862.

Afterward it came into possession of their daughter (my Mother) Ann Elizabeth Coover, b. April 22, 1833 d. May 9, 1911. On Feb. 5, 1856 she married Levi Kauffman, (my Father) who b. Sept. 13, 1833 d. Feb. 10, 1882.

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Nov. 1/1949

Walter L. Kauffman

Birth  
Announcement  
of Suzanna  
Kellerin

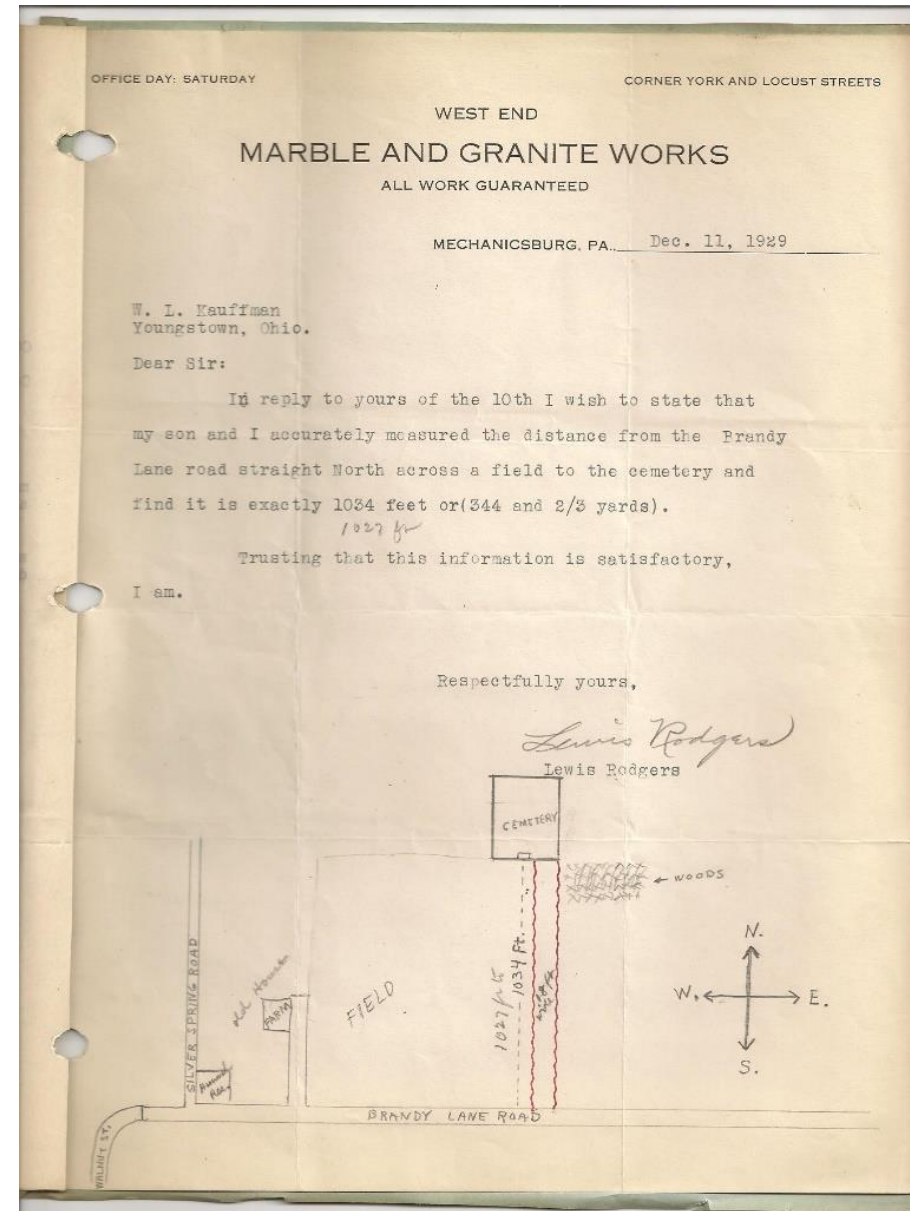
July 4, 1797



Ein Herz das Jesum liebt, weis ganz von keiner Plage,  
Viel Kreuz, Noth und Pein sind seine Freudentage.

Suzanna Kellerin  
ist geboren in Pen Sylbunien in Lancaster  
County, im Jahr 1797 den 4<sup>ten</sup> Julii,  
ihre Eltern sind: Martin Keller und sei-  
ne Frau Salome geb. Walerin, ist ge-  
taufft beym Herrn  
Saudszeugen waren:

# Barbace Cemetery



# Barbace over time



# John Coover and Salome Keller Coover Gravesite



Also reinterred here are:

- John Coover's parents and grandparents:
  - George Kober 1703-1791 and Elizabeth Mohler Kober
  - John Dieterich Kober and Anna Catharina Kober
- Salome Keller Coover's parents:
  - Martin Keller and Salome Mohler Keller

