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Two Hundred Years
Of
Family History
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ERRATA

Due to forced limited facilities and conditions beyond our control minor typographical and grammatical errors have occurred in this volume. We offer our apologies.

The historical facts and data have been presented in the proper order with these exceptions: p. 98, line 25, should read Sabrina Beerbower m 1876 Lyman Bash.-Fickle. (2nd husband). p. 166 Note should follow Nemacolin Trail article. Prof. Kennedy should read Prof. John Kennedy Lacock. p. 178 Prof. John Kennedy should read Prof. John Kennedy Lacock.

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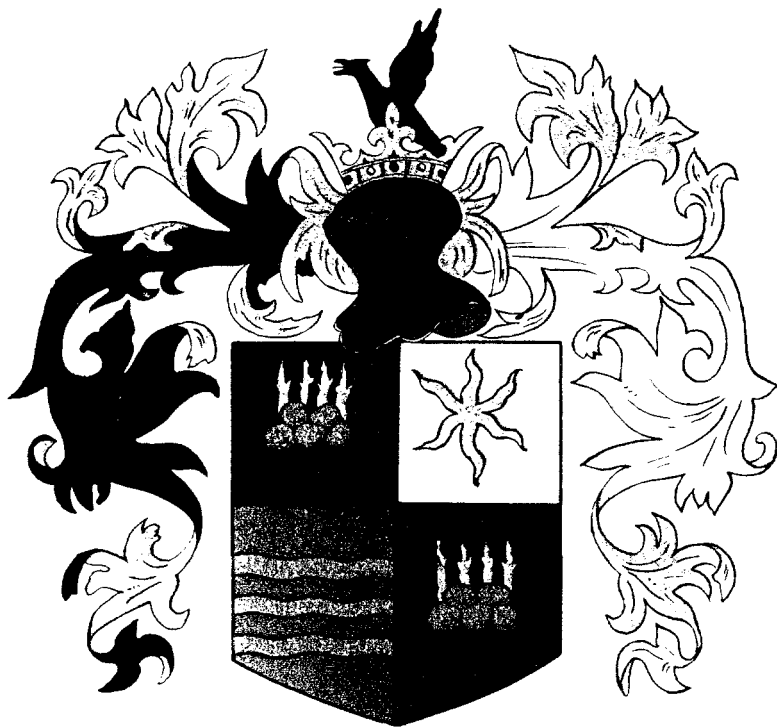
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## Explanation of The Coat of Arms

The description of the Bierbrauer Coat of Arms may be found on page 199 of Reitstap's Armorial General, Volume 1, and is as follows, viz: "Bierbrauer de Brennstein. Nassau (An., 6 juillet 1782). Ec. aux 1 et 4 de sa. a un tas de pierres d'arg., 3 et 2, duquel s'elevent quatre flammes d'or; au 2 d'azur a une etoile d'or; au 3 de gu. a trois fasces ondees d'arg. Cq. cour. C.; une aigle iss. de sa. L.; a dextre d'or et de sa. a sen. d'or et d'azur."

The following is a personal sum-up from the blazon of the armorial bearings as written by James Culver Bierbower. "The description of the Coat of Arms is couched in French or a lingua Franca, and is explained in heraldic terms. There is a shield divided into four parts, one and four are alike with a sable or black background, upon which appears five Hearthstones of Argent or Silver, from which ascends four Flames of Gold. In space two we have a Heavenly Sky of Azure or Blue, from which shines one true heraldic six-pointed Star of Gold. In space three we find a Field of Red or Gu, through which run three wavy bands or Fasces of Argent or Silver denoting a symbol of authority such as a Judge or Magistrate would exercise. The Crest is one eagle of Sable or Black. The Mantling which comes over and down on each side of the Shield, is on the dexter or right side of Gold and Sable or Black; and on the sinister or left side of Gold and Azure or Blue. We have the Black Eagle as a Crest. Let it be remembered that the Eagle was the foremost bird of Heraldry, soared high, was the symbol of lofty ideals and was a brave and able defender of his own aery. It seems the Bierbrauers believed in keeping the Home Fires burning for comfort and as a token of welcome and cheerfulness for their friends. The Star of Gold in the Blue Heavens denotes aspiration for the celestial. The Fasces stands for the earthly power and Judicial Authority of the Magistrate."



## Memorial

James Culver Bierbower and Charles William Beerbower offer this memorial of Two Hundred Years of Family History in homage to the many loyal sons and daughters of yesterday and today—descendents of early American pioneers who fled France, Germany, Holland, and other countries to escape religious and political persecution.



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J.C.B. & C.W.B.



## Preface

We Bierbowers, Beerbowers, Bierbauers are not willing to allow the memory of our ancestors to pass into oblivion. We want to preserve our history. James Culver Bierbower and Charles W. Beerbower have been working for years in search of family records and data. At the 1941 reunion at Glade Farms, W. Va., a Beerbower History Committee was appointed to secure the cooperation of the Beerbowers and conduct an advance subscription sale of the proposed family history. The hundreds of details have been completed and now we present this genealogy—"The House of Bierbauer—Two Hundred Years of Family History".

Remember, facts never change and history cannot be written without facts. This history was assembled from various sources—authentic records, letters furnished by friends and members of the family, and from family tradition. We present this to the best of our ability and refer records to each family. When dates differed as given by members of the same family we endeavored to find the correct date as recorded in Family Bibles, Church or Court Records. We are not attempting to prove relationship of the heads of the original families—Casper, Heinrich, Herman, Philip, or others. That is another quest for someone to follow.

We have made an effort in the Table of Contents to list each part and subdivision of the book to aid you in locating material.

Errors and omissions in the genealogical forms given within can be attributed to the lack of records. There are many experiences in our family history and it would indeed be a miracle should nothing escape the historians' notice.

We hope this history meets your expectations. We offer it to you with the hope that it will arouse an added interest in your family background and ancestry. May you continue to search for legends and facts concerning your pioneer fathers.

To us, this publication is the realization of a dream of long ago.

James Culver Bierbower

Charles W. Beerbower





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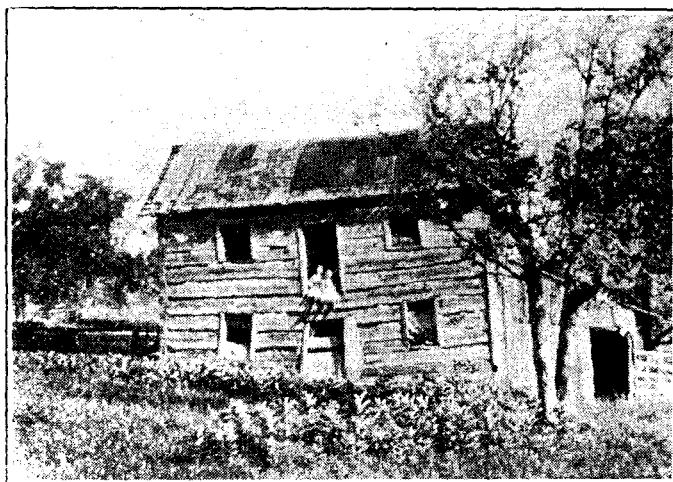
## Foreword

The First Family of the World was Father Adam and Mother Eve. This family unit was established by the Lord God Almighty and was placed in a perfect setting, The Garden of Eden. From this family descended the Bierbower family, and all other families upon this earth. The many families in a country constitute the citizenship of that country, and the many nations comprise the citizenship of the World. Hence the family unit is so important it behooves us to keep a history of it from its earliest beginning to the present day. The family unit is God's own plan, and no one can improve upon or equal God's wisdom.

The family unit is the social center around which revolves all human actions and activities. The family unit motivates the forward progress of civilization. No one can have a perfect family record, for losses will occur, through neglect to keep up the family record, destruction by fire, theft, disintegration by age. Even though fragmentary, the records may be, preservation should be sought for whatever remains. With that view in mind we have endeavored to give you what we can. The name Bierbower was originally Bierbrauer, and meant beer brewer. It was an occupational name. In the olden days, when the learned men of the earth spoke and wrote in the Latin tongue the family name was spelled (Bierbrauer) Zythopoen, which was Latin for beer brewer. The Bierbower family have been in America since Colonial Days and have made good citizens wherever located. In the Wars of our country from the earliest down to and including the present one, you will find a representative of the Bierbower family ever ready to defend and protect the home. They have been a home-loving people.

James Culver Bierbower  
"Rosemont"  
Lampasas, Texas





**OLD BEERBOWER HOMESTEAD**

—Glade Farms, W. Va.



This book is lovingly inscribed to Mrs.  
Eleanor Beatrice Beerbower Skellie as  
a token of deep appreciation and grati-  
tude for her faithful and untiring ef-  
forts and labors in bringing it from the  
hazy land of wishes into the solid land  
of reality and fact.

*James Culver Bierbower*  
*Charles W. Beerbower*





# House Of Bierbauer

## Historical Facts

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### PART I

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#### COURT RECORDS

Deed, 2 April 1844: Oren Beerbrower of West Pikeland Township and wife Eliza S. to George Greep of same place, 6 acres, 10 per. of land in West Pikeland, for \$242.50. (Z4,140)

Casper Bierbower was a witness to will of Michael Whistler of Pikeland, Chester County, Sept. 29, 1766. Kiny (?) Beerbower was witness to will of Jacob Shuster of East Nantmel, Feb. 1, 1777. Phiny?

Will of Phineas Berbower of East Nantmel, dated June 30, 1799, proved Nov. 5, 1799. To wife Elizabeth all estate. Jacob Haws, ex'r. Witnesses, Geo. Shingle, Henry Deberthiser, George Himes. Will of Harmon Beerbower, of Vincent, dated December 26, 1801, proved Jan. 18, 1802. Provides for wife Christina, to son John my plantation whereon I now live, he paying £350, to each of my children Magdalen, Christina, Elizabeth, John, Mary, Hannah, and Abraham £20. Residue to be divided equally. Executors, wife Christina and son John Beerbower. Witnesses, John Hoffman, Henry Hipple.

Among the early members of East Vincent German Reformed Church we find the name of Casper Beerbauer.

After 1802 there is no will of a Beerbower in Chester County until that of Ada H. of West Vincent, who died Jan. 24, 1896. The following died intestate:

John of East Vincent, 1864. Sarah E., of West Pikeland, died May 10, 1878. Catherine E., of West Chester, died August 13, 1891. Samuel of West Chester died March 31, 1893.

Deed, 12 October 1790: Phineas Bearbrower and wife Elizabeth, and Michael Haus of East Nantmel, Henry Banner (Benner) and wife Elizabeth, Christian Banner and wife Mary, of Coventry, to Jacob Haws of East Nantmel. Recites patent 13 March 1750, to John Lloyd for land in East Nantmel, 98 acres and Allowance.

John Lloyd and wife Mary, 8 Dec., 1766 to Michael Haus, late of E. Nantmel, who by will, 31 March, '70 (at Philadelphia), gave to his wife, the said Elizabeth Beerbrower, certain articles and the use of lands until sold, when she was to have one-third. There were four children, Michael, Jacob, Elizabeth, and Mary Benner. The other heirs for £216-13-4, convey some of the land to the son Jacob Haus. (£2,489)

Deed, 11 April 1807: John Beerbrower of Vincent, carpenter, and wife Elizabeth, convey to Jacob Lear of Coventry, some land for £235. (Z3.67).

Deed, 18 May 1816: John Beerbrower, yeoman, and wife Elizabeth and Jacob R. Rice, yeoman, and wife Sarah, all of Vincent, convey to Peter Fertig of same place, for \$300, a lot, No. 11 in the town of Bath, agreeable to James Bones's plot of his property, containing one acre, 143 perches; purchased from James Bones and wife Ann 3 Dec., 1814. (X3,331).

Deed, 1 April 1816: John Beerbrower of Vincent, yeoman, and wife Elizabeth, for \$370.30, convey to William Sahler 3 acres 150 perches of land in Vincent, part of 70 acres, 79 perches obtained by deed of Aug. 4, 1813, from John Fertig (13,189), father-in-law to John Beerbrower. (M3,322.)

John Beerbrower of Vincent was commissioned a Justice of the Peace Sept. 5, 1818.

Deed, 12 Feb., 1825: John Beerbrower of Vincent, Esq., and wife Elizabeth, to Christina Beerbrower of same place, widow, for \$1,200 a messuage and several lots of land, in all 62 acres, 158 perches, which Cromwell Pearce, conveyed to John Beerbrower and Henry Christman. (Z3,107.)

Release, 8 June, 1829: This recites that Christina Beerbrower late of Vincent, died intestate, leaving issue as follows, viz; John Beerbrower of Vincent Township, Chester County; Magdalena Henry, widow, of Heidelberg Township, Berks County; Christiana Bowman, wife of Nicholas Wyce of Brecknock, Lancaster Co.; Mary Shoup, wife of George Shoup of Brecknock; Hannah Shanely, deceased, leaving minor children in Berks County, for whom Jacob Bowman was appointed guardian. The above Christiana Beerbrower was seized of two tracts of land in Vincent, 62 A.158 P. & 2A., 2P. The other heirs release to John Beerbrower the said lands for one dollar, they being already in his possession. Miscellaneous Deed Book No. 3, Page 229.

Deed, 2 April 1832: This shows that John Fertig of Vincent, on August 4th 1813, conveyed to his son-in-law, John Beerbower (who had married Elizabeth Fertig) a messuage and about 20 acres of land, subject to payment of £50 after death of John Fertig. Elizabeth Beerbower is now deceased, leaving children, Sarah, wife of George Christman, Jacob Beerbower, John Beerbower, Abraham Beerbower, Henry Beerbower and Samuel Beerbower, of whom the last four are minors, represented by their guardian, Henry Christman. (J4,83.)

Deed, 24 Oct., 1837: John Beerbower of East Vincent, Esq., and wife Eleanor, to James Hause of same place; for \$300, 7 acres, 20 perches of land purchased from Frederick Yost and wife Mary April 1st 1828. (N4,549.)

Deed, April 5, 1838: John Beerbower of East Vincent, Esq.; and wife Eleanor, to Jacob Hause, for \$136, 8 acres of land; part of land from the other heirs of Christiana Beerbower 8 June 1829. (In this the name of Nicholas Wise appears instead of Wyce.) (Q4,169.)

Deed, 2 April 1839: Jacob Beerbower of East Vincent Township, and wife Lydia, to Isaiah Wells of same place, for \$1,900, messuage and 53 acres, 83 perches, purchased from Samuel Souder and wife Susanna, 1 April, 1837. (R4,236)

Deed, 6 June 1843: John Beerbower, Esq., of East Vincent to Jacob Beerbower and Samuel Beerbower of Brecknock Township, Lancaster County, George Christman, Abraham Beerbower and Henry Beerbower of East Vincent, tenement and 8 acres, 50 perches, part of land from heirs of Christiana Beerbower 8 June 1829. Consideration \$1,000. (Y4,56.)

Authority for above—James C. Bierbower, Lampasas, Texas

## BEERBOWER

### Taxables in Chester County, Pa.

|      |                             |                                 |
|------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1756 | Henry Berbower, Pikland     | Tax 1/6 inmate (No land)        |
| 1757 | Henry Bearbower, Pikeland   | Tax 4/0 inmate                  |
| 1760 | Henry Beerbower, Pikeland   | Tax 6/0 inmate                  |
| 1762 | Henry Beerbower, Pikeland   | Tax 5/6                         |
| 1762 | Casper Beerbower, Pikeland  | Tax 9/0 Single (Crossed)        |
| 1763 | Henry Barbrower, Pikeland   | Tax 12/0                        |
| 1764 | Henry Bearbour, Pikeland    | Tax 4 acres, 9 horses, 2 cattle |
| 1764 | Casper Bearbouser, Pikeland | Tax 60 acres, 2h. 2c. 3 sheep   |
| 1765 | Casper Bearbrower, Pikeland | Tax 60 acres, 2h. 2c. 3 sheep   |
| 1765 | Henry Birbrower, Pikeland   | Tax inmate                      |
| 1766 | Casper Bearbrower, Pikeland | Tax 6 0A. 2h. 2c. 6s.           |
| 1766 | Henry Bearbour, Pikeland    | Tax 10A. 1h. 2c.                |
| 1766 | Herman Bearbrower, Pikeland | Tax Single freeman              |

|      |                                 |                                                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1767 | Henry Bear bower, Vincent       | Tax 2h. 2c.                                                     |
| 1767 | Casper Beerbrower, E. Whiteland | Tax 134A. 2h. 2c.                                               |
| 1768 | Harman Bearbrower, Pikeland     | Tax inmate                                                      |
| 1768 | Casper Beerbrower, E. Whiteland | Tax 100A. 3h. 4c. 4s.                                           |
| 1771 | Casper Beerbrower, Vincent      | Tax 100A. 1h. 1c.                                               |
| 1774 | Finchance Beerbrower, E. Nant'l | Tax 85A. 1h. 2c. 3s.                                            |
| 1774 | Herman Bierbrower, Pikeland     | Inmate                                                          |
| 1779 | Harman Beerbrough, Pikeland     | Inmate                                                          |
| 1780 | Harman Beerbough, Pikeland      | Inmate                                                          |
| 1780 | Phineas Beerbrower, E. Nantmel  | Tax 75A. 2h. 4c.                                                |
| 1781 | Phineas Beerbrower, E. Nantmel  | Tax 94A. 2h. 4c.                                                |
| 1781 | Herman Beerbour, Pikeland       | Inmate (Cordwainer)                                             |
| 1785 | Phinehas Bearbrower E. Nantmel  | Tax 13/0                                                        |
| 1785 | Harman Beerbrower, Pikeland     | Tax 1£-1-3                                                      |
| 1787 | Phineas Beerbrower, E. Nantmel  | Tax 90A. 2h. 2c.                                                |
| 1787 | Harmon Bearbrower, Pikeland     | Tax 105A. 1h. 2c.                                               |
| 1799 | Phineas Bearbrower, E. Nantmel  | Tax 96A. 1 Log barn. 1 Log house, hewed,<br>2 horses. 2 cattle. |
| 1799 | Harman Beerbrower, Pikeland     | Tax 2 horses, 2 cattle.                                         |

#### YORK COUNTY, PA.

|      |                               |                                    |
|------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1780 | Philip Beerbrower, Dover Twp. | Tax 50 acres, 1 horse, 1 cow.      |
| 1780 | Casper Beerbrower, Dover Twp. | Tax 1£-2-6. 1 cow.                 |
| 1781 | Casper Beerbrower, Dover Twp. | Tax 50 acres, 1 cow.               |
| 1781 | Philip Beerbrower, Dover Twp. | Tax 100 acres. 1 horse, 1 cow.     |
| 1782 | Jacob Bierbauer, Dover Twp.   | Tax 50 acres, 4 cattle.            |
| 1782 | Philip Bierbauer, Dover Twp.  | Tax 100 acres.                     |
| 1783 | Casper Bierbrauer, Dover Twp. | Tax 100 acres, 5 males, 5 females. |

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#### THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Of Washington County

Hagerstown, Md., September 18, 1915

In answer to yours of the 14th inst. I will say that I have searched the Land Records from 1815-36 and find one transfer of realty to one Casper Beerbrower in 1833.

This was a Sheriff sale of a property in Hancock, Md., William N. Fitzhugh Sheriff and Casper Beerbrower.

In 1836, 8, 26 day The marriage Record shows that Sarah Beerbrower was married to James Barker by Rev. Delaplane. I do not find this name on any other record.

Very respectfully,

J. C. Stonebraker,

Tax Commissioner.

**Abstract of Deed**

Grantee, Daniel Bierbower; Grantor, Jacob Bierbower, Conoy Twp., Lancaster Book No. 9 page 88. Deed April 1, 1863. Recorded Aug. 20, 1869. "This indenture made April 1, 1863, between Jacob Bierbower of Conoy Twp. and Elizabeth, his wife of one part, and Daniel Bierbower of York Co., Pa. That the said Jacob Bierbower and Elizabeth, his wife for the consideration of \$4,000.00 paid by the said Daniel Bierbower—did grant two tracts of land situated in Conoy Twp. formerly W. Donegal, containing 75 acres and a smaller tract 17 acres. These same tracts of, and which Daniel Saunders and wife on the 23 of Feb. 1822 did convey unto Ephraim Campbell and which Anthony Roberts high Sheriff of Lanc. Co. sold to John Nelson, Esq. and by his indenture dated April 24, 1849 did confirm unto Jacob Bierbower for consideration mentioned. Hereby granted and released or mentioned or intended so to bequeath with appurtenances to the said Daniel Bierbower, his heirs and assigns, against the said Jacob Bierbower and Elizabeth his wife and against all and every other person whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim.

Signed Jacob Bierbower

Elizabeth Bierbower

Witnesses

J. Foreman

Jas. C. Sweigart

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Partial Abstract of Peter Beerbower's Will Registered September 16, 1882, Meadville, Pa.

I, Peter Beerbower a resident of the Township of Mead and County of Crawford and State of Pennsylvania. A farmer by occupation being of sound mind and of full and proper age make this my last will.

I give devise and bequeath my estate and property real and personal as follows that is to say. After the payment of my funeral expense, doctor bill and all of my honest and legal debts. I bequeath and devise to (here follows the names of his children) Henry, Barbra (Wife of Augustus Pooch) Jacob, John, James, Emma (Wife of Wilson Bird) Mary, Elizabeth, Peter and David, and the amount of bequest to each.

"All the residue of my estate real and personal and mixed what

so ever it may be found and what so ever it may consist, I give and devise and bequeath unto my son George William Beerbower.

His  
Peter (X) Beerbower (SEAL)  
Mark

Acknowledged at his residence in Mead Township Aug. 9, 1882.

Witnesses

Joseph Mossinger

Philip L. Kreider.

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Partial Abstract—Will of Magdalena Beerbauer, resident of Vernon Township. Registered May 15, 1905, Meadville, Pa.

"Directs her body to be interred in Kebort Cemetery"—"and whereas my children have had a division of property in the past and my sons have had a larger portion of the same. I have decided to divide my property"—here follows the bequests—to Frank Fulbon, Christian Fulbon, William H. Yocum, Mary Schwab, daughter, Elizabeth Yocum, daughter, Caroline Houser, daughter, Frank Schwab (Brewer) to be the executor.

Acknowledged Oct. 23, 1888.

Signed Magdalena Beerbauer (SEAL)

Witnesses

J. M. Moak

L. S. Austin

Phil P. Wenz.

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Partial Abstract of Will of Georgie Anna Beerbower of Riceville in Crawford Co., Pa. Registered Oct. 12, 1903, Meadville, Pa.

"I direct my body to be interred in the Riceville, Pa. Cemetery according to the rites and ceremonies of the M. E. Church". "The following bequests to my niece, May N. Roupe, . . . friend Delia Zahniser, . . . to my dear husband, Peter Beerbower all my real estate . . . . "After his death to my son Albert Clinton Beerbower" . . . .

Her sister Lucy M. Roupe was also a beneficiary. John Bancroft, Athens, Crawford Co., Pa. was named as sole executor.

Acknowledged June 2, 1903.

Signed Georgianna Beebower (L. S.)

Witnesses

O. S. Rice

Thompson Zahniser

William M. Conner.

Register of Wills, Meadville, Pa. Will books E.P. 561-K-P.490 and L.P.142.

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Register and Recorder and Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Perry Co.

New Bloomfield, Pa., July 11, 1911

J.C.B.

The following is the only estate in the name of Bierbower: viz; Abram Bierbower, late of Duncannon Borough, Perry Co., Pa.

To the Honorable the judges of the Orphans' Court of Perry Co.,

"The petition of Ella W. Bierbower and Oq Ottis Bierbower, of the Borough of Duncannon, Perry Co., Pa., respectfully represents; that they are minor children of Abram Bierbower, over the age of fourteen years, that they have some estate due them, out of the estate of their grandfather, decd., that they have no one legally authorized to take charge of the same, that it is inconvenient for them to attend court, they therefore pray your Honors to appoint Philip Michner for that purpose and they will ever pray, etc.,"

(Sdg) Ella W. Bierbower

(Sdg) Oq Ottis Bierbower.

30 Oct., 1865 Samuel Sheller appointed,

(Sdg) by the Court,

and now, to wit, Nov. 28, 1865, Samuel Shellers appointment revoked and Philip Michner appointed Guardian,

(Sdg) by the Court.

The above is a copy of the only paper in this office by the name of Bierbower, hoping this will be of some use to you.

Yours very truly,

Chas. L. Darlington.

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**CHURCH RECORDS**

Copied from the Old Church Record—East Vincent Refd. Church.

**Baptisms**

Margaretha of Casper Beerbrower and Sara, born Aug. 15, 1767,  
Bap Oct. 11, 1767.

Magdalena of Herman Bierbrower and Christina, born June 16,  
1768, Bap. Dec. 25th.

Elisabeth, of Herman Bierbrauer and Christina, born March 13,  
1776.

Johanne's of Herman Bierbrauer and Christina, born March 10,  
1779. Bap.—

Maria of Herman Bierbrauer and Christina, born Jan. 17, 1782,  
Bap. May 5, ?

Hanna, of Herman Bierbrauer and Christina, born Sept. 13, 1784.

Anna Barbara, of Ludwig Eschenfelder and Maria, born April 14,  
1784. Bap. Nov. 27.

Samuel of John Bierbrauer and Elisabeth, born June 2, 1825.  
Bap. Feb. 9, 1826.

**Confirmations**

| <b>Name of Child</b> | <b>1776</b> | <b>Name of Parent</b> |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Vincent Bierbrauer   |             | Heinrich Bierbrauer   |
| Philip Bierbrauer    |             | George Bierbrauer     |
|                      | <b>1793</b> |                       |
| Elisabeth Bierbrauer |             |                       |
|                      | <b>1795</b> |                       |

John Bierbrauer confirmed Sunday before Pentecost 1766.

Vincent Bierbrauer

Henrich Bierbrauer

John Bierbauer (single) confirmed Nov. 15, 1795.

East Vincent Reformed Church. (Church Register.)

The name of Caspar Bierbrauer (under Baptisms by Rev. John Philip Leydich) as sponsor for a son of Jacob Millar and wife Rosina, April 12, 1761, and reads: and the name "Caspar was given him."



Abraham, born March 13, 1787, Bap. May 26, 1787, Herman Bierbrauer and Christina burial record, East Vincent Cemetery. Two tombstones in old part of the old cemetery, one in German reads: Hermon Bierbauer, born July 16, 1741, died Dec. 29, 1801. Aged 60 years, 6 mos. and 13 days. The other in English Abraham Beerbower, born Mar. 13, 1787, died Oct. 31, 1811. Aged 24 years, 7 mos. 18 days.

Susanna of Benj. F. Bierbower, born Dec. 16, 1847, died Dec. 13, 1869. Aged 21 years, 11 months, 27 days.

Benj. F. Beerbower, born Sept. 14, 1843, died May 21, 1873. Aged 29 years, 8 months, 7 days.

Reuben Beerbower, died Jan. 28, 1911. Aged 92 years.

Mary S. Hartman, wife of Reuben Beerbower, died May 30, 1892. Aged 67 years, 11 months, 26 days.

Reuben, a son of Reuben and Mary Beerbower, born Oct. 26, 1851, died May 21, 1862.

Emma R., wife of Frank P. King, and a daughter of Reuben and Mary Beerbower, born Dec. 27, 1853, died in Denver, Colo. Sept. 14, 1881. Aged 27 years, 8 mo. 26 days. The above records of burials are all taken from their tombstones in the old cemetery. The early church records are in German.

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Lionville, Pa., Oct. 15, 1923

My Dear Mr. Bierbower:

In compliance to your request, I give you the following as I copied it from the book in my possession. Mary Anna Beerbower married Jan. 29, 1890 to Lewis Ramstine.

She called on us about a week before I received your letter. (She lives at No. 16 Price St., West Chester, Pa.)

Death of Mrs. Lydia Beerbower, March 9, 1885.

Edna Earl Beerbower confirmed Jan. 9, 1887.

Emily V. Beerbower, dismissed by letter Dec. 1888.

In the old book the records for many years were not kept. I have however found the following:

"Samaria Beerbower, Baptised & Confirmed Dec. 3, 1871.

Mary A. Beerbower, Baptised and Confirmed Dec. 3, 1871.

John J. Beerbower, Baptised and Confirmed Jan. 28, 1872.

Mary L. Beerbower, Baptised and Confirmed Jan. 28, 1872.

Mrs. Emily V. Beerbower, Baptised and Confirmed June 18, 1871.

George Williard Beerbower, son of George Washington and Emily V. Beerbower, born 1-3-1877, baptised Dec. 22, 1877.

Ednor Beerbower, Baptised and Confirmed Sept. 22, 1872.

Helen Beerbower, Baptised and Confirmed Dec. 27, 1874.

Lydia G. Beerbower died Aug. 13, 1882.

Wm. H. Harrison Beerbower died Jan. 14, 1879.

Wm. H. Harrison Beerbower married 2nd time to Anna Simpson July 5, 1870.

Samaria Beerbower married Feb. 24, 1876, daughter of Jacob Beerbower.

Mrs. Eliza V. Dill Beerbower, d. Oct. 7, 1866.

Virginia Dill Beerbower, b. May 21st, 1865, d. May 9, 1870.

This is about all I find except in Communion list a few other Beerbowers might be found in the above.

Very truly,

Rev. Geo. I. Uhler.

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## PUBLIC RECORDS

### Pennsylvania State Library, Division of Public Records

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Oct. 8, 1915

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby certify that one Casper Beerbower was a Private in Captain John McMaster's Company, York County Militia, Dec. 8, 1781 to Feb. 8, 1782.

See page 650, Volume Two, Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series.

Luther R. Kelker. L

Custodian of the Public Records.

In testimony whereof I hereby affix the Seal of this Department.  
L. S.

Camp Security, 24th Dec. 1781.

This is to certify that Casper Beerbower of the 7th Class of York County Militia hath put up his part of the Stockade and is hereby Discharged.

Jno. McMaster, Capt.

Reference, Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series, Volume two, Page 730. The original Revolutionary War Discharge is in Pa. State Library. Camp Security was situated four miles Southeast of York, York County, Pa., and was visited by General George Washington. The English prisoners of war were held here under guard until the close of the War in 1783.

Nov. 28, 1910.

I hereby certify that one Phineas Beerbower was a Private in Captain Beatty's Company, Second Battalion, Chester County Militia, 1780. Thomas Bull, Colonel. and that one Harman Beerbower was a Private in Captain Andrew Snyder's Company, Chester County Militia, 1781. Battalion and Battalion Commander not stated.

See pps. 529 and 856, Volume Five, Pennsylvania Archives.

Luther R. Kelker,

Custodian of the Public Records.

November, 1915

I hereby certify that one Philip Bierbruer was a Private in Captain John Henisse's Company, Third Battalion, York County Militia. Return of the above Company, Nov. 18, 1788. See p 1427, Volume Three, Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series.

Thomas L. Montgomery,  
State Librarian.

In testimony whereof I hereby Affix the Seal of this Department.  
L. S.

The name of Casper Bierbower is shown in the Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Volume twenty-four, page 576; Warrantees of

Land, County of Dauphin—Casper Bierbower, 100 acres; Date of Survey, Sept. 26, 1848.

Thomas L. Montgomery,  
State Librarian.

The original record of the name of Henrich Bierbauer is on file in the Division of Public Records, Harrisburg, Pa. Here the original Immigrant List may be seen. His ship—Richard and Mary, Master, John Moore, date, September 26, 1752. Sailed from Rotterdam and last from Portsmouth, England.

The name Bierbrower in its various forms can be found in the "Pennsylvania Archives", "Rupps 30,000 Names", and "Colonial Record".

In the volume "First Census of the U. S." under the Heads of the Families in Pa., we find the name of Harman Beerbrower listed on pp. 69. Pikeland Twp. 1 (male over 16) (2 males under 16) (3 females).

In the book "Foreigners Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to Pa.", edited by Wm. H. Egle, on pp. 359 the name of Henrich Bierbauer.

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## WAR RECORDS

### War Department—The Adjutant General's Office

Washington, Jan. 3, 1912

The name Casper Beerbrower appears with rank of ensign on rolls of Captain Cushwa's Company, 3d (Stembel's) Regiment Maryland Militia, War of 1812, with entries showing date of commencement of service as August 27, 1814, and the date and place of his discharge as September 29, 1814, and Camp Hampted, Baltimore.

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Washington, October 4, 1913

The records of this office show that one Jacob Beerbrower (name also borne as Beerbawer, Bearbrower and Bearbour), served in the War of 1812 as a sergeant in Captain Nathan Ashby's Company of Infantry, from Monongalia County, 2d (Evans') Regiment of Virginia Militia, from September 19, 1812, to April 9, 1813.

Nothing has been found of record to show that any other person bearing any one of the names mentioned served in a Virginia military organization in the War of 1812, nor has any one of those names been found on the record of enlistments in the Regular Army within the period of the war mentioned.

December 10, 1912.

Hon. James L. Slayden,  
House of Representatives.  
Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, in which you request to be furnished with the military record of James Culver Bierbower, 1st lieutenant, Company H, 10th Kentucky Cavalry; Frederick Huber Bierbower, major of a Kentucky regiment of infantry and afterwards colonel in the Regular Army; Henry Bierbower, 11th Indiana Zouaves; Jonathan Bierbower, Company B, 39th Illinois Infantry and Andrew Casper Bierbower, a soldier in an Ohio regiment, I have the honor to inform you as follows:

It appears from the official records that James C. Bierbouer was appointed 1st lieutenant, Company H, 10th Kentucky Cavalry Volunteers, and he has been recognized by the War Department as having been in the military service of the United States as of that grade and organization from August 22, 1862. It appears that he served faithfully as a member of the organization until September 17, 1863, when he was mustered out and honorably discharged from service with the company as a 1st lieutenant.

The official records also show that Frederick H. Bierbower was appointed captain of Company A, 40th Kentucky Infantry and he has been recognized by the War Department as having been in the military service of the United States as of that grade and organization from August 18, 1863. He was mustered into service as major of the regiment March 5, 1864 and was honorably discharged as such February 4, 1865, by reason of the muster out of the field and staff of his regiment, he having been retained in service by competent authority until that date.

The records further show that Frederick H. Bierbower was mustered into service May 15, 1865, as colonel of the 124th Regiment, United States Colored Infantry, to serve three years, and that he was mustered out and honorably discharged with the organization as such October 24, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky.

It does not appear from the official records that the said Frederick H. Bierbower ever served as an officer in the Regular Army.

The official records show further that Henry Bierbower was enrolled August 9, 1861, at Indianapolis, Indiana, and as mustered into

service August 31, 1861, as a private in Company K, 11th Indiana Infantry to serve during the war. He was appointed quartermaster sergeant of the regiment May 8, 1865, and transferred to the non-commissioned staff thereof, and it appears that he served faithfully from the date of his entry into service until July 26, 1865, when he was mustered out and honorably discharged from service with the regiment, at Fort McHenry, Maryland.

It is also shown by the official records that Jonathan Bierbower was enrolled February 6, 1864, at Bloomington, Illinois, and was mustered into service to take effect from the same date, as a private in Company B, 39th Illinois Infantry, to serve three years. It appears that he served faithfully as a member of the organization until December 6, 1865, when he was mustered out and honorably discharged from service with the company at Norfolk, Virginia.

As exhaustive a search of the official records on file in this Department as it is practicable to make from the data furnished by you has resulted in failure to discover any information concerning the alleged service in the Civil War, as a member of an Ohio regiment, of any man bearing the name Andrew Casper Bierbower.

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January 7, 1913

The records show that Samuel T. Beerbower was enrolled October 23, 1861, and was mustered into service on the same day as a sergeant, Company B, 64th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, to serve three years; that he was wounded at Missionary Ridge November 25, 1863, and that he was discharged the service as a sergeant March 23, 1864, at Nashville, Tennessee, because of wounds received at Missionary Ridge.

The records also show that one Benjamin F. Beerbower was enrolled February 12, 1864, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was mustered into service on the same day as a private in Company I, 3d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, to serve three years, and that he was mustered out and honorably discharged the service with the company, as a private, November 9, 1865, at Fort Monroe, Virginia. The 3d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery served in the Department of Virginia and North Carolina in 1864 and 1865, which department was commanded by General Butler.

As extended a search of the records as it is practicable to make from the data furnished has resulted in failure to find a record of any other Benjamin F. Beerbower who served in a Pennsylvania organi-

zation in the Civil War, or of the service of a man of that name on the staff of General Butler.

It is also shown by the records that Jacob Bierbower was enrolled May 5, 1898, and was mustered into service May 9, 1898, as a private, Company M, 1st Nebraska Infantry, War with Spain, to serve two years, and that he was discharged the service December 12, 1898, in pursuance of authority from the War Department.

The records further show that H. C. Bierbower entered into a contract January 5, 1901, as contract surgeon United States Army; that he left San Francisco for Manila Feb. 1, 1901; that he returned to San Francisco April 12, 1903, and that the contract was annulled May 12, 1903; that he again entered into a contract October 14, 1907, and that he accepted an appointment as first lieutenant, Medical Reserve Corps, July 19, 1908. He is still in the service.

There are no military records in the War Department of a date anterior to the Revolutionary War and such records now in existence being in the possession of State authorities, historical associations and individuals.

It is suggested as a possibility that information with regard to the service of Henry and Casper Bierbauer in the French and Indian War can be obtained from either the Clerk of the county of Virginia from which he entered the service or from the librarian of the Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg, if they entered the service from Pennsylvania.

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Washington, February 10, 1913.

Hon. Morris Sheppard,  
United States Senate.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, in which you request the records of William Bierbower, who it is stated served in the War with Mexico from Indiana or California; Andrew Casper Bierbower of Iowa, who was killed in the Battle of Milliken's Bend, June 7, 1863; Peter Bierbower of Pennsylvania, Civil War; Stephen R. Bierbower and Eleazer John Bierbower, both of Ohio, Civil War; Jesse Bierbower, surgeon, 3d Maryland Infantry, Civil War; Charles G. Bierbower, Company A, 2d Texas Infantry, War with Spain, and Richard C. Bierbower, 1st lieutenant,

Company A, 2d Texas Infantry, War with Spain. You state that the surname of some of the above mentioned persons may be spelled "Beerbower". In response to your request, I have the honor to inform you that the official records on file in this office show as follows:

Andrew Casper Bearbower, surname also found as Beerbower, was enrolled July 23, 1862, Winterset, and was mustered into service to take effect on the same day as a sergeant of Company H, 23 Iowa Infantry Volunteers, to serve 3 years. He was killed June 7, 1863, in action at Milliken's Bend, Louisiana.

Peter Bearbower, surname not found as Bierbower or Beerbower, was enrolled February 6, 1864, at Meadville, Pennsylvania, and was mustered into service February 19, 1864, and assigned as a private to Company K, 150th Pennsylvania Infantry Volunteers, to serve 3 years, and was mustered out with the company as a private, June 16, 1865.

Jesse Beerbower was enrolled September 21, 1862, at Annapolis, and was mustered into service September 25, 1862, as a private of Company E, subsequently known as Company H, 3d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade, Maryland infantry, to serve 3 years, and was discharged the service February 23, 1863, to enable him to accept appointment as assistant surgeon. He was commissioned assistant surgeon, 3d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade, Maryland infantry, as is recognized by the War Department as having been in the military service of the United States as of that grade and organization from February 24, 1863. He was honorably discharged the service, on account of physical disability, in orders from this Department dated May 16, 1864.

Charles G. Bierbower was mustered into service May 12, 1898, at Austin, Texas, as captain of Company A, 2d Texas infantry, War with Spain, and was mustered out with the company as captain, November 9, 1898, at Dallas, Texas.

Richard C. Bierbower was mustered into service May 12, 1898, at Austin, Texas, as 1st lieutenant of Company A, 2d Texas Infantry, War with Spain, and was mustered out with the company, as 1st lieutenant, November 9, 1898, at Dallas, Texas.

The name William Bierbower (or Beerbower) has not been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of any organization of Indiana or California Troops in service in the War with Mexico, nor on the record



of enlistments in the Regular Army from January 1, 1840, to June 30, 1848. Neither the name Stephen R. Bierbower (or Beerbower) nor the name Eleazer John Bierbower (or Beerbower) has been found on the rolls on file in this office, of any organization of Ohio Troops in the service of the United States in the Civil War.

Geo. Andrews,  
The Adjutant General.

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**State of Ohio**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOLDIER'S CLAIMS**

Columbus, Ohio, May 12, 1913

J.C.B.

Your letter of the 4th. addressed to the Adjutant General of the State of Ohio, has been referred to this department for answer.

Replying state that the names of Stephen Beerbower and E. J. Beerbower do appear on the records in the Adjutant General's office as having served as Squirrel Hunters.

Enclosed you will find two applications, which they should have filled out, signing them with two witnesses before a Notary Public, then when they are properly executed, return them to me in the enclosed envelope.

Yours very truly,  
B. J. Brotherton,  
Commissioner.

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**Statement of the Military Service of**

Theodore A. Beerbrower, Company K, 97th Pennsylvania Infantry;

Sylvester D. Beerbrower, Company B, 49th Pennsylvania Infantry;

and

William L. Beerbrower, Company N, 192d Pennsylvania Infantry  
(100 days, 1864).

It is shown by the official records that Theodore A. Beerbrower was enrolled January 21, 1862, at West Chester, Pennsylvania, and was

mustered into service on the same date as a private of Company K, 97th Pennsylvania Infantry, to serve 3 years, and that he was mustered out of service, as a private, January 7, 1865, in the field, Virginia.

The records also show that Sylvester D. Beerbrower was enrolled August 15, 1861, at West Chester, Pennsylvania, and was mustered into service October 24, 1861, as a private of Company B, 49th Pennsylvania Infantry, to serve during the war, and that he was discharged the service December 18, 1862, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by reason of disability, having been injured in the right leg by a shell and having been run over by a caisson in the battle before Richmond.

It is further shown by the records that William L. Beerbrower was enrolled July 11, 1864, at Spread Eagle, Pennsylvania, and was mustered into service July 18, 1864, as a private of Company N, 192d Pennsylvania Infantry (100 days, 1864) and that he was mustered out as a private with the company to date November 11, 1864, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Official statement furnished to Hon C. A. Culberson, United States Senate, September 25th, 1913. By authority of the Secretary of War.

Geo. Andrews,

The Adjutant General.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

### Bureau of Navigation

Washington, D. C., November 1. 1911.

Sir:

Replying to your communication requesting naval record of your uncle, Frederick H. Bierbower, in connection, with compiling a genealogy of the Bierbower family. The chief of the bureau directs me to state one F. H. Bierbower enlisted in the navy May 10, 1853, served as Landman in the "Lexington", "Mississippi", "J. P. Kennedy", and as Captain's Clerk in the "Vincennes" until July 17, 1856, when paid in full and detached at New York.

Respectfully,

H. A. Wiley,  
Commander, U. S. N.

Note by J. C. B.

From the above letter you will see that my uncle, Frederick Huber Bierbower, was an officer in Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry's expedition to Japan. My uncle was later in the Civil War as a captain, a major, and a colonel, then after the war was mayor of the city of Maysville, Kentucky. He was U. S. Internal Revenue Collector in Kentucky for many years.

4th Cavalry Camp, Fort Bliss, Texas. Sept. 5, 1911

J. C. B.—

In reply to your circular I can only give you indefinite information as to dates, etc. I believe there is a history of the Bierbower family or Hartman family which you can possibly get a lot of data necessary for your genealogy. I would advise you to write to P. W. Bierbower, Omaha, Neb. for my immediate family; Grandfather, father's side Reuben Beerbower, dead. Mother's side, Jesse Brownback, dead. Father Penrose W. Beerbower. Mother Martha E. both living 2003 Burt St., Omaha, Neb. I have a sister, Mary E. Clapp, living also, and a brother, R. Frank, single, both living in Omaha, Nebr.

I am married, wife's maiden name Hilda E. Mercer, born in Dublin Ireland, August 6, 1876. I was born in Phoenixville, Pa., May 10, 1874. I served as a medical officer in the Philippine insurrection and have been in the army since 1900. Graduated in medicine in 1900.

Our family comes from in and around Chester County, Pa., and I have an uncle in Denver, W. A. Beerbower, parents in Omaha, the others as far as I know are all in the east. H.C.B.

Very respectfully,

H. C. Bierbower.

P. S. As Bierbowers are scarce as far as my experience goes I would be pleased to hear from you as to where your branch of the family came from. I have heard of Beerbowers in Illinois, never met them. by writing my father you can probably get a lot of accurate data.

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### HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECORDS

From History of Washington County, Pa., Page 270

"Herman Beerbower, born 7/16/1741, married to Christine Hoffman who was born 10/7/1747 and died 2/7/1826. Herman Beerbower

died 12/29/1801 and is buried at the old Hill Church on the Ridge Road in East Pikeland Township, Chester Co., Pa.

John Beerbower, (son of Herman) born in Vincent Township, Chester Co., Pa., 3/10/1779, married in 1802 to Elizabeth Fertig, born 7/20/1784, and died 3/29/1828. John Bierbower died 10/20/1858 in East Vincent Township. He was a carpenter and farmer and for many years a Justice of the Peace. He was commissioned by Gov. Simon Snyder as Captain of a company of Militia in the 1st Brigade of the 3rd division of the counties of Chester and Delaware and served a tour of duty during the War of that time with Great Britain.

Sarah Beerbower, daughter of John Beerbower, married George Christman, 12/23/1827. George Christman died 1843 aged 37 years.

Herman Beerbower came to America in 1748 and is buried in East Vincent Cemetery, Chester Co., Pa.

John Beerbower buried in Brownback First Reformed Church Cemetery, which was organized in 1743.

The tombstone of Herman Beerbower is lettered in German.  
Some additional information added to above by J. C. Bierbower, Lampasas, Texas.

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Lancaster County Historical Society—Lancaster, Pa. Nov. 29, 1915

J.C.B.

I have noted the references you gave concerning the family and find the spelling worse than ever. Those references to the East Vincent Church give the names as Harman Burbauer and Casper Burbauer. This is a spelling I had not used, hence it would be well to go back and look over the places I had touched on previously. In the history of Chester County, Page 294 I find it Herrmann Buerbauer who subscribed 2 shillings in 1771 toward the erection of St. Peter's Church. And in the same history, page 201, Andrew Herman Beerbower, who was one of 115 persons who had purchased land in Pikeland Township from one Allen, who having not paid the mortgage on the land the former owner proceeded against him. The land went back to the original owner and the 115 persons were compelled to pay a second time for their land in order to get a clear title. . . . Concerning York County, there seems to be some confusion between Warrington and Dover townships. As those two townships lie side by side it might be supposed that Casper Bierbrauer lived near the borderline.

Also, according to the York county history Dover township was settled by the Germans and Warrington by the Quakers. In Dover I find that in 1757 a number of the German Reformed faith established a church in joint ownership with those of German Lutheran faith, known as Salem's. It might be this church that the Bierbowers attended since it was within reach of them, even if they did live in Warrington township. . . . I noticed an item in Warrington township on the building committee of 1849 for the Salem United Evangelical Church is the name H. Bierbower—Page 1085. I am,

Very truly,

Lottie M. Bausman.

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The Historical Society of Berks County, Pa. Reading, Pa. Feb. 21, 1914  
J.C.B.

Replying to yours of 16th inst. would say there seems to have been none of your name in Berks County in the early days.

It is a Chester County name. At this time, however, there are several of your name in Reading. George W. Bierbower, 321 South 6th St., Reading, Pa. could perhaps give you some information. In Revolutionary days the Continental Soldiers of Pa. were long term service men, one to three years, but all the able bodied men were enrolled as associators and militia men. These were arranged into Companies of 64 men (exclusive of officers) and each company again divided into 8 Sections, or Classes of 8 men each. These men were subject to Calls of Duty in the Field whenever the Main Army was operating in the vicinity. These Tours of Duty were not to exceed two months at a time, so as not to interfere too much with the work of the farms, etc. If then there was still need for the help of the Militia, other classes were sent out to replace the returning ones. During the years of the war all Militia men must have served one or more Tours of Duty in the Field. The Pennsylvania Militia were in the Battles of Brandywine, and Germantown, and in other duty. For the number of days or months served in the Field, the Militia were paid by U. S. as Continental Soldiers. Herman and Phineas Beerbower of Chester County, Pa. are both recorded in the Volumes of "Pennsylvania Archives" as having served Tours of Duty with the Militia. You have probably written to Chester County as well as to us, so I

need not copy for you these brief records.

Yours very truly,  
Andrew Schaaber, Librarian.

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### LETTERS

Canajoharie, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1911

J. C. B.—

It is impossible to give all dates as the records were taken from the old family Bible before my sisters, Angelica and Amelia brought it to America in 1892. We regret such is the case as the Bible contained considerable valuable information, it being in possession of the family since 1765.

We shall, however, try to get them or a copy of them through a cousin who still lives in father's home town.

As for warriors. Uncle William Bierbower of Mankato, Minn., is the only man who has received any distinction and that was in a battle at New Ulm, Minnesota, with the Indians. It is told how he stood on a high hill, all ammunition gone and below were Indians ready for fight and finding a piece of stove pipe he thrust it through a hole in a mound of sand and saved the town for it's people, the Indians having fled, thinking it was a cannon that would destroy them. You may notice on the record the surname Berne's. To avoid any confusion, I feel it but right and just to explain, and that, in few words. My grandmothers were sisters and direct descendants from Michael Berne's and wife, Marie Blum, who were Huguenots. I trust this record which I have written with suggestion from my father may help you in compiling the work in which you are so interested and we wish you every success. If we can help you further, we shall be most pleased to do so. We will be very pleased to hear from you again, and also as to your family, I trust through these records, we may establish a relationship that may not only be agreeable but a source of happiness to all. Father sends greetings in which I also join.

Very sincerely,  
Laura Bierbauer.

Baltimore, Md., June 22, 1912

J.C.B.—

My brother forwards your letter to him concerning the Beer-bower family to me in order that I answer it. I beg leave to state that we have always known our name as spelled Bierbower though that may be incorrect if we could reach the data of say 100 years back.

I have always understood that my paternal grandfather came to America from Germany, settled in Virginia, moved thence to Carlisle, Pa., was a wagonmaker, had seven sons and one daughter. My father being the youngest, or seventh son. His brother Jonathan went to Maysville, Kentucky, and established a large carriage factory, his brother William Bierbower went to Tennessee made over 100,000 dollars, lost it in some way unknown to me, went to California made another fortune of a like amount. Settled in Indiana, (Evansville) run a wholesale drug house, was one of the early settlers in that town. One of the brothers, (John, I think,) was murdered in New York, his money and watch stolen, 1837. I believe another brother located in Steubenville, Ohio. My father's only sister remained in the Carlisle home until September 1910 and died at age of 94 years, leaving the house and lot and some bonds to the extent of \$3,500. Jonathan had a family of 12 children, one of them, Fred, was a Colonel in Civil War 1861. Another a captain in the same war. Fred was Mayor of Maysville, Ky., at one time.

My father, Lemuel Bierbower, went west to Louisville, Ky., later came to Baltimore. Married, had a family of four sons and one daughter. He learned the silver-plating business, but after marriage found his income insufficient at that work. So his inventive faculties began to play and landed him into the nut and washer business when only one house in Baltimore made same goods, out of this he made from 40 to 50 thousand dollars, and was successful, adding ship rings, cultivators, cog chains etc. He died in 1876 as the bells were ringing out a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

My father had a cousin Caspar Bierbower, who lived about one mile from Carlisle, Pa., on one of the most perfectly arranged farms in the state, whose family consisted of three or four sons, Austin Bierbower, (now of Chicago) Prof. of Languages, lawyer, and writer for North American Review, and other important magazines.

Vincent Bierbower, his brother was a lawyer and publisher of

the Marshall Banner during the Missouri Ku Klux days, he was threatened, but captured the thug who tried to kill him, took his lone knife from him, went to Idaho and became Lieutenant Governor, is now dead. There was a rich Bierbower family living at Mankato, Minnesota, who had woolen mills. My sister and two brothers are dead. My remaining brother is in Auditor's dept. of N&W R. R. (W. A. Bierbower, of Roanoke, Va. according to a letter dated June 5, 1912.)

A widow of Dr. Bierbower, who was Surgeon in Civil War, wrote me wanting to know something of our family. She stated her husband was buried in Mobile, Ala. I have been told by an educated German, that our family must be Bierbraugher, in English Bierbrewer, and always addressed me that way. I fancied the Granddad of Carlisle employed some careless painter to make him a business sign, and Anglicized the second syllable, the grandpap becoming indifferent to the mistake, and it now looks to me as if you were relatives of mine. Someone has turned the whole name into English. Both Beer and Bower. My German friend said there was no sense in the name if not Bierbraugher. Some also spell it Bierbaur. to wit:

Louis Bierbauer, 3rd baseman Pittsburgh (Baseball Nine, who occasioned the name of Pirates to the club, who enticed him away for bigger pay. I would like to meet you and know more of the family history. I have a Maysville, Ky., cousin who is red hot about family history, and has been tracing the family for a long time, Miss Agnes Bierbower, N. Carey St., Baltimore. I am a dentist, been in practice in this city for about 35 years, I will pay for a book if sent when finished.

Very truly yours,

Charles E. Bierbower,  
618 N. Fremont Ave.

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Marion, Ohio, Jan. 26, 1914.

C. W. B.—

I have been trying to get all the information I could in regard to the families and none of them can give me any information regarding their own. Eleazer John Beerbower had two sisters living here and one brother. The brother's son William Beerbower, son of Peter Beerbower, lives here in Marion and I have been unable as yet to get any information from him. Perhaps you might learn



more by writing him. I should think so at least. I certainly think they would appreciate having a book. I am sorry about the delay in writing you. I wrote Emma Beerbower Lingenfelter, and presume she has written you ere this. We have no relics of the Beerbowers—nothing but E. J. Beerbower's Squirrel Hunter's discharge. I don't know who has Stephen's discharge, but I think his wife must have had it. She has been dead I think about three years. Do not know who would have her papers, unless her husband, a Mr. Rhea of Indianapolis. I gave Emma B. L. the dates copied from Marion Co. history.

Samuel L. Beerbower was born in Pickerington, Fairfield Co., Ohio, November 10th, 1842. His parents, Eleazer John Beerbower and Matilda L. (McKelvey) Beerbower, were natives of Maryland and Missouri, respectively. They moved to Delaware, Ohio, in 1849, then to Marion in 1850, where he worked as a saddle and harness maker, which trade he had learned when a young man. He continued this until 1866, when he went to Indianapolis, Indiana, taking his family one year later. His business here was to reupholster palace cars in the C. C. C. and I. R. R. shops. He was chief of this department until within a year of his death, which took place October 24th, 1882, aged 66 years and six months.

Samuel Taylor Beerbower is the eldest of nine children. He spent his youth in Marion, O., and was educated in the public school. October 23rd, 1861 he enlisted in the Civil War, in Company B, 64th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was 19 years of age at the time, and served in the Army of the Cumberland and Mission Ridge, at the storming of the latter, he was wounded, struck by a ball in the right shoulder, which came out at the right side of the spine near the shoulder blade. This confined him in the hospital at Chattanooga and Nashville three months. The wound caused paralysis of the right arm. He was honorably discharged March 23rd, 1864; he was promoted as first Sergeant of this company. Having recovered from his wounds, he, in 1865, became cashier in the store of Lucan and Seffner and occupied that position two years. He then clerked for Reed and Yoke one year. In 1868 he was appointed Post Master by Gen. Grant, reappointed by him in 1872 and also by President Hays in 1876; having served 13 years in this office, he then retired Jan. 13th, 1867. He was united in marriage with Miss Irene L. Peters, daughter of Nathan and Mary Peters. She is a native of Marion, Ohio, and was born Feb. 19th, 1846.

They had two children: Cornell Russell Beerbower, born June 18th, 1870; and Wilson Peters Beerbower, born August 14th, 1876. Wilson Peters Beerbower died August 18th, 1877—aged one year and four days.

Samuel Taylor Beerbower died July 12th, 1902.

Eleazer John Beerbower died October 24th, 1882; his wife Matilda Louise Beerbower, July 18th, 1900.

Son of Samuel Taylor Beerbower and Irene L. Beerbower, Cornell Russell Beerbower and Mabel Barnard were married April 26th, 1904. They have one child, Helen Marguerite Beerbower, born Feb. 24th, 1906. They are living in Marion, Ohio.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Irene L. Beerbower,  
615 East Center St., Marion, Ohio.

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Baltimore, August, 1912

C. W. B.—

I am glad to hear from members of the family, and from your letter judge you may be able to furnish a missing link in the family history I have not been able to find so far. My father died in 1858, and his father when he was 12 or 14 years old, so we only know what an old aunt of ours, my father's only sister, who died two years ago aged 95, could tell us. My father's name was Jonathan Ayres Bierbower, born 1809, son of Henry Bierbower of Carlisle, Pa., who was a son of Caspar Bierbower, whom we suppose to be the first one of the family who came to this country. Wm. Bierbower of Steubenville, Ohio, is a first cousin of mine, and he knew nothing of the family but what I told him. I have made an exhaustive search of the Colonial Records, and the only Bierbower I can find is Heinrich Bierbower whose name is given in a list of foreigners imported in the ship "Richard and Mary", John Moore, Master, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 26, 1752, Page 358, Second Series, Vol. 17, Penna. Archives. Also the name of Heinrich Bierbauer is found in the "Collection of 30,000 names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and other Immigrants" in Penna., from 1729 to 1776, published by I. Daniel Rupp. I find no mention of a Caspar Bierbower prior to the Revolution. In the 3rd Series, Vol. 21, Penna. Archives, I find the name of Caspar Bierbrau-

er, 100 acres, Dover Township, York Co., Pa. Year 1783. Five males, Five females. My nephew, J. C. Bierbower of Texas, wrote the Frank Allaben Genealogical Co., of New York for information of the family and they say the family was Dutch, rather than German descent, and want several hundred dollars for making a search of the family. I have spelled the names just as I find them in the Col. Records, and have no doubt Bierbrauer was the correct way. Rotterdam is a city of the Netherlands, in the province of South Holland, on the right bank of the Maas. My aunt said Caspar fought in Rev. War and received grant of land in Ohio for his services. Among her papers I found a letter written to the heirs of Henry Bierbower by Eleazer John, of Harveysburgh, Warren Co., Ohio, Jan. 1, 1844, asking that the warrant issued to Caspar Bierbrauer for his services in Rev. War be sent to him, but that is all we know, and whoever got hold of the warrant never turned anything over to our side of the house. My uncle William told me Caspar first settled in Virginia, and he afterwards must have gone to Penna. Grandfather Henry Bierbower moved from York Co., Pa., to Carlisle, Pa. His first son, John, was born Feb. 2, 1801. I would be glad to know how and where you find the name of Caspar Bierbower as I have spent time and money, and only find it in the one place mentioned. I shall be glad to have a copy of the book you publish, and if you will let me know the price will remit you the amount at once. Again thanking you for your letter and hoping to see you some day, I am

Cordially yours,

Agnes Bierbower,  
509 N. Carey St.

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Linwood, Pa., Sept. 25, 1911

J. C. B.—

I do not know much about the history of the Bierbower family. My father was Peter Bierbower, son of Jacob B., the oldest child of a family of four boys, George, William and Joseph, and five girls. I do not know the given names of all of them.

The family is scattered; one in Virginia, two in Ohio, so have known very little about them. Jacob Bierbower is dead, also my father. Jacob B. was from Germany, and I know nothing whatever of his people.

My father was the only soldier in the family, he served three years in the Civil War, was wounded and suffered a sunstroke, while on guard at the White House in Washington, he was never well after that. He died Oct. 16, 1909. He was 67 years of age when he died.

I am interested to know that possibly there is a member of our family in Texas and would like to know more about you and your family.

I am the only child of Peter B.'s family and am in charge of the filtering department for the Pure Oil Co. I am married and have one child, Jannet, 7 years old.

I am curious to know how you got my address. Am sorry I cannot give you more particulars about my family. Trusting I may hear from you again.

Very truly,

A. C. Beerbower.

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The following letters are from Dr. Austin Bierbower, Ph.D..

60 W. Washington St., Chicago, Aug. 3, 1911

J. C. B.—

I have received your letter asking for what I know about the genealogy of the Bierbower family. I know very little of my own knowledge. My father was Casper Bierbower who lived in York County, Pennsylvania. He had the following brothers: Phillip, Jacob, Vincent, Henry and John. These all lived in York and adjoining counties. My brothers were William, Washington, Vincent, and Ellis, all of whom are dead except my brother Washington. None achieved any special distinction except Vincent who was in Nebraska and Idaho Legislatures, and Lieutenant Governor of Idaho. He was also Attorney for the United States to prosecute the Mormon cases, having sent the head of the Mormons (Snow) to the penitentiary. My brother Ellis was Receiver and General Manager of a Railroad, "The Oregon Short Line". He was manager of the Waterworks at Omaha. An account of myself is given in "Who's Who". My brother Vincent received a letter from Winterset, Iowa, September 6, 1878 from S. Bierbower. In this he says: "My great-grandfather and mother came

to America prior to the French and Indian War, say about 1740. They started with two sons and one daughter. The daughter died on the voyage. From these two sons are descended all the Bierbowers that are in America. My grandfather, one of the two sons, was named Casper. My father's name was Casper also. I know he had a brother Henry, also other brothers and sisters. My father formerly lived near Hancock, Maryland. My grandfather died at his house about 1822.

My older brother tells me that a Vincent Bierbower, cousin to us, was at our house near Hancock about 1826 on a visit. From all the information you gave us your father and I were cousins. I have three brothers and one sister living, and one sister dead: Peter Bierbower, Marion, Ohio; Mrs. M. Geiger, Galion, Ohio; Eleazer J. Bierbower, Indianapolis, Indiana; George A. Bierbower, Winterset, Iowa. I received a letter from G. A. Bierbower, Winterset, Iowa, January 1884, in which he says, repeating perhaps what was in the former letter: "My grandfather came from Germany to this country when about eight years of age, served through the Revolutionary War, and settled, I think in York County, Pa. His name was Casper (my father's name also). Grandfather moved with my father to Washington County, Md., my grandmother being dead. Grandfather died at my father's about 1822. I remember him, his death and burial. I was then about 5 years old. About 1825 a nephew of my father visited us, his name was Vincent, I think. We never heard anything of him afterwards. Father had three sisters. I never heard him speak of but one brother named Henry, who lived, I think, at Carlisle, Pa. My mother and oldest brother visited the family after his death. Grandfather had a sister buried in the ocean on their passage to America, a matter I have often heard spoken of by my father and one of his sisters. I remember hearing my father speak of the name of Casper being kept up in the family, his brother Henry, I think having a son Casper. One of the Bierbowers in Nebraska named Vincent, makes me think we are of the same family. We named our oldest son Casper, he was killed at Milliken's Bend, (La.) on June 7, 1863 at the same hour of his birth on his twentieth birthday.

We are living on the same farm we bought in 1852, have a daughter in Cedar Rapids, a son in Kansas, one in Des Moines, one at Revenswood, Florida, one son and one daughter at home. Have one brother here, oldest brother in Marion, Ohio, one sister at Galion, Ohio. My father always wrote the name "Beerbower". My daughter at home, who studied German at school, says it should be written

"Bierbower". I also received from G. A. Bierbower of Winterset, Iowa, the following letter dated September 10, 1891. I quote in part: "My father died about 40 years ago. My younger brother, who lived with him at the time, took care of all papers father had saved. In looking over them I found this old letter written by your grandfather to his father. Casper Bierbower said he then lived with my father whose name also was Casper. Thinking you would like to have the letter as an heirloom I take the liberty of sending it. From these old papers I have learned much of interest to me concerning our family. My father had but one brother, Henry, your grandfather. They had four, all married. The names of the brothers-in-law, Barmes, Ashenfelter, Eleazer, John, and Joseph Higgins. My father and his brother Henry, from what I have learned were partly raised by Ashenfelter. Father was apprenticed to him to learn the trade of carpenter. I have the so-called indenture. I am the only one living of father's family and am now in my seventy-fifth year. My oldest brother died one year ago in his eighty-second year. Except my younger brother, who died in his sixty-sixth year, they all lived until past seventy. I remember when grandfather died, I think in 1821 or 1822, aged about 86. Grandfather lived part of his time with Adam Bartmess. When I was about six or seven years old a Vincent Bierbower spent a short time with our family. I was too young to know much of him, think he called father uncle. Did your father have a brother Vincent?"

The letter which is referred to in the preceding letter is in part as follows: "I would inform you that my stepmother died in the month of December last at Jacob Klines, and David Kline sent word to me by brother Johnson Jacobs that the two bonds which the old lady had in possession from the purchase of land you sold could be had by any person you would send legally empowered to receive same. It would appear that she left David Klines her former place of residence, and went to Jacobs where she died very suddenly and it also appears that they differed about her little property, and rather than any one of them would see the other get it, she would give it to you. William Findly was elected governor, and the Squire is well. Yours with affection and esteem. Henry Bierbower. Casper Bierbower.

I received the following letter from P. W. Bierbower of Omaha, April 20, 1905. He perhaps can give you further information. He says: "I have finally got a start in Bierbower family history in America and am now convinced that there was only one came to America instead of two brothers as I have been informed by some of my cor-

respondents. September 26, 1752, Heinrich Bierbower arrived at Philadelphia on ship Richard and Mary from Germany. August 26, 1789, Andrew Herman Bierbower appears in the Sheriff's writ when the whole town of Pikeland, Chester County, Pa., was sold out under an old English mortgage, 113 settlers were sold out. This is the oldest date in existence." I also received about a year ago a letter from Bertha Bierbower Bare (through Mrs. Bennett, a cousin of mine) from which I quote the following: "As to our remote ancestors I am very hazy. I wish I knew more, but still I have quite a little bundle of old letters which tell many things you wish to know. My father's grandfather came to America with a brother older than himself and a sister younger. The brother was named John, our paternal ancestor was Casper and the little sister Elisabeth. She died at sea. They came over in a ship belonging to a fleet of which their uncle was Admiral. (the three children were orphans.) Casper was about 16 years old when he landed in this country; for he soon afterwards entered the military service, the French and Indian War, and afterwards served through the Revolution. He settled near Little York, Pa., but like many others lost his farm through defective title, as was the case with nearly every one living in Little York at that time. His wife's name was Elizabeth, her maiden name being something like Ashenfelter (German). They had six children: John, Henry, Casper, Sarah, Elisabeth, Mary. Henry became a famous coach maker, they tell me. Of the others, I can't tell you a thing. Great-grandfather, after the death of his wife and loss of his farm, lived among one and another of his children until he finally came to our grandfather's home in Maryland. Here he died after living two years with them." Mrs. Bare who wrote the former letter is from Winterset, Iowa, and a daughter of Samuel Bierbower and a niece of George B. Bierbower, father of Helen B. Bennett. Some cousins of mine live at Maysville, Ky. I suppose you are of that family as your middle name Culver appears in that genealogy.

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Chicago, February 19, 1900

J. C. B.—

Your letter of the 15th is received, making inquiries about our ancestry. I am not well posted on this subject, although I have made some inquiries which have resulted in a little information. I do not know what branch you belong to, whether the Maysville, Kys., the Marion, Ohio, the Winterset, Iowa, the Evansville, Ind., the Baltimore,

Md., or the Carlisle, Pa. These are all related, and have relations in Indianapolis and I think at Mankato, Minn., and elsewhere. I should be glad if you would give me some further information about yourself and ancestry, and also about C. G. Bierbower, whose name appears on your letter-head as Attorney for your city. With what information you can give, I may be able to get on the track of some lines which I cannot trace out. About fifteen years ago I received a letter from George A. Bierbower, of Winterset, Iowa, now dead, from the contents of which I constructed a partial table which I enclose, using my own information to supply what was lacking in his letter. I am not sure that my grandfather was the Henry Bierbower who was the son of Casper Bierbower, in this table, but I think it most likely. I understand that a Henry Bierbower came to this country about 1840, from Germany, and settled in Pennsylvania, a record of this appears in one of the genealogical books. I never before heard of Henry Bierbower of Rotterdam, Holland. When I was in Nurenberg, Bavaria, I saw a sign over a little store "Bierbower" spelled as my name is spelled, but the proprietor was dead, and his wife could give me no information about his antecedents. My cousin Miss Sue Bierbower, who is the superintendent of the hospital at Pueblo, Colo., can perhaps give you some information obtained from genealogical records, or her sister, Miss Fannie Bierbower, of Maysville, Ky.

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Chicago, November 17, 1911

J. C. B.—

Dear Cousin:

I have never heard anything about the Military Land Warrant of which you speak. I am much obliged to you for the letter (copy) of Eleanor Johns and L. Johns. My father's name was Casper Bierbower. I think he was the son of Henry Bierbower and that his grandfather was Casper Bierbower, but I am not certain about these names. I am sorry I cannot throw any light on the matter about which you speak. I do not think there are any who know anything about the family back so far. You probably know more than anybody else. I showed your letter to persons who ought to know something but they could give me no information.

Yours truly,

Austin Bierbower.



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**Attorneys and Counsellors**

Boise, Idaho, January 23, 1914

J. C. B.—

I was quite intimately acquainted with Vincent Bierbower during his residence in Idaho and slightly acquainted with him before he came to this state. While in Utah, before coming to Idaho, he held the position of Assistant United States Attorney and did excellent work in that position. Speaking off hand and without consulting any data, my impression is that he came to Idaho first to reside about twenty-five years ago. He soon after settled at Shoshone, the county seat of Lincoln County and I believe he occupied the position of Prosecuting Attorney of that county for one term. I may be mistaken in this and my idea may be based upon the fact that he assisted in the prosecution of a number of cases in the early 90's. He served one term as State Senator from that county and was Lieutenant Governor of the state in 1894-96. In the last named year he ran for Lieutenant Governor on the Republican ticket but the Democrats made a clean sweep by a combination with the Populists and Silver Democrats and he was defeated. This, if I remember right, was the last public position that he held. In the late 90's or in the early years of the present century, "Vick", as his friends always called him took up his residence at Grangeville, in Idaho County, and resided there at the time of his death. I never saw him during that time, but had several letters from him during that time.

He died at Spokane in 1910. He was a member of Boise Lodge No. 310 B. P. O. E. for a number of years prior to his death. He was well liked by the members of the lodge and they all took a keen interest in his welfare. In fact there was not another man in Idaho better liked than Mr. Bierbower, and he had true and tried friends wherever he resided. I have never been acquainted with Ellis Bierbower, although I have heard Vick speak of him. If I can be of further service in the matter command me.

Yours very truly,

J. H. Hawley.

Above letter is from former Governor of Idaho, Hon. James. H. Hawley.

Philadelphia, 1912

J. C. B.—

Your letter received some time ago, I fully intended to answer before this but really did not know how to go about it, as I am only a Beerbower by marriage, and the only Beerbower in Philadelphia. That is how I came to get your letter.

But will tell you all I can about the family, all the older ones are dead, so cannot refer you to anyone that would know any more than I do.

There were 3 brothers and a sister of my husband's father.

There was Jacob, Abraham, Samuel and really don't know the sister's name. They all lived to be old people. Jacob lived to be 81, others not so old.

I cannot give the dates of many of them, but will do the best I can.

Enos Christman's son and daughter still have the Daily Paper that their father founded in Washington, Pa.

Very respectfully,

(Mrs.) Annie Beerbower

260 S. 10th St., Philadelphia.

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West Chester, March 24, 1912.

J. C. B.—

My stock of knowledge is limited, but will do the best I can. My great grandfather's name was Herman Beerbower—born in Germany year 1741. Died 1801. Was married to Christina Hoffman born in Germany 1747—died 1826. My grandfather's name was John Beerbower—was born March 10th 1779—died October 20th, 1858. My grandmother's name was Elizabeth Fertig, was born July 20, 1784—died March 29th, 1828. My grandfather had four sisters. Can tell you their married names—one married a man by the name of Shoops, one married a man by the name of Vice—these two anuts I saw when I was a little girl. They lived in the neighborhood of Muddy Creek, Lancaster Co., Pa. Third one married a Bowman living in Bowmansville in Lancaster Co., or Berks Co., Pa. Fourth one married a man

name of Henry living about Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa. Two sons of the above were at my home when I was quite young, the names were George and Henry. They came to Chester Co. to get the English as it was, then, I judge Pennsylvania Dutch was used or spoken in that part of Pennsylvania.

There was one brother, cannot give you his name. Perhaps in the future I may as I know where he is buried. This is all I know of regarding my grandfather's family in regard to brothers and sisters.

My grandfather was John Beerbower, Esq.—he was Justice of the Peace in Vincent Township, Chester Co., Pa., for many years; he was a soldier in the War of 1812; had five sons and one daughter—John, Jacob, Henry, Abraham, Samuel and Sarah. John went into the navy and died there. Henry died young, he was a bright man—he at one time issued a little paper—my cousin David Christman told me something pertaining or similar to Socialism—cannot give the name of it. He was then in Phoenixville, Pa. Abraham Beerbower married Sarah Harpel—no children—both are deceased. Samuel Beerbower married Kate Webber—had three children, Sara, Lincoln, and Emma. They can give you some dates. Their address is Downingtown Route 2. Sarah Beerbower married George Christman, had three sons Enos, Davis, Jefferson. Enos died lately so I will inclose the clipping and you can communicate with one of his sons.

Since writing the above I found a little more of my grandfather's history. He was a carpenter by trade also a farmer and was Justice of the peace. He served tour of duty during the war with Great Britain in 1814, was Captain of a company of militia in the 1st brigade of the 3rd Division of the counties of Chester and Delaware.

In a small book in possession of my first cousin—this book belonged to my grandfather John Bierbower—the name on the front of the book is spelled Bierbauer and in the book is spelled Beerbower. This book is a singing book and is supposed to have been prepared (arranged) by John Bierbauer's singing master. The master has printed on the front of the book "Dieses sing—noten Buchlein gehört Johannes Bierbauer". Will give you dates of my or our father's family later on. There were seven children of us, all dead but three. Please let me hear from you as to how you are getting along with the genealogy of the Beerbowers.

Very respectfully,  
Mrs. Mary A. Ramstine,  
16 Price St., West Chester, Pa.

—Johann George Ramster (Ramstine) on ship Bennet Gally, John Wadham Master, from Rotterdam. Last from Portsmouth, England, took oath Aug. 13, 1750—260 people on this ship.

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Villa Maria College, Erie, Pa., Dec. 9, 1941

C. W. B.—

I can tell you very little about my father as he died when I was five, and had been out west for his health for several months or a year before his death. I believe he was born in 1848, was thirty-nine when he died. We lived in a small town near here, Girard, where my father was superintendent of a wrench factory or a division of it. I have heard that my father contracted a cold on a fishing trip, and tuberculosis developed. My mother contracted the tuberculosis from my father and died ten months later.

There were two children, my brother Carl and myself. My brother finished his education at Penn State. He was a chemist. He was with a couple of companies in the East but later worked with the Hercules Powder of Wilmington, Del. In 1923 he was sent to the West Coast as assistant superintendent of the western works, later he was made superintendent of this same plant. He died very suddenly of a heart condition in 1929. I finished school at the Villa Maria and then became a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1900.

I am enclosing a sketch concerning Louis Bierbauer, perhaps you have it. All the Bierbauers of my father's family are dead, the last one, Jake, died last spring, he was eighty-three, I think.

I trust everything is satisfactory for the publication or getting to be so, and that I have not delayed you any.

Sincerely,

Sister Agatha.

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### How The Pittsburgh Pirates Were Named

Louis Bierbauer was with the Pittsburgh Ball Team. He was either dismissed or left and went to his home on East 8th Street in Erie. When the Philadelphians heard that Louis Bierbauer had left the Pittsburgh team, they sent representative to Erie to get him, but

the Pittsburghers heard that Philadelphia was after their former pitcher and decided they would get him back for themselves.

The Pittsburghers reached Erie first, and on arriving at the Bierbauer home found that Louis had gone across the bay to fish or hunt ducks. They took a boat, rowed across the bay, found Louis, and brought him back for Pittsburgh.

When the Philadelphians arrived and found the Pittsburghers had crossed the bay to get L. Bierbauer, and signed him up, they called them "Pirates" and went home disgusted. The Pittsburgh Ball Team has ever since been called, "Pirates".

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Mankato, Minnesota, July 8, 1938

C. W. B.—

Last month while visiting my daughter in Cincinnati I heard of a Bierbower family in Maysville, Ky. We started for there and on arrival I inquired of a native about where the family lived. He directed us to their home. We found two delightful old ladies, who received us kindly. I tried to find out what relationship we stood in but with poor success. My father came to this country in 1849, just after the revolution in 1848. He stopped in N. Y. City for a time and later went to join his brother in Utica, who had a brewery there. He stayed there for several years and then drifted to Milwaukee and worked in Ph. Best brewery for a time and then came on to Mankato and started a brewery here in 1855 or 1856 in connection with his brother. They dissolved partnership in 1860. He told me that in 1830 four cousins left Germany for this country, young men unmarried and he heard later that they all stopped in Pennsylvania. My father was born in Einselthum, Bavaria, in the year of 1826. He died Nov. 1893. All of his brothers with exception of one were in the brewery business and he lived in Michigan. I understood from the Bierbowers in Maysville that you had a gathering of the tribe every year. We are out of the brewery business, I sold out being too old to run it. I have one brother and two sisters living in San Diego. A number of years ago I had some correspondence with a Bierbower from Texas. I wrote him to write to Uncle Louis of Canajoharie, N. Y. as he was then living and could give him information.

I also came across a Bierbower in Hill City, Minn., who was manager of a creamery, but I did not see him, he being away, but I saw

his wife but she did not know much about his relatives. Only said that her husband's father was a farmer in his younger days but had given up farming and moved to Des Moines, Iowa. I also met a Bierbower in Hot Springs, Arkansas, who told me that he was a baseball player, played second base. I think he was a Philadelphia man.

Well, this is a sort of rambling letter but just as the different thoughts came to mind I would jot them down, and you want to overlook the errors that I made. If you wish to write me and let me know the date of the meeting, and if I can see my way clear I should like to come if possible.

Yours truly,

A. G. Bierbower,  
703 N. 6th St., Mankato, Minn.

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306 E. Hawthorne, San Diego ,Calif.

C.W.B.—1942

Your very interesting letter together with enclosures of November 10th date, is before me after delay incident to the fact that there is no longer a 2170 Fourth Ave., the old homestead has been razed to the ground and business houses have superceded the garden that for so many years was counted a "show place" of San Diego.

I am still deeply interested in my family tree even to the more remote branches and from time to time I have been interested to receive the post card announcing the Beerbower Reunion and am certainly interested in your worthy project of publishing the annals of the family with perhaps a chapter devoted to the Stough branch.

For instance my Great Grandfather Captain Conrad Haguemeyer (Hogmire) was a surveyor in Washington County, Maryland. He was a commissioned officer in the Revolutionary War, resigning his commission October 10th 1776 when age and ill health rendered him incapable of active service.