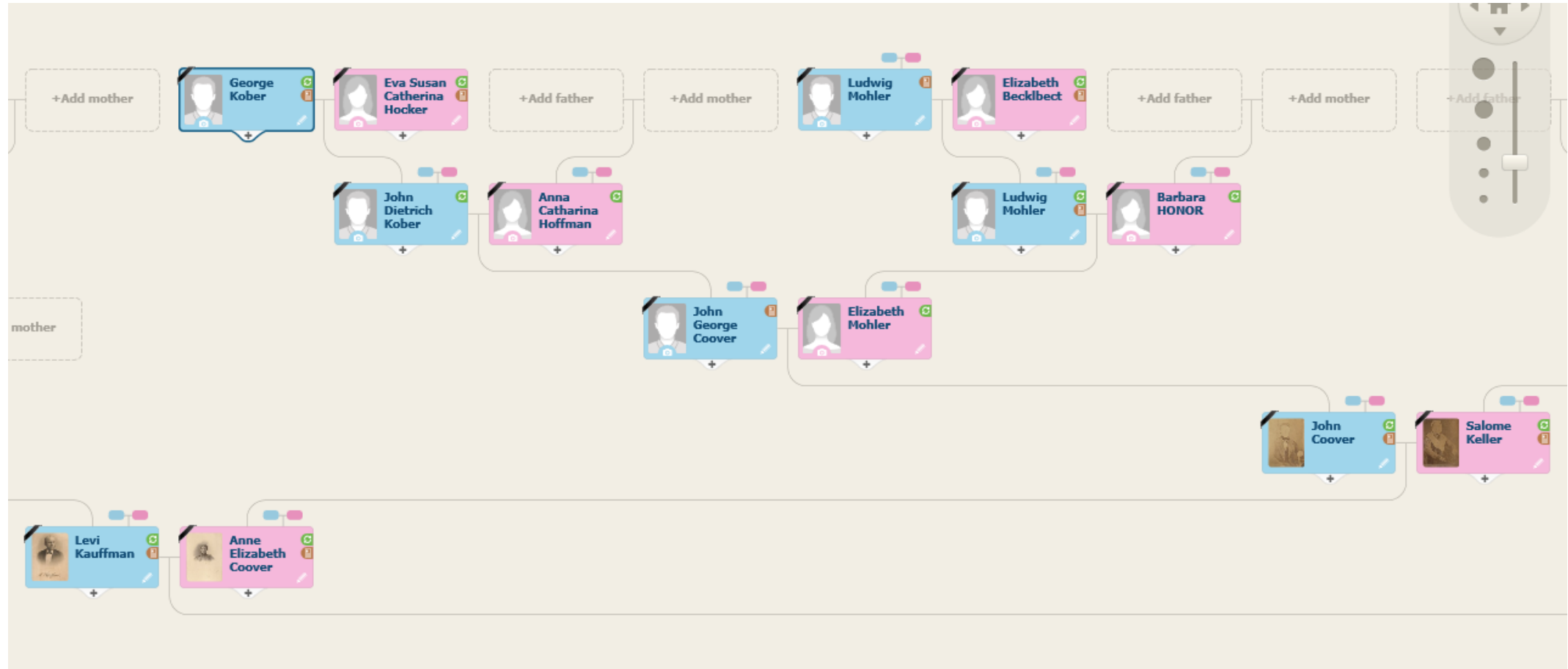
# Buried at Barbace Cemetery

- Henaman, Sarah Jane
- Henaman, Ann
- Henaman, Elizabeth
- Neiswanger, Martin
- Neiswanger, Elizabeth
- Neiswanger, John
- Neiswanger, (daughter)
- Hummel's sons of R. T. & M.C.
- Coover, Amos
- Keller, Martin
- Keller, Salome
- Boslar, Susannah
- How, John
- How, Hannah
- How, Samuel
- How, Jehoshera
- Coover, Anny
- Coover, George
- Coover, George
- Coover, Elizabeth
- Coover, Catharine
- Coover, John Dieterich
- Hunsberger, Issac
- Kinsley, Nancy
- Kinsley, Barbara
- Philips, Elizabeth
  - Consort Isaac Kinsey
- Kinsey, Isaac
- Rqiegel, Henry
- Utz, Jeremiah
- Webert, Augustine
- Mohler, Suzannah
- Baker, Christianna
- Howard, Barbara
- Buser, John

# Barbace Today

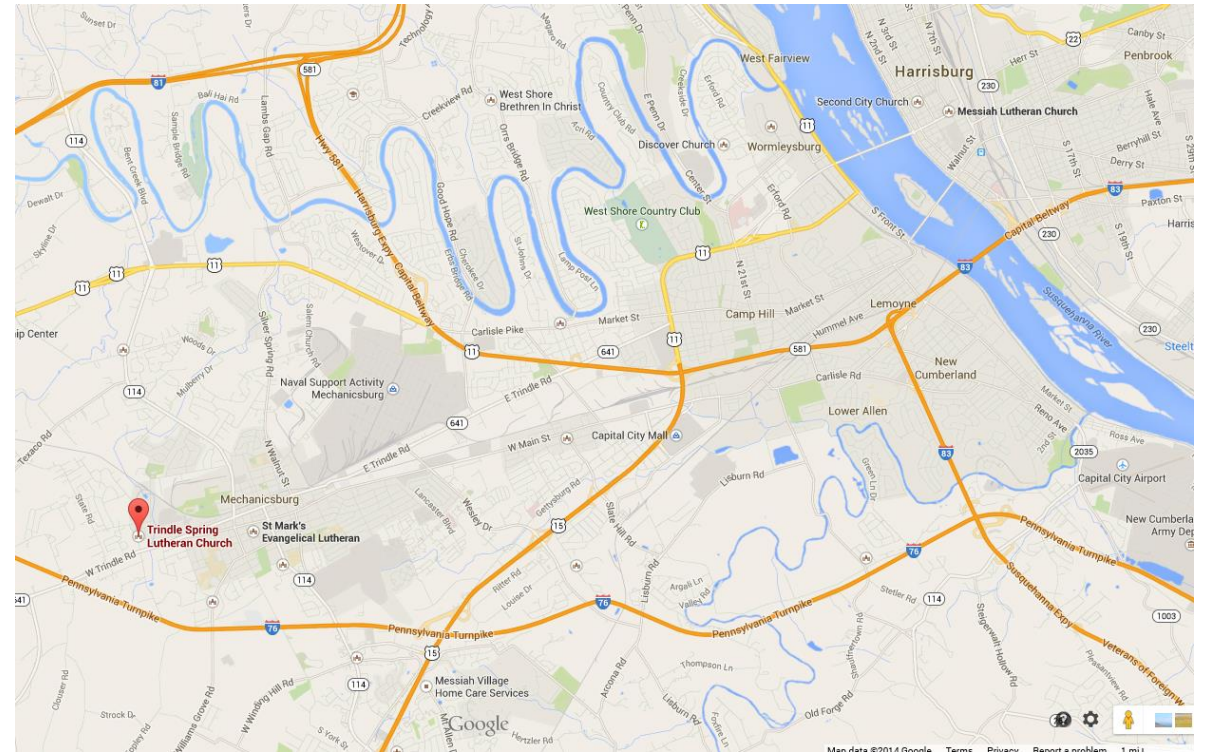


# Kober/Coover Family Tree





# Manor on Conodeguinet – Home of John Dietrich Kober



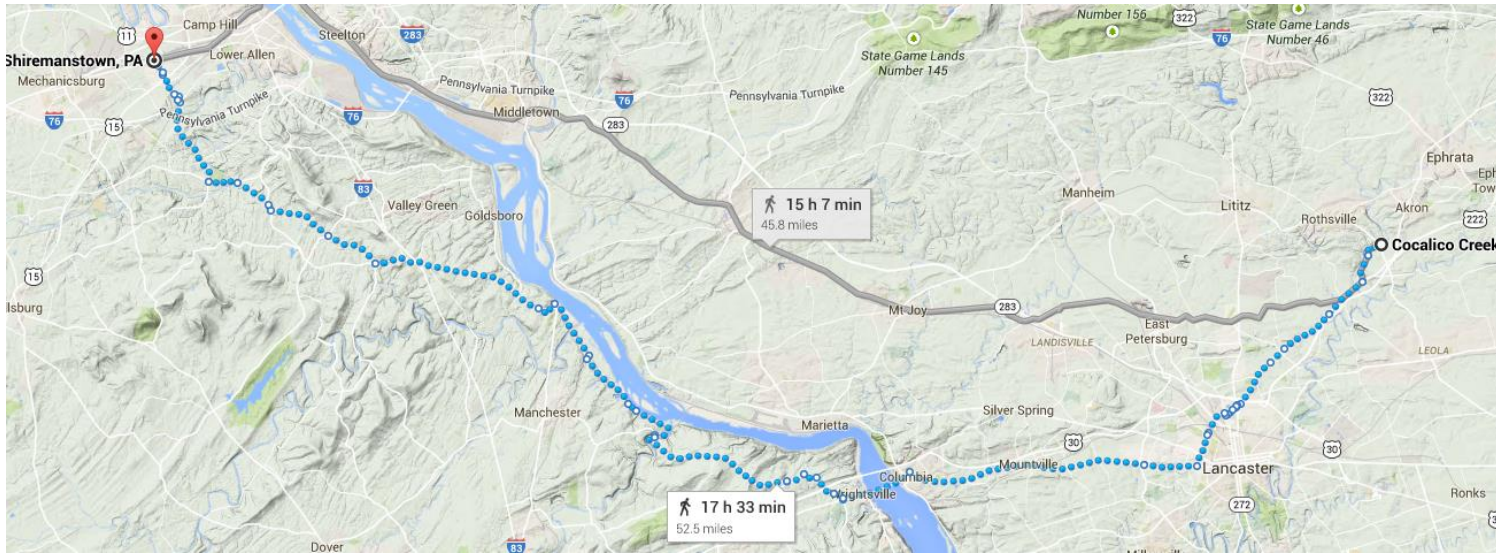
# “Only a few practical little things”

- I have no regal jewels, nor magnificent "purple and fine linen to show you, only a few practical little things which suggest the everyday life of my forebears.
- The first is only a little skein of linen thread - “surely there is nothing in that" you say - ay, thereby hangs the tale.



- On the banks of the Cocalico Creek in the far famed Ephrata, in the County of Lancaster, and the state of Pennsylvania — there lived a maiden. Tradition says she was born in 1744 and was very beautiful — but are not all heroines beautiful?
- Bright, active and industrious, as was the custom in those early days, she like all dutiful daughters learned to knit, to sew and to spin, thus helping to lighten the household duties.
- As she grew into young womanhood, as was the custom of the time, she daily spun a certain amount — there being an amiable rivalry between the sisters as to who could spin the most in a given—time. Thus daily she would sit and spin the flax grown upon her father's farm — and who can tell the happy thoughts that flitted through her brain, as day by day she drew the flax through her tiny fingers into a web—like thread? Doubtless many thoughts and dreams were of the lover forty miles away.





- With deep forests to pass through, the broad Susquehanna River to cross and Indians to avoid, forty miles meant far more than the forty miles of today - which may be covered in little more than half an hour.
- Months passed - the proverbial chest to which all daughters belonging to German families, is entitled, was filled to overflowing with household linen. The finest of thread, serving to make many stitches thereon - This is some of the thread spun by that maiden at that time.

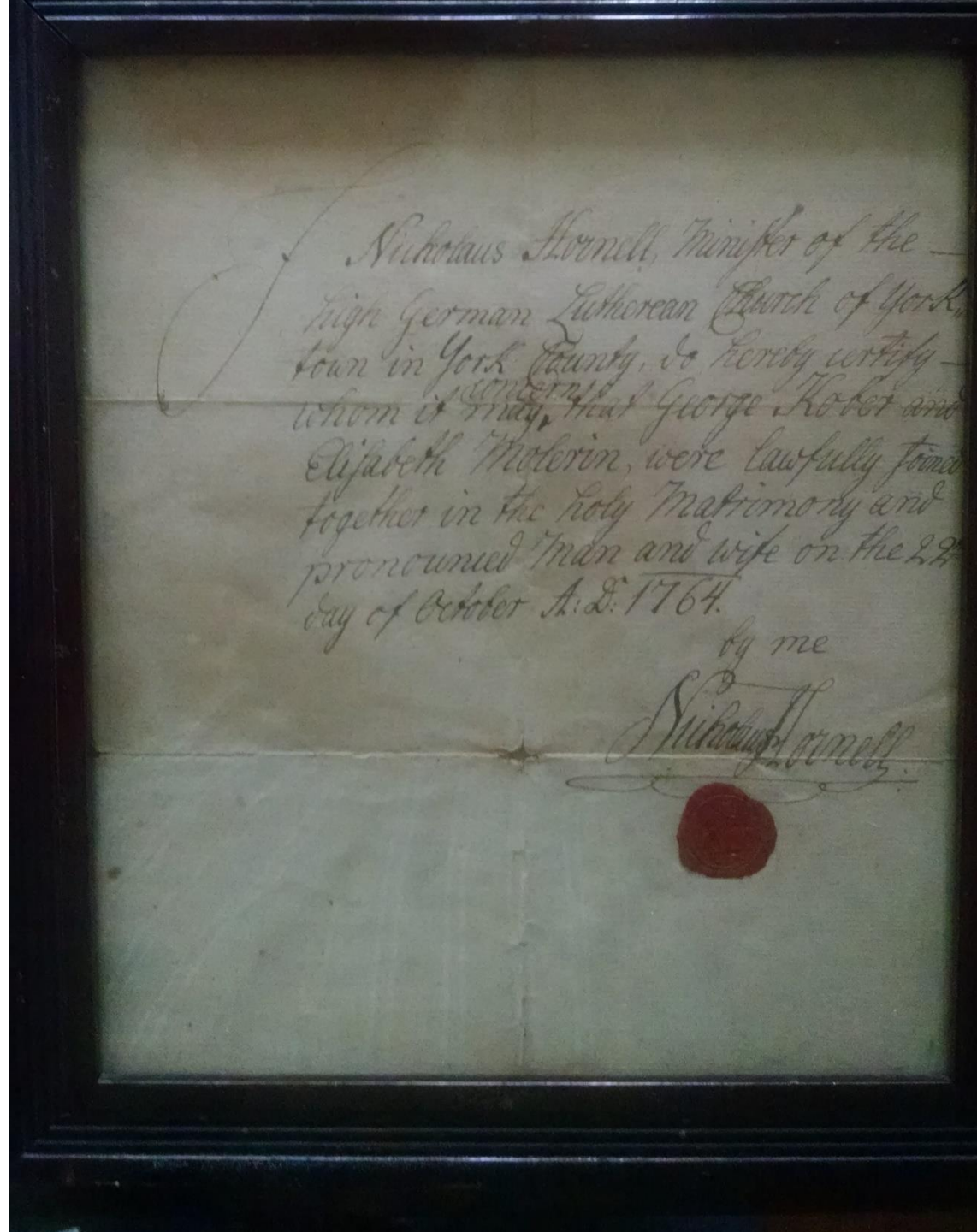
- Later a trousseau was prepared - the wedding day was set. The twenty-fourth day of October, 1764 was to be the happy day. A great feast was prepared for the morrow — for many guests were bidden to this wedding — from far and near which they expected, hence the great preparations. But who can tell what a day may bring forth?
- Remember in the eighteenth century no telegrams were even dreamed of, no telephones thought of. Nor were there any railroads nor autos, no bicycles, not even horse cars, - so news traveled slowly, or some might have been spared embarrassment.
- The day appointed for the wedding dawned - a bright, beautiful day in October - and with it came the bidden guests - there came too, an expectant bridegroom, but where was the bride?

there was no bride - the maiden had fled.

- Tradition says, "that during the night previous - the man of her choice rode on horseback quietly up to the house, at the signal previously agreed upon, the maiden stealthily left her fathers home for the arms of her lover. Hastily they rode to the town of York, twenty miles away, and were married.

George Kober  
&  
Elizabeth Mohler  
22 Oct 1764

I am now in possession of their marriage certificate for it was my paternal grandfather who carried off the prize- and took her to her new home which was at Cedar Spring, Cumberland Co., Penna.



- My grandmother's name was Elizabeth - I never saw her. I bear her name, but fear I am minus her better qualities - of one thing I am sure, I never would have had the courage to elope - The chagrin or the disappointed lover we may imagine. This bit of thread, as I said before, was part of what she spun before her marriage.
- She gave it to another granddaughter my cousin Sallie Coover, when she was yet a Child only ten years old. Cousin Sallie was very fond of telling this story, and when she reached her hundredth birthday she divided this thread into different parcels, tied each with a bit of ribbon; as you see and gave a "parcel" to each of her favorite cousins - of whom I am happy to say, I was one. When one hundred and five years old she told me this story again. Last March at the age of one hundred and six years, this cousin "went to sleep."