He settled in Frederick County, Maryland prior to 1753, and was a large landholder and a man of much influence. About the year 1800 several of his sons emigrated to the Genesee country New York colony with the Fitzhughs, Rochesters, and Carrols to develop thirteen thousand acres of land left them by their father, the said Conrad Hogmire.

As early as 1767 the Governor of Maryland granted several tracts of land to him.

His will was probated July 28th, 1798. Ten children were mentioned in the will and one adopted daughter, Sarah Smith Bodely.

Mary, the elder daughter married Thomas Smith. Seven sons are named: I. E., Henry, Daniel, Samuel, Jonas, Benjamin, and Conrad. (I find no mention of a Zebulon). A daughter, Catherine, married Christian Gierhart, a Planter. And Elizabeth married the Rev. John Stough.

Now my paternal great grandmother was this Catherine Gierhart, whose son, Jonas Hogmire Gierhart was my grandfather. Elizabeth, who married the Rev. John Stough was my great grandmother, their daughter, Susan, being my grandmother. (They were cousins). She was born in the Glades of Virginia (Monongahela County) February 5th, 1792 and died in Geneseo, Illinois, 1873.

Her father, the Rev. John Stough, was born 1762 and died 1845. Elizabeth died in 1793, according to the diary of the Rev. John Stough, she was buried in the garden, near Aurora, W. Va., (then Virginia.)

Dr. Samuel Stough, you mention, was the eldest son, born about the year 1790, died when he was 95 years of age.

He was a surgeon in the war of 1812, lived and practiced his profession for years in New Philadelphia, Ohio. He had daughters in Waterloo, Indiana. I remember Uncle Samuel very well you see. My grandmother was fifty years old when my mother, Eliza Jane Gierhart Van Osdall (VanArsdale) was born. This gave us personal contact with the older branches of the family.

When grandmother Elizabeth died and was buried in the garden, Grandfather John took the three little children on horseback carrying baby Susan in his arms, back to the Hogmires, near Hagerstown, Md., where he left them. Three years later he married Catherine Troutman. They reared a large family.

I have a very interesting monograph of the history of Zions Lutheran Congregation of Surgeons Hall, Pennsylvania. Rev. Stough was the first minister, a fine likeness is in the booklet.

I have always greatly wished to find out more about Charlotte, the traditional princess refugee who fled from Hanover with the Kessler family, took their name and in the wilderness of Pennsylvania mar-

ried Gottfried Stough. One ancient relative of uncertain memory thought the family name was Von Weberly, but I find no record of an Elector of Hanover by that name—he was killed in a religious uprising along about 1740. What do you know about this tradition? Since she is your progenitor as well as mine.

Your great grandmother must have been Elizabeth who married a Bierbower. Gottfried and Charlotte had four children, Mary, Elizabeth, John, and George whose record is lost.

I have never found the maiden name of the wife of Captain Conrad Haguemeyer. She is mentioned in the will only as his wife Magdalena. Some of this data I found in the Congressional Library in Washington. Very interesting but I would like to know more.

This may not be of interest but it serves to enlarge the picture. . .

Jonas H. Gierhart and his wife Susan (my grandparents) moved to Ohio in about 1816. He took up land where the town of Polk now stands. Squire Gierhart, as he was always called, was a man of affairs, public spirited, and a useful citizen.

They had a large and interesting family . . . my mother being the youngest.

With every good wish for you and yours and for your worthy enterprise.

Hastily,

Isabella Churchill.

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### THE ALAMO

Behold the historic Alamo  
Where noble patriots' blood did flow  
No messenger of defeat had she  
That Holy Shrine of Liberty.

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### THE HARPER

Had I a beautiful harp of a thousand strings  
I'd strike them all that in each gentle quivering  
There might like incense arise to Thee  
Some pure, sweet symphony.



### GLEANINGS FROM GERMANY

The following research was done solely by the insistence of J. C. Bierbower, and most of it comes with Official Authority and can be thoroughly relied upon as true and correct. Royal Government Archives, Marburg, Jan. 29, 1913. In Friedberg in Wetterau (a region partly in Hessen and partly in Prussia) occurs the name Harpel (or Hirpel) Bierbrauer, 1499, as Curator to the Holy Spirit, 1504 as Mayor. In the region of Nassau the name is found more frequently, especially in Hachenburg, whence bearers of this name (or of its Latinized form, Zythopoen) appear as University students in Marburg from 1565, in Herborn since 1592. The name also occurs in Altenkirchen in 1622, in Dierdorf 1717. Signed—Reimer. No. 179

Office of the Director of the Royal Archives of the Capital of Saxony. Dresden, den 28, Nov. 1912. In the records of Oettinger, Clerk of Dates, there is the account of a German lawyer, John Jacob Bierbrauer, who at the time of his death, Dec. 4, 1760, was Councillor and Judge of the Criminal Court at Kassell. In a recent German Nobility Lexicon, by Kneschke, there is a record of a family of Bierbrauer at Bennstein, which began at Halle in 1716. A title of nobility was conferred on Dr. (Med.) Joseph Frederick Bierbrauer in 1782 at Brenstein. No additional facts are available here. Signed—Porre. No. 1679

Office of the Director of the Grand Ducal Court Library, Darmstadt, den 5, Dec., 1912. In a history of Hessian Learned Men and Writers (Vol. 1, pp. 401-403) issued 1781, Frederick Wm. Streiders, compiler, there is an article concerning John Jacob Bierbrauer, who was born in Westerwald in 1705 and died Dec. 4, 1760 in Kassel, as Judge of the Criminal Court. Signed—Dr. Schmidt.

The following is an excerpt from the history from Frederick Wm. Streiber, "Bases for a Hessian Professional and Literary History", Vol. 1, pp. 401-403. "John Jacob Bierbrauer possessed all qualities of a real criminal judge. His remarkable achievements are and will be unforgettable forever, as he not only rid the Hessian country side, but also other lands of swarms of robbers and bandits. He not only discovered their hide-outs but became intimate with them, arrested them, and drove them out of the land, and so secured Hessian safety. Even without methods of torture, (which he at least in the case of the Jews did not care to adopt) he, through such methods, had finally gathered a large private criminal archive which was of the greatest aid to him against the "Scum of the Earth". The two books published

by him deal with the following subjects: 1. "An accurate Description of the Acts of the Gentile Robbers as Pertaining to the Atrocities on Franks, Hessians, Thuringians, and Saxons." 2. 'A Description of Jewish Acts of Robberies and Murdery having been Committed during the Course of Many Years Around the Country'."

London, 1914—I am the son of Bernhard Bierbauer, brother of Carl Johann, Adam Bierbauer. My father died in 1901.

Signed—Carl Bierbauer.

Bierstadt, 1921—I am the son of Mrs. George Bach, nee Lina Bierbrauer, Bierstadt (near Wiesbaden). My mother had 3 brothers and 3 stisters. The first, Ludwig Bierbrauer in Franfort a. Main. The second, Karl, lives in Leopoldshall near Strassfurt. The first sister, Wilhelmine, is dead, the second, Christiane, is still alive, the third is my mother, 59 years—still alive.

Signed—George Bach.

Frankurt a. Main, 1921—Kaspar Bierbrauer, believed by you to have come to America in 1752, is registered here as Philipp Kaspar Bierbower, born on the 29 of October 1749. Accordingly he must have left Germany as a boy of 3 years of age . . . Was his father identical to Johann Jacob Bierbrauer, born July 17, 1713 and married March 31, 1739 to Margarethe Strauss? . . . There are about seven families of Bierbrauers existing here.

Signed—Hildegard Bierbrauer.

Franz Hermann Zorn, born at Strenz-Naundorf near Belleben in Saalkreise March 16, 1852, proprietor of the hotel Sanner at the bathing place (resort) Kissingen, lives in Wurzburg, No. 141 Pleicherglaxis Street, married at Frankfurt on the Main in Katherine Church June 4, 1884 to Louise Frederika Bierbauer, who was born at Oberrad near Frankfurt on the Main Jan. 31, 1864, daughter of Car Johann Adam Bierbauer, a Protestant; the latter was born at Darmstadt Feb. 22, 1843, and a merchant in Frankfurt on the Main and married at Oberrad on the Main Aprii 7, 1863 to Katharina Kipel who was born at Oberrad May 1, 1842.

# The House Of Bierbauer

## PART II--CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### ANCESTRAL BACKGROUND

Roots and fruits mate perfectly both in rhyme and reality. Good fruits are involved in good roots. Into the life and labors of ancestral pioneers we enter as partners of the harvest. A heritage of freedom and of strength derives from them. The trails of the past may be pathetic with blighted trappings of a dead yesterday; but how those yesterdays live again in us. They are more than mere backgrounds; they are built into our estates regardless of intervening centuries and separating seas. To some degree ancestry begets destiny.

And forget not an overruling Providence. Here was America, a land of vast area, of mineral wealth stored away untouched for ages. Here were great rivers for commerce, scarcely dimpled by the Indians' light canoes, and limitless avenues of enterprise inviting human ingenuity and constructive energy. Here lay untended the treasure chamber of earth, the garden of the world. Why so long unoccupied, undeveloped? The untutored red man with tomahawk and hunting knife had failed to find the hidden resources.

And what of white men? Here come Spanish conquistadors, lusting for spoils. Something shunts them southward. Here come English cavaliers, adventurers. They knock at the doors, but the key is refused. They have ample courage but defective conscience. Meanwhile God has in Europe a training ground to prepare a chosen people. He will temper those people in the fires of persecution and harden their resolution with implacable courage. At Runnymede in 1215 the English barons forced arbitrary King John to sign the Magna Carta which renounced power to dispossess or imprison or execute anyone except according to law and upon conviction by a jury of his peers. That helped, but it did not cure oppression. A struggle long and hard and baffling lay ahead. The spirit of totalitarianism inflamed the papal church. It spread its throttling tentacles over many lands. Honest, earnest protest met with chains or torture or death. A wholesale spy system prevailed. Catholics hated protestantism; and protestants themselves were not free from intolerance. Persecution annoyed the Reformed Church of Switzerland and Holland, the Luther-

ans in Sweden and along the German Rhine; the Puritans of England, the Presbyterians of Scotland and Ireland. Even the pacific Quakers, Mennonites and Moravians suffered. From such a background of repression, not much relieved by even local foregleams of hope, men thought and planned to escape. Then God, having tested and approved, arranged their passage over an ominous ocean to a waiting land of promise stretching from Plymouth Rock to the Golden Gate.

In 1609 some independent Puritans left England for a trial pilgrimage among the Holland Dutch at Leyden, but they were disappointed. Then, further sifted, 102 of those dissenters gathered at Plymouth in 1620, embarked prayerfully on the historic Mayflower and sailed uncharted seas to become our Pilgrim Fathers, bound for rigors of bleak winter and decimating disease, but destined to find still the boon they sought afar, "freedom to worship God".

A few years later from Rotterdam, sturdy seafaring Hollanders set out with a like ambition to found a New Netherland on Manhattan Island. There, through Peter Minuit, a Huguenot, they bought from the Indians for sixty guilders, or two dozen dollars, the priceless land now studded with skyscraping cathedrals of commerce and thronged by masterful millions of traffickers in world-wide trade. Again in 1637 on a voyage by way of the West Indies came brave Swedes from Gothenberg to found New Sweden along the lower Delaware, and pave the way for Quaker pioneers. From the Swedish brothers Swensson, William Penn later bought the territory about Philadelphia, originally purchased, through Minuit, from five Indian chiefs.

The Swedes built Fort Christina near Wilmington in honor of their young queen. The Dutch built Fort Casimir. In 1654 the Swedes rashly seized Fort Casimir; in 1655 the Dutch came back to seize Fort Christina and assume general control of the settlements, which they ruled till 1664 when Colonel Nicholls, acting for England's Duke of York, caught the sturdy Stuyvesant unawares, and forced submission of both Hollanders and Swedes to the inclusive British colony of New York.

Another seed bed of heroic growths, maturing to be transplanted, was set in France. It was fertilized by the blood of martyrs and warmed by the fires of persecution. The products took the name of Huguenots. They were men of caliber, character, patriotism. Their great leader, Coligny, was of heroic mold. They braved the red-handed, fanatical "Gestapo" of the Spanish Inquisition. On St. Bartholomew's Day in 1572 they were betrayed, tortured and cruelly butch-

ered by the tens of thousands. For this demoniacal slaughter even the pope ordered fetes of rejoicing, including exultant songs of praise to God; and a year of Jubilee was proclaimed. But truth crushed to earth does not fully die. The edict of Nantes in 1598 brought a restricted toleration. However, under Louis XIV, in 1685, even that was revoked. Then under practical expulsion hundreds of thousands of the cream of French citizenship, Huguenots, fled to other lands including America. They formed no racial or geographical unit but blended with other brave souls in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, the Carolinas and elsewhere, as well as in Maryland, which under the Catholic Calverts, Lord Baltimore, proved most liberal of all American colonies. By the wholesale riddance of religious dissenters France suffered a suicidal loss of heroic citizenship—how suicidal let her present tragic state bear witness. But her loss brought immeasurable gain to this land of the four freedoms where "government of the people, by the people and for the people", has become, we trust, an abiding heritage.

Of course, mixed motives urged our ancestors to these shores. They sought more than a "faith's pure shrine", though alike they craved scope to practice their faith. Reasons of thrift turned them from slavish oppression and poverty; and rainbow pots of gold were dangled by unscrupulous promoters to entice emigrants across the sea. Still truth and conscience were basic with pioneers, not only the aforesaid, but with others such as the Quakers under William Penn, who in the sixteen-eighties sought to establish their ideals of quietism with inner light and outer peace over Pennsylvania.

Following closely upon the Quakers, was a settlement of Germans at Germantown in 1683. Pious Mennonites, they broke away from central Europe to cultivate religion near to nature's heart in practical agricultural pursuits and in simple neighborly worship. Half a century later, about 1740, came the Moravians from Herrnhut on Zinzendorf's German estate to found apostolic missions among the Indians, with headquarters at Bethlehem. High spiritual romance still glows about the name of David Zeisberger, their saintly hero.\* From other backgrounds, other worthy pioneers, nameless here, brought their assets of conviction, courage and initiative. Happy their descendants in the backward look.

And happy the family that can enlist the genius and diligence of Charles W. Beerbower to retrieve fading yesterdays and to trace out trails of relationship. For this widely-gathered but intimate history

that links its members with a noble past and relates them to each other, they may well be glad and grateful.

- \* "Pennsylvania Germans", are designated as those who migrated from the Palatinate of the old German Empire and some from France and Switzerland during the seventeenth century and up to 1808.  
Fifteen of the well known religious sects, originated from the above.

—Sherman A. Kirkbride

List of persons whose names may be variants of Bierbauer who landed at Philadelphia and took the oath of allegiance to Great Britain.

|                                            |                                          |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Bremaur, Johann C. Oct. 5, 1737            | Biber, Nicol, Oct. 26, 1768              |
| Biewer, Jerg, Nov. 2, 1744                 | Bieber, Felden, Oct. 26, 1768            |
| Bieber, Johann, Nov. 2, 1744               | Beaber, Dewalt, Nov. 2, 1744             |
| Bier, Peter, Sr., Sept. 15, 1749           | Bieber, (Beaber) Sept. 1749              |
| Bier, Peter, Jr., Sept. 15, 1749           | Anthony, Andreas, Hans, Nickel and Jacob |
| Brauer, Andreas, Aug. 31, 1750             | Bower, Andreas, Nov. 2, 1752             |
| Bierber, Michael, Sept. 16, 1751           | Bower, Stephen, Nov. 2, 1752             |
| Bierber, Heinrich, Sept. 16, 1751          | Bower, Michael, Nov. 2, 1752             |
| Bieber, Johannes, Sept. 16, 1751           | Bebor, Jonathan                          |
| <b>Bierbauer, Henrich,* Sept. 26, 1752</b> | Bebor, John and Dewalt                   |
| Bauer, Johan T. Sept. 26, 1752             | Bebor, George                            |
| Bauer, Jacob, Nov. 2, 1752                 |                                          |
| Bier, George, Nov. 2, 1752                 |                                          |
| Bieber, Ulrick, Nov. 29, 1764              |                                          |

\* See "German Pioneers." Strassburger and Hinke.

| CASPER BIERBRAUER |              | m | ELIZABETH ASHENFELTER |           |
|-------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------|-----------|
| b. 1736           | d. 1822      |   | b.                    | d.        |
| <b>Children</b>   |              |   |                       |           |
| 1. Henry          | b.           |   | d.                    | 8/25/1823 |
| 2. Jacob          | b. 1788      |   | d.                    |           |
| 3. Casper J.      | b. 5/20/1782 |   | d.                    | 1851      |
| 4. Elizabeth      | b.           |   | d.                    |           |
| 5. Sarah          | b.           |   | d.                    |           |

Casper Bierbauer was born in the year 1736. He came to America in the year 1752. He was 16 years old when he came over. Add this 16 to 1736 (when born) and you have 1752 (when he arrived). He died near Hancock, Washington County, Maryland in the year 1822. Subtract 1736 (when born) from 1822 (when he died) and you have his age (86) at the time of his demise. Peter Ashenfelter, Sr., on April 2, 1760 married Elizabeth Rierser. Their daughter, Elizabeth Ashenfelter married Casper Bierbrauer. A correspondent in Red Lodge, Montana, who formerly lived in Marion, Ohio, stated that her mother took the Casper Bierbrauer Bible to a bindery to have it rebound and while there a fire destroyed the bindery and Bible. So that is the reason for lack of exact dates, such as day, month, and year in some cases. J.C.B.

\* Philip Jacob Eschenfleter came on ship "Rob't & Alice" Master, Martley Cusack, from Rotterdam but lost from Cowes. Took oath Sept. 24, 1742.  
"German Pioneers", Strassberger & Hinke.

York County in PENNSYLVANIA, ff.  
I DO hereby certify, that *Casper Bierbauer*  
hath voluntarily taken and subscribed the oath  
of Allegiance and Fidelity, as directed  
by an ACT of GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
of Pennsylvania, passed the 13th Day of June, A. D.  
1777. Witness my Hand and Seal, the *sixteenth*  
Day of *May* A. D. *1778*  
*Daniel Meppery* (L.S.)

**HENRY BIERBROWER\*** **m** **ANN REED**

b. d. 8/25/1823 b. d.

## Children

- |                    |              |              |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. John            | b. 2/2/1801  | d. 4/20/1838 |
| 2. Thomas          | b. 1/2/1803  | d.           |
| 3. Reed            | b. 1/2/1805  | d. 3/19/1883 |
| 4. Joshua          | b. 11/7/1806 | d. 7/6/1884  |
| 5. Johnathan Ayers | b. 3/9/1809  | d. 5/31/1858 |
| 6. William         | b. 3/24/1811 | d. 2/23/1889 |
| 7. Lemuel          | b. 4/23/1813 | d. 1876      |
| 8. Mary Ann        | b. 12/1/1816 | d.           |

\* From family Bible of Henry Bierbrower.

**REED BIERBOWER** **m** **ANN MALONE**

b. 1/2/1805 d. 3/19/1883 b. 2/14/1810 d. 9/2/1887

## Children

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|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. Henry       | b. 4/27/1830  | d. 11/6/1907     |
| 2. Sarah       | b. 3/13/1832  | d. 7/7/1895      |
| 3. Mary        | b. 12/2/1834  | d. 1910          |
| 4. Jane        | b. 11/2/1836  | d. 1914          |
| 5. Esther      | b. 5/31/1839  | d.               |
| 6. Hannaetta   | b. 12/17/1842 | d. 8/13/1843     |
| 7. William     | b. 7/23/1844  | d. 7/23/1926     |
| 8. Lemuel Reed | b. 1/31/1847  | d. In California |
| 9. Elizabeth   | b. 3/29/1849  | d.               |
| 10. Emma       | b. 9/24/1851  | d. 3/26/1857     |

7. Excerpt from letter from William Beerbrower (1884-1926) Steubenville, Ohio, 1910.

C.W.B.—

Casper Bierbrower, my great grandfather, was born in Germany, and after his arrival in Pa. lived and died in York Co.

He served in the war of the Revolution, and was given a grant of land.

Henry Bierbrower, (grandfather) was born in York Co., Pa. He was the father of eight children, and died when about 40 or 45 years old: lived on a farm in York Co. until about 1807, when he moved to Carlisle, Pa. He is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery, Carlisle, Pa. Ann Reed, married to my grandfather, Henry Bierbrower, was reared in York Co., Pa. Her father came from the coast of Ireland, where his family had a salmon fishery. Great grandmother Reed came from Scotland. Her maiden name was Malone, and her people were rich ship-builders in Philadelphia, Pa. My father, Reed, was the third son of Henry and Ann Reed Bierbrower, born in York Co., Pa. January 2, 1805, and died in Wellsburg, W. Va., March 19, 1883. He is buried in the Union Cemetery in Steubenville, Ohio.

My mother's maiden name was Ann Malone, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 14, 1810, died in Leanserville, W. Va., Sept. 2, 1887.

My first wife was Miss Evans, we had one child, William E. Beerbrower who died in 1872.

I then married Mary C. Pollock, a descendant of the Swanks and Zanes of Zanesville, Ohio.



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|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <b>JOSHUA BIERBOWER</b>               | <b>m 1826</b>  | <b>RUTH PARKER</b>  |
| <b>b. 1806            d. 7/6/1884</b> | <b>b. 1814</b> | <b>d. 1/12/1889</b> |

Children

- |             |              |              |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Ann      | b.           | d.           |
| 2. James P. | b. 6/20/1831 | d. 3/6/1908  |
| 3. David    | b.           | d.           |
| 4. Jonathan | b. 9/10/1846 | d. 6/23/1923 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>JAMES PARKER BIERBOWER</b>     | <b>m</b>            | <b>ANN SCHOFIELD</b> |
| <b>b. 6/20/1831   d. 3/6/1908</b> | <b>b. 8/26/1831</b> | <b>d.</b>            |

Children

- |                  |              |    |
|------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. David Henry   | b. 6/4/1855  | d. |
| 2. Edmund Taylor | b. 1/9/1857  | d. |
| 3. Aaron         | 12/27/1858   | d. |
| 4. Elizabeth     | b. 4/18/1861 | d. |
| 5. John Seigel   | b. 3/3/1864  | d. |
| 6. Mary Jane     | b. 4/17/1866 | d. |
| 7. Alice         | b. 4/5/1871  | d. |
| 8. Margaret K.   | b. 7/10/1873 | d. |

My brothers are farmers. Elizabeth and Mary Jane were school teachers before they were married. I taught school before I studied to be a doctor. —1912

I will give you the following addresses: David Henry Bierbower, Canby, Minn.; Edmund Taylor Bierbower, Arrowsmith, Ill.; Aaron Bierbower, Bramare, Okla.; Seigel Bierbower, Bellflower, Ill.

My sister, Mary Jane, married R. A. Henry, Pratt, Kan. Margaret and I are with mother in Kirksville, Mo. at present attending school. Our home is Colfax, Ill.

|                         |           |                         |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| <b>AARON BIERBOWER</b>  | <b>m</b>  | <b>TAMAZINE ROBERTS</b> |
| <b>b. 4/4/1889   d.</b> | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b>               |

Children

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|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Charlotte Alice | b. 2/26/1890  | d.           |
| 2. Altha Leah      | b. 9/5/1893   | d.           |
| 3. Belle           | b. 2/15/1897  | d. 5/15/1897 |
| 4. David Arthur    | b. 10/26/1899 | d. 8/14/1908 |

Authority, Alice Bierbower, Colfax, Ill. Address Margaret Bierbower, D.O., Saybrook, Ill.

|                              |                      |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>DAVID HENRY BIERBOWER</b> | <b>m 1883</b>        | <b>EMMA Van HORN</b> |
| <b>b. 6/4/1855   d.</b>      | <b>b. 4/   /1852</b> | <b>d.</b>            |

Children

- |            |             |    |
|------------|-------------|----|
| 1. Lillian | b. 6/8/1885 | d. |
|------------|-------------|----|

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|-------------------|---------------|----|
| 2. George Cilburn | b. 12/13/1887 | d. |
| 3. David Louie    | b. 9/1/1890   | d. |
| 4. Jacob Leslie   | b. 11/14/1894 | d. |
| 5. Cecil Laurain  | b. 12/29/1893 | d. |

Summary of letter from David Henry Bierbower, Canby, Minn. —1912  
 "Jonathan Bierbower, Nebraska, is my uncle—he has eight boys and four girls—he was in the Civil War. His son, Jacob, was in the Spanish American War. I have an uncle David, who has two boys and two girls. Uncle William lives at Evansville, Ind.—he has two girls, Julia and Hattie Bierbower. My brother James has four sons and four daughters."

**JONATHAN BIERBOWER** m 1869 **MARGARET J. CAVETT**  
 b. 1846 d.1923 b. 10/24/1853 d.

**Children**

- |                  |               |    |
|------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Jacob         | b. 9/18/1871  | d. |
| 2. John Thomas   | b. 8/12/1872  | d. |
| 3. Mary Ann      | b. 1/10/1874  | d. |
| 4. Martin        | b. 10/15/1875 | d. |
| 5. Leslie        | b. 8/25/1877  | d. |
| 6. William       | b. 10/25/1879 | d. |
| 7. Frank         | b. 2/10/1882  | d. |
| 8. Jonathan D.   | b. 3/16/1884  | d. |
| 9. James C.      | b. 10/21/1886 | d. |
| 10. Charles W.   | b. 11/15/1889 | d. |
| 11. Melvina Ruth | b. 10/22/1893 | d. |
| 12. Margaret J.  | b. 3/15/1897  | d. |

**JOHN THOMAS BIERBOWER** m  
 b. 8/12/1872 d. b. d.

**Children**

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|-------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Ralph Edward   | b. 12/9/1904 | d. |
| 2. Clara Margaret | b. 2/21/1907 | d. |

Address: Giltner, Nebraska.

**RALPH E. BIERBOWER** m. 1940 **FREDA LaVERNA HAGLER**  
 b. 12/9/1904 d. b. d.

**Children**

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|------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Edward LaVern | b.           | d. |
| 2. Ada Mae Jean  | b. 12/7/1941 | d. |

Address: Arnold, Nebraska.

**CLARA MARGARET** m \_\_\_\_\_ **NEWACK**  
 b. 2/21/1907 d. b. d.

Address: 1121 State St., Fort Morgan, California.

Giltner, Nebr., Sept. 10, 1912

John T. Bierbower is married, lives in Giltner, Nebr.

Jonathan Bierbower is married, no family.

Charles W. Bierbower is married, no family.

Mary A. Bierbower married E. O. McKibben, Norman, Nebr.

"I was in the army 22 months, was in 15 engagements around Petersburg and Richmond the latter part of the war".

Father and mother's death records are not known to me.

I served in the 39th Ill. Infantry, Co. B. I went from Bloomington, Ill.

I was at Lee's surrender the 9th of April, 1865. It was so long ago I can't give details.

—Jonathan Bierbower

**JONATHAN A. BIERBOWER** m 1830 **LUCETTA CAREY**  
b. 3/9/1809 d. 5/31/1858 b. 8/2/1810 d. 7/21/1894

**Children**

- |                                                     |               |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. George                                           | b. 7/31/1831  | d. Infancy    |
| 2. Ellen                                            | b. 8/14/1832  | d. Infancy    |
| 3. Frederick Huber                                  | b. 9/12/1833  | d. 11/24/1910 |
| 4. Mary Banning                                     | b. 9/14/1835  | d. 11/10/1907 |
| 5. Richard Carey                                    | b. 9/14/1835  | d. 5/10/1870  |
| The following children born in Maysville, Kentucky. |               |               |
| 6. James Culver                                     | b. 8/19/1838  | d. 6/28/1891  |
| 7. Francis                                          | b. 9/12/1840  | d. 7/3/1842   |
| 8. Francis Bricker                                  | b. 7/19/1842  | d.            |
| 9. Ellen                                            | b. 3/29/1845  | d.            |
| 10. Susan Bricker                                   | b. 10/10/1846 | d. 5/5/1909   |
| 11. Agnes                                           | b. 12/10/1848 | d.            |
| 12. Hugh Reed                                       | b. 2/18/1850  | d.            |
| 13. Grace Carey                                     | b. 11/2/1852  | d.            |
| 14. Fanny                                           | b. 11/12/1854 | d. 5/5/1940   |

Jonathan Ayers Bierbower was born in 1809 at Carlisle, Pa., son of Ann Reed and Henry Bierbower. He married Lucetta Carey. They settled in Maysville, Kentucky in March 1837. He was a famous coach and carriage builder. He established a large carriage manufactory in Maysville, having repositories at Cincinnati, Ohio and Augusta, Ga.

Mary Banning Bierbower, daughter of Jonathan A. Bierbower, married Richard King in Maysville, Ky., Nov. 27, 1873.

Hugh Reed Bierbower, son of J. A. Bierbower, married Adelaide L. Martin in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 26, 1877.

**DR. JAMES C. BIERBOWER** m 1868 **MARY E. GARRARD**  
b. 1838 d. 1891 b. 1/29/1843 d. 10/19/1927

**Children**

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|---------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Charles Garrard  | b. 10/6/1869  | d. |
| 2. James Culver, II | b. 10/26/1871 | d. |
| 3. Richard Carey    | b. 11/28/1873 | d. |

Dr. James Culver Bierbower, son of Lucetta Carey and Jonathan A. Bier-



JAMES CULVER BIERBOWER

bower, was born August 19, 1838. He was educated at the Maysville Institute, Maysville, Ky., and received his professional training from the Ohio College of Dental Surgery and the Ohio Medical College in Cincinnati. He was First Lieutenant, Company H, 10th Kentucky Cavalry, Civil War. It was during the war that James Culver Bierbower met his future wife, Mary Elizabeth Garrard. They were married in 1868 at Paris, Ky. She was educated by a private governess and at old Daughters College at Harrodsburg, Ky. She was a granddaughter of General James Garrard (War of 1812), and great granddaughter of Gov. Garrard of Ky. (1796-1804), and Colonel of Stafford County Virginia Militia during the American Revolution. The family came to Texas in 1874. He was a Master Mason and member of the Order of the Palm and Shell. Dr. Bierbower was a Church Warden and Vestryman of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Lampasas, Texas.

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**CHARLES G. BIERBOWER**      m 1910      **LOLA P. HUNNICUTT**  
b. 10/6/1869      d.      b.      d.

Children

1. Jessie Mary      b. 8/26/1911      d.

Charles G. Bierbower is a lawyer by profession and was for years City Attorney of Lampasas, Texas and District Clerk of Lampasas County, Texas.

James Culver Bierbower was born at Cincinnati, Ohio in 1871. He was educated in private schools, Maysville High School, and Lampasas, Texas College. For many years he was engaged in the hardware business, being a director in the Manuel Hardware Co. of Lampasas. At the present time he resides at "Rosemont", Lampasas, Texas. He is a member of the Order of the Crown, Order of the First Crusade, Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the War of 1812, Sons of the Republic of Texas, and Vestryman of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Lampasas, Texas. Poetry is an interest of James Culver Bierbower and he has written many poems—see "The Book of Modern Poetry 1941". For many years Mr. Bierbower has been interested in genealogy. Through his untiring efforts he obtained hundreds of letters and records concerning the Bierbrauer family. These manuscripts and documents were offered to the Publication Committee. All this has been collaborated with the research of C. W. Beerbower for this publication.

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**RICHARD C. BIERBOWER**      m 1899      **MARGARETTA LEMPER**  
b. 1873      d. 1938      b. 4/4/1877      d. 11/12/1926

Children

1. Carey Margarette      b. 10/19/1900      d. 6/19/1922  
2. Infant      b. 1901      d. 1901  
3. Richard Carey, II      b. 4/1/1904      d. 1905  
4. Jacqueline Alberta      b. 10/27/1906      d.

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**JACQUELINE A. BIERBOWER**      m 1933      **WILBUR ELLIS**  
b. 10/27/1906      d.      b.      d.

Notes by Jacqueline A. Ellis, Lampasas, Texas, Route 2, box 108, May 12, 1942.  
"My father, Richard Carey Bierbower, was born at Cincinnati, O.—served in the Spanish American War as 1st Lieutenant, Co. A. Second Regiment, of Texas Infantry.

I was born at Galveston, Tex., am the last of my immediate family wishing you success in publishing the family history."

The complete genealogical record of J. C. Bierbower, of Lampasas, Texas.

|     |                                                        |            |     |                                            |     |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----|--------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1   | Adam and Eve                                           | B. C. 4004 | 56  | Fiocha Golgrach                            | 805 |
| 2   | Seth                                                   | 3784       | 57  | Duach Ladhgrach                            | 747 |
| 3   | Enos                                                   | 3769       | 58  | Eochaidh Buadhach                          |     |
| 4   | Cainan                                                 | 3679       | 59  | Ugaine Mor                                 | 633 |
| 5   | Mahalaled                                              | 3609       | 60  | Cobhthach Cael Breagh                      | 591 |
| 6   | Jared                                                  | 3544       | 61  | Melghe Molbthach                           | 522 |
| 7   | Enoch                                                  | 3382       | 62  | Ireres                                     | 480 |
| 8   | Methuselah                                             | 3217       | 63  | Connia Calmh                               | 462 |
| 9   | Lamech                                                 | 3130       | 64  | Oilioll Carsfhiacloch                      | 442 |
| 10  | Noah                                                   | 2940       | 65  | Eochaidh Ailtleathan                       | 412 |
| 11  | Japheth                                                |            | 66  | Henas Terrmeach                            | 384 |
| 12  | Magog                                                  |            | 67  | Enna Highneach                             | 312 |
| 13  | Baath                                                  |            | 68  | Hsaman                                     |     |
| 14  | Feinius                                                | 2000       | 69  | Roignen                                    |     |
| 15  | Niul                                                   |            | 70  | Fionnlogh                                  |     |
| 16  | Gaedheal                                               |            | 71  | Fionn                                      |     |
| 17  | Easru                                                  |            | 72  | Eochaidh Feidhleach                        | 142 |
| 18  | Sruth                                                  |            | 73  | Breas-Nar-Lothan                           |     |
| 19  | Heber Scott                                            |            | 74  | Lughaidh Sriabh Ndearg                     |     |
| 20  | Beadhaman                                              |            | 75  | Crimhthann Niadhnair                       |     |
| 21  | Aghnaman                                               |            | 76  | Feredach Fionn Feachtnach                  |     |
| 22  | Tait                                                   |            | 77  | Fiacha Fionn Ola                           |     |
| 23  | Aghnon                                                 |            | 78  | Tuathal Tiachtmhar                         |     |
| 24  | Laimhfhrion                                            |            | 80  | Conn of the Hundred Battles                |     |
| 25  | Heber                                                  |            | 81  | Art Eaufhear                               |     |
| 26  | Agnan Fionu                                            |            | 82  | Cormac Mac Art                             |     |
| 27  | Febric Glass                                           |            | 83  | Cairbre Leiffechar                         |     |
| 28  | Neanul                                                 |            | 84  | Fiache Sraibhtine                          |     |
| 29  | Nuadhad                                                |            | 85  | Muiredhach Tireach                         |     |
| 30  | Alladh                                                 |            | 86  | Eochaidh Muigh Meadhoin                    |     |
| 31  | Eurchaidh                                              |            | 87  | Niall Mor                                  |     |
| 32  | Deaghaidh                                              |            | 88  | Eochan                                     |     |
| 33  | Bratha                                                 |            | 89  | Muredach, 131st Irish King                 |     |
| 34  | Breoghan                                               |            | 90  | Fergus Mor Mac Earca, 1st King of Scotland |     |
| 35  | Bile                                                   |            |     |                                            |     |
| 36  | Milesius                                               |            | 91  | Dongardus, or Donart                       |     |
| 37  | Heremon                                                |            | 92  | Eochy, or Achaius                          |     |
| 38  | Faidh                                                  |            | 93  | Gabhnan                                    |     |
| 39  | Eithrail                                               |            | 94  | Aidan                                      |     |
| 40  | Follach                                                |            | 95  | Eochaidh Buidhe                            |     |
| 41  | Tighernmas                                             |            | 96  | Donald Breac                               |     |
| 42  | Eanbhooth                                              |            | 97  | Donart                                     |     |
| 43  | Simorguill                                             |            | 98  | Hugh Fionn                                 |     |
| 45  | Aengus                                                 | B. C. 1472 | 99  | Achaius                                    |     |
| 44  | Fiacha                                                 |            | 100 | Alpin                                      |     |
| 46  | Maon                                                   | 1427       | 101 | Kenneth I.                                 |     |
| 47  | Raithechtaigh                                          | 1382       | 102 | Constantine                                |     |
| 48  | Dian                                                   |            | 103 | Donald                                     |     |
| 49  | Sirna                                                  | 1180       | 104 | Malcolm I.                                 |     |
| 50  | Oilioll                                                |            | 105 | Kenneth II.                                |     |
| 51  | Gaillchaidh                                            | 1122       | 106 | Malcolm II.                                |     |
| 52  | Nudhar Finnfail                                        | 1001       | 107 | Bethoc                                     |     |
| 53  | Aedham Glas                                            |            | 108 | Duncan                                     |     |
| 54  | Simon Breac                                            | 909        | 109 | Malcolm III.                               |     |
| 55  | Muireadhach Bolgrach                                   | 893        |     |                                            |     |
| 110 | Matilda m. Henry I., son of William I., The Conqueror. |            |     |                                            |     |
| 111 | Matilda, of England, m. Geoffrey Plantagenet.          |            |     |                                            |     |
| 112 | Henry II. of England.                                  |            |     |                                            |     |
| 113 | John, King of England.                                 |            |     |                                            |     |
| 114 | Henry III. King of England.                            |            |     |                                            |     |

- 115 Edward I., King of England
- 116 Princess Joan de Acre, m. Baron Gilbert de Clare.
- 117 Lady Eleanor de Clare m. Sir Hugh de le Spencer.
- 118 Lady Isabelle de le Spencer m. Richard Fitz Alan K. G. 9th Earl of Arundel.
- 119 Lady Philip a Fitz Alan, m. Sir Richard Sergeaux.
- 120 Lady Philipa Sergeaux m. Sir Robert Pashley.
- 121 Sir John Pashley m. Lowys Gower.
- 122 Lady Elizabeth Pashley m. Reginald de Pimpe of Pimpe's Court Manor.
- 123 Anne de Pimpe m. Sir John Scott of Scott's Hall Manor of Hall Co. Kent.
- 124 Sir Reginald Scott m. 2nd Mary Tuke, daughter of Sir Brian Tuke, 1st Governor of King's Post.
- 125 Mary Scott m. Richard Argall of East Sutton Manor.
- 126 Elizabeth Argall m. Sir Edward Filmer, of Little Charlton Manor, Co. Kent, England.
- 127 Maj. Henry Filmer, A.B. 1624, A.M. 1631, Queen's College, Cambridge University, Member Va. House of Burgesses, 1642, 1643, 1660, 1666, 1667, Gentleman Justice Warwick Co., Va. 1647, m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, died after Oct. 27, 1643 in Warwick Co., Va.
- 128 Martha Filmer, b. 1640, m. Thomas Green II., b. 1635.
- 129 Thomas Green III. 1665-1730, m. Elizabeth Marston, daughter of Thomas Marston.
- 130 Lucy Breen 1717\_\_\_\_\_, m. 1735 Henry Clay, II. 1711-1764.
- 131 Henry Clay III, M.D., 1736-1820, m. 1754 Rachel Povall, 1739-1820, daughter of Richard Povall.
- 132 Mattie Clay, 1772-1864, m. 1790 Littleberry Bedford, 1769-1829, son of Col. Thomas Bedford.
- 133 Elizabeth Bedford, 1794-1834, m. 1812 Capt. Washington Kennedy, 1779-1832, son of John Kennedy.
- 134 Mattie Bedford Kennedy, 1817-1877, m. 1835 Charles Todd Garrard, 1812-1874, son of Gen. James Garrard.
- 135 Mary Elizabeth Garrard, 1843-1827, m. 1868, Dr. James Culver Bierbower, 1838-1891.
- 136 James Culver Bierbower, 1871-\_\_\_\_\_.

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|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| <b>HUGH REED BIERBOWER</b> | m.          | <b>ADA LOUISE MARTIN</b> |
| b. 2/18/1850 d.            | b.          | d.                       |
| <b>Children</b>            |             |                          |
| Samuel Carey               | b. 9/9/1878 | d.                       |

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| <b>SAMUEL CAREY BIERBOWER</b> | m.          | <b>MARGARET BEUSCH</b> |
| b. 9/9/1878 d.                | b. 8/9/1878 | d.                     |

Note: By Samuel C. Bierbower—"My Aunt Grace Bierbower, who still lives at Maysville, Ky., can give you more information. My wife was born at Wichita, Kan. I was born in Nicholas Co., Ky. We moved from Kentucky to California Nov. 1896."—Address: 1103 Azusa Ave., Azusa, Calif.

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William Bierbower, born near Carlisle, Pa., in 1811. was a volunteer in the Mexican War, 1848, and moved to Indiana from Grand Gulf, Mo. Previous to this time he made a successful overland trip to California, returning with what was considered a fortune of \$50,000 made at his trade of tinner. He bought a farm six miles from Evansville, where the family lived for four years, then after selling the farm they moved to Evansville, Indiana, where he added to his estate by entering the drug business, but during the Civil War lost his fortune, and died a comparatively poor man. During the Civil War he was a private in the 11th Indiana Zouvas, commanded by General Lew Wallace.

He received a wound which impaired his health, and from which he never recovered.

**WILLIAM BIERBOWER** m. **ANNA KIZER MARKHAM**, first wife

b. 3/24/1811 d. 2/23/1889                      b.                      d.

**Children**

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|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Laura C.     | b. 7/25/1840  | d.           |
| 2. Henry        | b. 2/5/1842   | d. 3/27/1910 |
| 3. Harriett     | b. 10/12/1846 | d. 4/29/1905 |
| 4. Julia        | b. 10/12/1846 | d.           |
| 5. Benjamin     | b. 7/2/1848   | d. 8/11/1876 |
| 6. Kate Wharton | b. 7/2/1848   | d.           |

**HENRY BIERBOWER** m. 1879 **EMANA MURRY**

b. 2/5/1842 d. 3/27/1910                      b. 12/19/1850 d.

**Children**

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|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Hattie         | b. 9/7/1880  | d.           |
| 2. Alphe          | b. 8/3/1881  | d. 9/23/1893 |
| 3. Charles Luther | b. 2/1/1891  | d.           |
| 4. Joseph Henry   | b. 8/13/1894 | d.           |

Extract from a letter:

Salem, Dent Co., Mo., Jan. 17, 1912

"Henry Bierbower left home when he was nineteen years old, enlisting in the State of Indiana. He was wounded in the breast with a piece of shell. I recall of him speaking of being in the battel of Shiloh."

Emana Bierbower

**HATTIE BIERBOWER** m. 1907 **CHARLES VAN HOY**

b. 9/7/1880 d.                      b.                      d.

**Children**

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|----------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Clarence Theodore | b. 6/22/1909  | d. |
| 2. Edward Earl       | b. 11/18/1911 | d. |

**WILLIAM BIERBOWER** m. **SARAH ADALINE BROWN**, 2nd. wife

b. 1811 d. 1889                      b.                      d.

**Children**

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|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. William Alexander | b. 7/12/1860 | d. 7/9/1893 |
| 2. Bella G.          | b. 6/2/1863  | d.          |
| 3. Mary              | b. 3/26/1867 | d.          |

**WILLIAM A. BIERBOWER** m. 1879 **SARAH ANN BERRY**

b. 7/12/1860 d. 7/9/1893                      b.                      d.

**Children**

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|--------------------|-------------|----|
| 1. Joseph Augustus | b. 9/2/1880 | d. |
|--------------------|-------------|----|



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|--------------------|---------------|----|
| 2. Mary Agnes      | b. 12/17/1884 | d. |
| 3. Florence Ursula | b. 7/13/1886  | d. |
- (Bierbower to Bower by Court Order, Detroit, Mich.)

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| <b>JOSEPH AUGUSTUS BOWER</b> | <b>m. 1906</b> | <b>EMMA WUELFING</b> |
| <b>b. 9/2/1880 d.</b>        | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>            |

**Children**

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|---------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Phyllis Louise   | b. 4/12/1908 | d. |
| 2. Robert Aleaxnder | b. 4/12/1911 | d. |

Joseh A. Bower, formerly "Bierbower", was born in Denver, Colo. He is an attorney by profession. His residence is 136 Upper Mountain Ave., Montclair, N. J.

Agnes M. Bower or (Mary Agnes Bierbower as she was baptized) is an artist, musician and actress. She spent eight years at the Ursuline Academy, Chatham, Ontario, before going to the University of Michigan. She retains Bierbower as her musical name.

Authority: Sara Bower, Detroit—(1912)

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| <b>LEMUEL BIERBOWER</b>     | <b>m. 1839</b> | <b>SALLIE PRYOR</b> |
| <b>b. 4/23/1813 d. 1876</b> | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>           |

**Children**

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|---------------|---------|---------------------|
| 1. Mary       | b. 1839 | d. in Texas (1894)? |
| 2. Charles E. | b. 1841 | d.                  |
| 3. Frank A.   | b. 1844 | d.                  |
| 4. William A. | b. 1853 | d.                  |

Mary Bierbower married Charles E. Swindell.

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| <b>CHARLES E. BIERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1875</b> | <b>MATTIE W. HAMILTON</b> |
| <b>b. 1841 d.</b>           | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>                 |

**Children**

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|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Alice            | b. 2/6/1876  | d. 4/17/1877 |
| 2. William Hamilton | b. 1878      | d.           |
| 3. Charles T.       | b. 1879      | d.           |
| 4. Lemuel           | b.           | d. 6/21/1883 |
| 5. Frank E.         | b. 7/1/1884  | d.           |
| 6. Lula N.          | b. 9/15/1890 | d.           |
| 7. Richard K.       | b. 3/18/1894 | d.           |

Dr. Charles E. Bierbower was a very successful dentist in Baltimore, Md. He was very much interested in family history and wrote many letters of interest concerning the members of his family.

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J.C.B.—

Baltimore, Md., June 29, 1912

My father and your grandfather were two of seven brothers, stock German, came to Virginia, thence to York, or Carlisle, Pa.

The family seemed indifferent about family history, and must have been equally careless about how the name should be spelled, for we know of three

ways it is spelled today, to wit: Bierbower, Bierbauer, and Beerbower. Doubtless from same original stock. Then again, an educated German of this city, named Meeth, dealer in shoes, always insisted that my name in German was Bierbraucher, (meaning beer making or brewing in English) otherwise he saw no sense in it, no meaning.

The branch that came to Carlisle were carriage or wagon makers, some careless painter made a business sign with second syllabel spelled "b-o-w-e-r". After a little kick about it, the conclusion was "let 'er go, ve vill explain it ven necessary".

To go back the family in Carlisle, Pa., consisted of ten individuals, parents, seven sons, and one daughter.

My father (7th son) the youngest, named Lemuel, Baltimore, Md.

Your paternal grandfather, Jonathan, Maysville, Ky.

William Bierbower, Evansville, Indiana.

John Bierbower, murdered in New York, robbed of wealth and money.

The other three are lost track of if I ever knew names or locations. The sister was named Mary, who late in life married John McKenzie. Jonathan Bierbower of Maysville, Ky., had a family of about 12 children. One of these, James C., your father—your uncles and aunts.

Agnes, your aunt, is in Baltimore, Cary St.; Grace, still living in Maysville, Ky.; Mary, married Richard King of Baltimore—dead; Fred H., once mayor of Maysville, Ky.; James C., Captain in the Civil War; Richard, dead; Frank, I am in doubt; Hugh went to Colorado about 16 years ago; Ellen; Fanny; Sue.

There was a cousin of my father, (Lemuel Bierbower)—Casper Bierbower who had a model farm about a mile out of Carlisle, Pa. He had at least three sons whom I knew, namely—Austin Bierbower, M. A., Prof. of Languages, Lawyer, author, etc.

Vincent Bierbower, Lawyer, politician, Lt. Governor of Idaho, (now dead).

There will be a reunion of members of the Beerbower family at the old homestead of Philip Beerbower, and his descendants at Glade Farms, W. Va., near Fort Morris, on August 24, 1912.

They wrote my brother inviting him to attend the reunion, and give my family history at his command.

They have a historian and a regular organization. It seems some of our people must have been in Revolution, Washington's time. —C. E. Bierbower, Baltimore

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**FRANK ASBURY BIERBOWER** m. 1869 **MARY ANN FOX**  
b. 1844 d. 11/21/1884 b. 3/18/1847 d. 12/20/1906

**Children**

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|-----------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Frank Benson | b. 10/18/1871 | d. |
| 2. Margaret     | b. 3/29/1875  | d. |
| 3. Edna         | b. 1/5/1879   | d. |

Frank A. Bierbower was born in Baltimore, Md. His wife, Mary Ann was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. They are buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati.

Frank Benson Bierbower, unmarried (1912) living in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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**MARGARET BIERBOWER** m. 1899 **JOHN ASA WILKINS**  
b. 1875 d. b. d.

**Children**

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|---------------------|---------|----|
| 1. Margaret Wilkins | b.      | d. |
| 2. Mary Edna        | b. 1879 | d. |
| 3. Elizabeth Carter | b.      | d. |

The last address of the Wilkins family was Houston, Texas.

**EDNA BIERBOWER** m. **FRANK FORREST FLEMING**  
b. 1879 d. b. d.  
Address: Houston, Texas

**WILLIAM A. BIERBOWER** m. **CATHERINE DARIE NORMAN**  
b. 12/20/1853 d. b. 8/2/1853 d. 6/12/1912

**Children**

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|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Norma                                        | b. 8/4/1887   | d. 9/20/1895 |
| 2. Norman                                       | b. 5/2/1889   | d. 8/31/1895 |
| They died in Richmond, Va.—Diphtheria Epidemic. |               |              |
| 3. Ada Randolph                                 | b. 11/24/1890 | d.           |
| 4. William Albert, Jr.                          | b. 11/5/1897  | d. 6/ /1898  |

**TRIBUTE**

The Heavenly Star gave its light  
To guide the way to men of might  
Led forth from kingdoms far apart  
Three kings with love within their hearts.  
The kings of earth came forth to greet  
And lay their tribute at His feet,  
The Holy Babe all clothed in white  
Who came to bless mankind that night.  
Gaspar, "the white one", King of Tarshish, bowed low  
Followed by Melchior, "King of Light", from Nubias snow,  
Then Balthazar, "Lord of Treasure," King of Chaldea's State  
All did homage to the Lord of the lowly and the great.  
Precious treasure, for which many men have striven,  
Myrrh, Gold, and Frankincense were gladly given  
And fill each heart full of His loveliness.  
To the Holy Babe who came on earth to bless

"Rosemont", 1942.

—James Culver Bierbower

## PART II--CHAPTER II

**HARMAN BIERBAUER\***                      m.                      **CHRISTINA HOFFMAN**  
b. 7/16/1741   d. 12/29/1801              b. 10/7/1747   d. 2/7/1826

### Children

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|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Magdalen  | b.           | d.            |
| 2. Christina | b.           | d.            |
| 3. Elizabeth | b.           | d.            |
| 4. John      | b. 3/10/1779 | d. 10/20/1858 |
| 5. Mary      | b.           | d.            |
| 6. Hannah    | b.           | d.            |
| 7. Abraham   | b.           | d.            |

Chester Co. Court Record and Church Records.

Michael Haus, late of E. Nantmel Twp. Mar. 31, 1770 (at Phil.) gave to his wife Elizabeth Bierbauer the use of land until sold—when she was to have one-third, there were four children, Michael, Jacob, Elizabeth, and Mary Haus.

\* Harman's will, proved Jan. 18, 1802; provides for "wife Christina to son John, my plantation whereon I live, he paying 350 pounds to each of my children—Magdalen, Christina, Elizabeth, Mary, Hannah, and Abraham 20 pounds. Residue to be divided equally." Executors, wife Christina and son, John. Witnesses, John Hoffman, Henry Hipple. Will recorded in Chester Co.

See Christina Bierbauer's will in Part 1.

Herman Bierbauer came to America from Palatine, Germany. He and his wife are buried at Old Hill Church on Ridge Road in East Pikeland Twp., Chester. Co. Pa.

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|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| <b>JOHN BEERBOWER</b>        | m. 1805 | <b>ELIZABETH FERTIG</b> |
| b. 1779              d. 1858 | b. 1784 | d. 1841                 |

### Children

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|------------|----|----|
| 1. John    | b. | d. |
| 2. Jacob   | b. | d. |
| 3. Henry   | b. | d. |
| 4. Abraham | b. | d. |
| 5. Samuel  | b. | d. |
| 6. Sarah   | b. | d. |

John Beerbower was a carpenter by trade, a farmer and Justice of the Peace of Vincent Twp. He served tour of duty during the War of 1812, was Capt. of a Co. of Militia in 1st Brig. of the 3rd Div. of the Counties of Chester and Delaware.

The Fertig family came to America in 1752 and 1754 . . . see "German Pioneers"

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| <b>JACOB BEERBOWER</b>       | m.      | <b>LYDIA SHANER</b> |
| b. 1809              d. 1897 | b. 1814 | d. 1885             |

### Children

- |            |    |         |
|------------|----|---------|
| 1. Abraham | b. | d. 1912 |
| 2. Samuel  | b. | d.      |
| 3. Sarah   | b. | d.      |

The family are buried in Brownback's Cemetery, Chester Co., Pa. He had a thousand dollar monument erected after the death of his wife.

**ABRAHAM BEERBOWER**

|           |           |              |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
|           | <b>m.</b> |              |
| <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b> | <b>b. d.</b> |

He had a store at White Horse, Chester Co., Pa.

**SAMUEL BEERBOWER**

|           |           |                  |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|
|           | <b>m.</b> | <b>CATHERINE</b> |
| <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b> | <b>b. d.</b>     |

**Children**

- |                           |           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Sarah (m. S. Curry)    | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b> |
| 2. Emma                   | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b> |
| 3. Lincoln (went to Cal.) | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b> |

They had a store at Sadasburgville, Pa.

**SARAH BEERBOWER**

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
|           | <b>m. 1827</b> |
| <b>b.</b> | <b>d. 1806</b> |

**GEORGE CHRISTMAN**

**d. 1843**

**Children**

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|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1. Enos Lewis | <b>b. 1828</b> | <b>d.</b> |
| 2. David      | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b> |
| 3. Jefferson  | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b> |

Daniel Christman arrived at Phil. in 1730 Ship Alexander & Ann. On board 46 Palatinates with families. George Christman was a grandson of Henry, fourth son of Daniel, the immigrant. Daniel Christman took the oath 9/5/1730, as follows: "We do swear or solemnly declare, that we deny all allegiance to the Pope of Rome; or further swear or solemnly declare that no Prince or Person whatsoever hath any right or title to the Crown of Great Britain but his Majesty, George the Second and His lawful Issue."

Enos Christman, son of Sarah Beerbower and George Christman was the founder of the "Daily Reporter", Washington, Pa. In 1891 he founded the Christman Publishing Co.

Miss Elizabeth Christman, Penn Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa., is a daughter of Enos Lewis Christman.

**JACOB BEERBOWER**

|                |                |              |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|                | <b>m.</b>      |              |
| <b>b. 1825</b> | <b>d. 1906</b> | <b>b. d.</b> |

**Children**

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|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. William H. Harrison | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d. 1/14/1879</b> |
| 2. John Jefferson      | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>           |
| 3. George Washington   | <b>b. 1846</b> | <b>d. 1895</b>      |
| 4. Marianna            | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>           |

Jacob Beerbower, born in Lancaster Co., was in the hotel business, General store, dry goods and grocery store and postmaster of Nuchlan, Chester Co., Pa. In addition to his store and Eagle Hotel, he owned a large farm of 200 acres or more, and managed it himself. He was considered a good business man. Died 1906 at 81 years.

W. H. H. Beerbower married first Virginia Dill, second wife Anna Simpson. "I am his second wife, we have one son, J. Fred Beerbower is married and lives in Baltimore, Md. He is in the theatre business, manager of plays. My husband has been dead 33 years."

John Jefferson Beerbower living (1912)

"He married Mary Jacobs, have two children. Florence Beerbower, Arthur Beerbower, connected with a newspaper at Rochester, N. Y. . .

I don't know very much about this family. My son J. Fred Beerbower hears from Arthur. He spells his name Bierbauer. My son says if Beerbower was good enough for his grandfather Jacob it is good enough for him."

George Washington Beerbower married Emily Donlin—they had three sons and four daughters. George Willard Beerbower died several years ago and his wife and all the children went to Denver, Colorado. George Beerbower, the eldest is a lawyer and real estate man in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Then there were Samuel Randall Beerbower, Lee, Mary, Edna, Helen and Ida Beerbower. Helen married a Mr. Smith, druggist; Ida married a doctor in Denver, Col. After the family moved to Denver they changed the spelling to Bierbauer which is the German way to spell the name.

Marianna Beerbower married Levi Ramstine, they have a daughter, Pauline Ramstine.

Samara Beerbower married John Wilson. They have one son, Fred Wilson. At this time (1912) she is a widow living in West Chester, Pa."

—Mrs. Anna Beerbower

Arthur C. Ohl, Spring City, Pa., Dec. 3, 1917, furnished the following names from tombstones:

Jacob Beerbower, b. 1809, d. 1897; Lydia Beerbower, his wife, b. 1814, d. 1885. Sarah Beerbower, daughter, b. 1842, d. 1857; Elizabeth Beerbower, daughter, b. 1839, d. 1841.

Henry Beerbower, b. 1821, d. 1854; W. H. H. Beerbower, b. . . . ., d. 1879. In the above lot two markers have no names.

Another lot: George W. Beerbower, 1846-1895; son of J. and L. A. Beerbower. Augusta Beerbower, d. 1871.

\* Another lot: John Beerbower, 1779-1858; Elizabeth, his wife. 1784-1828; Eloner Beerbower, 1788-1841.

A grave, Harman Beerbower, son of John Beerbower, died 1855.

\* See John and Elizabeth Fertig Beerbower family line.

The following is what knowledge I have of the Bierbauer family.

Herman Bierbauer came to this country from Germany some time in 1700, cannot give exact date. He settled in Pennsylvania, in the northern part of Chester County. I do not know whom he married, but he is buried at the Hill Church, near Spring City, Chester County. Of his children I know nothing, except one son, John Bierbauer, who married Elizabeth Fertig. He (John) had several children, Jacob, Abraham, Samuel and Henry, also a son Harlan, the son of a second marriage; also one daughter Sarah, who married George Christman. John Bierbauer, my husband's grandfather, was noted for his upright character and honesty. He held the office of Justice of the Peace, and was known in the County Seat as the Chancellor from the North. His son Jacob married Lydia Shaner, whose parents lived in Pottstown, Pa. His children were Elizabeth, (who died in infancy), William H., John J., G. Washington and Sarah, Marianna and Samaria. His son William H. is dead, leaving one son, J. Fred Bierbauer.

John has been married twice. By his first wife he had three children—Lydia, who died in childhood, Arthur Brinton Bierbauer, who lived in New York when I last heard of him, and Florence, of whom I knew nothing. G. Washington married Emily V. Donlin and eight children were born to them. Augusta, dead, Edna E., Helen F., George W., Ida D., Samuel Lee, E. Randall and Marianna. Sarah died in childhood. Marianna married Levi Ramstine, a farmer who is dead. To them was born one daughter, Pauline, who teaches school in Delaware County, Pa. Samaria married John H. Wilson. One son was born to them, Fred H. Wilson, who follows the business of salesman in Philadelphia, Pa. Marianna and Samaria, daughters of Jacob, are both widows who reside at No. 16 Price Street, West Chester, Pa. Abraham, brother of Jacob, married Sarah Heple. They are both dead, leaving no children. They lived near Glenlock, Pa. Samuel, brother of Jacob, married Kate Weber. He kept a country store. They had three children, Lincoln, Sarah and Emma. Lincoln is somewhere in the West. Sarah married Samuel Curry, farmer in East Brandywine, Chester County, Pa. They had no children. Emma is still unmarried. Sarah, sister of Jacob, married George Christman. Both dead. Their children are Enos Christman and Davis Christman, both of Washington, Pa., and Jefferson Christman of Philadelphia, Pa.

Jacob Bierbauer was a country store-keeper, a man of very strong personal character. His brother, Henry, was a teacher and quite a scholar. He died when only thirty some years old. All this branch of the family are buried at Brown Backs Church Cemetery in Chester County, Pa. I mean John, son of Herman, his wife, Jacob and his wife Lydia with four of their children, Wm. H.; G. Washington, Sarah and Elizabeth; also Henry and Harlan, brothers of Jacob. Geo. Christman and his wife are buried at the Organ Church in Northern Chester County.

My husband, G. Washington Bierbauer, died at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1896, aged 50 years. He was County Commissioner of Chester Co., Pa., for ..... years. I came with all my children (except my daughter Helen Smith) to Colorado in 1901. My son George is living in Colorado Springs, married to Mrs. Nelle Bidleman, has two daughters Elizabeth and Helen. He is by profession a lawyer. Edna E., my daughter is married to Arthur G. Nettleton and lives at Thurman, Idaho, and they have two sons, Gilbert H., and Herman. Helen, another daughter, lives at Harrisburg, Pa. Her husband is Charles A. Smith, and they have two children, Willard and Emily. My daughter Ida is the wife of W. H. Thomas of Canon City, Colo., and they have

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no children. Samuel Lee lives in Denver, Colo., married to Nell Evans, no children. E. Randall lives at Colorado Springs, and is married to Irma Hamilton, and they have no children.

Marianna, unmarried, lives with me, with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Thomas, at Canon City, Colo.

—Emily V. Donlin Bierbauer, No. 509 College Ave., Canon City, Colo.



## PART II--CHAPTER III

**PHILIP BIERBRUER**

**m.**

**ELIZABETH STOUGH**

**b.**

**d.**

**b.**

**d.**

### Children

|              |                 |               |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Jacob     | b. 1784         | d. 1855       |
| 2. John      | b. 1785         | d. 1863       |
| 3. Susanna   | b. 1787         | d. in infancy |
| 4. Elizabeth | b. 1790         | d. 1865       |
| 5. Peter     | b. 1793         | d. 1860       |
| 6. Sarah     | b. 1795         | d.            |
| 7. Susan     | b. 1798         | d.            |
| 8. Philip II | b. 1799 or 1800 | d. 1872       |

Human history has been from the early centuries a repetition of fundamental experiences. Those early men and women who came to America had a dream of a freer, new life, a vision of a home in a new land, and of a community for their posterity. And thus it has always been. New circumstances have always in America, brought forth courage, stamina in mind and body, and a certain idealism that has led to advancement. The frontier was ever a challenge to the idealist. And so it was that our ancestors came from Europe to the shores of America, settling in York and Chester counties in Pennsylvania. And so it was that they advanced westward to California.

Philip Bierbruer the progenitor of a large clan in this country traded his 100 acres of fertile York County land for three hundred and twenty acres in the Sandy Creek Glades of western Virginia—now West Virginia—with a dream of establishing a home and a community to be called Bacontown. In the vicinity of Glade Farms, W. Va. was laid out the plans of the town with town square and streets. This dream never completely materialized since the land at that time was too swampy for productive cultivation. Uncle Harry Beerbower, a grandson of Philip, spoke of his grandfather saying that he would give all of his three hundred and twenty acres for one acre back in York County. But the home was established—a two-story log cabin, then quite a mansion in those frontier wilds. Hulda J. Hall of Clarksburg, W. Va., wrote in 1913 that "I remember the log cabin on the old Beerbower homestead, I thought at the time it was quite a mansion, much more so than the one we lived in".

From the frontier homestead has come a long line of men and women each filling his place in the community and state.

The routes taken by the early pioneers going west followed Indian trails and trader's paths. There was a wagon road from York, Pa. to Frederick, near the Monocacy river. This was the convenient trail taken by the early Beerbowers and others. From here they traveled on to Hagerstown, Md., crossing the Connococheague river, and thence to Hancock, Flintstone (once called Old Town) and on to Cumberland. From here they followed the Old Nemacon Trail through the Allegheny Mountains. Many found their land located not too far from this trail as did Philip Beerbower, whose land was near old Fort Morris in the Sandy Creek Glades, Virginia. Other pioneers followed the trail to Brownsville where some took flat boats down the Monongahela and Ohio rivers, while others took the overland route through Steubenville to Ohio and Indiana.

So the trails have widened into roads and thoroughfares for the millions of travelers going east and west, north and south.

Philip Bierbower married Elizabeth Stauch (Stough), daughter of Gotfried and Charlotte Stauch. Tradition holds that Charlotte, daughter of a German Elector who was beheaded, fled to America as a redemptionist, (bound for her passage across the ocean) was married in the home of the Kesslers to Godfried Stauch in York County on Christmas day 1754.

**Concerning Transfer of Beerbower Homestead, Virginia Glades, Va.**

See Records office, Morgantown, W. Va.

**General Index to Deeds, Vol. 1**

Rhoda Bacorn to Philip Beerbower, No. 3-1803-06-P. 597

Rhoda Bacorn to Philip Beerbower, No. 4-1806-10-P. 492

Philip Beerbower to John Beerbower, No. 5-1810-14-P. 256

John Beerbower to Philip Beerbower, No. 5-1810-14-P. 485

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Rhoda Bacorn to Philip Beerbower, June 1807; 321 Acres. O.S. Vol. 3-P. 597  
July, 1907—\$1,000.00 Sandy Creek.

Job Bacorn's Heirs to Philip Beerbower, Sept. 1809; 19½ Acres, \$79.95;  
O.S. Vol. 4-P. 492. Del. April 11, 1811.

Philip Beerbower and Elizabeth, his wife, to John Beerbower, Dec. 1811; 321  
A. Sandy Creek, \$900. O.S. Vol. 5-P. 256. Del. Feb. 4, 1814.

John Beerbower and wife Elizabeth to Philip Beerbower, May 16, 1816; 321  
Acres Sandy Creek O.S. Vol. 6-P. 485; \$900 witnessed by Peter Beer-  
bower.

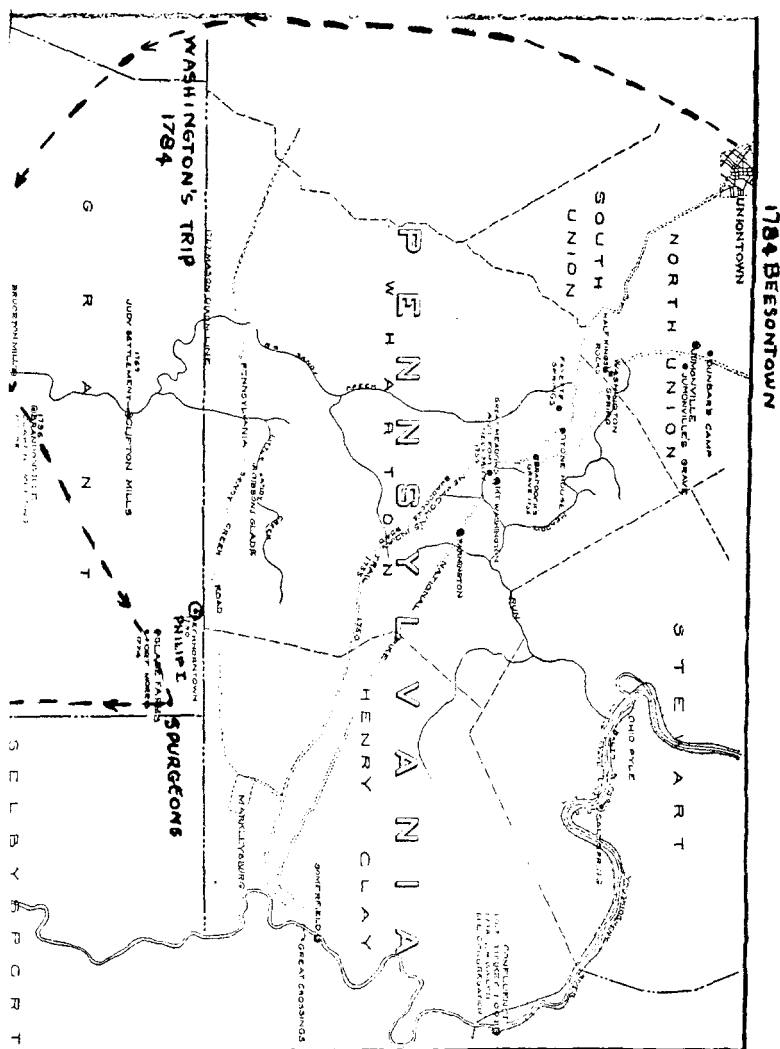
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ment of History and Political Science.

See War Record of Philip Bierbauer, Pa. Archives Vol. 3, 6th Series, P. 1427.

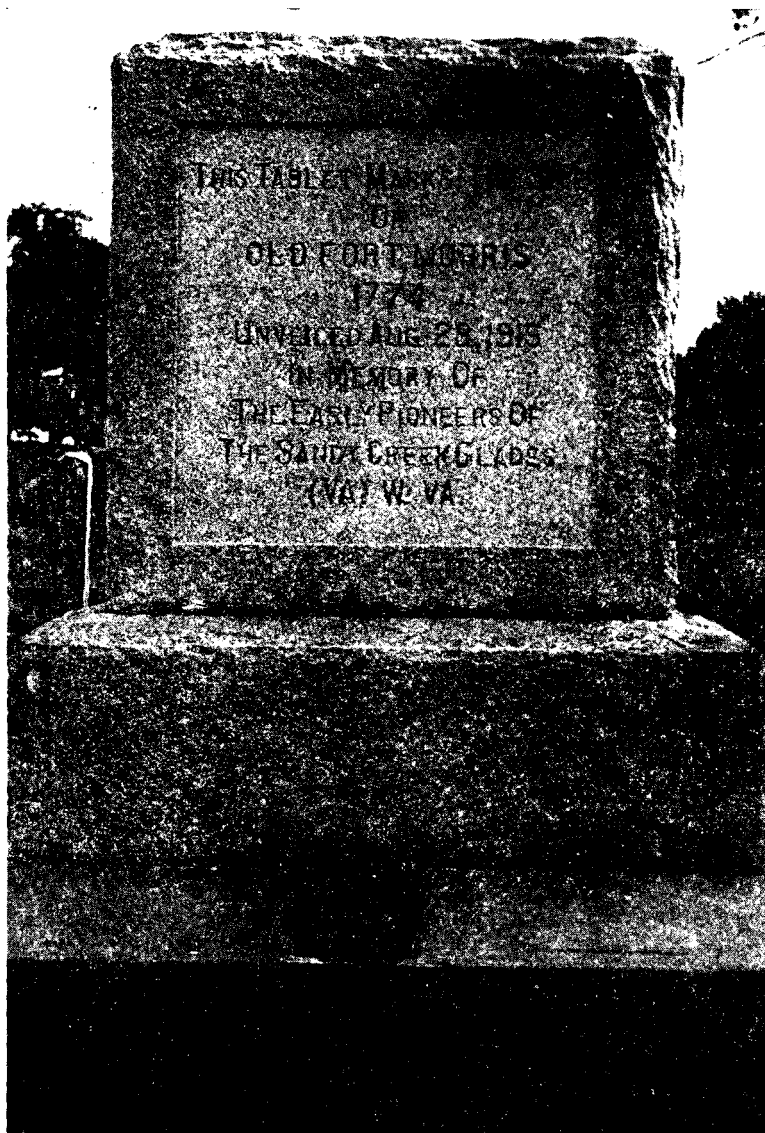
### FORT MORRIS

Fort Morris, (West Virginia), when built the site was in Virginia. Dr. Joseph Doddridge, in his Notes says—"My father (John Doddridge) with a small number of his neighbors made their settlements in the spring of 1773. (This was in Independence Township, Washington County, Pa.) Though they were in a poor and destitute situation, they nevertheless lived in peace; but their tranquility was of short duration. Those most atrocious murderers of the peaceable inoffensive Indians at Capitina and Yellow Creek brought on the war of Lord Dunmore in the Spring of the year 1774. Our little settlement then broke up. The women and children were removed to Morris Fort in Sandy Creek Glade, (Virginia), some distance to the east of Uniontown. The Fort consisted of an assemblage of small hovels, situated on the margin of a large and noxious marsh, the effluvia of which gave the most of the women and children the fever and ague. The men were compelled by necessity to return home and risk the tomahawk and scalping knife of Indians, in raising corn to keep their families from starvation the succeeding winter."

Veech's "Monongahela of Old" makes mention of this reference to the father and family of Dr. Doddridge passing over the "Sandy Creek Road" in 1774, and Dr. Veech points out that "this was the second road viewed and laid out by order of the Court of Fayette County, Pa. After its erection in 1783, it came from the Ten Mile settlement through Greene County, crossing the river (Monongahela) at Hyde's Ferry, or mouth of Big Whitely, passing by the southside of Masontown, Pa., through Haydentown, or by David John's Mill up Laurel Hill, through the Sandy Creek settlement to Daniel McPeak's and into Virginia. Morris Fort was on Sandy Creek, in Virginia, just outside the Fayette County border. It was much resorted to by the early settlers on the upper Monongahela and Cheat rivers, and from Ten Mile."



VIRGINIA GLADES



MARKER OF OLD FORT MORRIS AT GLADE FARMS, W. VA.

**JACOB BEERBOWER** m. **ELIZABETH SPURGEON (1st wife)**  
b. 1784 d. 1885 b. 1787 d. 1833

Children

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|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Sarah     | b. 12/29/1816      | d. 12/20/1882 |
| 2. James     | b. 11/9/1817 or 18 | d. 10/30/1899 |
| 3. Lydia     | b.                 | d. 6/16/1883  |
| 4. Jacob F.  | b. 6/24/1822       | d. 6/5/1910   |
| 5. John J.   | b. 1826            | d. 1847       |
| 6. Elizabeth | b. 1827            | d. 1910       |
| 7. Jesse     | b. 9/18/1829       | d. 1865       |
| 8. William   | b.                 | d.            |

Jacob, first child of Philip I and Elizabeth Stough Beerbower, was born in York Co., Pa. Was with Mad Anthony Wayne—also in War of 1812. Traveled from Virginia Glades by horseback to what is now Wayne Co, near Wooster, Ohio.

**JACOB BEERBOWER** m. **Mrs. Baumgardner (2nd wife)**  
Children

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|-----------|----|----|
| 1. Able   | b. | d. |
| 2. Benton | b. | d. |

Able Beerbower was a bookbinder by trade. In later years became a doctor in Cleveland, Ohio.

Captain Benton Beerbower was with a wholesale drug company in Toledo, Ohio at one time.

**SARAH BEERBOWER** m. **ABRAHAM KEISTER**  
b. 1816 d. 12/20/1882 b. d.

Children

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|-------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. Jacob A. | b.           | d. 1914 |
| 2. John C.  | b. 12/1/1843 | d.      |
| 3. Adam W.  | b.           | d.      |
| 4. Miranda  | b.           | d.      |

John C. Keister was a soldier in the Civil War. Minerva, Ohio.  
Miranda Keister married William Berry.

"Jacob Beerbower, my great grandfather, was born in York Co., son of Philip Bierbruer. After his father moved to the Virginia Glades he married Elizabeth Spurgeon. (The Spurgeons were English people, who had moved to the Glades at a much earlier time. George Washington and his nephew stopped over night with the Spurgeons in the fall of 1784 on his return from visiting his western lands. (See National Geographic—Jan. 1932). Note by C.W.B.

"My great grandfather was with Mad Anthony Wayne and in the War of 1812. He was among the pioneers of Wayne Co., Ohio. It has been said that when he left Virginia, he placed his wife with an infant on a two year old colt and started for the west.

My grandfather James Beerbower lived on a farm near Wooster, Ohio, until about twenty years of age, when he and his brother Jacob F. migrated to Williams Co., Ohio. Here he took up a government claim (160) acres. My father told me

that when he was a small boy his father once sold the place and traveled by wagon as far west as Iowa. Leaving the family with relatives, James went on alone hoping to find a suitable location in Missouri or Kansas; but settlers discouraged him on account of the bandits which were causing trouble at that time. The family returned the same year to Defiance Co., near Hicksville, Ohio.

He read his Bible, but seldom went to church. His life was characterized by industry and uprightness." Carrie Beerbower, Ypsilanti, Michigan.



**JAMES BEERBOWER**

—Courtesy Franklin Beerbower Family



**FRANKLIN BEERBOWER**

—Courtesy of Carrie Beerbower Family

**JAMES BEERBOWER**

b. 1817

d. 1899

m. 1840

b.

**MARY CONLEY (1st wife)**

d. 1850

Children

1. William

b. 11/16/1841

d.

2. Eliza

b. 10/5/1843

d.

**WILLIAM BEERBOWER**

b. 1841

d. 1915

b. 1855

**MARGARET DUNKER**

d.

Children

1. Earl D.

b. 2/10/1883

d.

**EARL D. BEERBOWER**

b. 1883

d.

m.

b.

**MINNIE ZUVERINK**

d.

Children

- |                |              |    |
|----------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Hazel       | b. 1/17/1910 | d. |
| 2. Earl George | b. 7/16/1913 | d. |

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|------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| <b>HAZEL BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m.</b> | <b>MILTON DANGREMOND</b> |
| <b>b. 1/17/1910 d.</b> | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b>                |

Children

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|-----------|--------------|----|
| 1. Yvonne | b. 4/28/1938 | d. |
|-----------|--------------|----|
- Address: 205 W. 16th St., Holland, Michigan.

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| <b>JAMES BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1851</b> | <b>CATHERINE FICKLE, (2nd wife)</b> |
| <b>b. 1817 d. 1899</b> | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>                           |

Children

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|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Alpheus  | b. 12/7/1852  | d. 6/14/1931 |
| 2. George   | b. 10/12/1854 | d. 8/8/1940  |
| 3. Martin   | b. 6/30/1857  | d. 5/21/1861 |
| 4. Mary C.  | b. 7/4/1859   | d. 8/18/1861 |
| 5. Franklin | b. 1/11/1862  | d. 11/3/1939 |
| 6. Lucinda  | b. 4/21/1864  | d.           |
| 7. Samuel   | b. 9/10/1867  | d.           |
| 8. Jacob    | b. 2/27/1869  | d. 6/15/1939 |

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| <b>GEORGE BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m.</b> | <b>Ann</b> ..... |
| <b>b. 1854 d. 1940</b>  | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b>        |

Children

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|------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Estella | b. 4/12/1895  | d. |
| 2. E. Paul | b. 11/14/1909 | d. |

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>E. PAUL BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m.</b>               | <b>MARGARET DIRRIM</b> |
| <b>b. 1909 d.</b>        | <b>b. 11/18/1915 d.</b> |                        |

Children

- |                 |               |    |
|-----------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Kay Margaret | b. 5/25/1937  | d. |
| 2. Paula Sharon | b. 12/31/1941 | d. |

Address: 310 West Chicago Blvd., Tecumseh, Michigan.