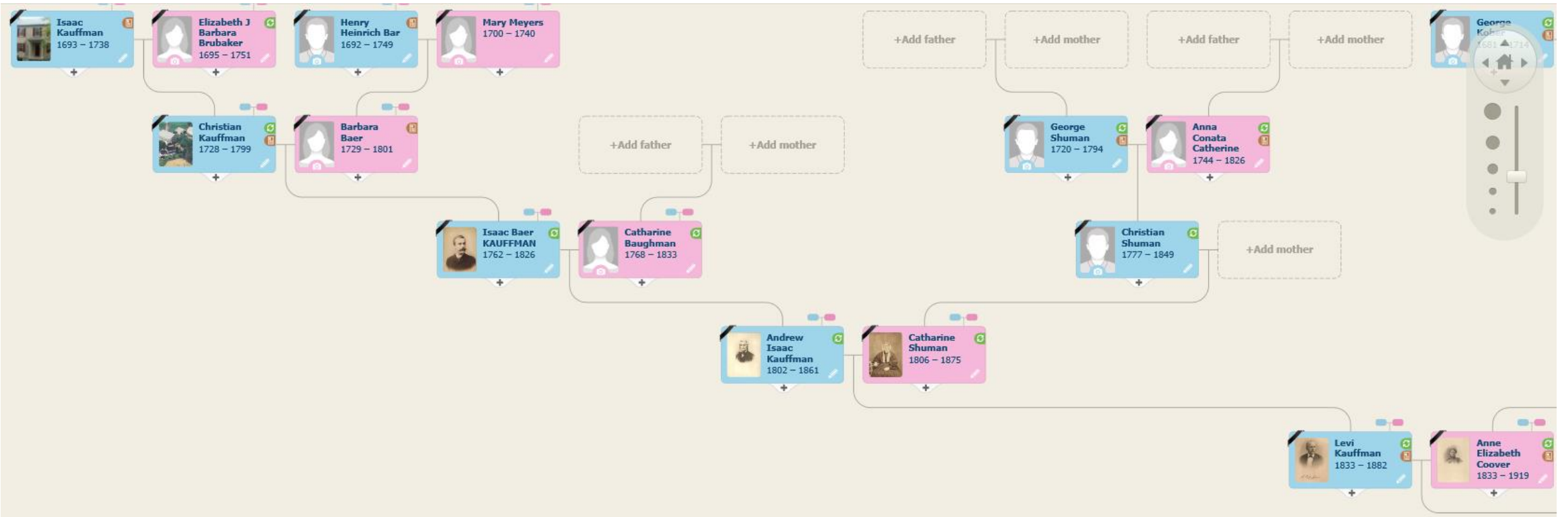
A. E. K. November 1904



# Linen Bags



# Kauffman Family Tree



# Kauffman Coat of Arms



February 11, 1903

From letter of Miss Julia Rochat of Yverdon, Switzerland - member of the Swiss Society of Heraldry.

Description of Coat of Arms of the Kauffman family formerly named Khouffman.

Argent, engrailed escutcheon, Renaissance, with crescent or, figured and decrescent and a chief with rayed star or, surmounted by helmet crested with shining gold star.

Reproduction of the Coat of Arms of Caspar Khouffman, baillif of Nyon 1560, of Chillon, Vevay and laTour 1575, Member of the Council 1582.

Original of the representation is a mural painted in the Hall of the Chevaliers in the Castle of Chillon, and of the following dimensions:  
Blazon (Coat of Arms) 72 x 42  
Legend (Inscription) 21 x 48

Copy executed on parchment by  
Julia Rochat,  
Member of the Swiss Society of Heraldry.

# Levi Kauffman Family



# Ivy House



*Ivy Home.*

# Kauffman Brothers

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April 28th, 1873.

# Four Generations of Walter Lee Kauffman's



# Chestnut Hills Cemetery





# Andrew Kauffman and Catherine Shuman



300 West Main Street

# Isaac Baer Kauffman Family



Missing:  
Catharine Baughman

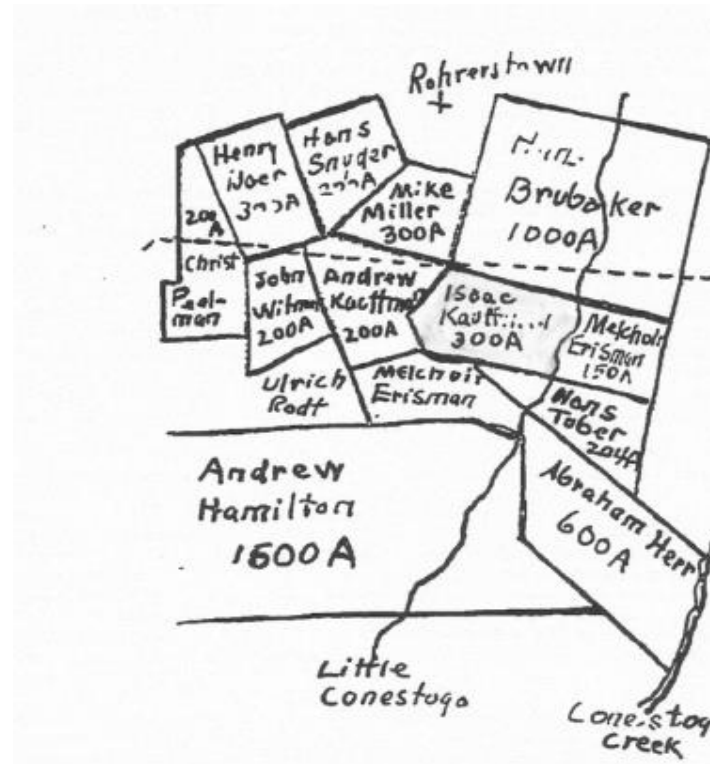
# Quest to find the Isaac Kauffman Farm

A GENEALOGY AND HISTORY  
of the  
KAUFFMAN-COFFMAN FAMILIES  
of  
North America  
1584 to 1937

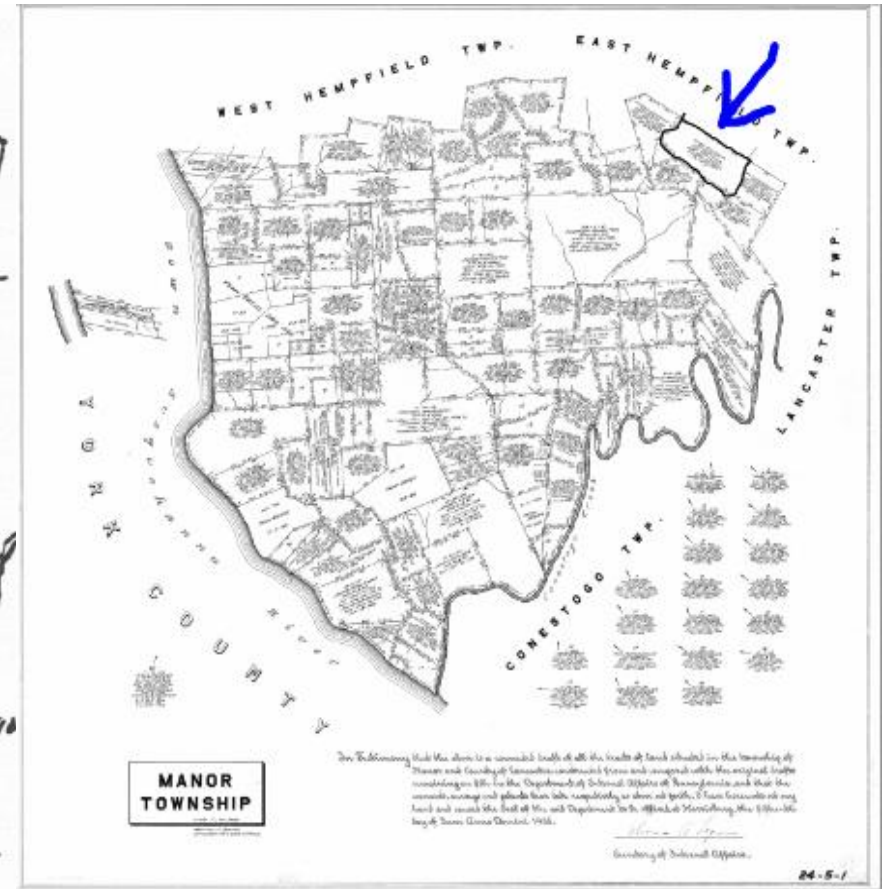
Including Brief Outlines of  
Allied Swiss and Palatine Families Who Were  
among the Pioneer Settlers in Lancaster and York  
Counties of Pennsylvania from 1717 on; viz., Beck-  
er, Baer, Correll, Erisman, Fahs, Kuntz, Kneisley,  
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Martin, Ruby, Snavely, Shenk, Shirk, Sprengle,  
Witmer, and Others.

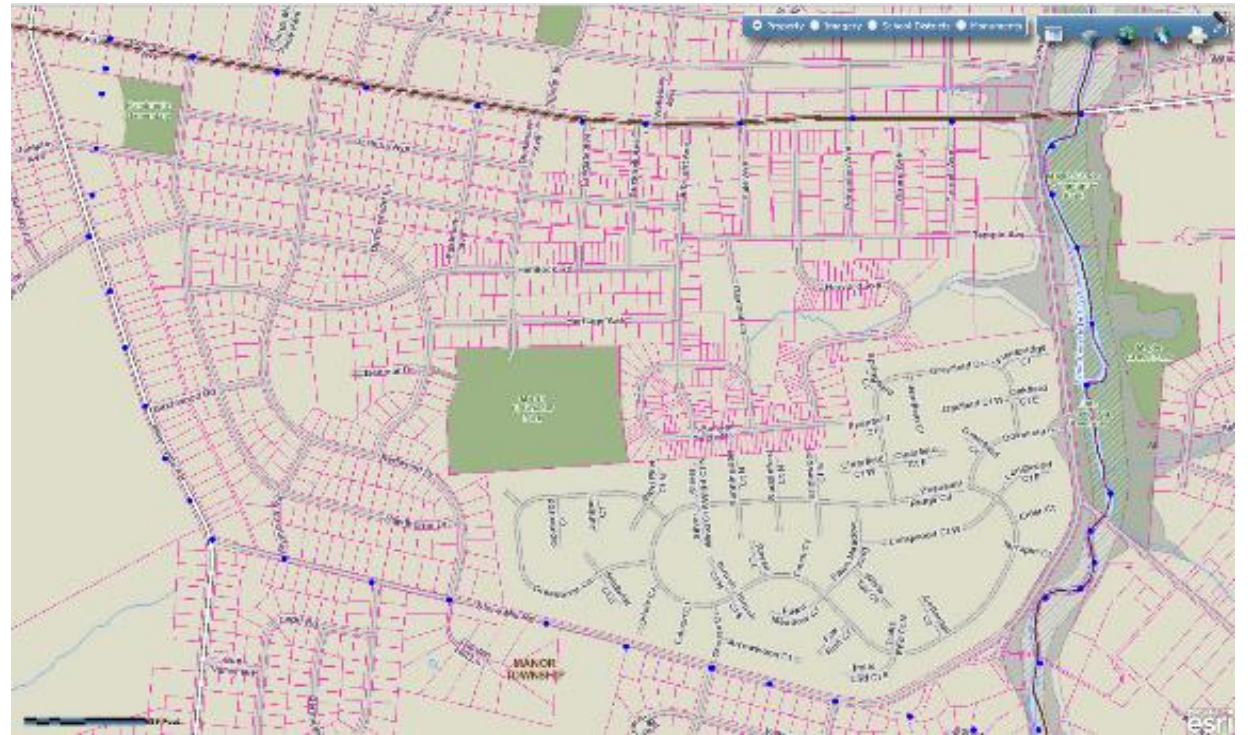
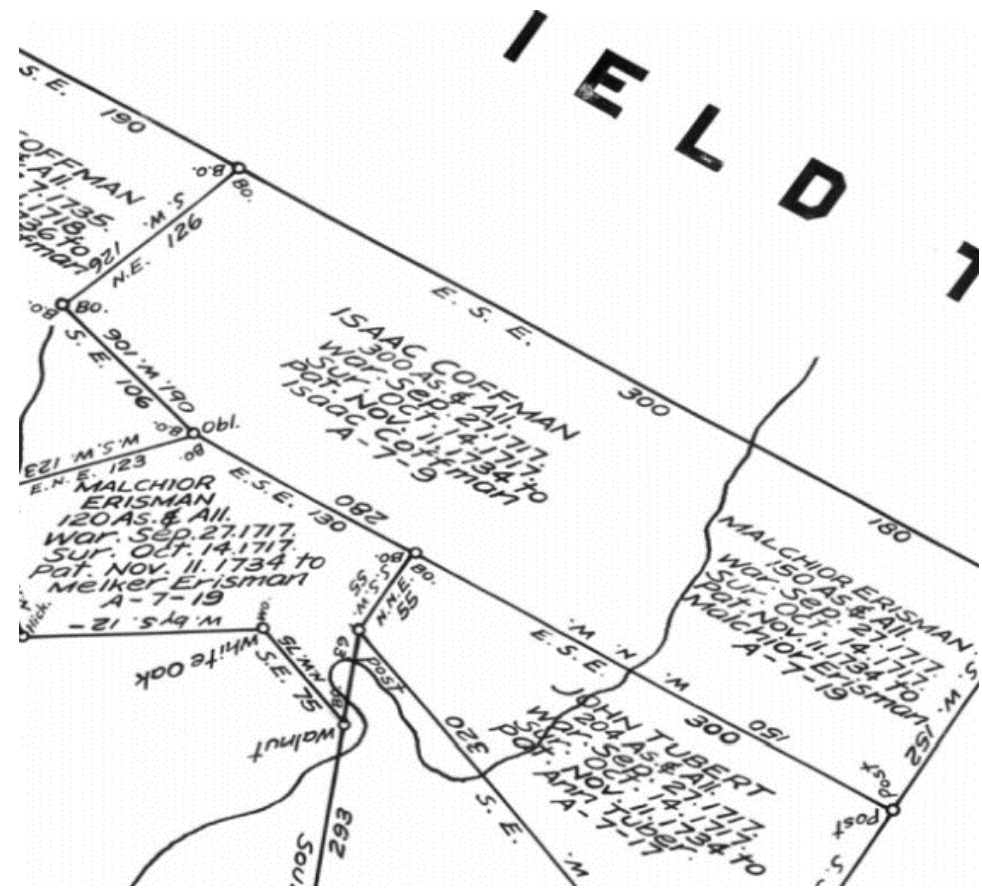
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Andrew and Isaac Kauffman  
Settlement. Lincoln Highway  
along dotted line





# Isaac Kauffman Farm



# Spring House



# Abbeyville Meeting House

*No visible traces remain today  
of what is reputed to be the oldest Lancaster County building  
erected by Mennonites for a house of worship.*

## **Plotting The Story Of The Abbeyville Mennonite Meetinghouse And Cemetery**

*by Landis H. Brubaker*

# Burialplace of Isaac Kauffman

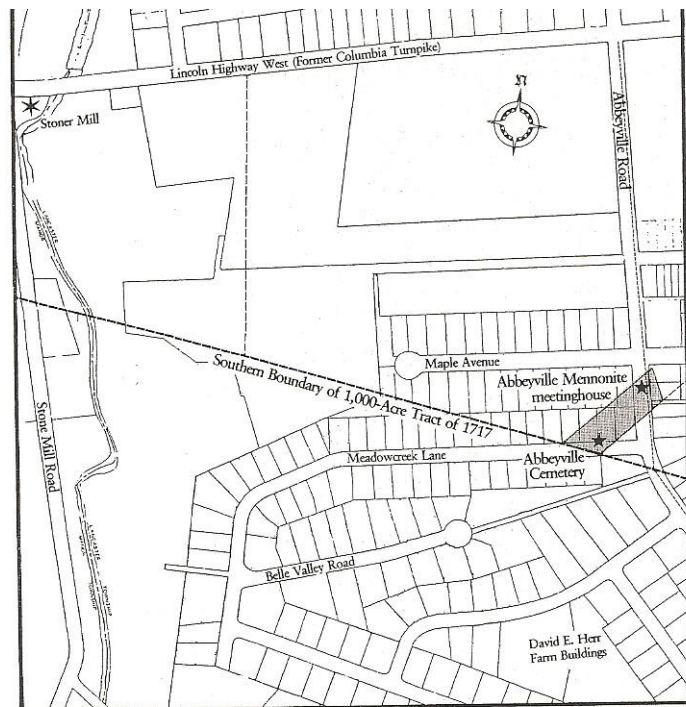


Figure 5 superimposes the Abbeyville meetinghouse and cemetery tract on a present-day assessment map of the city of Lancaster.