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| <b>FRANKLIN BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1886</b> | <b>ELECTA CORY</b> |
| <b>b. 1/11/1862 d.</b>    | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>          |

Children

- |              |               |    |
|--------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Howard E. | b. 12/25/1887 | d. |
|--------------|---------------|----|

|                 |              |    |
|-----------------|--------------|----|
| 2. Cora L.      | b. 2/23/1892 | d. |
| 3. Carrie       | b. 8/30/1894 | d. |
| 4. Alice N.     | b. 1/4/1898  | d. |
| 5. James Burton | b. 4/24/1903 | d. |
| 6. R. Harold    | b. 5/7/1905  | d. |
| 7. Ellis L.     | b. 8/12/1910 | d. |
| 8. Esther T.    | b. 8/12/1910 | d. |

## Addresses:

Howard, Electrician, 635 Ashland Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Cora L. (Mrs. Edward Antoni) 2320 Detroit Ave., Toledo, Ohio

Miss Carrie, 14 Ballard St., Ypsilanti, Mich. (Graduate Nurse)

Alice (Mrs. Gaylord Richardson) 21711 Edison, Dearborn, Mich.

James B. (mechanic) Bryan, Ohio

Harold, (electrician) Cement City, Mich.

Ellis L., (farmer) Ney, Ohio

Esther T. (Mrs. Lavon Heisler), Edgeton, Ohio

Franklin Beerbower was born in Williams Co., Ohio, near West Unity. After marriage he lived on a farm in Defiance Co., Farmer Township, Ohio. Address: Ney, Ohio.

Information furnished by Carrie Beerbower, of her grandfather's and father's families.

**CORA L. BEERBOWER**

b. 1892

d.

m.

b.

**EDWARD ANTONI**

d.

## Children

|              |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|
| 1. Lillian   | b. | d. |
| 2. Mildred*  | b. | d. |
| 3. Edward II | b. | d. |
| 4. Betty     | b. | d. |

Mildred married Virgil Kimple, Bryan, Ohio.

**ALICE BEERBOWER**

b. 1898

d.

m.

b.

**GAYLORD RICHARDSON**

d.

## Children

|              |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|
| 1. Janis Joy | b. | d. |
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**JAMES BURTON BEERBOWER**

b. 1903

d.

m.

b.

d.

## Children

|              |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|
| 1. Catherine | b. | d. |
| 2. Louetta   | b. | d. |
| 3. Franklin  | b. | d. |
| 4. Delman    | b. | d. |



**ESTHER BEERBOWER**

b. 1910 d.

m.

b.

**Children**

1. Judith Elaine

b.

d.

**LAVON HEISLER**

d.

**LUCINDA JANE BEERBOWER**

b. 4/21/1864 d.

m. 1883

b. 6/25/1855 d.

**CHARLES S. ENSIGN**

**Children**

1. Alda

b. 4/21/1864

d.

2. Orpha

b. 10/8/1886

d.

**ALDA ENSIGN**

b. 7/2/1891 d.

m. 1910

b.

**Children**

1. Kenneth E.

b. 10/26/1910

d.

2. Fred E.

b. 4/20/1912

d.

3. Emma Marie

b. 8/20/1913

d.

4. Lola Mae

b. 2/19/1917

d.

**FRED MARTIN**

d.

Kenneth married Gladys M. Fawn, Lewis Center, Ohio. The Martin home address is 411 S. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio.

**ORPHA ENSIGN**

b. 10/8/1886 d.

m. 1905

b.

**Children**

1. Alpheus G.

b. 3/10/1906

d.

2. R. L.

b. 5/7/1908

d. 8/27/1925

3. Naoma Orpha

b. 2/28/1910

d.

4. Lowell F.

b. 1/4/1912

d.

5. Oren R.

b. 9/22/1913

d.

**MASON**

The Masons reside in Edgerton, Ohio.

**LYDIA BEERBOWER**

b. d. 1883

m.

b.

**Children**

1. Benton

b.

d.

2. Dr. George W.

b.

d.

3. Dr. William

b.

d.

4. Sarah

b.

d.

**THOMAS BOON**

d.

Lived in Iowa.

**JACOB F. BEERBOWER** m. 1843 **SUSAN SNYDER**  
b. 1/24/1822 d. 6/5/1910 b. 2/27/1824 d. 11/13/1910

**Children**

- |                |               |               |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Jesse W.    | b. 8/24/1844  | d.            |
| 2. Mary Jane   | b. 7/25/1846  | d. 1/19/1930  |
| 3. Jonathan H. | b. 3/26/1849  | d. 11/28/1935 |
| 4. Theodocia   | b. 7/3/1851   | d.            |
| 5. Izora       | b. 9/3/1853   | d. 6/12/1914  |
| 6. Jacob       | b. 12/24/1858 | d.            |
| 7. Sarah M.    | b. 4/30/1861  | d.            |
| 8. Frances A.  | b. 11/18/1864 | d.            |

Jacob F. Beerbower was born near Fredericksburg, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1822. His father and mother, Jacob and Elizabeth Spurgeon Beerbower, were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia and among the pioneers of Wayne Co., Ohio. The father having suggested the name Wayne for the new county.

Jacob F., in company with his brother James, went to Jefferson township, Williams County, arriving on Easter day, April 19, 1840. In 1853 he made a trip to Iowa in search of a new home but returned to the old homestead.

**JESSE W. BEERBOWER** m. 1867 **CHARLOTTE JONES**  
b. 8/24/1844 d. b. d. 1912

**Children**

- |           |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|
| 1. Thomas | b. | d. |
| 2. Arthur | b. | d. |
| 3. Lydia  | b. | d. |
| 4. Cora   | b. | d. |

Notes (1914) C.W.B.

Thomas Beerbower was in Co. C 6th Regiment Spanish American War, Hamilton, Indiana.

Lydia is a trained nurse, Cora Beerbower at Bryan, Ohio.

**MARY J. BEERBOWER** m. 1875 **HENRY H. HESTER**  
b. 1/25/1846 d. 1/19/1930 b. d.

**Children**

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|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Edwin M. | b. 9/5/1876  | d.            |
| 2. C. F.    | b. 3/16/1879 | d.            |
| 3. Rose E.  | b. 3/5/1891  | d.            |
| 4. Laurel   | b.           | d. in infancy |

Address C. F. Hester, Bryan, Ohio.

**JONATHAN BEERBOWER** m. **ELIZABETH J. MILLER**  
b. 3/26/1849 d. 11/28/1935 b. 10/3/1854 d. 9/30/1903

**Children**

- |              |               |    |
|--------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Murvin M. | b. 12/30/1873 | d. |
|--------------|---------------|----|

- Note by C.W.B., 1942—See war records, Part 1, of Jacob Beerbower.

Murvin Beerbower, a merchant. Address: 645 Harbor St., Conneaut, Ohio.  
Geneva Beerbower's address is 110 Bancroft St., Toledo, Ohio.

Her address (1942) 2261. Franklin Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

d.

Warren Benner was a Commissioner of Williams Co., Ohio. (1914)

**FRANCES A. BEERBOWER** m. **S. S. WINELAND**  
b. 11/18/1864 d. 8/7/1934 b. d.

S. S. Wineland was a Sheriff of Williams Co., Ohio in 1914.  
Jacob C. and Sarah Beerbower never married.

**JOHN J. BEERBOWER** m. **ELIZABETH MAPES**  
b. 1826 d. 3/14/1847 b. d.

**Children**

1. John J., II b. d.

**ELIZABETH BEERBOWER** m. **CORNELIUS SMITH**  
b. 1827 d. 1910 b. d.

**Children**

|               |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|
| 1. Wiley      | b. | d. |
| 2. John       | b. | d. |
| 3. Kansas     | b. | d. |
| 4. Dr. Howard | b. | d. |
| 5. Kate May   | b. | d. |
| 6. Emma       | b. | d. |

Note 1914—C.W.B.

D. B. Smith, Wooster, Ohio, is supposed to have the original land grant for the Jacob Beerbower homestead near Wooster, Ohio. (Look for date 1815 or 16). See Archives, Columbus, Ohio.

**DR. JESSE BEERBOWER** m. **MARTHA SMITH**  
b. 8/ /1829 d. 1865 b. d.

**Children**

1. Izora b. 1860 d. 1879

Dr. Jesse Beerbower, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Spurgeon Beerbower, born near Wooster, Ohio, Sept. 18, 1829. He was graduated at Keokuk Medical College, Iowa, and located at Bruceton, Va. in 1856. He was assistant surgeon of the 3rd Maryland Regiment, and died in 1865.

He was located at Bruceton, Va., before the Civil War and married Martha Smith, daughter of Henry Smith, on the location where the Judy's settled in 1767, the first settlers in what is now Preston Co., W. Va.

**WILLIAM BEERBOWER** m. **ELIZABETH BARNES**  
b. d. b. d.

**Children**

|            |    |    |
|------------|----|----|
| 1. Edward  | b. | d. |
| 2. Blanche | b. | d. |

**JOHN BEERBOWER** m. 1812 **ELIZABETH SMITH**  
b. 9/29/1785 d. 12/13/1863 b. 10/11/1792 d. 9/26/1862

**Children**

|               |              |                     |
|---------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1. Susan      | b.           | d. 1813             |
| 2. Samuel     | b.           | d. 1815             |
| 3. Catherine  | b. 5/11/1817 | d. 3/17/1874        |
| 4. Sarah      | b.           | d.                  |
| 5. Lydia      | b.           | d. 6/20/1897        |
| 6. John II.   | b.           | d. When a young man |
| 7. Moses      | b. 2/7/1825  | d. 12/11/1874       |
| 8. Eliza      | b.           | d.                  |
| 9. Anna       | b.           | d.                  |
| 10. Elizabeth | b. 9/3/1834  | d. 1913             |
| 11. Ellis     | b.           | d.                  |

Note: By C. W. B. (1914)

"John Beerbower born in Dover Twp., York Co., Pa. Son of Philip and Elizabeth Stough Beerbower, married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Henry Smith, Fayette Co., Pa. in the St. Jacob's Lutheran Church Settlement. John Beerbower bought the old Beerbower homestead in the "Virginia Glades" consisting of 321 acres. Ref. Records office Morgantown, W. Va. (then Va.) This deed from Philip and Elizabeth Beerbower was dated 1811 consideration \$900. Deed delivered Feb. 4, 1814. On May 16, 1816 John and his wife, Elizabeth, deeded the same tract to Philip Beerbower for \$900. Among those who witnesses the deed was Peter Beerbower. The deed is marked "delivered December 15, 1817."

**CATHERINE BEERBOWER** m. **GEORGE FIRST**  
b. 5/11/1817 d. 3/17/1874 b. d.

**Children**

|              |               |               |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. John E.   | b.            | d. Infancy    |
| 2. Ellis     | b. 10/10/1843 | d. 11/16/1873 |
| 3. Sarah     | b. 3/29/1846  | d. 11/16/1873 |
| 4. Marinthia | b. 9/19/1848  | d. Infancy    |
| 5. Louisa    | b. 4/11/1850  | d. 11/27/1906 |
| 6. Mary E.   | b. 9/11/1852  | d.            |
| 7. Albert    | b.            | d. Infancy    |
| 8. Amanda    | b. 5/25/1859  | d.            |

**LOUISA FIRST** m. **JOSEPH FELLABOM**  
b. d. b. d.

**Children**

|    |    |    |
|----|----|----|
| 1. | b. | d. |
| 2. | b. | d. |

b. d.

Address (1914) Warren, Huntington Co., Indiana.

b. d.

Address (1914) Warren, Huntington Co., Indiana.

b. d. b. d.

No children, Buried at Mt. Eaton, Ohio.

## Children

3.                      b.                      d.

Address (1914) Knox, Indiana--Eight children in this family.

## Children

5. Benton C.                      b. 8/20/1869                      d. 2/27/1935

**SYLVESTER V. BEERBOWER**

m.

b.                      d.                      b.                      d.

**Children**

1.                                      b.                                      d.

**LEWIS MIRON BEERBOWER**

m. 1889

**MIAMA M. BUCKNER**

b. 9/16/1859    d. 9/8/1938                      b. 6/20/1889    d.

**Children**

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|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Fayette M.  | b. 8/6/1890   | d. 1/23/1893 |
| 2. Theodore H. | b. 6/18/1892  | d.           |
| 3. Ora Adams   | b. 7/30/1895  | d.           |
| 4. Hale O.     | b. 1/8/1899   | d.           |
| 5. Audrey A.   | b. 11/20/1907 | d.           |

Address: Liberty Center, Wells Co., Indiana.

**THEODORE HAYDEN BEERBOWER**

m. 1922

**DELIA STINSON**

b.                      d.                      b.                      d.

**Children**

- |                |              |    |
|----------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Doris Marie | b. 9/24/1923 | d. |
| 2. Russell     | b.           | d. |
| 3. Blanche     | b.           | d. |
| 4. Gladys      | b.           | d. |

Theodore H. Beerbower and his family live at Decatur, Indiana, where he owns a general repair shop.

**ORA ADAMS BEERBOWER**

m. 1926

**FLORENCE MALLERY**

b. 7/30/1895    d.                                      b. 11/12/1895    d.

**Children**

- |            |               |    |
|------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Joan    | b. 10/20/1927 | d. |
| 2. Richard | b. 12/26/1933 | d. |

Ora Beerbower has been a teacher in the Tipton High School for the past seventeen years. He and his family reside in Tipton, Indiana.

**HALE O. BEERBOWER**

m. 1926

**MARY E. BUEL**

b. 1/8/1899    d.                                      b. 6/2/1902    d.

**Children**

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|------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. William Edwin | b. 7/30/1928 | d. |
| 2. Robert Eugene | b. 2/29/1932 | d. |

Hale O. Beerbower owns a stone quarry at Rockford, Ohio.

Audrey Beerbower is a teacher in the Leo High School near Grabill, Indiana, a position she has had for the past seventeen years. Before going to Leo High School she taught in the Liberty Center High School for five years. She lives at home with her mother at the family farm near Liberty Center, Indiana.

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|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <b>JOHN M. BEERBOWER</b>         | <b>m. 1886</b> | <b>Nora GEBHART</b> |
| <b>b. 9/20/1861 d. 6/11/1938</b> | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d. 5/13/1927</b> |

Children

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|----------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Jennie L.   | b. 7/20/1887  | d. |
| 2. Lena A.     | b. 8/21/1889  | d. |
| 3. Gertrude E. | b. 2/14/1894  | d. |
| 4. Chester H.  | b. 10/16/1896 | d. |

Marriages in the John M. and Nora Gebhart Beerbower family:  
 Jennie L. m. Archie L. Carmichael, 1905.  
 Lena A. m. Eldridge S. Thompson, 1906.  
 Gertrude E. m. John W. Chapson, 1911.

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| <b>CHESTER H. BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1916</b>         | <b>HAZEL F. LOGAN</b> |
| <b>b. 10/16/1896 d.</b>     | <b>b. 4/19/1899 d.</b> |                       |

Children

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|---------------|----|----|
| 1. Kenneth M. | b. | d. |
| 2. Gaylord E. | b. | d. |

Address: Huntington, Indiana.

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>EMANUAL FLORENTINE BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. REBECCA M. FORD</b> |
| <b>b. 9/12/1863 d. 1/3/1901</b>     | <b>b. d.</b>              |

Children

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|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Orlando M.  | b. 12/1/1883  | d. 6/24/1885 |
| 2. Nora P.     | b. 2/20/1886  | d.           |
| 3. Theodore L. | b. 6/30/1887  | d.           |
| 4. Archie C.   | b. 10/14/1889 | d.           |
| 5. Ida Grace   | b. 5/10/1892  | d.           |

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| <b>NORA P. BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m.</b> | <b>GROVER HENDERSHOT</b> |
| <b>b. 2/20/1886 d.</b>   | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b>                |

Children

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|-------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Franklin | b. 10/15/1913 | d. |
|-------------|---------------|----|

Elnora P., daughter of Franklin Hendershot, Long Beach, California.

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| <b>THEODORE L. BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m.</b> | <b>OLLIE BLOWERS</b> |
| <b>b. 6/30/1887 d.</b>       | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b>            |





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|------------------------|----|---------------|
| <b>ELIZA BEERBOWER</b> | m. | <b>HELLER</b> |
| b.                     | b. | d.            |
| d.                     |    |               |

**Children**

Three children.

|                       |    |                    |
|-----------------------|----|--------------------|
| <b>ANNA BEERBOWER</b> | m. | <b>JOSEPH CLUM</b> |
| b.                    | b. | d.                 |
| d.                    |    |                    |

**Children**

|          |    |    |
|----------|----|----|
| 1. John  | b. | d. |
| 2. Ezra  | b. | d. |
| 3. Delia | b. | d. |
| 4. Lilly | b. | d. |

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|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>ELIZABETH BEERBOWER</b> | m. 1860      | <b>GEORGE COOK</b> |
| b. 9/3/1834                | b. 9/16/1833 | d.                 |
| d. 2/13/1913               |              |                    |

**Children**

|               |              |              |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Samuel E.  | b. 9/30/1860 | d.           |
| 2. John A.    | b. 1/6/1862  | d. 5/25/1906 |
| 3. Sarah R.   | b. 10/4/1863 | d. 5/25/1902 |
| 4. Clement V. | b. 9/8/1865  | d.           |
| 5. Emma       | b. 6/3/1868  | d. 1/25/1871 |
| 6. Electa J.  | b. 9/20/1870 | d.           |

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| <b>SAMUEL E. COOK</b> | m. | <b>HATTIE M. HARSHBERGER</b> |
| b. 9/30/1860          | b. | d.                           |
| d.                    |    |                              |

**Children**

|               |               |              |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Helen      | b. 12/12/1898 | d. 1/19/1899 |
| 2. Edna       | b. 7/8/1900   | d.           |
| 3. William E. | b. 2/10/1902  | d.           |

Address (1914) Huntington, Co., Indiana.

Judge Samuel E. Cook commenced the study of law in 1886 in Huntington and graduated from the Law Department of Northern Indiana Normal School in 1888. Practiced law in Huntington for 17 years and in 1906 was elected Judge of the Huntington Circuit Court for the term of six years and in 1912 again re-elected for another term of six years.

"My grandmother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Smith, must have come from the Daniel Paster Smith family. I know she came from Fayette Co., Pa., and I have heard mother speak about the "Stoughs" and it seems to me I have heard her speak of the name of "Gravenstadt". My grandmother was related to the "Franks" and "Soners" or "Sowers" who lived in Fayette Co. Jacob Soners, my mother's second cousin, lived and died here in Huntington county at the age of 100 years. He lived neighbor to my grandfather in Wayne Co., Ohio. I have often talked with him and he told me that he and the "Smiths and Franks"

came from Fayette Co., Pa. It seems to me my grandmother's mother's name before she married Smith was Eve Linderman, and the latter's sister married a Frank.

In writing this and from the fact that my mother never told me anything about her relatives in Virginia, except that she said the Smiths came from Fayette Co., Pa. and her father Beerbower from Virginia. I am impressed with the fact that families in this new world soon get scattered and forget each other."

—Samuel E. Cook

**SARAH R. COOK**

m.

**GERARD**

b. 10/4/1863 d. 5/25/1902

b.

d.

**Children**

1. Bessie

b.

d.

2. Claudie

b.

d.

3. Gilbert

b.

d.

**CLEMENT V. COOK**

m.

**MATTIE HARSHBERGER**

b. 9/8/1865 d.

b.

d.

Address: South Whilely, Indiana.

**ELECTA J. COOK**

m.

**GRANT FRAZEE**

b. 9/20/1870 d.

b.

d.

**Children**

1. George

b.

d.

2. Wilbur

b.

d. 6/11/1914

Address: Muncie, Indiana.

**ELIZABETH BEERBOWER**

m. (about 1818)

**ELIAS SMITH**

b. 4/10/1790 d. 8/27/1865

b. 6/1/1789 d. 1/12/1854

**Children**

1. Sarah

b. 2/5/1819

d. 12/28/1895

2. Peter

b.

d.

3. Jonas

b.

d.

4. Elizabeth

b.

d.

5. John Stough

b. 2/28/1821

d. 12/2/1899

**SARAH SMITH**

m. 1840

**JAMES McFADDEN**

b. 2/5/1819 d. 12/28/1895

b. 6/23/1810 d. 12/17/1899

**Children**

1. Christiann

b. 12/14/

d. 8/13/1921

**CHRISTIANN McFADDEN** m. 1871 **WM. A. BONEWITZ**  
 b. d. 1921 b. d.

## Children

1. William Allen b. d.

W. A. Bonewitz married Nancy Byall. They had three children:—Lois K., Lexington, Neb.; Lella O., b. 2/25/1879, m. W. Ben Turner, 1912, of Sayre, Okla.; Edna, m. Diegel, Topeka, Kan. (Teacher in Public Schools).

See Henry Smith Biography under John Beerbower and Elizabeth Smith family tree.

Jonas Smith settled in Mansfield, Ohio, and raised a family of six children, the youngest of whom, Mrs. J. H. Berry, still resides in that city. He was active in civic affairs, and served as County Auditor of Richland Co., O., between 1850 and 1860. He died June 1st, 1897, and his wife on April 19th, 1905. Mr and Mrs. Berry, who live at 580 West 4th St., have one son and five grandchildren.

This is a copy of a letter written by Jonas Smith, and sent to his daughter (Mrs. John H. Berry, Mansfield, Ohio).

"Your grandfather (my father) was born and raised in Fayette County, Pa. My mother was born at York City, Pa. away east near the sea coast. But in early childhood moved to Va., about twenty miles south of Uniontown, Pa.

My grandfather on my mother's side was under the immediate command of General Washington from the time he took command until the war closed, and spent that fearful winter of suffering at Valley Forge.

My paternal grandfather was in the Revolutionary War as a soldier from Pennsylvania for a year or more.

My great grandfather on my father's side was a Lieutenant in the German navy, but resigned and settled in this country before the Revolutionary War.

—Jonas Smith

**JOHN STOUGH SMITH** m. 1843 **MARGET BURNETT**  
 b. 2/28/1821 d. 12/2/1899 b. 12/27/1822 d. 2/16/1910

## Children

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|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Irenus           | b.           | d. 5/16/1863 |
| 2. Rebecca Jane     | b.           | d.           |
| 3. Mary M.          | b. 2/28/1849 | d. 12/6/1925 |
| 4. Willard          | b.           | d. 1899      |
| 5. Wm. Bushnell     | b.           | d.           |
| 6. Ester E.         | b.           | d.           |
| 7. Curtis R.        | b.           | d.           |
| 8. Louisa Ellen     | b.           | d.           |
| 9. John Stough, Jr. | b. 9/2/1862  | d.           |

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|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>MARY M. SMITH</b> | <b>m. 1871</b> | <b>MALLERY RABY JACKSON</b> |
| <b>b. 1849</b>       | <b>d. 1925</b> | <b>b. 1925</b>              |

Children

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|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Myrtle Irene | b. 10/25/1877 | d. 11/27/1884 |
| 2. Vera         | b. 2/19/1887  | d.            |

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|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>VERA JACKSON</b> | <b>m. 1911</b> | <b>DR. WILLIAM H. JOHNSTON</b> |
| <b>b.</b>           | <b>d.</b>      | <b>b. d.</b>                   |

Children

- |                 |               |    |
|-----------------|---------------|----|
| 1. William Raby | b. 11/15/1912 | d. |
| 2. Robert M.    | b. 7/31/1916  | d. |

Address: 205 Islay St., Santa Barbara, California.

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| <b>WILLIAM RABY JOHNSTON</b> | <b>m. 1938</b>    | <b>EVELYN LUCIE</b> |
| <b>b. 1912</b>               | <b>d. b. 1914</b> | <b>d.</b>           |

Children

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|------------------|-------------|----|
| 1. William Peter | b. 7/5/1940 | d. |
|------------------|-------------|----|

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>ROBERT M. JOHNSTON</b> | <b>m. 1940</b>          | <b>IRENE BAPTISTE</b> |
| <b>b. 1916</b>            | <b>d. b. 10/20/1916</b> | <b>d.</b>             |

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Elizabeth Beerbower was born in York City, Pa., on April 10th, 1790, and was brought, in early childhood, by her parents, Philip and Elizabeth Stough Beerbower, to Virginia, where they settled about twenty miles due south of Uniontown, Pa. (This is from an old letter written by Jonas Smith). Her uncle, the Reverend John Stough, who was the first Lutheran missionary west of the Allegheny Mountains ("where knowledge of the Cross had never been".—Rev. Stough) had moved his family to Carmel, Va., about 1787, and established a church there. Some years later he was called by the Germans of Fayette Co., Pa., whose settlement was eventually made a part of his parish. In this German settlement was a young man, Elias Smith, son of Henry Smith, a "minute man" of 1776, and his sister, Elizabeth, who embraced the Lutheran faith, and whose acquaintanceship with the younger Beerbowers resulted in two weddings, that of Elias Smith and Elizabeth Beerbower, and her brother John Beerbower and Elizabeth Smith. Lutherans from Fayette and Washington Counties emigrated to Wayne Co., Ohio, between 1816 and 1820, among them members of the Smith family, who located in Green, Plain, and Chester

townships, and whose names appeared on the roll of the Plain Church, which was built in the early '30's. Elias and Elizabeth Smith made their home in Wooster, Wayne, Co., and raised a family of four boys and two girls. To the son born to them in 1821, they gave the name of John Stough, for the pastor and relative whom they revered, and whom they saw for the last time when he preached at Synod in the Fall of 1840, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Wooster, where he had ministered the first communion in 1816.

Elias Smith passed away on the 12th of January, 1854, and his wife, Elizabeth, on September 27th, 1865.

While the Beerbower and Smith families were establishing themselves in southern Pennsylvania and the northern part of Virginia, a Scotch Presbyterian family was moving inward from the sea-coast. John Burnett, a native of New Jersey, came with his father, Thomas Burnett, to settle in Washington Co., Pa., near the turn of the century. There he met and married Hester Burgan. They started for Ohio, with their four small children, cutting their way through the wilderness for a hundred miles or more. These pioneers, in search of fertile farm land, eventually settled in Wooster, where they raised their family of twelve. Marget was the tenth child, born Dec. 27, 1822. On July 6th, 1843, she was united in marriage to John Stough Smith, and they removed to Mansfield, Ohio. In 1855, with five children, the oldest eleven, the youngest a few months, they set out in covered wagon for Iowa.

Arriving at the Cedar River after the first snow fall, they rented a log cabin from a kindly farmer, for the hard winter ahead, and moved into the cramped quarters until the spring thaw would permit building or continuing further. The baby died in March and was buried in the little cemetery at Pedee Corners, where was a church, a schoolhouse, a post office and a general store. The rolling prairie looked inviting as the snow melted, and they decided to stay, purchasing farm land in the neighborhood. The Pedee Church was Cumberland Presbyterian, so Stough Smith transferred his membership from the Evangelical Lutheran, became the choir leader, and taught singing school for many years. The eldest son, Irenius, was but seventeen when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted, and fell at the Battle of Champion Hill, Miss. The second son was only a child, so the farm was rented and the family moved into Rochester, a couple of miles distant, where Stough Smith operated the ferry across the Cedar for six years, until the bridge was built, when they returned

to the home place. Four more children were born to the couple, one of whom died at an early age. The youngest was named for his father, John Stough. Several families of Burnetts followed the Smiths to Iowa, Marget's parents among them, and made their homes in nearby counties. In later years, Mr. Smith removed again to Rochester, where he interested himself in community affairs, and served in various capacities. Just prior to leaving Ohio, in 1855, he had been made a Master Mason by Lodge No. 35 of Mansfield, and remained active in Masonic work up to the time of his death. He died on Dec. 2, 1899, and his widow ten years later, Feb. 16, 1910, at the home of her son, Willard Smith, in Pedee.

Willard H. Smith, second son of John Stough Smith, stepped into a man's place at an early age, taking over many farm duties after his father's retirement in 1890. In 1875 he married Miss Ann Mackie. Mrs. Ann Mackie Smith, with two of her sisters, now lives in West Liberty, Iowa.

John Stough Smith, Jr., was born September 9, 1862, at Pedee, Iowa, and lived on his father's farm and in Rochester, Iowa. At the age of thirteen he went to Tipton to attend high school and learn the printing business. He married Margaret R. Mayer in September 1897. John Stough Smith, the last to bear that name, passed away in March of 1934, and his widow, Margaret, finally retired from newspaper work, and is living at the residence on Eighth street, dividing her time between church and civic duties.

Shortly after the Civil War, an English family moved into Cedar County, Iowa, and located at Rochester. The father and mother, James and Elizabeth Raby Jackson, had come to America in their early teens, married in New York state in the late 1830's, and moved slowly across Ohio, and finally, just before the war, emigrating to Iowa, where they stopped in Iowa City, then the state capitol.

The second son, Mallery Raby, was able to combine his last year of school before enlistment, with an apprenticeship in the Iowa State Press office, under John P. Irish, and returned to that work after the war closed. When the family moved to Rochester he accepted the position of principal of the small town school, and met Mary Smith. They attended lyceum and singing school, and on July 2nd, 1870, occurred the marriage of Mary Smith and Mallery Jackson. He pur-

chased a small printing office in Tipton, Ia., and established The Tipton Conservative, a Democratic newspaper, which is still operated under the same name, and with the same policies. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were keen students of public affairs, and the former remained active in civic and political undertakings until his death on November 6, 1925. Mrs. Jackson survived him only a month, and passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Johnston, in Muscatine, Iowa, on December 6th, 1925. One daughter, Myrtle Irene, died at the age of seven years, and the other, Vera Jackson Johnston, resides in Santa Barbara, Calif. Although baptised in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with which she united in early girlhood, Mrs. Jackson transferred her membership to the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tipton, Iowa, and brought up her daughters in the faith of her forefathers.

Vera Jackson, second daughter of Mallery Raby and Mary Smith Jackson, and Dr. William H. Johnston, of Muscatine, Iowa, were married, September 23rd, 1911, at the parental home in Tipton, Iowa. Both had attended the State University of Iowa, from which School of Medicine Dr. Johnston was graduated and had there completed a graduate course in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. For eighteen years, with the exception of a period of service during the World War, the couple made their home in Muscatine. Two sons were born, William Raby in 1912, and Robert Merrill in 1916. The family moved to California in 1930, and Dr. Johnston again established a practice in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat in Santa Barbara.

The elder son, William R., was graduated from the Stanford School of Medicine in 1938, and spent the following three years in graduate study of diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat at the University Hospitals in Iowa City, Iowa. His bride, the former Evelyn Lucic of Sacramento, Calif., accompanied him to Iowa, and their son, William Peter Johnston, was born at Iowa City, July 5th, 1940. At the conclusion of Dr. Johnston's graduate work, they returned to California, and father and son are now associated in practice in Santa Barbara.

The younger son, Robert, was graduated from Santa Barbara State College in 1937, and from the Meteorology Department of the Boeing School of Aeronautics in 1938, going directly to Brownsville, Texas to accept a position with Pan American Airways. In July, 1940, he was married to Irene Baptiste, of Somis, Calif., and they are now located in New Braunfels, Texas, near Randolph Field, where Mr. Johnston is an instructor in Meteorology.



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| <b>PHILIP SMITH</b> | <b>m. 1750</b> | <b>BARBARA MARKLEY</b> |
| <b>b.</b>           | <b>d.</b>      | <b>b.</b>              |
|                     |                | <b>d. 1839</b>         |

Children

|          |         |         |
|----------|---------|---------|
| 1. Henry | b. 1752 | d. 1838 |
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Henry had 13 children, 2 of which married into the "House of Bierbauer".  
Elias Smith, born 1789, married Elizabeth Beerbower, b. 1790.

Elizabeth Smith, b. 1792, married (1812) to John Beerbower, b. 1785

Tradition holds that Philip Smith held a commission in the German Army with the title Captain of Shamoka. Fell in love with a fair German Gretchen, Barbara Markley, they left Germany, and after a long voyage, landed on the Western shore of Chesapeake Bay, and settled on Antietam Creek, Frederick Co., Md., where Henry, their first child, was born 1752.

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### THE WEST VIRGINIA HILLS

Oh, the West Virginia hills!  
How majestic and how grand,  
With their summits bathed in glory,  
Like our Prince Immanuel's land!  
Is it any wonder then,  
That our heart with rapture thrills,  
As I stand once more with loved ones  
On those West Virginia Hills.

#### Chorus

O the hills, Beautiful hills,  
How I love those West Virginia hills,  
If on sea or land I roam,  
Still I think of happy home,  
And the friends among the West Virginia hills.  
Oh! the West Virginia hills!  
Where my girlhood's hours were pass'd,  
Where I often wander'd lonely,  
And the future tried to cast;  
Many are our visions bright  
Which the future ne'er fulfills;  
But how sunny were my day-dreams  
On those West Virginia hills!



ELIZABETH BEERBOWER SMITH. 1790

Courtesy of Mrs. Vera Johnson

**PETER BEERBOWER I** m. **MARY MARKLEY (first wife)**  
b. 8/23/1793 d. 8/20/1860 b. d. 1826 or 7

Children

|              |               |               |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Charlotte | b. 3/15/1824  | d. 9/16/1881  |
| 2. Isaiah    | b. 10/19/1826 | d.            |
| 3. Margaret  | b. 6/13/1830  | d.            |
| 4. Uriah     | b. 11/28/1831 | d. 2/15/1899  |
| 5. Mary A.   | b. 3/7/1833   | d. 12/28/1903 |
| 6. Catherine | b. 6/19/1834  | d. 1846       |

**PETER BEERBOWER I** m. **SOPHIA SATTISON (secnd wife)**  
b. 1793 d. 1860 b. 5/11/1815 d. 1/30/1860

Children

|              |               |               |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Peter M.  | b. 8/25/1838  | d. 12/25/1907 |
| 2. Joseph A. | b. 11/18/1840 | d. 6/1/1920   |
| 3. Rachel    | b. 8/15/1842  | d. 9/1/1858   |
| 4. Hannah    | b. 12/18/1844 | d. 2/11/1907  |
| 5. Sabrina   | b. 11/11/1846 | d. 1/16/1887  |
| 6. Henry W.  | b. 2/10/1850  | d. 8/10/1891  |
| 7. Wells     | b. 12/20/1852 | d. 4/1/1853   |
| 8. Elijah    | b. 3/16/1854  | d.            |
| 9. John A.   | b. 2/24/1857  | d. 4/16/1881  |

Charlotte was born in "Virginia Glades", married Hulbert; Margaret married Freeman.

"That cause can neither be  
lost or stayed  
Which takes the course of  
what God has made;  
And is not trusting in walls  
and towers.  
But slowly growing from  
Seeds to Flowers."

Danish Folk Song



CHARLOTTE



ISAIAH



MARGARET



URIAH



MARY A.

FIVE CHILDREN OF MARY MARKLEY AND PETER BEERBOWER I

**URIAH BEERBOWER** m. 1864 **HANNAH M. WIANS**  
 b. 11/28/1831 d. 2/15/1899 b. 1/ /1847 d. 4/24/1913 or 14

Children

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|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Nelson Horatio  | b. 4/25/1865 | d.            |
| 2. James Clark     | b. 3/12/1867 | d.            |
| 3. Mallie Emmeline | b. 1/27/1869 | d. 10/2/1924  |
| 4. Markley Ashley  | b. 6/4/1870  | d. 10/30/1871 |
| 5. Carlin Uriah    | b. 5/25/1878 | d.            |
| 6. Orley R.        | b. 2/8/1881  | d. 7/29/1914  |

"Uriah Beerbower, my father, came to California soon after the gold rush, crossing the plains from Ohio in a wagon made by his father, Peter. For eleven years he was engaged in mining. The remainder of his life he followed farming and dairying. He was a staunch Republican, taking an active part in public affairs, well read, and his advice was sought by neighbors and friends."

Mollie E. Beerbower Alexander, Rohnerville, Calif., Nov. 27, 1919.

Nelson H. and James Clark Beerbower are located in Garberville, California. Carlin Uriah Beerbower resides in Salyer, Cal.

**MALLIE E. BEERBOWER** m. 1894 **MAXWELL P. ALEXANDER**  
 b. 1/27/1869 d. 10/2/1924 b. 4/1/1853 d. 1/30/1930

Children

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|------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Ivan R. | b. 11/17/1894 | d. |
| 2. Neska   | b. 1/16/1896  | d. |
| 3. Eula    | b. 11/16/1898 | d. |

Neska Alexander married Clark of Watsonville, Cal.; Eula married James Carroll Doyle, who died 8/3/1932.

Note by Eula A. Doyle: "I am fond of my ancestry and will be happy to have a book telling me more about them." We Beerbower descendants in California are few. There is such a small thread holding the family in the east and the west that it could easily be broken. The card announcing the family reunion each year is the only link between us now. Address: 860 Sutter St., San Francisco.

**SERREIGN URIAH BEERBOWER** m. 1882 **EVA CLEVELAND**  
 b. 5/22/1853 d. 8/13/1941 b. 6/18/1862 d.

**BLANCHE BEERBOWER** m. 1906 **McGINNIS**  
 b. 7/13/1886 d. b. d.

Children

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|----------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Lyle Omar   | b. 12/10/1911 | d. |
| 2. Helen Ethel | b. 11/10/1914 | d. |
| 3. Dean        | b. 12/20/1917 | d. |

Lyle O. McGinnis has one child, Helen Ruth, born 8/21/1940.

George H. Tolbert of Union, is the donor of a marble bench to be placed under a tree at Chapel Hill School near Cassopolis where the late Will Carleton, Michigan poet, taught in 1867. Four of Carleton's pupils at the school are still

living—David Eby, 83; Gabriel Eby, 81; and Elmore Fields, 83, of the Cassopolis area, and Serreign Beerbower, 87, of California.—News report.

Address: Mrs. Blanche Beerbower McGinnis, 210 W. Oliver St., Inglewood, Cal.

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**PETER M. BEERBOWER II** m. 1860 **AMANDIA CLUM**  
b. 8/25/1838 d. 12/5/1907 b. d. 1916

Children

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|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Anna           | b.            | d.           |
| 2. Armenius Uriah | b. 8 10 1863  | d. 2 6 1939  |
| 3. John E.        | b. 7 3 1865   | d. 3 17 1934 |
| 4. Sarah Jane     | b.            | d.           |
| 5. Albert         | b. 1871       | d.           |
| 6. Ora O.         | b. 12 23 1875 | d.           |
| 7. Charlotte      | b.            | d.           |
| 8. Adolphus Peter | b. 10 15 1881 | d.           |
| 9. Homer Orton    | b. 1 3 1885   | d.           |

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**ARMENIUS URIAH BEERBOWER** m. **EMMA COTTRELL**  
b. 8/10/1863 d. 2/6/1939 b. d.

Children

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|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Mabel E.  | b. 12 24 1890 | d.           |
| 2. Nora E.   | b. 2 15 1894  | d. 2 27 1907 |
| 3. Dee       | b. 3 27 1896  | d.           |
| 4. Julius J. | b. 6 21 1900  | d.           |

Address: R. R. 6, Hichsville, Ohio.

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**MABEL E. BEERBOWER** m. 1914 **GRANVILLE OBERLIN**  
b. 12/24/1890 d. b. d.

Children

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| 1. Keith B. | b. 6 20 1916  | d. |
| 2. Clyde W. | b. 10 27 1917 | d. |

Address: R. D. 2, Montpelier, Ohio.

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**DEE BEERBOWER** m. **CLYDE LINDSAY**  
b. 3/27/1896 d. b. d.

Children

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**JOHN E. BEERBOWER** m. 1889 **MARY ROBERTA DONAT**  
b. 7/3/1865 d. 3/17/1934 b. 6/15/1867 d. 6/28/1931

Children

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|-------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Elma     | b. 12/2/1889  | d. |
| 2. Ira W.   | b. 3/15/1891  | d. |
| 3. Ralph I. | b. 11/19/1899 | d. |

John E. Beerbower was born on the Indiana homestead which was located one-half mile west of the Indiana-Ohio state line. He lived there until his marriage. He then moved to a farm across the state line where he lived until his death. His farm was in Carryall Township, Paulding Co., Ohio. He was a general livestock farmer. He was very active in church work and other community affairs. The Donat family were of Dutch and English descent. Both the Donat and Beerbower families attended the Radical United Brethren Church in the neighborhood.

Elma Beerbower is located at Maple Crest. K. D. Girl's Home at Bucyrus, O.

**IRA W. BEERBOWER**

m. 1924

**ARDIS HOOTMAN**

b. 3/15/1891 d.

b.

d.

Children

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|--------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Loting Eugene   | b. 2/20/1925  | d. |
| 2. Helen Louise    | b. 7/2/1926   | d. |
| 3. Frances Leone   | b. 11/19/1927 | d. |
| 4. Herbert Willard | b. 7/11/1929  | d. |
| 5. Dorothy Evelyn  | b. 12/13/1931 | d. |
| 6. Kathleen Elma   | b. 1/20/1934  | d. |

Ira W. Beerbower was born at the old homestead in Carryall Twp., Paulding Co., Ohio. He attended the country school, Hicksville High School and he received his B.S. in Agriculture from Ohio State University. He has spent all of his life on the farm except for four years in the west, where he was a hardware salesman working out of Los Angeles, Cal. He now manages his own general livestock farm. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge and he is very active in Grange work. The family attends the Church of Christ in their community. His wife, Ardis Hootman's ancestors were Hessian soldiers that came to this country during the Revolution.

**RALPH I. BEERBOWER**

m. 1921

b.

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b.

d.

Children

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|----------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Robert E.   | b. 10/25/1922 | d. |
| 2. Martha Jean | b. 8/15/1926  | d. |
| 3. Joanne      | b. 12/20/1928 | d. |

Address: 703 E. High St., Hicksville, Ohio.

**ALBERT W. BEERBOWER**

m. 1895

**CLARA J. DONAT**

b. 4/26/1871 d.

b. 4/26/1871 d. 7/10/1933

Children

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|--------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Joseph Armenius | b. 9/21/1899  | d. |
| 2. Walter O.       | b. 11/24/1902 | d. |

**JOSEPH A. BEERBOWER** m. 1923

b. 9/21/1899 d. b. d.

## Children

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|------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Daphen Elena  | b. 7/28/1925 | d. |
| 2. Doris Ruth    | b. 5/19/1928 | d. |
| 3. Joseph Albert | b. 7/1/1932  | d. |

The family resides at 220 Center St., Hobart, Indiana.

**WALTER O. BEERBOWER** m. 1925

b. 11/24/1902 d. b. d.

**MARY HENDERSON**

## Children

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|------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. James Richard | b. 4/5/1927   | d. |
| 2. Sally Lou     | b. 11/19/1929 | d. |

Walter O. Beerbower is a member of the firm of Henderson-Beerbower City Market, Auburn, Indiana.

**ORA ORASCO BEERBOWER** m.

b. 12/23/1875 d. b. d.

**LEONA SNYDER**

## Children

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|------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Vernice L.    | b. 6/23/1899 | d. |
| 2. Alice Tredora | b. 7/26/1901 | d. |
| 3. Cecil A.      | b. 8/24/1903 | d. |
| 4. Earl Theodore | b. 3/2/1908  | d. |
| 5. Eula Amanda   | b. 2/26/1912 | d. |

"Until I was twenty-two I lived with my parents at the old home in Indiana near the Ohio border. In 1898 I served in the Spanish American War with Troop E Ohio Vol. Cav. Since I have been married I have always lived in Ohio near the Indiana border. I have always been a farmer."

Ora O. B.

**VERNICE L. BEERBOWER** m. 1922

b. 6/23/1899 d. b. d.

**JOHN T. CARTER**

## Children

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|------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Glynn Evelyn  | b. 8/15/1925 | d. |
| 2. Lamoine Ora   | b. 2/19/1927 | d. |
| 3. Joann Ruth    | b. 4/19/1929 | d. |
| 4. Leone Blanche | b.           | d. |

The Carters reside at 1238 N. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, Indiana.

**ALICE BEERBOWER** m. 1922

b. 7/26/1901 d. b. 3/25/1900 d.

**WAYNE J. BERKEYPILE**



Children

1. Elaine Adele                      b. 3/14/1923                      d.
2. Vivian Louise                      b. 10/8/1926                      d.

Address: 1225 North Brookfield St., South Bend, Indiana.  
 Cecil A. Beerbower, 4231 Tyler Ave., Detroit, Mich.  
 Earl Beerbower, Box 37, Hicksville, Ohio.  
 Eula Beerbower married W. W. Webster, 8292 Greenlawn, Detroit, Mich.

**ADOLPHUS PETER BEERBOWER                      m.                      1909 EVA RODOCKER**  
**b. 10/15/1881                      d.                      b. 11/13/1887                      d.**

Children

1. Carlin A.                      b. 8/31/1910                      d.
2. Wayne Arnold                      b. 5/12/1912                      d.
3. Guy Merrell                      b. 6/4/1914                      d.
4. Owen Lee                      b. 5/1/1916                      d.
5. Anna May                      b. 4/11/1918                      d.
6. Ray Ward                      b. 11/26/1920                      d.
7. Russell Peter                      b. 9/4/1923                      d.
8. Opal Fay                      b. 11/27/1926                      d.

Marriages in above family:  
 Carlin A. married Iris Kirk, address 400 Dubose Ave., San Francisco, Cal.  
 Guy Merrill married Berdine Schlatter, address Grabill R. D. 2, Ind.  
 Owen Lee married                      , address Antwerp, O., R. D. 1  
 Anna May married Wilmer Rediger, address Grabill, Ind., Box 35.  
 Ray, Russell and Opal at home (1942) Antwerp, Ohio.

**WAYNE A. BEERBOWER                      m.                      IRENE LAKE**  
**b. 5/12/1912                      d.                      b.                      d.**

Children

1. Joanne Arelene                      b. 3/24/1936                      d.
2. Robert Wayne                      b. 12/30/1938                      d.
3. Mary Lee                      b.                      d.

Address: Wabash, Indiana, R. D. 4.

**HOMER O. BEERBOWER                      m.                      MARY E. HORNING**  
**b. 1/3/1885                      d.                      b.                      d.**

Homer O. Beerbower is with Investment Securities, Old First National Bank Bldg., in Fort Wayne. They reside at 1211 Morton St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

**JOSEPH A. BEERBOWER                      m. 1866                      ISABELLA CLUM**  
**b. 11/18/1840                      d. 6/1/1920                      b.                      d.**

## Children

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|------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Lillie  | b. 6 9 /1870  | d. |
| 2. Oney A. | b. 3 13 /1877 | d. |

Address: Hicksville, Ohio.

"Joseph Beerbower enlisted first on August 29, 1861 at Farmer Center, in Defiance Co., Ohio. This enlistment was for three years and was called Ohio Voluntary Infantry, known in history by the initials O. V. I.

At one time he was a prisoner at Chickamauga, Tennessee. In all he served in 21 battles. The three years being completed, he reenlisted January 1, 1864 and this second enlistment entitled him to the letters O. V. V. I., which meant Ohio Volunteer Veteran Infantry. He was given a 30 day furlough and then returned to service and remained until the close of the war.

During the war each soldier was given some assignment as guard, cook, or whatever duties were to be done. Joseph Beerbower had a stoppage of speech which prevented his acting as guard, so his comrades traded duties with him and Joseph did their cooking while his comrades did his guarding.

Joseph was discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, July 25, 1865. The original discharge papers are now in possession of a niece, Mrs. Jennie Swan, of Hicksville, Ohio."

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| <b>HANNAH BEERBOWER</b>           | <b>m.</b> | <b>GEORGE MILLER</b> |
| <b>b. 12/18/1844 d. 2/11/1907</b> | <b>b.</b> | <b>d. 1929</b>       |

## Children

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|-----------|----|----|
| 1. Jennie | b. | d. |
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Jennie married a Reichardt. They live in Nebraska.

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| <b>SABRINA BEERBOWER FICKLE</b>   | <b>m. 1876</b> | <b>LYMAN BASH</b> |
| <b>b. 11/11/1846 d. 1/16/1887</b> | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d. 1904</b>    |

## Children

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|-----------|--------------|----|
| 1. Jennie | b. 7/25/1877 | d. |
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| <b>JENNIE BASH</b>     | <b>m. 1895</b>      | <b>THEODORE SWAN</b> |
| <b>b. 7/25/1877 d.</b> | <b>b. 4/11/1869</b> | <b>d.</b>            |

## Children

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|--------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Douna E.  | b. 10/13/1896 | d. |
| 2. Pierre O. | b. 8/5/1903   | d. |

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| <b>PIERRE O. SWAN</b> | <b>m.</b> |           |
| <b>b. 8/5/1903 d.</b> | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b> |

## Children

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|------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Patricia Ruth | b. 11/11/1924 | d. |
| 2. Lowell Thomas | b. 6/20/1926  | d. |
| 3. Janet Doris   | b. 6/29/1934  | d. |

Address of Pierre O. Swan, 910½ Madison St., Wilmington, Delaware.

Mrs. Jennie Swan is the Secretary of the Beerbower Reunion of Ohio and

other western states. She has been most helpful in furnishing many addresses of those Beerbowers who live in the west. She resides in Hicksville, Ohio.

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| ELIJAH BEERBOWER |              | m. 1879 | LUCY COY |
|------------------|--------------|---------|----------|
| b. 3/16/1854     | d.           | b.      | d.       |
| Children         |              |         |          |
| 1. Mary          | b. 1/2/1884  | d.      |          |
| 2. Cora          | b. 2/24/1886 | d.      |          |

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| MARY BEERBOWER   |               | m. | W. C. KIMPEL |
|------------------|---------------|----|--------------|
| b. 1/2/1884      | d.            | b. | d.           |
| Children         |               |    |              |
| 1. Maurice Earl  | b. 11/21/1908 | d. |              |
| 2. Donald Kermit | b. 8/30/1916  | d. |              |
| 3. Vance Leslie  | b. 4/18/1918  | d. |              |

Cora Beerbower, unmarried is living in Edgerton, Ohio. She was a teacher for many years. When C.W.B. started tracing the history of the Beerbowers in 1912, Cora already had traced Peter and Mary Markley Beerbower back to the "Virginia Glades". She has been vitally interested in genealogy and her work is greatly appreciated by all. This family tree of Peter B. is furnished by Cora. At the present time she is connected with the library at Edgerton.

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| PHILIP BEERBOWER II. |               | m.           | LYDIA KELLY |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| b. 1799 or 1800      | d. 4/18/1872  | b.           | d.          |
| Children             |               |              |             |
| 1. George Stough     | b. 11/22/1820 | d. 7/19/1879 |             |
| 2. Elizabeth         | b. 3/18/1823  | d. 1/7/1905  |             |
| 3. Nancy             | b. 12/15/1825 | d.           |             |
| 4. Phoebe            | b. 10/13/1826 | d. 7/21/1906 |             |
| 5. Artemesia         | b. 2/12/1829  | d. 6/28/1910 |             |
| 6. Harrison          | b. 10/11/1833 | d. 1/ /1917  |             |
| 7. William           | b. 12/26/1835 | d.           |             |
| 8. Hannah            | b. 1/1/1837   | d. 9/10/1920 |             |
| 9. Henry Clay        | b. 3/19/1839  | d. 7/15/1919 |             |
| 10. James Madison    | b. 2/20/1841  | d. 2/27/1893 |             |
| 11. Thurza           | b. 4/9/1843   | d.           |             |
| 12. Jacob Benton     | b. 4/4/1844   | d. 8/1/1897  |             |
| 13. Zar              | b. 1/10/1848  | d. 5/17/1933 |             |

Philip II. was the youngest child of Philip and Elizabeth Stough Beerbower. He remained in Virginia while the others moved west. Later he wished he had gone west so the family decided to leave. At a sale the ten milk cows were sold for 10 dollars apiece. Leaving the Virginia Glades in the early spring, they crossed the Ohio river and traveled into Ohio and Indiana. Here they got into the swamps and had to remain for some time. After many hardships they traveled

homeward and arrived in the autumn of 1834. The time of departure and homecoming is noted by entries in Hagan's Journal of Brandonville, W. Va., now in Kingwood Court House.

Jan. 28, 1834—Phillip Beerbower—2 coffee 40¢, 1 2/3 yds. diaper 62¢, 1 pkg. tobacco 13¢, camphor 6¼¢, pins 6¼¢, ½ set knives 87¢. There are no entries until Oct. 2, 1834. Philip Beerbower—to 2 yds. flannel \$1.12, almanac 6¼¢. Credit by cash, \$150.00.



**OLD FRENCH CLOCK**  
—Courtesy of Dr. Carrie Herring

John DeBerry came to America with four children, the children all returned except Archibald.

Dr. Carrie A. Herring, M.D., of Akron Ohio, in a letter to C.W.B., states:

"I received my information from my Aunt Kate DeBerry Parks, wife of Luther Parks of Eglon, Preston Co., W. Va.

"Archibald DeBerry came from France, settled in the "Valley of Virginia". Lost his wealth, and migrated to what is now Preston Co., W. Va., then Virginia. He married Mary Hazlett, (an Irish girl). There were the following children: John, Samuel, Martin, Joseph, William (b. 1825) (d. 1905), Jonas, Jacob, James (who married Nancy Beerbower), Mariah, Nancy Catherine (who married George Stough Beerbower), and Elizabeth"

**GEORGE STOUGH BEERBOWER m. CATHERINE DeBERRY**  
**b. 1820 d. 1879 b. 1818 d. 1857**

Children

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|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. William DeBerry | b. 1852      | d. 1884     |
| 2. Silas           | b. 1854      | d. 1857     |
| 3. Allen           | b. 4/13/1855 | d. 4/7/1942 |
| 4. Lydia           | b. 1856      | d. 1938     |

**WILLIAM DeBERRY BEERBOWER m. MOLLIE MARSHALL**  
**b. 11/9/1852 d. 6/7/1884 b. 2/13/1863 d. 12/ /1926**

Children

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|-------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Clyde W. | b. 1/31/1884 | d. |
|-------------|--------------|----|

Catherine DeBerry was the daughter of Archibald and Mary Hazlett DeBerry. The DeBerry's were originally from France, but came to America from Holland. There is a street in Paris named for one of the ancestors—The Old Dutch Clock brought by Archibald's father is in the possession of a member of the Beerbower family. Catherine is buried in the Parnell cemetery, not far from the DeBerry farm in Crab Orchard Glades, Preston County, West Virginia.

**In Memory of Rev. W. D. Beerbower**

The subject of this sketch was born in Fayette County, Pa., in November, 1852, and died in Brandonville, West Virginia, June 17th, 1884. His remains were interred near St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which church he was baptized and confirmed. Our departed brother was the youngest member of our Ministerium in office. He received his education at Roanoke College, Va., and Salem Theological Seminary. He was ordained at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Waynesboro, Va., October 14, 1883. During his short ministry he was a most successful pastor and preacher.

As evidence of the high esteem and tender affection cherished by us as a body for his memory, it is ordered,

That these proceedings be entered upon the printed minutes of Synod.

W. Y. CLINE  
 R. FALENSTINE,  
 Committee.

**CLYDE WILLIAM BEERBOWER m. 1911 HILDA WALTERS**  
**b. 1/31/1884 d. b. 3/2/1886 d.**

Children

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|---------------|---------|----|
| 1. William C. | b. 1918 | d. |
|---------------|---------|----|

In 1941 William C. Beerbower married Jean ..... born 1923.

Clyde W. Beerbower was born at Brandonville, W. Va. in 1884. He was educated in Salem, Va. and Roanoke College. In 1902 he accepted a bank position with the Farmers' National Bank of Salem. In 1909 he was elected Ass't. Cashier. Later he was auditor of the National Exchange Bank of Roanoke. His banking career has been one of outstanding service, for in 1939 he was elected President of the State Secretaries Section of the American Bankers Association. He has been secretary of the Virginia Bankers Ass'n. for many years. His sound judgment, sense of duty, and responsibility is well appreciated by his associates. He and his wife live in Roanoke, Va. Their son, Bill, is married and is now with the U. S. Air Corps.

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| <b>ALLEN BEERBOWER</b>          | <b>m. 1877</b>                    | <b>RACHEL CHOPSON</b> |
| <b>b. 4/13/1855 d. 4/7/1942</b> | <b>b. 11/12/1854 d. 3/18/1924</b> |                       |

Children

|                    |               |               |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Infant daughter | b. 11/14/1878 | d. 11/14/1878 |
| 2. Earl            | b. 1/21/1880  | d.            |
| 3. Ralph C.        | b. 10/29/1882 | d.            |
| 4. Infant son      | b. 10/1/1889  | d. 10/18/1889 |
| 5. Wm. Bert        | b. 5/20/1893  | d.            |

Allen Beerbower son of Catherine DeBerry and George Stough Beerbower, was born and reared at Glade Farms, W. Va., and in 1877 was married to Rachel Chopson, also of Glade Farms. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Fayette Co., Pa. where he entered the employ of Monroe Beeson. He worked on the farm in summer and in the Beeson mine in the winter. Here he obtained his first coal mine experience. In 1880 he entered the employ of the J. W. Moore Co., who were at that time opening the Redstone Mine and constructing a coke plant at Brownfield, Pa. Upon completion of the plant he was made Yard Foreman in charge of the coke plant. In 1886 he entered the employ of the H. C. Frick Coke Co., at Calumet, Pa. In 1907 he was transferred to the United Mine where he remained in the employ of the H. C. Frick Co., until 1924 when he was retired on a company pension. From 1926 to the time of his death he made his home with his son, R. C. Beerbower of Pittsburgh, Pa. He was buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery near Pleasant Unity, Pa.

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| <b>EARL BEERBOWER</b>  | <b>m.</b>              | <b>MAUD BRINKER</b> |
| <b>b. 1/21/1886 d.</b> | <b>b. 1/12/1879 d.</b> |                     |

Children

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|------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Helen   | b. 8/14/1902  | d. |
| 2. Kenneth | b. 11/18/1903 | d. |
| 3. Glenn   | b. 1/20/1905  | d. |
| 4. Frances | b. 12/27/1907 | d. |
| 5. Jean    | b. 10/1/1909  | d. |
| 6. Paul    | b. 3/31/1914  | d. |

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| <b>HELEN BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1922</b> | <b>FRANK SMITH</b> |
| <b>b. 1902 d.</b>      | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>          |

**Children**

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|-----------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Allen Brooks | b. 11/18/1923 | d. |
| 2. Kendall      | b.            | d. |
| 3. Milton       | b.            | d. |
| 4. Keith        | b.            | d. |

Address: 506 Winona Ave., Allen Park, Detroit, Mich.

**KENNETH RONALD BEERBOWER m. 1923 BELL FITZPATRICK**

**b. 1903                      d.                      b.                      d.**

Address: 1034 Bryant St., Fairmont, W. Va.

**Children**

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|------------------|----|----|
| 1. Betty Lee     | b. | d. |
| 2. Harold Eugene | b. | d. |

**FRANCES BEERBOWER                      m. 1936                      DR. CLIFFORD BELL**

**b. 1907                      d.                      b.                      d.**

**Children**

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|-----------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Carol LeVier | b. 2/13/1939 | d. |
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**RALPH C. BEERBOWER                      m. 1906                      MARY JANE BORTZ**

**b. 10/29/1882 d.                      b. 2/20/1885 d.**

**Children**

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|---------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Ethel Marguerite | b. 7/1/1907   | d. |
| 2. Ruth Romaine     | b. 1/9/1909   | d. |
| 3. Mary Louise      | b. 9/4/1910   | d. |
| 4. Thelma Irene     | b. 8/6/1912   | d. |
| 5. Rachel Emma      | b. 1/28/1915  | d. |
| 6. Ralph C., II.    | b. 12/18/1917 | d. |

Ralph C. Beerbower, son of Allen and Rachel Chopson Beerbower, was educated in the public schools of Mt. Pleasant Twp., Westmoreland County, Pa., and Wesleyan College at Buchannon, W. Va. In early life he learned salesmanship by selling papers and spent one summer selling books. At the age of nineteen he entered the employ of the H. C. Frick Coke Co., in 1901, and after several promotions was appointed Superintendent of the Calumet Mine, Westmoreland Co., Pa., in 1905. After twelve years of successful management of mines for the H. C. Frick Coke Co., he resigned in 1917 to accept the larger responsibilities of Gen. Sup't. of Mines for the Washington Coal and Coke Co. at Star Junction, Pa. He filled this position with signal success until 1919 when he resigned to accept the position of Gen. Sup't. of Mines for the West Penn Power Co., at Pittsburgh, Pa. He organized the Mining Department for the West Penn Power Co., and had charge of opening and developing the Springdale Mine in a four thousand acre tract of Freeport Coal for the purpose of supplying boiler fuel for their large Electric Power generating plant at Springdale, Pa. Under his supervision he opened and developed a large modern mine for the purpose of supplying fuel requirements for the Windsor Power generating plant at Beechbottom, W. Va. After completing these projects and placing both mines in successful operation, he

resigned in 1923 to enter the service of the Goodman Manufacturing co. (manufacturers of mining machinery as assistant district Sales Manager. In 1926 he was promoted to District Sales Manager in charge of promoting the sales and installation of modern machinery in the Pa., Ohio, Md., and W. Va. coal fields. His former mining experience has contributed largely to his success in this line of endeavor of the mining industry in which he is still happily engaged.

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| <b>ETHEL M. BEERBOWER</b>               | <b>m. 1942</b> | <b>HALL SPEAR THOMAS</b> |
| <b>b. 7/1/1907 d.</b>                   | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>                |
| Address: 603 Worth St., Pittsburgh, Pa. |                |                          |

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| <b>RUTH R. BEERBOWER</b>                  | <b>m. 1929</b> | <b>JOHN PHILLIP PHIFER</b> |
| <b>b. 1/9/1909 d.</b>                     | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>                  |
| Children                                  |                |                            |
| 1. Marilyn Ruth                           | b. 12/5/1930   | d.                         |
| 2. Joan Hunt                              | b. 12/15/1933  | d.                         |
| Address: 942 Milton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. |                |                            |

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| <b>MARY LOUISE BEERBOWER</b>                            | <b>m. 1932</b> | <b>FRANK R. LIGGETT, Jr.</b> |
| <b>b. 9/4/1910 d.</b>                                   | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>                    |
| Children                                                |                |                              |
| 1. Sarah Hitchcock                                      | b. 8/26/1934   | d.                           |
| 2. Judith Ann                                           | b. 3/22/1937   | d.                           |
| 3. Frank Rahm, III                                      | b. 11/1/1940   | d.                           |
| Address: 145 13th Ave., N. E., St. Petersburg, Florida. |                |                              |

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| <b>THELMA I. BEERBOWER</b>                   | <b>m. 1935</b> | <b>JOHN JOSEPH ETRISS</b> |
| <b>b. 8/6/1912 d.</b>                        | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>                 |
| Children                                     |                |                           |
| 1. John Joseph                               | b. 1/3/1936    | d.                        |
| 2. Mary Jane                                 | b. 1/2/1937    | d.                        |
| Address: 931 Flanders Rd., Philadelphia, Pa. |                |                           |

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| <b>RACHEL E. BEERBOWER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>m. 1941</b> | <b>JOHN TOBIAS COVER</b> |
| <b>b. 1/28/1915 d.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>                |
| Address: Taylor St., Staunton, Va.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                |                          |
| Ralph C. Beerbower, II. has been promoted to Sergeant (1942) and is serving in Co. A-34th Engineers in Hawaii. He entered the service in July 1941, stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va. He was witness to the bombing of Pearl Harbar on Dec. 7, 1941. |                |                          |

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| <b>WILLIAM BERT BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m.</b> | <b>RUTH MARIE BOSSART</b> |
| <b>b. 1893 d.</b>             | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b>                 |



Children

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|--------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. William Bert    | b. 12/11/1919 | d. |
| 2. Elsie Ross      | b. 11/4/1921  | d. |
| 3. Virginia Louise | b. 3/3/1932   | d. |

W. Bert, son of Allen and Rachel Chopson Beerbower, was born at Calumet, Pa., May 20, 1893, and educated in Mt. Pleasant Township High School and West Virginia Wesleyan, Buchannon, W. Va.

His business career started as a shipping clerk for H. C. Frick Coke Co. In 1918 he was promoted to Supt. of Mines at their Youngstown plant, near Uniontown, Pa.

He married Ruth, daughter of Rev. Franklin P. and Elsie Bossart\*, of Cleveland, O.

He took charge of Colonial Mines at Smock, Pa., in 1927 when that mine produced more coal than any single mine in the world.

In 1938 he was transferred to New Salem, Pa. in charge of Footdale, Buffington, Lambert, and Ralph Mines, with over 2,500 men under his direction.

"Bert", as he is known to his men, is a member of Saint Pauls Evangelical Lutheran Church, Uniontown, Pa., a member of the Church Council, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge of Greensburg, Pa. Their children are William B., II, a senior in University of Pittsburgh, Pa., Elsie Ross, a junior in Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio, and Virginia Louise, in grade school (1942).

\* See "Pa. German Pioneers", Strassburger and Hinke, Vol 1, P. 146, 149, 150. "Jacob Bossart, aged 40, and Balthasar Bossart, came on ship "Mercury", captain William Wilson, with Switzers who arrived in Philadelphia, Pa., May 29, 1735.

LYDIA BEERBOWER

m.

MILTON ROBINSON

b. 8/28/1856 d. /27/1938

b. 10/24/1848 d. 2/8/1906

Children

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|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Russell E.     | b. 11/21/1883 | d. 2/20/1903 |
| 2. Dwight Orlando | b. 2/17/1888  | d. 8/18/1889 |
| 3. Mabel Blanche  | b. 10/9/1890  | d.           |

Mabel Robinson married Oscar Ressegger, they had two children, Ellsworth, born 4/8/1913 and Eleanor Marie.

Ellsworth Ressegger is located at Clarksburg, W. Va.



CHILDREN OF GEORGE STOUGH BEERBOWER

**GEORGE STOUGH BEERBOWER m. SALOME LAUB (2nd wife)**  
b. 11/22/1820 d. 7/19/1879 b. 3/24/1840 d. 1/19/1896

Children

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Ida Bell        | b. 6 30 1862 | d. 2 /1872   |
| 2. Martha          | b. 4 2 1864  | d. 1 12 1940 |
| 3. Jonathan Camden | b. 7 4 1865  | d. 8 7 1877  |
| 4. Mary            | b. 5 27 1871 | d. 12 6 1887 |
| 5. Charles         | b. 6 29 1872 | d.           |
| 6. Emma Alice      | b. 3 3 1874  | d.           |
| 7. Lloyd George    | b. 6 2 1877  | d.           |

Salome Laub Beerbower, widow of George Stough Beerbower, married Jackson Jeffreys. They had one child, John W., b. 9 11 1885.

\* From family Bible in possession of C.W.B.

**MATTIE J. BEERBOWER m. J. ALLEN RECKARD**  
b. 4/2/1864 d. 1/12/1940 b. 12/27/1861 d. 7/26/1940



**MATTIE BEERBOWER RECKARD**  
—Sponsored by Mabel and Roy

Children

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|---------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Oscar J.         | b. 11/26/1887 | d. |
| 2. Carrie May       | b. 6/26/1891  | d. |
| 3. Clarence Charles | b. 7/15/1893  | d. |

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 4. Margaret Amelia | b. 8/8/1896  | d.           |
| 5. Mabel Elizabeth | b. 6/3/1900  | d.           |
| 6. Agnes Thelma    | b. 3/10/1905 | d. 4/25/1908 |

Mattie J. Reckard, a daughter of George Stough and Salome Laub Beerbower. Her early days were spent in the Glade Farms district of W. Va. Later she married a school teacher and farmer, J. Allen Reckard of Clifton Mills, W. Va. They resided for many years on a small farm near the Mason-Dixon line in Pa., near Clifton Mills, W. Va., and it was from this home both were buried. "Aunt Mat" as she was known to the relatives and friends was a home loving person. She was always willing to share with the needy and was most generous. She fully appreciated the early experiences of her pioneer ancestors and could relate their stories in a most interesting manner. After a visit with Aunt Mat one could return to the "hustle and bustle" of hurried life with a new vigor for she had the knack of getting one to rest and to value the real things of life. Her philosophy, "live to the best of your ability", was an inspiration to many. After a long illness, death came in January 1940, and she was buried at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church near Clifton Mills, W. Va.

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| <b>OSCAR J. RECKARD</b> | <b>m. 1920</b> | <b>MARGARET SMITH</b> |
| b. 1887                 | d.             | d.                    |
| Children                |                |                       |

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|-----------------|-------------|----|
| 1. Margaret Ann | b. 8/3/1927 | d. |
|-----------------|-------------|----|

Dr. Oscar J. Reckard was born in 1887 near Bruceton Mills, W. Va. In 1912 he was graduated from the State Teachers College at California, Pa., and from the Dental Dept. of the University of Pittsburgh he received the degree of Dental Surgery in 1917. He was third honor student, making him a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, National Honorary Dental Society. In 1918 he was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Dental Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army. He holds the rank of Major at the present time (1942). In addition to his regular practice he has been a part time member of the Dental faculty of Pitt. In 1924 he was appointed on the Dental Staff of the Pittsburgh Public Schools, a position he still holds. His wife is a direct descendant of Capt. Devereaux Smith, for whom Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, was named. She is a very active member of the Eastern Star and is a Past Matron of Fort Pitt Chap. 130. Their daughter, Margaret Ann was born in 1927. The family are members of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church. Dr. Reckard is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Odontological Society of Western Pa., Pennsylvania Dental Society, and American Dental Association.

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| <b>CARRIE M. RECKARD</b> | <b>m.</b> | <b>CECIL SNELL</b> |
| b. 1891                  | d.        | d.                 |
| Children                 |           |                    |

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|-----------------|--------------|----|
| 1. June Yvonne  | b. 11/5/1922 | d. |
| 2. Thelma Irene | b. 8/4/1924  | d. |

June married Charles Debroka in 1939.  
 Cecil Snell served in World War I.  
 Address: Masontown, Pa.

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| <b>CLARENCE CHARLES RECKARD</b> | <b>m.</b> | <b>GOLDIE GRIFFITH</b> |
| b. 1893                         | d.        | d.                     |
|                                 | b.        |                        |



DR. O. J. RECKARD



MRS. O. J. RECKARD



MARGARET RECKARD

## Children

1. Kathryn Jane                      b. 5/2/1929                      d.

Charles Reckard enlisted in 1917 in the U. S. Army and served overseas, in battels including St. Mihiel, Meuse, Argonne. He returned to the states in 1919. He has spent many years as a successful salesman of automobiles. He is now a member of the firm Glotfelty-Reckard, Ford Auto and Parts, Oakland, Md.

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**MARGARET AMELIA RECKARD**    m. 1923    **DELTON BLACKA**  
 b. 8/8/1896    d.                      b.                      d.

## Children

1. Mildred Laverne                      b. 8/23/1924                      d.  
 2. Robert Allen                      b. 2/20/1930                      d.

Address: Fayette City, Pa.

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**MABEL ELIZABETH RECKARD**    m. 1935    **ROY SPONSLER**  
 b. 6/3/1900    d.                      b.                      d.

## Children

1. James Allen                      b. 9/15/1936                      d. in infancy  
 2. Charles Albert                      b. 9/2/1939                      d.

Address: Uppr Middletown, Pa.

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**CHARLIE (C.W.) BEERBOWER** m. 1900 **DELLA SUSAN THOMAS**  
 b. 6/29/1872    d.                      b. 9/3/1875    d.

## Children

1. Evangeline Lucile                      b. 8/23/1903                      d.  
 2. Eleanor Beatrice                      b. 10/22/1911                      d.

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Charles W. Beerbower, son of George Stough and Salome Laub Beerbower, was born June 29, 1872 near Glade Farms, W. Va. At the age of seven his father died and he made his home for awhile at Robinsons. Here he became interested in Indian relics and among his large collection he now cherishes those arrows he found when he was a lad. A curiosity in "old things" was aroused by the contents of an old leather trunk that he found in the loft. This curiosity and interest has increased through the years and has been an inspiring, worthwhile and productive hobby. Charles was educated in the local country schools and Wesleyan Seminary, Buchannon, W. Va. For several years he was a teacher and principal in the W. Va. schools. During the summers of this period he was associated with Prof. N. N. McGrew in the "Pilgrim Band". This group traveled through W. Va., Pa., Ohio, the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and the eastern shore of Maryland



C. W. BEERBOWER

selling books—especially "Pilgrim's Progress", and giving illustrated lectures. In the fall of 1900 he married Della Thomas, daughter of William and Martha Myers Thomas. They have two daughters, Evangeline Lucile and Eleanor Beatrice. For twenty years he was associated with the Union Supply Co. as store manager in Fayette Co. The family came to a small farm near New Wilmington, Pa. in 1922. Mr. Beerbower is a member of the Presbyterian Church, is active in Grange and Pomona work, and is a charter member of the Lawrence County Historical Society. Since he is a keen observer of nature and wild life, and takes an interest in boys and girls, Mr. Beerbower has always helped with Boy Scout and 4-H Club work in the community. He lectures for clubs and organizations about his favorite subject—"Indian Paths and Trails, Forerunners of Our Highways".

At his home, "Sunny Crest", Mr. Beerbower spends much of his time with his flowers, gardens, and hobbies. These interests have won him a host of friends. His retentative ability is remarkable and his conversation reveals extensive reading and historical research. Through his intense admiration for historical facts and family tradition "Uncle Charlie" has inspired many to be keen of their family background. His interest in family history can be traced to stories told him of his ancestors by his Uncle Harry. Now after years of labor and with the help of others, this interest has culminated in this publication, "The House of Bierbauer."

**E. LUCILE BEERBOWER**

m. 1938

**NATHAN FREY**

b. 8/23/1903 d.

b.

d.

Evangeline Lucile, daughter of C. W. and Della Thomas Beerbower, was born Aug. 23, 1903 in Fayette Co., Pa. The early years of her life were spent in the Connellsville Coal and Coke region where her father was manager of various Union Supply Stores. She was graduated in the honor group from Uniontown High School. In college she majored in Sciences and was graduated with honors from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. Her graduate work was done at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich, and here she received her Master of Science degree in Biology. She taught in the New Wilmington High School for a number of years. She was research assistant in Genetics at the University of Michigan. Later she returned to her alma mater as Residence Director of Browne Hall, Freshman girls' dormitory. She was married in 1938 to Nathan K. Frey, of Ambridge, Pa., son of the late Nathan and Fanny Skiles Frey.

**ELEANOR B. BEERBOWER**

m.

1936

**RAYMOND B. SKELLIE**

b. 10/11/1911 d.

b. 10/6/1905 d.

## Children

1. Bill Charles

b. 12/16/1936

d.

Eleanor Beatrice, daughter of C. W. and Della Thomas Beerbower, was born at Leisering, Fayette Co., Pa., in 1911. After graduating from the New Wilming-



ton high school with honors she attended Edinboro State Teachers College, Edinboro, Pa., and she was graduated in the honor group with a B. S. degree in Art Education. During college she was very active in extra curricular activities. She accepted a position as art teacher at the Harrold Consolidated School at Greensburg, Pa. After two years she became art instructor for all of the Hempfield Township Junior High Schools, Westmoreland Co., Pa. She is a member of Delta Phi Delta, national honorary art fraternity. In 1936 she married Raymond B. Skellie of Albion, Pa., son of W. A. and Bess Barns Skellie.

**EMMA ALICE BEERBOWER m. TIMBERLAKE GRIBBLE**  
**b. 3/3/1874 d. b. 12/22/1869 d. 1/5/1928**

Children

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|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Claude Lee       | b. 12/12/1891 | d.           |
| 2. Maud Beatrice    | b. 3/21/1893  | d.           |
| 3. Salome Edith     | b. 7/10/1895  | d.           |
| 4. James McNeal     | b. 6/19/1897  | d.           |
| 5. Clifford Charles | b. 5/30/1910  | d. 1/30/1924 |

Claude Lee Gribble married Jeanett Moore of Clarksburg, West Virginia, 1918. They have one daughter, Carol Angela, born Feb. 28, 1920.

Maud B. married Jarrett Jordan, 1915. They have two children, Madelon Alice, born April 19, 1926; and Jarrett Timberlake, born Jan. 5, 1929. Mr. Jordan is a bricklayer by trade. The family reside in Washington, D. C.

Salome Edith Gribble married Charles R. Wilttrout. Three children—Glen W. Wilttrout, born May 6, 1912, married Frances A. Higgs, 1937. They have one child, Patricia Joan, born June 20, 1941. Jack Wilttrout, born July 31, 1920, single, works in War Department, Washington, D. C. Charles Paul Wilttrout, a son, died at birth.

James McNeal Gribble, I., married first, Cora Marie Heath, who died November 30, 1918. They had one child, James McNeal Gribble, II, born Jan. 5, 1917. James Gribble, I., married Vera Edith McIntire and is now located at Mt. Storm, West Virginia. James McNeal Gribble, II., married Lucille Runyan. They had one child, a son, James McNeal Gribble, III., born April 7, 1941, who died at birth.

**LLOYD GEORGE BEERBOWER m. 1906 ELIZABETH STAFFORD**  
**b. 6/2/1877 d. b. 2/21/1880 d.**

Children

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|--------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Albert Stafford | b. 4/9/1908  | d. |
| 2. Fred Vance      | b. 7/30/1912 | d. |

Dr. L. G. Beerbower: The list of prominent citizens of Preston Co., W. Va., would not be complete without including his name. He was born in Fayette Co., Pa., in 1877. When his father died, L. George was an infant, therefore his protection and education became the responsibility of his mother. It was at this time that the boy's sister, Mattie Reckard, exercised a wholesome and Christian influence over his development. As a young man he joined a company of men selling "Pilgrim's Progress" under the direction of Prof. N. N. McGrew. Another friend and teacher was Samuel T. Wiley, who helped L. G. become a schoolmaster. He then graduated in 1905 from the Dept. of Dentistry, Ohio University, at Cincinnati. For twenty years he had a lively practice in the Beerbower-Zeller Bldg., Terra Alta, W. Va.—he is now in Kingwood. He is a charter member of the West Virginia Dental Society—he has served on the Board of Dental Examiners. Many business interests have Dr. Beerbower as their originator and trace their development to his guiding hand.

West Virginia Wesleyan College has had him on the board of trustees since 1914. The Rotary Club is one of his special interests, and the Dr. is also a Mason. He married Elizabeth Stafford, daughter of William E. and Mary Shahan Stafford. They have two sons. For many years Dr. Beerbower has manifested an abiding interest in the Boy Scouts. He set about to locate a permanent camp for the Scouts of the Mountain Area. He solicited the benevolent interest of Mr. T. R. Johns of the Bethlehem Steel Co. A tract of 100 acres was set apart for the use of the youths. The donation is known as the T. R. Johns Youth Foundation. The National Council Boy Scouts of America, in 1936, conferred upon Dr. Beerbower the Silver Beaver Award.