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### own Burials<sup>44</sup>

Mary Hershey, wife of C. Binkley, Oct. 29, 1796-Dec. 2, 1855

Daniel Erisman, Sr., 1793-Aug. 11, 1858

John Hershe, b. 1794-Apr. 19, 1799

Catharina, wife of Michael Erisman, b. 1809

Daniel Erisman, b. 17\_7

Margaret, wife of Daniel Erisman, b. 1775

### Probable Burials

Bishop Benjamin Hershey, b. ca. 1696-July 29, 1789

Wife, Mary

Bishop Benjamin Hershey, Jr., d. 1812

Wife, Magdalena Roadt, daughter of Ulrich Roadt

Preacher Ulrich Roadt, d. 1763

Wife

Andrew Hershey, 1698-1754<sup>45</sup>

Melchor Erisman. His patent jointed the cemetery.

Jacob Erisman. He lived on the Erisman tract adjoining the cemetery.

Wife, Adda Hershey

John Stoner, d. 1771. The cemetery was on his land.

Wife, Barbara

Daughter, Catharine

Jacob Brubaker, ca. 1721-1779. This is the only one of my ancestors for whom there is no family tradition or known burial place.

Wife, Susanna, daughter of Christian Stoneman, d. July 3, 1760

Christian Hershey

Wife, Maria, daughter of Christian Stoneman

### Possible Burials

The list could easily be enlarged with no proof to include some Coffmans/Kauffmans living about a mile to the west, the Meiers/Moyers nearby to the east, and others of the Hershey family. The Mary Hershey, wife of C. Binkley, for example, lived along "Ye Old Mill Road," which is possibly four and one-half miles or more from the cemetery by today's roads. Thus one could add others of the Christian Stoneman family, the John Stoner family, Kauffman/Coffman family, the Meier/Moyer family, the Hershey family, John Jacob Brubaker(?), and others to the list.



Quest to find Christian Kauffman and Isaac  
Baer Kauffman Burial Sites

## The Hint

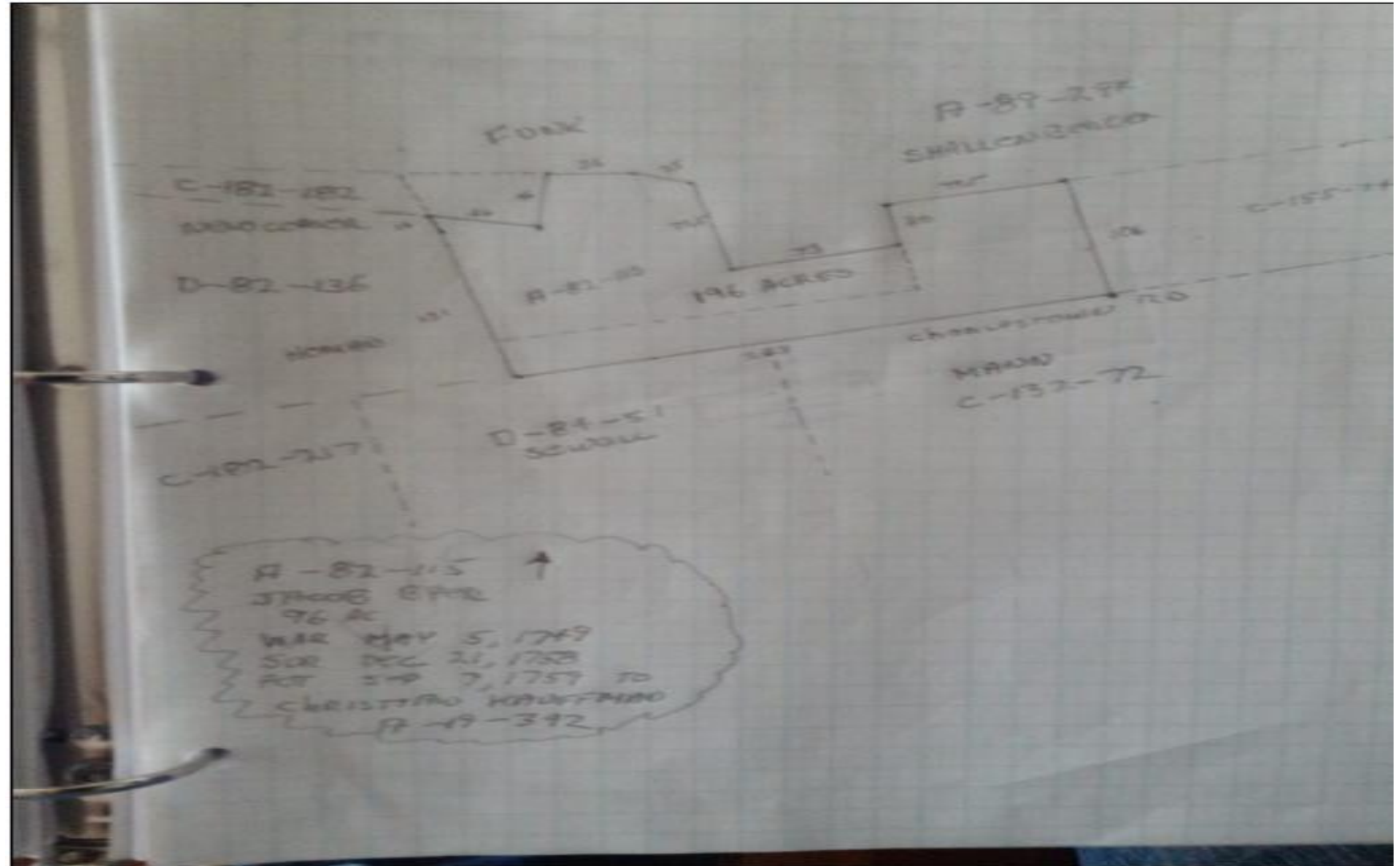
B5—Christian Kauffman ( 1728-Mar. 11, 1799) md. Barbara Baer (Feb. 2, 1729-June 12, 1801), dau. of Henry Baer of East Hempfield, who died 1759, leaving Benjamin md. Maria; Magdalena md. Henry Neff; Anna md. Peter Brubaker; Feronica md. Andrew Kauffman; Barbara md. Christian Kauffman; Elizabeth md. Henry Brubaker; John md. Anna; Martin; Mary and Henry, Jr.

Christian Kauffman was deeded 142 acres of the original Isaac Kauffman tract but disposed of it and moved to a larger tract just east of Washington Boro, where he lies.

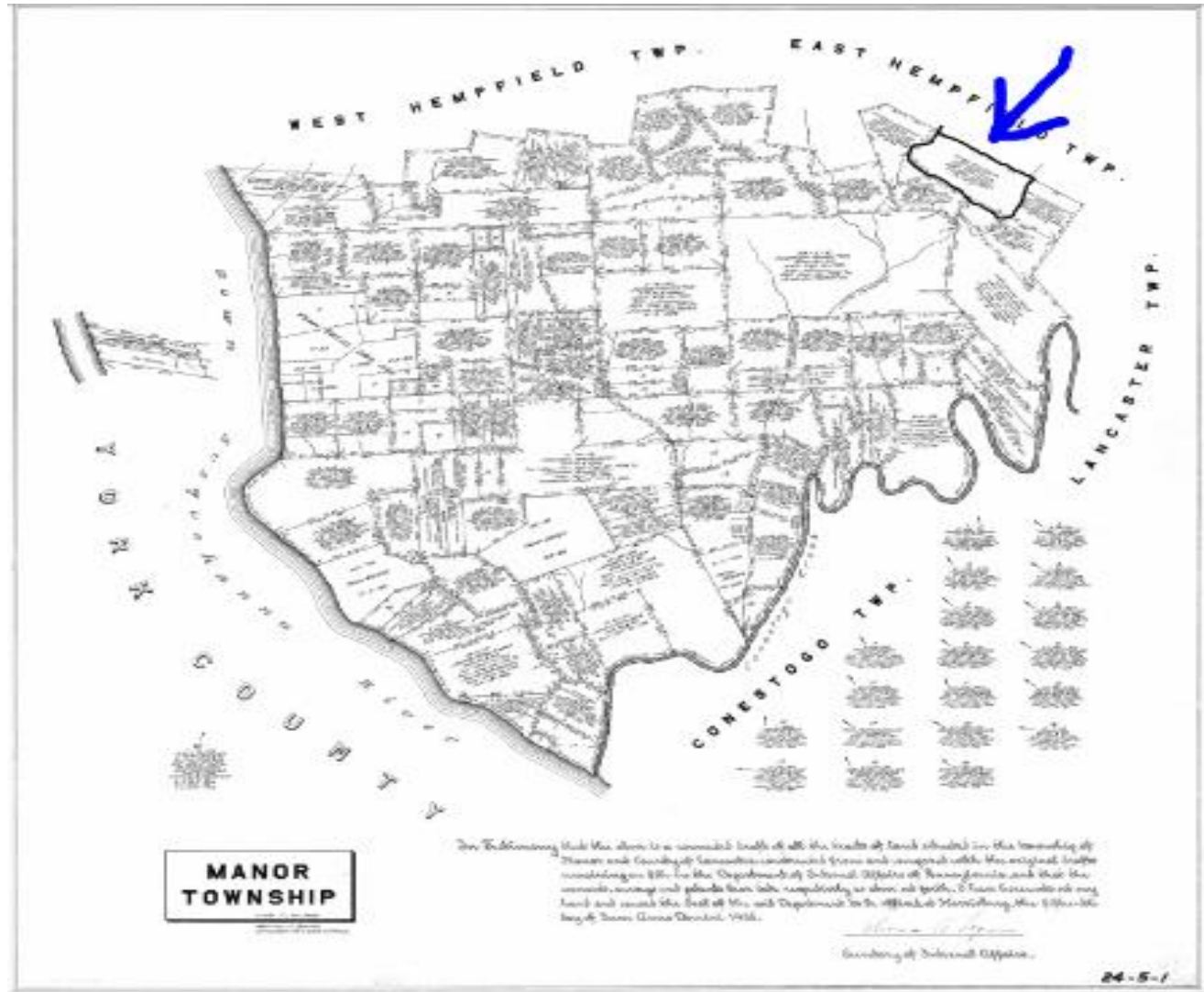
# The Land

- S At a black oak on the corner of the Hans Brubaker tract, began the Andrew and Isaac Kauffman tracts, the Andrew Kauffman homestead beginning at the corner marked by a black oak, thence W.N.W. 190 perches (16.5 feet) along Michael Miller Bare's land W'S.W. 60 p. to a post at John Witmer tract; thence along Witmer tract and vacant land SSE 284 p. to a hickory marking corner of Melchior Erisman tract, N .N .W. 123 p. and along same to corner black oak of Isaac Kauffman; thence NNW, 106 p. along Isaac Kauffman tract to a black oak; thence N.E. 126 p. along Isaac Kauffman tract to beginning point, containing 200 acres. Isaac Kauffman tract begins at black-oak corner E.S.E. along Hans Brubaker 300 p. thence S. along the various courses of the Little Conestoga Creek, 160 p. on Hans Truher line; thence W.N.W. along lines of Truher and Erisman 300 p. to corner of black oak of Erisman and Andrew Kauffman's tracts; thence along Andrew Kauffman's tract two lines (see above) to beginning of black oak: area 300 acres. Hans Brubaker tract beginning at black—oak corner of Kauffmans and Michael Miller, E.S.E. 480 p. to a hickory at Erisman corner; thence N.N.E. 354 p., then NNW 480 p.; thence S.S.W. 354 p. to black oak beginning point; area 1000 acres

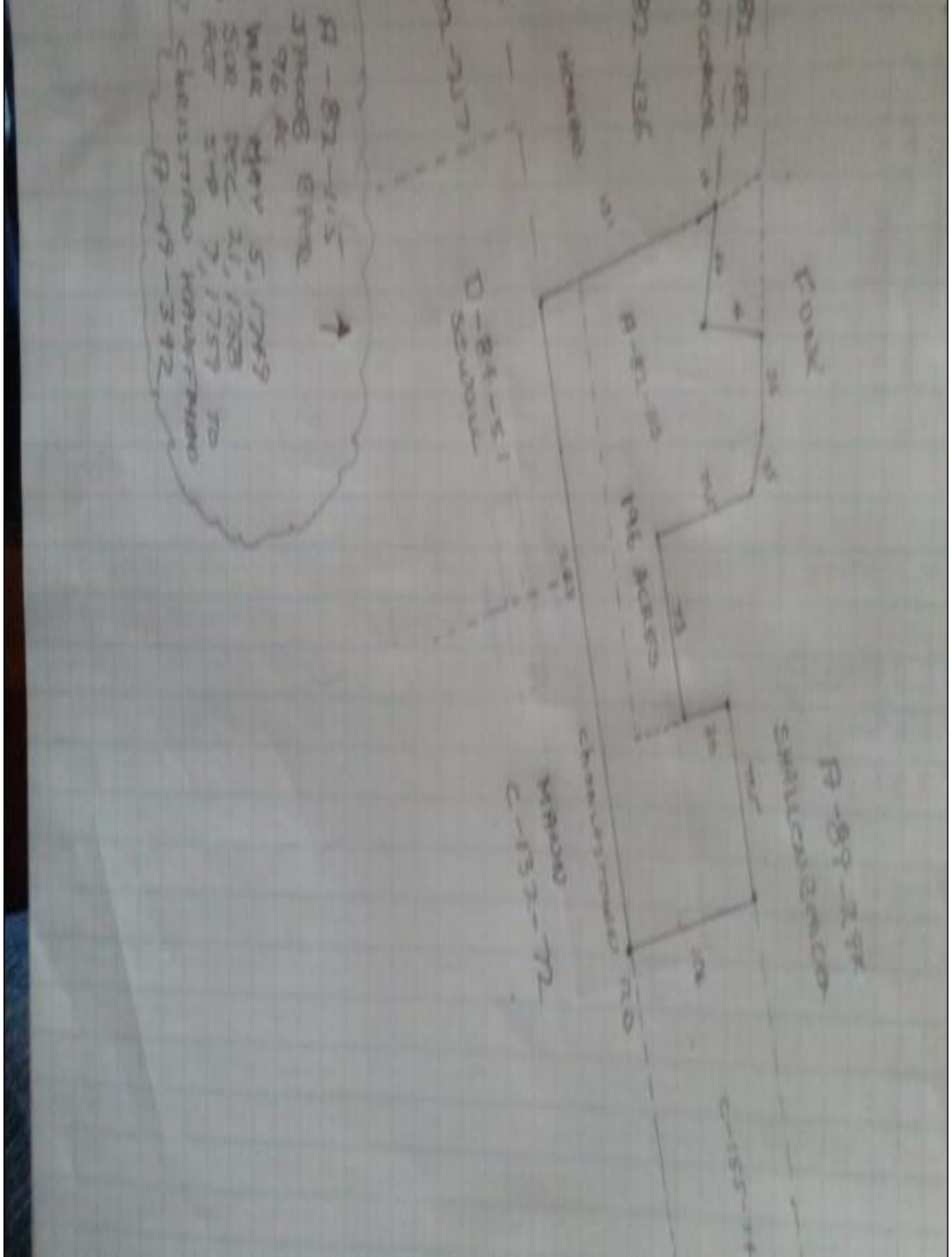
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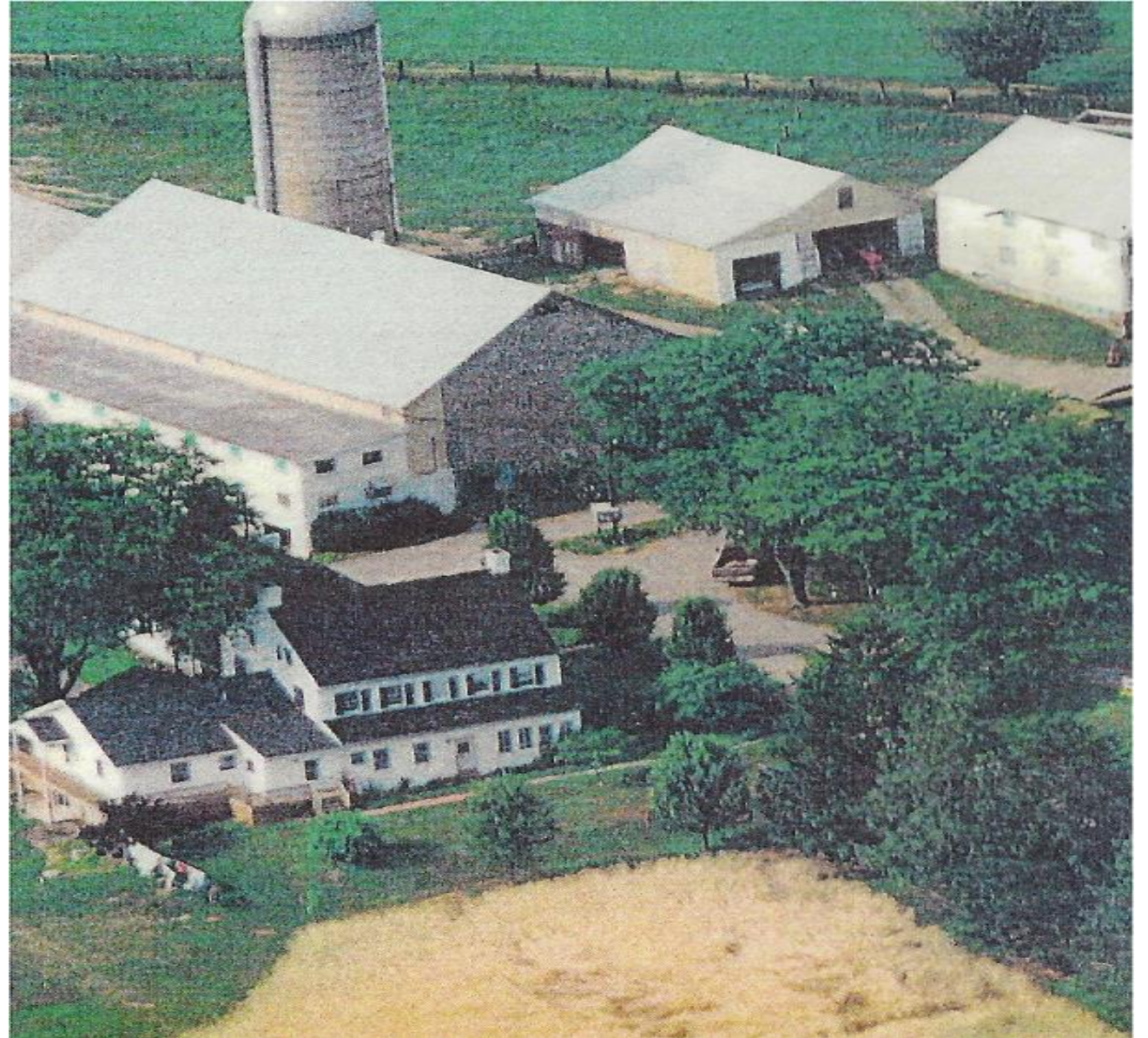
# Manor Township