Stafford A. Beerbower was born April 9, 1908 in Terra Alta, West Virginia. Educated in the grade schools at Terra Alta, finished high school in Kingwood, West Virginia, where he was active in all sports. He also played in the school band and orchestra and had leading parts in the junior and senior plays. He further completed his education at West Virginia Wesleyan and West Virginia University taking Business Administration and Business Law. While in college he participated in many extra curricular activities, belonging to Pi Kappa Alpha, national fraternity.

Stafford started his business life rather early, going on the 'road' for the Coca Cola company during the summers when sixteen years of age. He later held positions with the Mavis Bottling Company of America in New York and eastern states and became sales manager of one territory. Other activities include three and one-half years in the Auditor's office, State of West Virginia, holding offices in the State Republican Committee. Also four years as assistant manager of the Upper Monongahela Valley Association which was a master Chamber of Commerce for northern West Virginia.

He is now settled in Kingwood, West Virginia, his home town, as co-owner of the Bartlett Drug Company. His hobbies are golf and community activities, being a member of the activities committee of the Preston Country Club. His fraternal and church affiliations are Masons and Methodist Church.

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| <b>FRED VANCE BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1942</b> | <b>ETHEL PEASLEY</b> |
| <b>b. 7/30/1912 d.</b>      | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>            |

Fred Vance Beerbower was born at Terra Alta, W. Va., July 30, 1912. He completed his grade and High School work in Terra Alta and Kingwood.

His college work was done at W. V. U. at Morgantown, W. Va., and his graduate work at the University of Virginia, where he received his masters degree. He will receive his degree in dentistry from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in 1943. He is affiliated with Xi Psi Phi National Dental Fraternity and the Masonic Lodge. He has been active in church and Sunday School since childhood and is a member of the Methodist Church.

As a youngster he was active as a Boy Scout, and became the first Eagle Scout in his county. He spent much of his time as Scout Master and Instructor in summer camps in the mountaineer area.

Before beginning his study of Dentistry he taught in the High Schools of Maysontown, Rowlesburg and Arthurdale. His hobby is nature study and wild life.

Miss Peasley was a public school teacher for a number of years.

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| <b>ELIZABETH BEERBOWER</b>      | <b>m.</b>                      | <b>ADAM SLIGER</b> |
| <b>b. 3/18/1823 d. 1/7/1905</b> | <b>b. 2/4/1824 d. 2/3/1898</b> |                    |

Children

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|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Laura         | b. 5/17/1861  | d.           |
| 2. Thomas        | b. 7/15/1863  | d. 5/31/1942 |
| 3. Philip Camden | b. 11/23/1867 | d.           |

Address: Valley Switzer, Markleysburg, Pa.

**LAURA SLIGER** m. 1888 **D. W. SWITZER**  
b. 1861 d. 1942 b. d.

Children

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|-----------|--------------|----|
| 1. Edith  | b. 6/2/1890  | d. |
| 2. Valley | b. 10/6/1893 | d. |

**PHILIP CAMDEN SLIGER** m. **FRANKHOUSER**  
b. 1867 d. b. d.

Children

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|----------|----|----|
| 1. Rufus | b. | d. |
| 2. Marie | b. | d. |
| 3. Ralph | b. | d. |

The Switzer name appears on a list of Palatinate Germans who came to Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 16, 1727, but the progenitors of the Dr. Switzer of Markleysburg, Pa., was perhaps of a later date when George Heinrich Schweitzer came on ship "Beulah" from Rotterdam, Holland, along with 86 other Germans of which all were Lutheran except 8 persons.

\* See "Pennsylvania German Pioneers"—Strassburger & Hinke.

**NANCY BEERBOWER** m. **JAMES DeBERRY**  
b.12/15/1825 d. b. d.

Children

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|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Alice  | b. 1859      | d.           |
| 2. Camden | b. 7/27/1862 | d. 1/23/1918 |

**ALICE DeBERRY** m. **ALLEN RINGER**  
b. 1859 d. b. d.

Children

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|-----------------|----|----|
| 1. Bruce        | b. | d. |
| 2. James Victor | b. | d. |

**CAMDEN DeBERRY** m. **EMMA VanSICKLE**  
b. 1862 d. 1918 b. d.

Children

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|-----------|--------------|----|
| 1. Hattie | b. 7/18/1893 | d. |
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**HATTIE DeBERRY** m. 1911 **CHARLES D. MERRILL**  
b. 1893 d. b. 10/18/1876 d.

Children

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|---------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Mary Elizabeth*  | b. 7/20/1912  | d. |
| 2. Herbert Camden   | b. 11/16/1921 | d. |
| 3. Zerretta Vivian  | b. 11/30/1923 | d. |
| 4. Annetta Isabelle | b. 4/5/1926   | d. |

\* Mary E. Merrill, married Gordon Miller, Oakland, Md., in 1936.

See letter of Carrie Herring under George Stough Beerbower and Catherine DeBerry.

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| <b>PHOEBE BEERBOWER</b>           | <b>m.</b> | <b>HENRY SLIGER</b> |
| <b>b. 10/13/1826 d. 7/21/1906</b> | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b>           |

**Children**

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|------------|----|----|
| 1. William | b. | d. |
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| <b>ARTEMESA BEERBOWER</b>        | <b>m.</b> | <b>THOMAS BEATTY</b> |
| <b>b. 2/12/1829 d. 6/28/1910</b> | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b>            |

"Aunt Mat", as she was commonly called by all who knew her, was a mother to all who came under her care.

After the death of their mother, she cared for Camden and Alice DeBerry. It was Aunt Mat's custom to knit mittens and socks for her relatives.

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| <b>HARRISON BEERBOWER</b>        | <b>m. 1861</b>     | <b>DIANA MITCHELL</b> |
| <b>b. 10/11/1833 d. 1/_/1917</b> | <b>b. 7/3/1836</b> | <b>d. 10/30/1907</b>  |

**Children**

|            |              |               |
|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. John M. | b. 11/8/1863 | d. 1/26/1864  |
| 2. Silas   | b. 3/25/1865 | d. 11/27/1940 |
| 3. Zadie   | b. 5/2/1868  | d. 12/23/1938 |
| 4. William | b. 3/2/1875  | d. 6/18/1934  |



**HARRISON BEERBOWER**  
—Sponsored by Fred R. Cuppett

Harrison Beerbower, 6th son of Philip II, was born on the old homestead at Glade Farms, W. Va. In 1834 the family made a trip through Indiana in search of a new home. The ynever unloaded their wagons and they returned to the Glades and rented a farm. Later they built the two-story hewn log house referred to as a mansion in that day by Hulda Hall of Clarksburg, W. Va. Uncle Harry as he was known to all, was an expert wood carver and he made beautiful brackets and shelves from black walnut. He gave the writer, C.W.B., much inspiration in family history, for it was he who first told of the two brothers and their sister coming to America. He also told of the trip of Gen. Washington passing through the Glades. This could not be verified until 1932.

See National Geographic—Jan. 1932.)

C.W.B.

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| <b>SILAS BEERBOWER</b>            | <b>m.</b>              | <b>EFFIE FRANKHOUSER</b> |
| <b>b. 3/25/1865 d. 11/27/1940</b> | <b>b. 8/10/1876 d.</b> |                          |

**Children**

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|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Gladys E. | b. 11/10/1910 | d. 2/12/1913 |
| 2. Beatrice  | b. 3/18/1914  | d.           |
| 3. Paul      | b. 1/30/1916  | d.           |
| 4. Clarence  | b. 2/5/1918   | d.           |
| 5. Byron     | b. 6/14/1920  | d. 5/6/1929  |

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| <b>BEATRICE BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1938</b> | <b>WILLIAM D. FREELAND</b> |
| <b>b. 3/18/1914 d.</b>    | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>                  |

**Children**

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|------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. William Davis | b. 10/5/1939 | d. |
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Beatrice earned the degree of R. N. from Protestant Episcopal Hospital for nurses at Philadelphia. Member of Lutheran Church.

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| <b>PAUL BEERBOWER</b>  | <b>m. 1940</b> | <b>MARY B. WILSON</b> |
| <b>b. 1/30/1916 d.</b> | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>             |

**Children**

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|----------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Gloria Jean | b. 10/3/1940 | d. |
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Paul Beerbower employed by Philadelphia Electric Co. Member of Lutheran Church.

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| <b>CLARENCE BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1937</b> | <b>JOSEPHINE KILLORAN</b> |
| <b>b. 2/5/1918 d.</b>     | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>                 |

**Children**

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|---------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Robert Lee | b. 9/29/1940 | d. |
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Clarence is employed by the Philadelphia Electric Co. Member of Lutheran Church. Address: Mrs. Effie Beerbower, 2218 N. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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| <b>ZADIE BEERBOWER</b>           | <b>m. 1891</b>                  | <b>EDWARD CUPPETT</b> |
| <b>b. 5/2/1868 d. 12/23/1938</b> | <b>b. 1/29/1863 d. 4/3/1936</b> |                       |

**Children**

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|-----------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Nellie Mabel | b. 4/6/1891  | d. |
| 2. Mary         | b. 8/13/1892 | d. |
| 3. Edith        | b. 8/13/1892 | d. |
| 4. Fred         | b. 1/23/1897 | d. |

**NELLIE MABEL CUPPETT****m.****GEORGE KEIM****b. 4/6/1891 d.****b.****d.****Children**

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| 1. | b. | d. |
| 2. | b. | d. |

**MARY CUPPETT****m. 1913****ROBERT RAY KELLY****b. 8/13/1892 d.****b. 4/20/1889 d.****Children**

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|-------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Mary Elizabeth | b. 7/12/1914 | d. |
| 2.                | b.           | d. |
| 3.                | b.           | d. |
| 4.                | b.           | d. |

**EDITH CUPPETT****m.****SCOTT KEIM****b. 8/13/1892 d.****b.****d.****Children**

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| 1. | b. | d. |
| 2. | b. | d. |
| 3. | b. | d. |

**FRED R. CUPPETT****m.****b. 1/23/1897 d.****d.**

Fred R. Cuppett, son of Edward and Zadie Beerbower Cuppett, is now proprietor of Chalk Hill Hotel, eight miles east of Uniontown, Pa., on the famous National Pike, now Route 40. The hotel is only a short distance from Gen. Braddock's grave, Fort Necessity and other historic shrines.

**MARY ELIZABETH KELLY****m. 1941****SUMMERS D. McCRUM****b. 7/12/1914 d.****b.****d.**

Mary E. Kelly McCrum, granddaughter of Zadie Beerbower Cuppett married S. D. McCrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. McCrum of Aurora, W. Va.

**HANNAH BEERBOWER**  
b. 1/1/1837 d. 9/10/1920

m. **HENRY C. BEATTY**  
b. 5/30/1830 d. 4/10/1914

**Children**

1. Louella Beatty b. 6/3/1873 d.

Hannah, daughter of Philip and Lydia Kelly Beerbower, was born and reared in the "Virginia Glades." She married Henry Clay Beatty June 4, 1870. Mr. Beatty was a farmer, and served several terms as county commissioner from Portland District, Preston Co., W. Va.



**HANNAH BEERBOWER BEATTY**  
—Courtesy of Ella McMillen

**LOUELLA BEATTY**  
b. 6/3/1873 d.

m. **LUTHER J. McMILLEN**  
b. 8/25/1859 d. 6/8/1936

**Children**

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|--------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Robert Henry    | b. 10/31/1897 | d. |
| 2. Edna Glenola    | b. 1/20/1900  | d. |
| 3. Ralph Beatty    | b. 5/21/1903  | d. |
| 4. Harold Luther   | b. 6/25/1906  | d. |
| 5. Sherrill Dwight | b. 12/14/1908 | d. |
| 6. Vernon Eugene   | b. 8/5/1916   | d. |

Louella Beatty, daughter of Hannah Beerbower and Henry C. Beatty, was born in Portland District and taught school for a number of years in Preston, W. Va. Married Luther J. McMillen, a farmer of Valley district, who later was farm manager for the Boys Industrial School at Pruntytown, W. Va. Mr. McMillen was also deputy sheriff for four years in Preston Co.

The children are located as follows:

Robert M. at home, Masontown, W. Va.

Edna Glenola, a graduate of Fairmont Normal and Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., married Dr. Myron M. Weaver, now dean of men, Knox University, Galesburg, Ill. They have two children, Myron and Margaret A.

Ralph B. at Morgantown, W. Va.

Harold L. married Ellen Lucas a trained nurse. He works in Personnel Dept. Monongahela, West Penn. They have two children, Martha L. and Stephen S.

Sherrill, graduate of W. Va. University at present Vocation Ag. Teacher, Kingwood, W. Va. Address: Mrs. Louella McMillen, Masontown, W. Va.

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**HENRY CLAY BEERBOWER** m. **JANE MITCHELL**  
b. 3/19/1839 d. 7/15/1919 b. 10/28/1834 d. 12/20/1937

Children

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|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Orville A. | b. 9/24/1868  | d. 3/8/1942 |
| 2. Ella M.    | b. 12/27/1873 | d.          |
| 3. Clare C.   | b. 10/18/1876 | d.          |
| 4. Gertrude   | b. 6/24/1879  | d.          |

Henry Clay Beerbower was born at Glade Farms, West Virginia. His wife's mother was a Wable, related by marriage to the Brandons of Brandenburg, Germany.

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**ORVILLE A. BEERBOWER** m. 1903 **VIRGINIA CASTEEL**  
b. 9/24/1868 d. 3/8/1942 b. d.

Children

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|--------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Mary Katherine  | b. 12/12/1904 | d. |
| 2. Orville A., II  | b. 10/20/1910 | d. |
| 3. Elizabeth Janis | b. 2/15/1920  | d. |

Orville A. Beerbower, 73, retired Internal Revenue Bureau employee, died Mar. 8, 1942 in Washington D. C. Mr. Beerbower, a former auditor for the Reorganization Division of the Chief Counsel's Office of the Internal Revenue Bureau, retired in 1940. For many years he acted as a consultant in technical auditing phases of tax litigation. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Virginia Casteel Beerbower; a son, Orville A., Jr.; and two daughters, Mary Catherine and Elizabeth Janis. —News report.

Ella M. married ..... Moore, a ranchman of Alberta, Canada.

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**CLARE BEERBOWER** m. **KENNEDY**  
b. 10/18/1876 d. b. d.

Children

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|---------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Esther     | b. 7/19/1907  | d. |
| 2. John Henry | b. 12/25/1911 | d. |

Kennedy address, Mt. Morris, Pa.

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**GERTRUDE BEERBOWER** m. **ALEX ZELLER**  
b. 6/24/1879 d. b. d.



Children

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|---------------------|---------|----|
| 1. Charles Merle    | b. 1902 | d. |
| 2. Margaret Clare   | b. 1905 | d. |
| 3. Theodore Richert | b. 1910 | d. |
| 4. Rosemary         | b. 1912 | d. |
| 5. Robert Clay      | b. 1917 | d. |
| 6. Bernard Lynn     | b. 1924 | d. |

**JAMES M. BIERBOWER** m. **MARY ELIZABETH FEARER**  
b. 2/22/1841 d. 2/27/1893 b. 7/7/1852 d. 6/3/1916

Children

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|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Lee Franklin     | b. 7/25/1867  | d. 1/26/1913  |
| 2. Dora Belle       | b. 6/28/1870  | d. 10/4/1877  |
| 3. Albert Ross      | b. 12/15/1873 | d. 1/9/1896   |
| 4. Winfield Scott   | b. 9/2/1880   | d. 3/26/1914  |
| 5. Robert Ellsworth | b. 10/2/1882  | d.            |
| 6. Grover           | b. 7/17/1884  | d. 4/13/1885  |
| 7. Frederick        | b. 6/23/1886  | d. 10/15/1931 |

James Madison, son of Philip and Lydia Kelly Beerbower, was born at the old Beerbower homestead at Glade Farms, W. Va. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fearer. They lived near the Five Forks, Pa. for several years, then moved to Uniontown, Pa.

He is buried at Glade Farms in the Mitchell Cemetery. His wife is buried in Park Cemetery, Uniontown, Pa.

**LEE FRANKLIN BIERBOWER** m. 1892 **LAURA SHANK**  
b. 7/25/1867 d. 1/26/1913 b. 5/20/1872 d. 2/26/1933

Children

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|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Victor James       | b. 1/16/1893  | d. 6/29/1894 |
| 2. Clinton Ray        | b. 12/14/1895 | d. 7/2/1896  |
| 3. Hugh Franklin      | b. 1/13/1897  | d.           |
| 4. Lillian Katurah    | b. 4/9/1900   | d.           |
| 5. Blanche Irene      | b. 4/2/1902   | d.           |
| 6. Howard Henry       | b. 2/13/1904  | d.           |
| 7. Minnie Viola       | b. 2/13/1906  | d.           |
| 8. Albert Winfield    | b. 10/17/1907 | d. 7/22/1909 |
| 9. Mary May           | b. 9/1/1909   | d.           |
| 10. Frances Elizabeth | b. 4/9/1912   | d.           |

Lee Franklin Bierbower was born at Glade Farms, W. Va. As a young man he worked as a teamster in Uniontown, Pa. He married Laura Shank, of Mammoth, Westmoreland Co., Pa. For many years Franklin was employed as a stable boss for the H. C. Frick Coke Co.

**HUGH FRANKLIN BIERBOWER m. 1932**

b. 1/13/1897 d. b. d.

## Children

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|-------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Ester          | b. 6/8/1934   | d. |
| 2. Mary           | b. 4/8/1936   | d. |
| 3. Margaret Irene | b. 12/11/1938 | d. |
| 4. Carol May      | b. 9/5/1940   | d. |

Hugh Franklin Bierbower has been a railroader for years. Address: R. D. 1, Pitcairn, Pa.

**WINFIELD SCOTT BIERBOWER m. CORNELIA MAY HOPKINS**

b. 9/2/1880 d. 3/26/1914 b. 5/.../1883 d.

## Children

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|-----------------|--------------|----|
| 1. William Baum | b. 2/6/1905  | d. |
| 2. Cornelius W. | b. 9/ /1906  | d. |
| 3. Guy Johnston | b. 9/27/1909 | d. |

Scott Bierbower as he was usually known, was a clerk in Max Baum's clothing store at Uniontown, Pa., and Wright and Metzler's Department Store. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Modern Woodmen of the World. At his death he was buried at Glade Farms, W. Va.

His wife, Cornelia Hopkins, was the daughter of William Anderson Hopkins and Martha Houser Hopkins. She was a sales lady in Silverman's Department Store, Uniontown, Pa.

**WILLIAM BAUM BIERBOWER m. ISOBEL OSLER (1st wife)**

b. 2/6/1905 d. b. 1/19/1905 d. 10/1928

## Children

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|------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. William Scott | b. 8/10/1928 | d. |
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**WILLIAM BAUM BIERBOWER m. MARGARET SMILEY (2 wife)**

b. 2/6/1905 d. b. 4/15/1909 d.

## Children

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|-----------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Bruce Boyd   | b. 12/13/1932 | d. |
| 2. Cornelia Ann | b. 9/27/1940  | d. |

William B. Bierbower was educated in Public Schools of Uniontown, Pa. and Douglas Business College. He is now with the Reliance Insurance Co., Uniontown, Pa. His wife was a teacher in Uniontown, Pa., being the second daughter of Clarence and Elizabeth Boyd Smiley.

Guy Bierbower address: Allison, Pa.

**ROBERT ELLSWORTH BIERBOWER m. REBA BLANY**

b. 10/2/1882 d. b. d.

## Children

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|-----------------|--------------|----|
| 1. James E., II | b. 2/28/1929 | d. |
| 2. Barbra Ann   | b. 6/19/1933 | d. |

Robert E., son of James M. and Mary E. Fearer Bierbower, was born at Addison, Pa., then moved to Uniontown, Pa., where he attended public school. For 33 years he was with Rosenbaum's Dept. Store, Uniontown, Pa., and was considered an efficient salesman and judge of silks and of other fabrics.

His wife, Reba, daughter of Hough C. and Alma Trader Blany, was born in Hopwood, Pa., where she attended elementary school, was graduated from Uniontown High School, and taught in South Union Township for three years. She was for a number of years affiliated with the Union Supply Co., and before her marriage in 1928, was cashier for Rosenbaum's Dept. Store in Uniontown, Pa.

"Bob" Bierbower, as he is familiarly known, has a host of friends. He is a member of Blue Lodge No. 651 of the Masonic Order, Uniontown, Pa.

Thurza Beerbower, born April 9, 1843, was the eleventh child of Philip and Lydia Kelly Beerbower—never married.

**JACOB BENTON BEERBOWER** m. **MARY E. BERNARD**  
b. 4/14/1844 d. 8/1/1887 b. d. 10/-/1916

Children

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Wilbert Russell | b. 9/27/1872 | d. 8/ /1920  |
| 2 Forest Thayer    | b. 9/25/1875 | d. 7/16/1942 |

Jacob B. Beerbower was born at Glade Farms, W. Va., where he spent several years after being married to Elizabeth Bernard.

He resided in Uniontown, Pa., for many years, having worked for John Clark and at the time of his death was in the employ of A. C. Fouch. He and his wife are buried in the Mitchell Cemetery at Glade Farms, W. Va. They are members of the Methodist Church.

Mary Elizabeth Bernard was the daughter of James and Lucy Thayer Bernard, of Maryland, the family name is of French Huguenot extraction.

**WILBUR RUSSELL BEERBOWER** m. **KATHERINE FISHER**  
b. 9/27/1872 d. 8/-/1920 b. 11/16/1874 d.

Children

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|-------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Grace          | b. 1/21/1897  | d. |
| 2. Agnes          | b. 11/2/1899  | d. |
| 3. Glen Harold    | b. 12/26/1900 | d. |
| 4. Edna           | b. 3/30/1902  | d. |
| 5. Wilbur Russell | b. 2/28/1904  | d. |

Wilbur R. Beerbower, son of Jacob Benton and Elizabeth Bernard Beerbower, was born and grew to manhood in the Glade Farms neighborhood. He was a teamster and lumberman in Somerset Co., Pa. He married Katherine, daughter of Amos and Sarah Dennis Fisher. Mrs. Beerbower after her husband's death married Mr. Woods of Sandy Hill, near Uniontown, Pa.

**GRACE BEERBOWER** m. **ERNEST BLANFORD**  
b. 1/21/1897 d. b. d.

Children

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|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 Ida Mae         | b. 4/15/1921 | d.           |
| 2. Susan Virginia | b. 12/9/1923 | d. 4/14/1924 |
| 3. Thomas Russell | b. 3/20/1925 | d.           |

Grace Beerbower, daughter of Wilbur R. and Katherine Fisher Beerbower, was born at Glade Farms, W. Va. Her husband, Ernest Blanford, was born and reared in Canton, Ohio. Address, 721 Patterson Ave. S. W., Canton, Ohio.

**GLEN HAROLD BEERBOWER** m. **LUCY CAROLINE KELLY**  
b. 12/26/1900 d. b. d.

Glen Beerbower, born at Glade Farms, W. Va., made his home for many years with Dr. H. R. Mitchell's family, and in the home of his uncle, Zar Beerbower. He was employed at the Richmond Radiator Works for several years, then with the Hankins and Paulson Co. for eleven years, is now in shipping dept. Cohens Furniture Co. He married Lucy Caroline Kelly, June 25, 1927, daughter of Joseph and Alice Guthrie Kelly. Address: Uniontown, Pa.

**FOREST THAYER BEERBOWER** m. **EMILY MARIE MILLER**  
b. 9/25/1875 d. 7/16/1942 b. 8/25/1881 d. 5/30/1925

Children

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|------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Eoith Lucille | b. 7/19/1901 | d. |
| 2. Ralph Miller  | b. 8/28/1903 | d. |
| 3. Margaret May  | b. 7/6/1906  | d. |
| 4. Dorothy Ellen | b. 10/3/1908 | d. |
| 5. Clarence L.   | b. 2/12/1909 | d. |

Forest T. Beerbower, son of Jacob and Mary Elizabeth Bernard Beerbower, was reared in the Glade Farms district until about 16, then lived in Uniontown for many years. He belonged to Fort Necessity I. O. O. F., a carpenter by trade.

**EDITH LUCILLE BEERBOWER** m. **RICHARD FUNCKE**

**RALPH MILLER BEERBOWER** m. **RUTH SHAKESPEARE**  
b. 1903 d. b. 6/15/1906 d.

Children

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|---------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Ruth Emily | b. 2/12/1926 | d. |
| 2. Joan       | b. 3/11/1931 | d. |

R. M. Beerbower has been in lumber and contracting business for many years. Now with H. J. Heinz Co. Address 4732 Old Boston Rd., Baldwin Twp., Pittsburgh

**MARGARET M. BEERBOWER** m. **SAMUEL HENRY GILLESPIE**  
b. 7/6/1906 d. b. d.

Children

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|----------------|----|----|
| 1. Ralph Henry | b. | d. |
| 2. Mary Louise | b. | d. |



**THE BEERBOWER REUNION OF SANDY CREEK GLADE (1912)**

—Sponsored by Beerbower Family Reunion

**DOROTHY ELLEN BEERBOWER** m. **AUBREY T. HOLLIDAY**

b. 10/3/1908 d. b. d.

Children

1. Patricia Ellen b. d.

**CLARENCE L. BEERBOWER** m. **ANNE HRUSKA**

b. 2/12/1909 d. b. d.

Children

1. Edith Anne b. 11/28/1941 d.

**ZAR BEERBOWER** m. **MARY ALICE SPURGEON**

b. 11/10/1848 d. 5/17/1933 b. 6/20/1856 d. 1/24/1936

Children

1. Jesse b. 1/16/1884 d.

2. Earnest b. 3/9/1885 d.

3. Augusta b. 8/16/1887 d.

4. Isa b. 2/16/1898 d.

Zar Beerbower, youngest son of Philip II and Lydia Kelly Beerbower, was a well-known citizen of Preston Co., W. Va. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. Farming occupied his time, and Zar always had a special pride in his fine horses.

**JESSE BEERBOWER** m. 1914 **DORTHA MAUD GUSEMAN**

b. 1884 d. b. d.

Children

1. Robert Wayne b. 5/4/1920 d.

Address: Markleysburg, Pa.

**EARNEST BEERBOWER** m. 1921 **MARY M. KELLY**

b. 3/9/1885 d. b. d.

Children

1. Florence Elizabeth b. 2/8/1923 d.

2. John Zar b. 2/20/1932 d.

**AUGUSTA BEERBOWER** m. 1911 **WILLIAM MITCHELL**

b. 1887 d. b. d.

Children

1. William Darrel b. 8/31/1911 d.

2. Bob Palmer b. 8/13/1919 d.

3. Alyne b. 4/2/1922 d.

4. Myron Voit b. 8/24/1925 d.

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| <b>DARRELL MITCHELL</b> | <b>m. 1933</b> | <b>DOROTHY BIRD</b> |
| <b>b. 1911</b>          | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>           |

Children

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|-----------------|-------------|----|
| 1. Janet Louise | b. 7/9/1935 | d. |
|-----------------|-------------|----|

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| <b>BOB P. MITCHELL</b> | <b>m.</b> | <b>AUDREY TEETS</b> |
| <b>b. 1919</b>         | <b>b.</b> | <b>d.</b>           |

Children

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|---------------|----|----|
| 1. Dennis Lee | b. | d. |
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| <b>ISA BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1922</b> | <b>CHARLES H. KELLY</b> |
| <b>b. 1898</b>       | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>               |

Children

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|------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Richard Doyne | b. 10/5/1929  | d. |
| 2. Doris Ruth    | b. 12/11/1933 | d. |

Address: Brandonville, W. Va.

Note: C.W.B.

Old "Bet" the sorrel mare that was at the home of my grandmother Beerbower was in the possession of my father George Stough Beerbower when I was a little boy. An old cow was named "Bloss—".

Uncle Harrison Beerbower related that my father when a young man had measles, and with other members of the family went over to the Fearer farm to get a cow out of the swamp. He took a severe cold which impaired his health ever afterwards.

Uncle Harry also related that he had a book "The Race of Man" which was printed in English which he gave to my half brother William DeBerry Beerbower, when he started to Roanoke College, Salem Virginia. Harrison started to school about 1838 or 39. Samuel DeBerry, teacher, followed by Thos Leech and Jackson Myers. The tuition was \$1.50 to \$2.00 for the term of 2 or 3 months.

He told me that at one time when the Civil War was going on, a report came to the Virginia Glades that a slave was heading that way to reach free territory by getting across the Mason and Dixon line. There was a reward of \$500 for his capture. Grandfather Beerbower was an open hearted man, and was on the look out for the slave, when he came along he was a boy about 15 or 16 years old. He was taken in the home, given food and shelter, but after dark was shown the way to the Pennsylvania line. The following morning the pursuers came into the Glades, but hearing that the boy passed through the day before, they returned south by way of Selbysport, Md.

"My Uncle Harrison Beerbower told me that the brick house of Jesse Spurgeon (Glade Farms, W. Va.) was built by Samuel Curry. The brick was made on the farm, the mud mixed by driving an ox team over the mud and sand, built 1842 or 1843.

## PART II--CHAPTER IV

### THE JOHN BEERBOWER LINE

by

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Casper Beerbower, to whom reference has been made in previous pages, and brother of Heinrich, had four sons, Casper, Henry, Jacob and John. Our interest at this point is with John, the youngest son, to whom title to land in Chester County, Pennsylvania, dated 1820, can definitely be traced. He married Louisa Sheeder, daughter of Jacob and Dorothy (Hefflestine) Sheeder. Louisa died in 1821, after a few brief years of married life, leaving two small children, Oren John (born about December, 1817), and Ruben (born on May 18, 1819).

Students of history recall this period as one of great prosperity. The Cumberland Road was being slowly extended opening up western lands to new settlers. These grants of land attracted many new settlers, and John, now sorrowing over the death of his young wife, probably traveled along the Cumberland Road into Ohio where he remarried. Here were born two sons, John and Henry, to whom later reference will be made.

Care of the two babies, Oren John and Reuben, was at first assumed by their grandmother Sheeder who died two years later. We do not know many details of their early life except to say that they later lived with several of their Chester County relatives, among them the Christman family. This is borne out by Reuben's oft told tale of Joshua (Christman), the lazy boy who just wouldn't get up to "bring those horses in", when his indulgent father called him. Another tale told by Reuben to his grand-children was that of an uncle with whom he lived who was much in demand as a fiddler at the "hoe-downs". Getting home later than seemed to please his more practically minded but scolding wife, he replied to her accusation, "Well, the wine was good and the company agreeable and so I stayed". Reuben probably visited much among his cousins in Pikeland and perhaps also came under the good influence of his father's cousin, Squire Beerbower.





**REUBEN BEERBOWER (1819-1911)**

—Sponsored by Dr. Yeager

**Reuben Beerbower—b. 1819 d. 1911**

Reuben in his early twenties married Mary S. Hartman (born June 4, 1824), the daughter of Benjamin Hartman and granddaughter of Major Peter Hartman of Revolutionary War fame. Mary is a descendent of the Rittenhouse family, direct descendent of Maximilian II, Emperor of Austria, 1572. The Hartman homestead was located on the Phoenixville Road about a mile east of Kimberton. This farm later passed to the Bronson family, the house and barn being entirely rebuilt. Across the road was the Hartman's School where the children of the community went to school, and included those of Clara, Reuben's daughter, to whom later reference will be made.

Major Peter Hartman, born in Germany, April 2, 1740, served with distinction in the Revolutionary War. He was a drill master and did much to fashion the army which was to defeat the British at Yorktown. He died in 1810 and is buried at St. Peters Lutheran Cemetery, Pikeland, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Reuben and Mary began their long and happily married life on the Ralston Farm in West Vincent Township. Later they purchased a fertile and gentle rolling farm in the French Creek Valley immediately below the historic East Vincent German Reformed Church in East

Vincent Township, Chester County. Here in the due process of time were born nine children, all but one of whom grew to adulthood and old age. These children in order of birth were:

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Benjamin Franklin (9/14/1843) | 5. Reuben Albert (10/26/1851)  |
| 2. Mary Gertrude (4/3/1845)      | 6. Emma Rebecca (12/29/1853)   |
| 3. Levi Barnard (5/14/1847)      | 7. Clara Esther (9/10/1856)    |
| 4. Penrose Wiley (12/12/1849)    | 8. John Ellsworth (12/24/1861) |
| 9. William Alfred (9/3/1864)     |                                |

Those who knew Reuben Beerbower most intimately remember him as a kind, indulgent (ofttimes too indulgent father and husband. He walked with his children up the hill to church and Sunday school of which he was the superintendent for many years. He was saving but generous, trusting all men as he trusted God. During the Civil War, he was drafted for service. Looking about on his growing family he decided that he would take advantage of the law which then permitted a draftee to purchase his exemption if he could secure a substitute. This he was able to do after miles of travel at a cost of more than \$300.00. Meanwhile, he had forbidden his oldest son who desired to take his place, although Benjamin later enlisted and served to the end of the war.

Adjoining the farm is the celebrated cemetery of twenty-two Revolutionary soldiers, now marked by the Sons of the American Revolution. These men, heroes of Valley Forge which lies nine miles distant, died in the East Vincent Reformed Church, then turned into a hospital to which the sick and wounded were removed. General Washington often visited this hospital. On one occasion he stopped for tea at the home of a great aunt of Reuben's, Mollie Benner, drinking tea at a solid walnut table now in the possession of William A. Yeager.

Due to an unfortunate investment, Reuben had to sell his farm. He moved to a small farm located on the Spring City-Phoenixville Road near what is known as Bonnie Brae Park. Here Mary, his wife, died on May 30, 1892, at the age of 67. Reuben then sold his farm and lived with his son John at his hotel in Chatham, N. J. His later years were spent at the home of his granddaughter Mabel, and lastly at his daughter, Clara, in East Vincent Township where he died June 28, 1911 at the advanced age of 92 years.

His grandchildren remember him as a kindly, quiet spoken grandfather, tall, slightly built, with goatee, retaining his faculties to the last.

He was a remarkable story teller, memories of such stories as Old Mose, the praying slave, who converted his mill owner will linger long in our memory. He traveled widely, visiting his children then scattered in many states. He and his wife are buried in East Vincent Cemetery.

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**OREN JOHN BEERBROWER**

—Courtesy of Dr. Yeager

### **Oren John Beerbrower**

The real character of a group of people is often written in terms of its community life, as they associate in their manifold relationships. The church, the school, their social life, their economic life, marriages, funerals, these and many more aspects of their living together, give a true picture. To these may be added their loves and hatreds which often extend over many generations.

Chester Springs, a rural community in Chester County, Pennsylvania, is a splendid example of this social characteristic. Tucked away among the rolling hills and winding roads, drained by the sparkling Pickering Creek, pierced by the once prosperous Pickering Valley Railroad, the sprawling village and surrounding farms tell a story of a departed people, now replaced largely with a new urban immigra-

tion. Generations of families who once lived there have long since passed away or migrated, the Dickinsons, Andersons, Stitelers, Ralstons, Fussels, Mostellers, Laffertys, and the numerous Beerbrowers.

Oren John, born Sept. 26, 1817, older son of John Beerbower by his first marriage, was placed in the home of Grandmother Fertig to be raised, upon the death of his own grandmother. For some unknown reason his name became **Beerbrower**, the **r** being retained by his family to this day. Thus it is interesting to note that three spellings of this family name occur within three generations of the immediate family. Oren settled in Chester Springs on a small farm or rather lot, of a few acres shortly after his marriage to Sarah E. Bond (born April 16, 1817) who was of Irish and German descent, on October 16, 1838. On his grandmother's farm he had learned the carpenter's trade and extended his early training by becoming a good cabinet maker. It should be remembered that, in this day, furniture was hand made and a good cabinet maker had plenty to do in winter months by making those articles which today are prized as antiques.

During the nearly eighty years of his life, Oren lived on this little farm and with his family became an integral part of the community life. Nearby was the summer hotel which attracted many city boarders, later being converted into the Soldiers' Orphans School, a remarkable institution in its day, caring for the orphan children of Civil War heroes. A half mile to the west was the Vincent Baptist Church, of tremendous influence in the life of the people of the community for nearly a century and a half. Here in its outdoor pool of clear, sparkling water were baptised the generations who now lie buried on its three sloping levels. Scarcely two miles further west is the historic Conestoga Pike, along which trudged many weary travelers to the west, and rumbled the high wheeled Conestoga wagons drawn by oxen, later horses, bearing their few precious belongings. Shortly after the Civil War, the valley was pierced by a railroad which brought a new prosperity, but also provided an easy outlet for the youth of the large families to the growing City of Brotherly Love, forty miles to the south-east.

Oren and his wife were easy going, easily satisfied, and not overly ambitious. In the little frame house were born to them eleven children over a period of twenty years. Even with the assistance of trundle beds, the little house was too small to care for the growing family. Two of the children were placed with the Andersons, bachelor and maiden relatives, farmers some two miles distant. One child passed away in

infancy, three were called to serve in the Civil War, and all left home when able to provide for themselves. Oren taught his boys his own trade which two of them developed into the machinist's trade, as the age of iron and steel gradually made its appearance.

Sarah, the mother, died May 8, 1878. After her death Oren remained in the homestead with a housekeeper until his death March 29, 1867, and who died as a girl of eight. Thee enlisted in Co. K, 97th buried along with his wife and most of his children and their deceased intimates, in a long row, the burial custom of the cemetery.

The eleven children with the dates of birth are as follows:

1. Theodore Ayres—Sept. 21, 1838
2. Sylvester Davis—Feb. 1, 1841
3. Alphe Bond—Nov. 3, 1842
4. Adilla (Ada) Hannah—Mar. 21, 1844
5. William Lingdon—Aug. 10, 1846
6. John Williams—Dec. 25, 1847
7. Frank Taylor—Oct. 28, 1849
8. Charles Fussel—Nov. 22, 1851
9. Oren Penrose—June 13, 1854
10. Reuben Prizer—June 25, 1856
11. Walter Berten—Feb. 20, 1858

1. **Theodore**—"Thee" as he was called, the eldest son, lived all of his seventy years a short distance from his parents' home. He learned the carpenter trade from his father and became a contractor and builder. Many of the houses and barns of the community were built by him or under his direction. He was a musician, playing the violin and cornet, and led the community band for many years. In those days the band was an influential social institution, riding to picnics, festivals, and family reunions in the high-wheeled, gaudily painted tally-ho, usually drawn by four horses. On Oct. 3, 1866, Thee married Clara Fowler, to whom was born one child, Iza Irene, April 29, 1867, and who died as a girl of eight. Thee enlisted in Co. K, 97th Penna. Volunteers at the outbreak of the Civil War and served three years. He fought in the battles of Hiltens Head, James Island, Morris Island, Second Cold Harbor, and all of the battles under General Butler around Petersburg up to the capture of Fort Fisher. He was twice wounded, once in the cheek with a bullet and once in the arm with a bayonet. He was discharged January, 1865. He died Feb. 8, 1908 and is buried in the family burial lot.

2. **Sylvester**—Sylvester when twenty years old enlisted in Co. B-49th Penna. Volunteers. He served in all battles from Drinville, the first one, in the Malvern Hill, and the last day of the Seven Day's battle. He was twice wounded at the Battle of Yorktown and at Malvern Hill, was hospitalized, and discharged. He later re-enlisted in General Wright's Construction Corps and served with Grant and Sherman on their march through Tennessee and Georgia, and up through the Carolinas until March, when Johnson surrendered. In these battles he was wounded in the leg by a shell fragment and later in the back, and remained a cripple all of his life. He came home discharged. On Aug. 3, 1864, he married Hannah McCoy. They migrated to Wilmington, Delaware, a thriving city nearby where he became a machinist. He died June 21, 1895.

Six children were born to them of whom two died in infancy.