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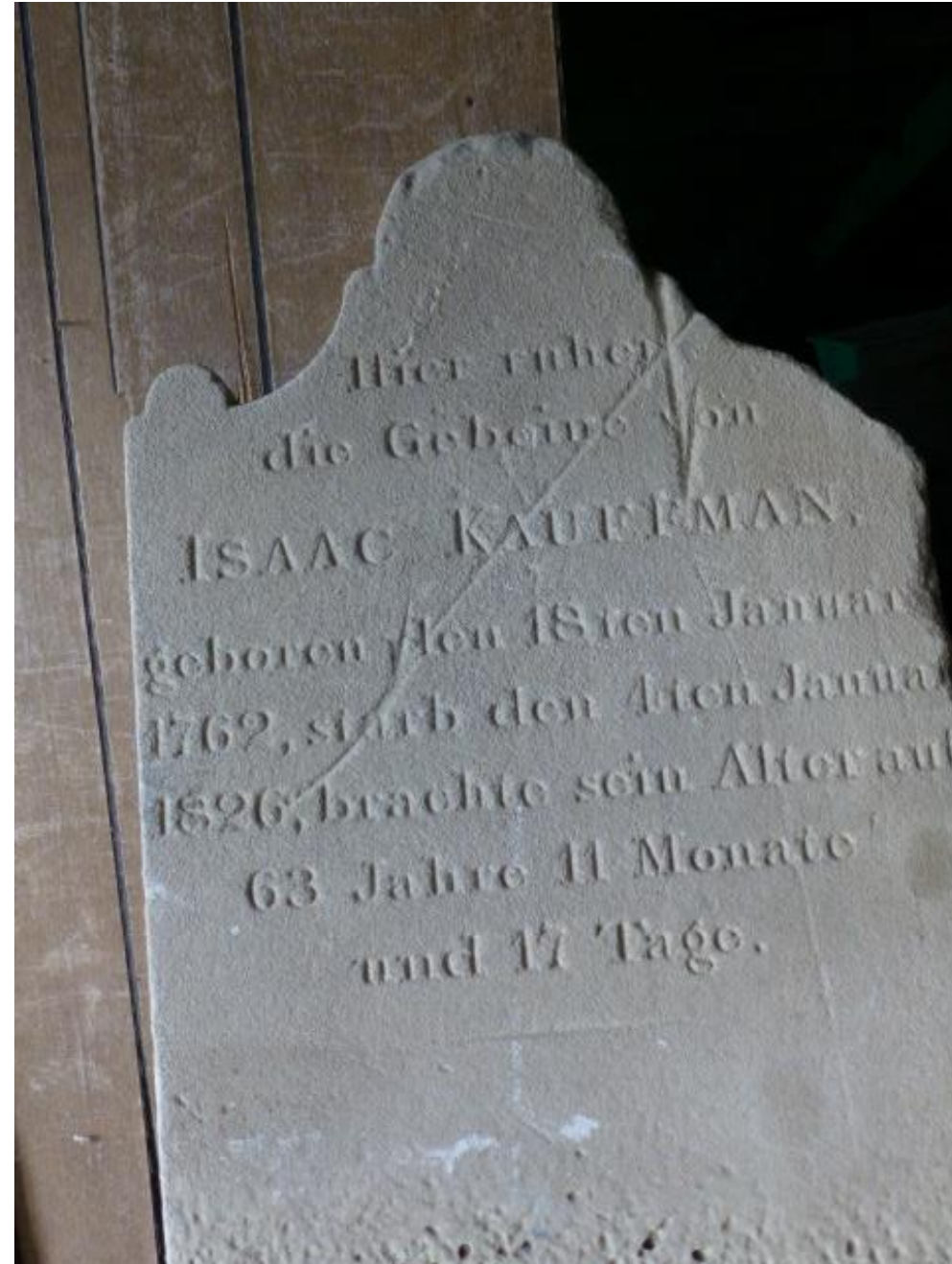
Christian Kauffman  
&  
Isaac Baer Kauffman



And In their Barn was!



# Isaac Baer Kauffman



Thank you