Sarah married ..... Roney. She had three sons, Lawrence and Wayne, who with their mother reside in Devon, Pa., and William who resides in New York.

William was twice married. He has no children and resides in Philadelphia.

Alice married Thomas Mushlet, and had two children now deceased. She lives in Philadelphia.

Eva was always known as Mother Gore after her marriage to John Gore of a different religious faith. She still remains intensely interested in religious work.

3. **Alphe**—Died when but twenty days old and is buried at Vincent.

4. **Adilla Hannah**—Adilla was known as Aunt Ada. Joseph Anderson and his sister Rebecca, children of Adilla's mother's aunt, took her and her brother Reuben to their farm at early ages. Both of these children lived all of their lives on this farm, which is now owned by Maurice Brownback, who married Reuben's only daughter Rebecca. Adilla never married and died Jan. 24, 1896.

5. **William**—William came by his mechanical ability from his father. He enlisted in Company N-196th Penna. Volunteers when a boy of sixteen years, and served under Hooker in Western Virginia. He was discharged in Nov. 1864 after the battles at Fisher's Hill. He was wounded with a sword cut in the forehead and shell fragment in the leg, and again wounded in the mouth with the butt of a gun in the

guerilla fighting for the possession of the western counties. Upon his return from the war, he began as a carpenter; later moved to Pottstown and became an engineer with the Geo. B. Lessig Iron Co. On Feb. 2, 1871 he married Emily A. T. Law (born Mar. 6, 1852), a woman of French-Irish descent. In later years he moved to a farm in Warwick Township, Chester County, adjoining the Seven Days Graveyard. He died in Norristown, Oct. 8, 1922 and is buried at Vincent.

William had five children:

Adilla Elizabeth (born Nov. 20, 1871) married Oswin Ziegenfuss at the age of twenty. One daughter was born to them who died on the day of her birth (Oct. 23, 1894). Adilla died July 18, 1895.

Frank J. (born May 12, 1877) married Gertrude Reigner on July 4, 1899. Three children were born to them: Ella A. (June 9, 1900), Sara J. C. (May 23, 1903), and William L. (Oct. 23, 1906). The latter was accidentally killed Feb. 12, 1911.

William Davis (born Sept. 27, 1879) lived a little more than a year.

Sara Eliza (born Jan. 20, 1885) has been office manager of the Philip Carey Manufg. Co., at Plymouth Meeting for forty years. In 1934 she constructed a handsome residence in memory of her father on the old homestead at Chester Springs. She is unmarried and lives at 1431 Pine Street, Norristown.

Pearl Leree (born June 15, 1891) married Robert Fry, a clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad on Aug. 25, 1917. They have one daughter, Emily Leree, born June 4, 1924. Emily is a student at Tufts College, Medford, Mass. They reside at 1431 Pine Street, Norristown, Pa.

6. **John**—John married Elizabeth Hollsworth Oct. 3, 1869. He divorced her and married again. A son was born of the second marriage. John died Mar. 27, 1924.

7. **Frank**—Frank gave up the carpenter trade and decided to enter the ministry. A short time before his marriage to a young converted Jewish girl, he contracted typhoid fever and passed away Feb. 10, 1873.

8. **Charles**—Charles remained a life time bachelor. Having learned carpentry from his father, he preferred to work at farm labor, shifting from place to place in and about Warwick. He passed away April 28, 1920.

9. **Oren**—Oren was known as Uncle Pen. He married .....

Herrington May 25, 1876. There were two children: Irene (now deceased) who had a son Charles, now married and living in Philadelphia, and George who died unmarried. Oren died Sept. 23, 1897.

10. **Reuben**—Reuben from his early life lived with his relatives, the Andersons, on their farm on the Conestoga Pike, leaving it only long enough, as he always remarked, to go to Wilmington and bring home his young wife. She was Mary Shelton, born in Maryland on Aug. 31, 1860. One daughter was born to them, Rebecca (Jan. 18, 1881). Upon the death of the Andersons, Reuben operated the farm until his death in 1923. Rebecca, his daughter, also has always lived on this farm. She married Maurice Brownback, who, with his wife, maintains the original acreage. In the farmhouse on this property will be found many pictures and other mementos of the Beerbrower family. Rebecca is reliably informed on much of the family history, and in her charming manner relates many interesting events of past generations.

11. **Walter**—Walter, the youngest son of Oren, began the study of the ministry. Unfortunately, he passed away before he was able to finish his course of study, Dec. 8, 1880.

The community of Chester Springs presents marked changes to one who knew it many years ago. Not a single Beerbrower name can be found, with the lone exception of Sara on the mailbox of her memorial. The farms have passed on the men of city wealth, Chief Justice Roberts of the United States Supreme Court having purchased four of them, along with other men of like prominence. The railroad is almost a memory. The Orphans School where the farmers sold their produce is no more; in its place is an Art School. The Church remains with its sparkling pool and rows of white stones. But the country is still beautiful in June, a silent reminder of the great renewing power of the Creator who doeth all things well.

William Allison Yeager

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### Benjamin Beerbrower

When Benjamin, his oldest son, returned from the war, where he served on the staff of General Butler's army, he purchased in partnership with his brother-in-law, Henry Hallman, the bloom (iron) business in Spring City. He married Henry's older sister, Susan, in 1867 who died of tuberculosis shortly thereafter. In 1871, he married



her younger sister, Mary, an unusual coincidence. Benjamin died without issue on May 21, 1873, only 30 years of age, a life of unusual promise suddenly cut short.

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### **Mary Gertrude Beerbower**

Mary Gertrude was 26 when she married Henry Hallman (born 1844) of near Royersford. Henry entered the bloom business in Spring City and became a shrewd business man, amassing a considerable fortune. To them was born one child who died in infancy. Gertrude, as she was called, sold her home and built another in Spring City with the money she had inherited and saved through the years. Here Henry died in 1912. She then removed to Chatham, N. J., to be near her brothers John and Levi, building a mansion of some 14 rooms. Unfortunately, Gertrude had been saving money for so long a time that she never learned to enjoy it. She had beautiful things but she never used them, a beautiful home with no one to enjoy it. Here she died January 18, 1928, at the advanced age of 83 years. She, with her husband and infant child, are buried in the East Vincent cemetery near her birthplace.

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### **Levi Barnard Beerbower**

Levi Barnard, growing to young manhood and pressed by younger brothers left the farm and went to Phoenixville, a thriving iron town four miles away. Here he acquired an interest in the pottery business in which he was to make and lose several fortunes. Of pleasing personality and a sense of humor, and having a way with ladies, he won the heart of Sallie Stephens, a belle of the town, one of five sisters whose father was owner of the Washington Hotel. They were married August, 1872. To them was born one daughter, Eleanor. Levi moved to Elizabeth, N. J., purchasing an interest in a pottery there. This he subsequently lost during the panic of 1893. Again becoming prosperous and losing again in business depressions, he was able to retrieve his former losses and died in prosperous circumstances—April 28, 1930.

His daughter, Eleanor (born July 18, 1874), never married. She lived the life of a cultured woman, spending much time with her four maiden aunties in Phoenixville. She died in Elizabeth, N. J., a few months before her father. She is buried with her parents in Morris cemetery, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

**Penrose Wiley Beerbower**

Penrose Wiley also left the farm and started in the brick business in Phoenixville. On November 28, 1872 he married Martha Brownback, a descendent of the Brownback family whose history is carefully recorded in another volume. To them were born three children:

Henry Claude (May 10, 1874)

Mary Elizabeth (Aug. 23, 1876)

Reuben Franklin (Feb. 8, 1890)

Selling his brick business in Phoenixville, Penrose moved with his wife and two children to Nebraska during the western migrations, later entering the real estate business in Omaha. Here they lived many years. He and his wife, Martha, both died in Chicago at their daughter Mary's home at advanced ages, Penrose, July 24, 1932 and Martha, Oct. 17, 1934. They are buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha, Nebraska.

Henry Claude graduated from the Creighton Medical College, Omaha, in 1900. He entered the Medical Corps, U. S. Army, 1901, serving in the United States, 13 years in the Philippines, two years in China and 2 years in France. In 1906, he married Hilda Evelyn Mercer, born in Dublin, Ireland, August 6, 1876. They have no children. He was retired in 1935 with the rank of Major, U. S. Army. He lives at Sandy Lane, Berlin, Maryland.

Mary Elizabeth on December 22, 1902 married Orrin Edgar Klapp, now a successful coffee merchant (born June 1, 1874). Mary is a writer of note and a woman of culture. To them were born two children: Orrin Edgar, Jr., (Oct. 26, 1915) and Mary Elizabeth Martha (May 21, 1919).

Orrin, Jr., completed his doctorate requirements at the University of Chicago and is now with the Air Corps Intelligence Department, Washington. He married Evelyn Gilbert and lives at 730 N. Oakland Street, Apt. 34, Arlington County, Virginia.

Mary Elizabeth Martha is now a student at the University of Chicago from which she will soon graduate. The Klapp family resides at 5731 Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Reuben Franklin, the youngest son of Penrose, has been a life long resident of Nebraska and now resides with his wife, Bethel (born June 8, 1891) at 2425 Templeton Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska. Dorothy

Marie (born July 11, 1916), their daughter, resides with her husband, John. in Omaha.

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### **Reuben Albert Beerbower**

Reuben Albert, fifth child of Reuben, died of pneumonia, May 21, 1862, catching cold one day as he came home from school. Sweet tempered and religious like his father, he had a deep spiritual influence on his brothers and sisters, being then only ten years of age. He is buried in East Vincent Cemetery.

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### **Emma Rebecca Beerbower**

Emma Rebecca, the second daughter, was nearly eight years younger than her sister, Mary Gertrude, and much more prepossessing. She married Frank King, a promising young engineer friend of her younger brother, William, and went with him about 1880 to the Far West where he became chief engineer of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad of Denver. Unfortunately, she was taken ill and passed away at the early age of 27 years. Her body was brought east and is buried with her father and mother in East Vincent Cemetery. She had no children.

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### **Clara Esther Beerbower**

Clara Esther, third and youngest daughter of Reuben, inherited the mild, pleasing disposition of her father. She attended the little one-room Benner school as did her brothers and sisters, and later the new one built at Hickory Grove. The old Yeager Homestead, originally a direct grant from William Penn, joined the Beerbower farm and perhaps it was over the dividing fences while barefooted with sun-bonnet and apron that she met Allison Emery Yeager (born November 3, 1853) whom she was to marry on Thanksgiving Day, 1877. They moved to Kimberton, three miles distant where they operated a village store, creamery and market business for nearly 25 years. To them were born four children:

Mabel Mary Martha (born July 5, 1879)

John Reuben (born April 4, 1884)

Clarence Earle (born February 8, 1886)

William Allison (born April 28, 1889)

In 1903, they moved to the old Yeager Homestead and later to Spring City where Clara passed away on April 20, 1913 at the age of 56. Allison moved to Portland, Oregon, where he remarried. He died December 20, 1937. They are both buried in St. Vincent Reformed Cemetery.

Mabel, Clara's only daughter, was a trained nurse before her marriage to Granville W. Holman (born Feb. 11, 1881). Much of her married life was spent on farms near Kimberton. For some years she has been teaching in the Schuylkill Township Public Schools. Three children were born to her, namely:

Joseph Warren (born Sept. 21, 1905)

Esther Yeager (born Nov. 2, 1907)

Charlotte Ida (born Sept. 21, 1909)

Mabel and her daughter, Charlotte, live at Mont Clare, Pennsylvania.

Joseph married Alberta Dick (born March 21, 1910) on Sept. 8, 1930. To them were born three children:

Joseph W. (born March 20, 1933)

Richard (born June 20, 1936)

Betty Jane (born Oct. 21, 1938)

He is district manager of the Lawn and Golf Supply Company with headquarters in Philadelphia and lives at 7405 Georgian Road, West Oak Lane, Philadelphia.

Esther, before her marriage on Sept. 28, 1929 to William Peter Hansell III (born June 8, 1904), was a stenographer. To them was born one daughter, Lois Esther (Oct. 20, 1933). They reside at 1808 Plymouth Street, West Oak Lane, Philadelphia. Her husband is a painter contractor, while Esther is employed as a stenographer.

Charlotte Ida graduated from the Philadelphia Normal School. She is a teacher in the Norristown Public Schools and resides with her mother in Mont Clare, Pennsylvania.

John Reuben, oldest son of Clara, lived at home with his parents for many years, having never married. He died in Portland, Oregon, in 1932 and is buried at St. Vincent Reformed cemetery.

Clarence Earle graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1912. Immediately he set out for the Far West and located in Portland, Oregon, where he has since been a practicing attorney at the State of Oregon bar. On Feb. 8, 1912, he married Mary Elsie Francis (born 1888). One son, Donald Byron (Aug. 17, 1913), was born of this union. Elsie died in Portland on September 21, 1920. Clarence thereafter married Lela Brooks on July 25, 1925. They reside on a ranch near Portland, Oregon. Donald graduated from the Law School of the University of Oregon. In 1940, he entered the armed forces and is now a Lieutenant in the Air Corps, stationed at De Ridder, Louisiana, with his wife, Helen Welch.

William Allison was born in Kemberton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Ursinus College in 1914 and the University of Pennsylvania (M.A. 1918, Ph.D. 1929). He married Edna Mae Krout (born May 30, 1892) on the same day of the month as the death of Mary, Reuben Beerbower's wife. To them was born one son, Kenneth William (born Oct. 16, 1917). Edna died on Dec. 2, 1930 and is buried in the St. Vincent Reformed cemetery.

William was a teacher and superintendent of schools from 1914-1927. In 1929, he became head of the Department of Education at the State Teachers College in Kutztown. From 1930 to 1934 he was with the Department of Public Instruction at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Since 1934, he has been Professor of Education at the University of Pittsburgh. William thereafter married Alice Y. Danehower (Jan. 1, 1932) who was at the time of her marriage supervising principal of the Plymouth Township Schools, Norristown, Pa. William is the author of several books and contributes to many educational journals. He resides at 5881 Marlborough Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Kennett William studied sociology at the Universities of Pittsburgh, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. He will receive his doctorate in 1942. During the past year, he has been instructor in sociology at the Pennsylvania College for Women in Pittsburgh.

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### **John Ellsworth Beerbower**

John Ellsworth, eighth child of Reuben, was the namesake of his grandfather. He spent the greater part of his life in New Jersey. He married Anna Staats in 1883. They have five children:

Violet (born July 15, 1884)

John Reuben (born July 4, 1886; died 1887)

Mary F. (born Dec. 5, 1887; died Dec. 14, 1901)

Harold Staats (born April 30, 1890)

Helen Clara (born Nov. 27, 1901)

He was engaged in the hotel business and later became a broker in New York, retiring to a beautiful citrus plantaion in Tangerine, Florida, where he died Jan. 30, 1933.

Violet was a teacher of piano for many years until she met and married (June 4, 1921) William Rutan Bailey (born March 30, 1886) of Newark, N. J. They are now living in Winter Park, Florida, where "Bill" is engaged in the real estate and insurance business. They have no children.

Harold was also a life long resident of New Jersey. He married Edna Denman (born May 12, 1889) on June 7, 1916. For some years he owned and operated the Point Pleasant (N. J.) Inn. He died in Winter Park, Florida, Nov. 4, 1935. Harold and Edna have had six children:

Dorothy (born Jan. 17, 1917) who married Lieutenant John E. Bruton, now in the service. She is a bank teller in Winter Park, Florida, and after the death of her father became the mainstay of her family.

Virginia (born Oct. 26, 1919) who married Samuel S. Sadler, Jr., and lives in Winter Park. They have one daughter, Judith Ellen.

Ruth (born May 15, 1921)

Betty (born Jan. 21, 1924)

Harold (born Sept. 19, 1926)

Edna (born May 24, 1928)

Ruth, Betty Harold and Edna live at home with their mother in Winter Park. It is significant to note that the hope of preservation of this line lies in Harold, since he is the only surviving male of the present generation.

Helen, youngest child of John, lives in Lovell, Maine. On March 27, 1926, she married John Moody Farrington (born Aug. 23, 1903). They have three children:

John William (born July 4, 1927)

Mary Jean (born April 26, 1929)

James Peter (born Aug. 14, 1930)

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### **William Alfred Beerbower**

William Alfred, the youngest son of Reuben, migrated to the Far West at the age of eighteen years, where starting as a stake driver in railroad construction of the eighties, rose steadily until he became a civil engineer with headquarters in Denver, Colorado. He was associated with several lines, notably the Denver and Western (Moffat Road) famous for its engineering skill. In September, 1890, he married Flora de Beque of French descent to whom were born two sons: Dumont (April 5, 1891) and Randolph DeBeque (born Dec. 14, 1895; died 1909). William subsequently moved to Washington, D. C. and later returned to Denver. In October, 1907, he was married a second time to Blanche V. Hough. He died in San Diego, California and is buried in Denver, Colorado.

Dumont, the older son of William, was born in Denver. He came East with his parents and subsequently engaged in advertising and insurance businesses. On April 25, 1918, he married Margaret Stephens (born Sept. 14, 1896) in Memphis, Tennessee. They are now living in Washington, D. C., where Dumont is District Manager, Reliance Insurance Company, Woodward Building, Room 900. They have three daughters:

Mary Lou (Dec. 20, 1919)

Barbara (Aug. 30, 1922)

Margaret (May 11, 1925)

In reviewing this branch of the family, one observes several distinguishing characteristics. They were a sturdy line of Pennsylvania Germans who intermarried among each other, maintaining a strong inclination in earlier years toward the soil. Later generations definitely gravitated away from the farm into business and the professions. Undoubtedly some influenced the destinies of this country in becoming a part of the western migration which developed a new nation. In earlier generations they were religious, perhaps now not as much as they might be. Throughout they have striven for an education, none being illiterate, and in recent years college and university education being characteristic. They were patriotic, industrious, and

sought to preserve the ideals, traditions and heritage of the American life. Recent generations should seek to emulate their example.

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### DR. WILLIAM ALLISON YEAGER

"YEAGER, William Allison, Univ. Prof.; b. Kimberton, Pa., April 28, 1889; s. Allison E. and Esther Clara (Beerbower) A. B., Ursinus Coll., 1914; A. M., U. of Pa., 1918, Ph.D., 1929; m. Edna M. Krout, Nov. 25, 1914; 1 son, Kennett William; m. 2nd, Alicè Y. Danehower, Jan. 1, 1932. Teacher in pub. and high schs. and supt. pub. schs., 1914-27; head dept. edn., Kutztown State Teachers Coll., 1927-30; with Teacher Div., Dept. Pub Instrn., Harrisburg, Pa., 1930-34; prof. edn. and dir. courses in sch. administrn., U. of Pittsburgh, since 1934. Mem Nat. and Pa. edn. assn., Am Assn. Sch. Administrs. Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Phi Kappa. Republican, Methodist, Mason, Author; Home-School-Community Relations, 1939. The Management of Pupil Personnel, 1942. Contbr. articles, reports and researches to ednl. journals. 1939 Who's Who In America."

See "Pa. German Pioneers"—Strassberger & Hinke. Port of entry, Phil., Pa. Vol. I p/127/141/142.

Peter Yeager, from Rotterdam. Took oath of allegiance Sept. 12, 1734.

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## PART II--CHAPTER V

**CASPER BEERBOWER** m. **CHRISTINIA REIBER**  
b. 5/20/1782 d. 8/1851 b. 4/2/1784 d. 12/15/1849

### Children

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|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Peter        | b. 10/10/1808 | d. 12/10/1877   |
| 2. Margaret     | b. 8/5/1810   | d. 1885         |
| 3. Sarah        | b. 8/24/1812  | d. 1873 or 1875 |
| 4. Eleazer John | b. 4/24/1815  | d. 10/24/1884   |
| 5. George A.    | b. 8/11/1817  | d. 1897         |
| 6. Samuel       | b. 12/6/1824  | d. 10/18/1890   |

Casper and Christinia Reiber Beerbower were buried at Marion, Ohio.  
See "German Pioneers" for Reiber entry.

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**PETER BEERBOWER** m. 1835 **ELIZA PAULINE GEIGER**  
b. 1808 d. 1877 b. d. 1895

### Children

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|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Infant son           | b.           | d. 7/6/1836   |
| 2. Harriet Valeria      | b. 3/5/1838  | d. 5/2/1885   |
| 3. Alpha Elizabeth      | b. 6/13/1840 | d.            |
| 4. Anna Eliza           | b. 11/5/1843 | d.            |
| 5. William Chapman Nast | b. 3/9/1853  | d. 1930       |
| 6. Infant son           | b.           | d. 12/25/1854 |

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**HARRIET V. BEERBOWER** m. 1856 **GEORGE FRANKLIN**  
b. 3/5/1838 d. 5/2/1885 b. 11/19/1828 d. 10/13/1911

### Children

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|-------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Florence | b. 9/23/1859 | d. |
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Florence Franklin married W. H. Anderson. Their child, Mary E., married Wm. Taafel.

Note by Florence Anderson: My mother's father was Peter Beerbower of Marion, O. He held numerous offices in the city and was county treasurer of Marion Co., and Recorder and postmaster of Marion at different times. He was prominent in the Masonic fraternity having been a 33rd degree Mason. Peter Beerbower, my grandfather, was born in Pa. in 1808.

Address: 269 Moull St., Newark, O.

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**ALPHA E. BEERBOWER** m. 1865 **WILLIAM H. KENNEDY**  
b. d. b. d.

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**WILLIAM C. N. BEERBOWER** m. **EMMA OLIVE AUSTIN**  
b. 3/9/1853 d. 4/12/1933 b. 7/30/1853 d. 12/20/1876

**Children**

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|---------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Wilhelmine | b. 4/19/1878 | d. |
| 2. Josephine  | b. 5/14/1879 | d. |

**WILHELMINE BEERBOWER** m. **GOMSRUD**  
**b. 4/19/1878 d. b. d.**

Address: 1523 S. E.-37 ave., Portland, Oregon.

**ELEAZER JOHN BEERBOWER** m. **MATILDA L. McKELVEY**  
**b. 4/24/1815 d. 10/24/1884 b. 1/27/1823 d. 7/18/1900**

The above couple married at Winchester, Ohio, July 3, 1839.

**Children**

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|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Pulaski        | b. 4/1840     | d. 4/10/1840  |
| 2. Casper         | b. 4/1840     | d. 1/25/1841  |
| 3. Samuel Taylor  | b. 11/10/1842 | d. 7/1902     |
| 4. Stephen Russel | b. 8/11/1844  | d. 2/25/1905  |
| 5. George         | b. 8/11/1844  | d. 8 14/1844  |
| 6. James McKelvey | b. 1/2/1848   | d. 2/15/1911  |
| 7. Edgar Peter    | b. 6/28/1849  | d.            |
| 8. Mary Emma      | b. 3/10/1852  | d.            |
| 9. Eleazer John   | b. 5/10/1858  | d. 10 24/1882 |

**SAMUEL TAYLOR BEERBOWER** m. **IRENE PETERS**  
**b. 11/10/1842 d. 7/1902 b. d.**

**Children**

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| 1. Cornell | b. | d. |
| 2. Wilson  | b. | d. |

**JAMES McKELVEY BEERBOWER** m. **ELLA HOXTER (1st wife)**  
**b. 1/2/1848 d. 2/15/1911 b. d.**

**Children**

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|------------|----|----|
| 1. Charles | b. | d. |
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**JAMES M. BEERBOWER** m. **CARRIE DeFRAITES (2nd wife)**  
**b. 1/2/1848 d. 2/15/1911 b. d.**

The above couple married at Springfield, Ill., Jan. 7, 1888.

**Children**

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|-------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Zoe Rose | b. 2/28/1889 | d. |
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**EDGAR PETER BEERBOWER** m. **ANNA SPRINGSTEEN**  
b. 6/28/1849 d. b. d.

**Children**

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|--------------|----|----|
| 1. Robert    | b. | d. |
| 2. Edgar     | b. | d. |
| 3. Mary Emma | b. | d. |
| 4. May       | b. | d. |

**MARY EMMA BEERBOWER** m. **ASHFORD LINGENFELTER**  
b. 3/10/1852 d. b. 10/11/1847 d.

**Children**

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|------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Carl Elsworth | b. 9/10/1875 | d. |
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**CARL E. LINGENFELTER** m. **ELLA De ROSEAR**  
b. 9/21/1875 d. b. d.

**Children**

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|---------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Helen Lois       | b. 3/4/1906  | d. |
| 2. Florence Louella | b. 1/25/1911 | d. |

Carl Ellsworth Lingenfelter was educated in the public schools of Indianapolis, Ind. He entered Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind., where he graduated in 1896. He worked for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. company at Topeka, Kansas, where he drew plans for the setting of machinery for their new shops. He then took employment with the Scully Steel and Iron Co., in 1902 at Chicago, Ill., and is Supt. of the machinery dept. at this time. (1912)

Information furnished by Mrs. Emma Beerbower Lingenfelter, Indianapolis.

**ELEAZER JOHN BIERBOWER** m. **JOSEPHINE JANIS**  
b. 1858 d. b. d.

**Children**

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|----------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Elsie Janis | b. 3/16/1889 | d. |
| 2. John Percy  | b.           | d. |

Eleazer John was known as J. E. Bierbower. The family lived at Columbus, Ohio, where his daughter, Elsie Janis, was born. For a number of years he was in business in New York City. In later years he resided in California where he married a second time.

**ELSIE JANIS BIERBOWER** m. 1932 **GILBERT WILSON**  
b. 3/16/1889 d. b. d.

Elsie Janis long will be remembered by her many successes on Broadway. From the age of 16 she was a theatre celebrity. She toured the world with her mother who was her constant companion. During the World War 1 she entertained and cheered the soldiers everywhere. She has been rightly called the "Sweet-heart of the A. E. F." She now resides in Beverly Hills, Cal.

See "Who's Who for further information.

Percy Bierbower starred in "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch".

**GEORGE A. BEERBOWER** m. **MARGARET V. WOLGAMOT**  
b. 8/11/1817 d.3/9/1896 b. 12/29/1825 d. 2/11/1889

Both of above born in Washington Co., Md., buried at Winterset, Iowa. Were married at Millersburg, Ohio, May 22, 1842.

**Children**

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|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Andrew Caspar   | b. 6/7/1843   | d. 6/7/1864  |
| 2. Albert A.       | b. 10/21/1845 | d. 5/4/1890  |
| 3. Helen Virginia  | b. 3/14/1847  | d.           |
| 4. Cornelia        | b. 12/17/1848 | d. 5/15/1854 |
| 5. George Marshall | b. 8/10/1854  | d. 1941      |
| 6. Charles         | b. 1/18/1856  | d. 6/12/1881 |
| 7. Orange Judd     | b. 6/22/1858  | d. 5/26/1910 |
| 8. Jessie Benton   | b. 12/11/1862 | d. 1/1/1889  |
| 9. Fred S.         | b. 2/16/1865  | d.           |

Note: Orange Judd died at Corbett, Oregon, buried at Winterset.

"We are descended from Caspar Bierbower who emigrated to this country about 1752 with his brother Philip. I cannot give you even our grandfather's name, but the above is dates of Father's and our own family. We know nothing of father's brothers or sisters except of his brother Samuel Beerbower (deceased) whose wife and daughter, Bertha Beerbower Bare live at Winterset, Iowa.

Authority for above: Fred and Fannie Beerbower, Thief River Falls, Minn.

**HELEN VIRGINIA BIERBOWER** m. **CHESTER S. BENNETT**  
b. 3/14/1847 d. 10/3/1913 b. d.

**Children**

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|-------------------|----|---------------|
| 1. Helen          | b. | d. 12/26/1941 |
| 2. Harry Fletcher | b. | d.            |

Helen Bennett, writer and traveler, was a very talented woman. She wrote textbooks on American History. For many years she lived in Paris where she studied music and was an active member of the American Woman's Club.

**FRED S. BEERBOWER** m. 1890 **MARY FRANCES PRICE**  
b. 2/16/1865 d. b. 4/11/1866 d. 12/12/1922

**Children**

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|--------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Meryl Llewellyn | b. 5/5/1891  | d. |
| 2. Jessie Beatrice | b. 3/31/1893 | d. |
| 3. Glenna Maenita  | b. 8/14/1896 | d. |
| 4. Fern Lorraine   | b. 10/6/1899 | d. |
| 5. Lysle Wolgamot  | b. 7/1/1905  | d. |
| 6. Thayer Price    | b. 2/17/1909 | d. |

Fred S. Beerbower, son of Margaret Wolgamot and George Albert Beerbower, was born in 1865 near Winterset, Iowa. He remained at the homestead until after his marriage. They moved to Thief River Falls where he bought a farm and built a beautiful home on the Red Lake River. Here he bought land for seven dollars an acre when in Iowa land was sixty to one hundred dollars an acre. They lived here for about twenty years. After the death of his wife he wished to get away from the farm. He picked the best Shetland ponies from the

herd he had raised, and with his son and daughter toured the United States and Cuba with a pony ride. After touring with shows and carnivals for several years, after which they returned to Thief River Falls. He is a true horseman and lover of all fine stock. He is an assistant to the veterinarian in Thief River Falls.

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| <b>MERYL L. BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1922</b> | <b>HENRIETTA KNIGHT</b> |
| <b>b. 5/5/1891 d.</b>     | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>               |

M. L. Beerbower is employed in the Boeing Airplane factory. Address: 11750 20th Ave., N. E., Seattle, Wash.

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Jessie Beatrice Beerbower is unmarried. She traveled with her father and now resides in Thief River Falls, Minn.

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| <b>GLENNA M. BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1921</b> | <b>CARL OSCAR OLSON</b> |
| <b>b. 8/14/1896 d.</b>     | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>               |

**Children**

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|------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Ardith Glenna | b. 3/18/1922 | d. |
| 2. Glenn Raynold | b. 7/17/1923 | d. |
| 3. Maxine Verona | b. 2/20/1928 | d. |
| 4. Robert Glenn  | b. 3/22/1930 | d. |

Glenna Beerbower Olson is a conservative homemaker and a most capable and companionable mother. Her daughter, Ardith is very interested in family history and she furnished all of the material concerning F. S. Beerbower's family. The family reside on a farm near Holt, Minn.

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| <b>FERN LORRAINE BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1930</b> | <b>WILLIAM HEROM</b> |
| <b>b. 10/6/1899 d.</b>         | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>            |

The Heroms reside on a farm near Middle River, Minn.

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| <b>LYSLE WOLGAMOT BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1933</b> | <b>VIRGINIA NELSON</b> |
| <b>b. 7/1/1905 d.</b>           | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>              |

L. W. Beerbower is employed in a garage in Wenatchee, Wash.

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| <b>THAYER PRICE BEERBOWER</b> | <b>m. 1939</b> | <b>LOIS WILLIAMS</b> |
| <b>b. 2/17/1909 d.</b>        | <b>b.</b>      | <b>d.</b>            |

**Children**

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|--------------------|----|----|
| 1. Bernice LaDoris | b. | d. |
|--------------------|----|----|

Thayer P. Beerbower at seventeen went alone to Chicago. Since he was a lover of fine horses, an excellent horseman and rider he was employed several places including the Black Horse Troop as trainer, rider, and groom. He traveled with his father and sister. He has traveled extensively and at present is employed in the Navy Yards at Bremerton, Wash.

**SAMUEL BEERBOWER**

m.

**JANE HUGGINS**

b. 12/6/1824 d. 1890

b.

d.

**Children**

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|--------------|----|----|
| 1. Olive     | b. | d. |
| 2. Casper S. | b. | d. |
| 3. Bertha    | b. | d. |

**BERTHA BEERBOWER**

m.

**BEN F. BARE**

b. d.

b.

d.

**Children**

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|------------|----|----|
| 1. Richard | b. | d. |
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Bertha Beerbower Bare's experiences and travels would fill an adventure book to the cover, for she has roamed the world for many years—three times around the world. Although her "permanent address" is Winterset, Iowa, her interesting cards and letters would finally bring an answer from somewhere about the seven seas. She has taught in various colleges and universities in the Orient, China, Philippines, and Egypt. She is a contributor to a midwestern newspaper syndicate. At the present time (1942) she is County Chairman of the Red Cross, and is located at 120 Charles St., Annapolis, Md. Mrs. Bare's son, Lieutenant Colonel Bare, (U. S. Naval Academy 1924) is now (1942) on the General's Staff in Marine Base in Quantico, Va. His wife, Elizabeth Lowes Bare, is from Baltimore. They have one daughter, Nancy Jane, 14 years old. Lieut. Col. Bare has served foreign duty in China and Cuba.

**SUSAN BEERBOWER\***

m.

**JACOB GILMORE**

b. 12/3/1798 d. 1836

b.

d.

**Children**

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|--------------|--------------|----|
| 1. John      | b.           | d. |
| 2. Jonas     | b.           | d. |
| 3. Elias     | b.           | d. |
| 4. Henry     | b.           | d. |
| 5. Elizabeth | b.           | d. |
| 6. Sarah     | b. 3/19/1823 | d. |

\* Record from Salem Lutheran Church, known as Strayers, near Dover, York Co., Pa. "Philip and Elizabeth Bierbauer had a daughter, Susanna, b. Aug. 1787. (died in infancy.) Susan Bierbauer b. 12/3/1798".

**ELIAS GILMORE**

m.

**HULDA RUSH**

b. d.

b.

d.

**Children****JACOB R. GILMORE**

m.

**KATERINE BORROWS**

b. d.

b.

d.

**MARGARET GILMORE** m. 1861 **ASAHEL BECKWORTH**  
b. 4/3/1840 d. 10/4/1933 b. 12/20/1812 d. 3/24/1892

Children

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|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Omer S.      | b. 1/19/1863 | d. 8 21/1867 |
| 2. Otto Q.      | b. 9/14/1864 | d.           |
| 3. Orisan Elias | b. 6 15/1867 | d. 5/7/1926  |

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**OTTO Q. BECKWORTH** m. 1886 **KATHERINE M. GIBBS**  
b. 1864 d. b. 4/28/1866 d. 1/16/1931

Children

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|-----------|--------------|------------|
| 1. Oma    | b.           | d. Infancy |
| 2. Asahel | b. 7/16/1891 | d.         |

**ASAHEL D. BECKWORTH** m. 1918 **GRACE WILLIAMS**  
b. 1891 d. b. 3/13/1899 d.

Note: No history of the early settlement of the state of Nebraska would be complete that did not include the family of Gilmore—there is a satisfaction and even pride for one to know that he or she has at least been well born".

O. Q. Beckworth, Burbank, California.

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**LYDIA A. GILMORE** m. **NIMROD DIXON**  
b. d. b. d.

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**SEBASTIAN GILMORE** m. 1872 **LURA RANDALL**  
b. 3/2/1847 d. b. 4/15/1852 d. 3/6/1914

Children

- |                   |               |             |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Oden Sebastian | b. 5 4 1878   | d.          |
| 2. Robert Leroy   | b. 3 16/1889  | d. 2/1/1936 |
| 3. Blancha Iona   | b. 12/26/1890 | d.          |

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**ODEN SEBASTIAN GILMORE** m. 1912 **HELEN CONANT**  
b. 5/4/1878 d. b. 11/26/1891 d.

Children

- |                  |               |    |
|------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Wilson Conant | b. 8 5/1913   | d. |
| 2. Doris Evelyn  | b. 11/10/1915 | d. |
| 3. Robert Rush   | b. 11/11/1919 | d. |

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**WILSON CONANT GILMORE** m. 1942 **BETTE RUBELMAN**  
b. 8/5/1913 d. b. d.

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|----------------------------|----|-------------------|
| <b>ROBERT RUSH GILMORE</b> | m. | <b>RUTH</b> ..... |
| b. 11/11/1919 d.           | b. | d.                |

|                             |         |                      |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| <b>ROBERT LEROY GILMORE</b> | m. 1920 | <b>LONIE GEMPLER</b> |
| b. 3/16/1889 d. 2/1/1936    | b.      | d.                   |

|                             |              |                        |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| <b>BLANCHE IONA GILMORE</b> | m. 1914      | <b>CHARLES R. BUCY</b> |
| b. 12/26/1890 d.            | b. 6/27/1886 | d.                     |

|                     |    |                        |
|---------------------|----|------------------------|
| <b>MARY GILMORE</b> | m. | <b>ALFRED G. COREY</b> |
| b. d.               | b. | d.                     |

|                       |    |                      |
|-----------------------|----|----------------------|
| <b>SABINA GILMORE</b> | m. | <b>NELSEN CREECH</b> |
| b. d.                 | b. | d.                   |

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|--------------------------|----|------------------------|
| <b>WALTER C. GILMORE</b> | m. | <b>SARAH ARMSTRONG</b> |
| b. d.                    | b. | d. 6/11/1922           |

John W. and Arminda J. Gilmore were never married.  
 Authority for Susan Beerbower Gilmore line, O. S. Gilmore, Attorney, York, Nebraska.

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|----------------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| <b>SARAH GILMORE</b> | m. | <b>WILLIAM MITCHELL (1st husband)</b> |
| b. 3/19/1823 d.      | b. | d. 1846                               |
| <b>Children</b>      |    |                                       |

- |                    |    |         |
|--------------------|----|---------|
| 1. Hulda J.        | b. | d.      |
| 2. William Beckrun | b. | d. 1906 |

|                      |         |                                |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| <b>SARAH GILMORE</b> | m. 1852 | <b>JOHN BOYD (2nd husband)</b> |
| b. 3/19/1823 d.      | b.      | d.                             |
| <b>Children</b>      |         |                                |

- |                |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|
| 1. Lydia       | b. | d. |
| 2. Eliza Ann   | d. | b. |
| 3. John Dawson | b. | d. |

Lydia married I. L. Collins.

Eliza Ann married Calvin Bryner of Ohiopyle. They had two daughters, Maud E. Bryner of Ohiopyle and Nettie Bryner Kelly of Warren, Ohio.

John Dawson Boyd, II, of Somerfield, Pa.



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## PART II--CHAPTER VI

**CASPER BIERBOWER II** m. 1837 **LYDIA SHELLEY**  
b. 9/22/1806 d. 3/25/1857 b. 4/10/1808 d. 10/12/1860

### Children

|                  |             |         |
|------------------|-------------|---------|
| 1. Lydia Ann     | b. ....1838 | d. 1839 |
| 2. William Henry | b. 1840     | d. 1899 |
| 3. Washington    | b. 1842     | d. 1916 |
| 4. Austin        | b. 1844     | d. 1913 |
| 5. Vincent       | b. 1847     | d. 1900 |
| 6. Ellis         | b. 1850     | d. 1899 |

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**WASHINGTON BIERBOWER** m. 1860 **ANNA M. BECK**  
b. 1/18/1842 d. 1916 b. d.

### Children

|                    |         |         |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| 1. Elsworth        | b. 1861 | d. 1909 |
| 2. Eugene Shelly   | b. 1863 | d. 1935 |
| 3. Minnie Mae      | b. 1865 | d. 1932 |
| 4. William Ellis   | b. 1866 | d. 1907 |
| 5. Archibald       | b. 1868 | d. 1896 |
| 6. Edward Mitchell | b. 1869 | d. 1930 |

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**EUGENE SHELLEY BIERBOWER** m. 1883 **MARY EMMA SELLERS**  
b. 1863 d. 1935 b. d.

### Children

|                        |         |    |
|------------------------|---------|----|
| 1. Anna Steele         | b. 1884 | d. |
| 2. Margaretta Jeanette | b. 1885 | d. |
| 3. Charles Rahter      | b. 1887 | d. |
| 4. William Fahnestock  | b. 1888 | d. |
| 5. Katherine Venarda   | b. 1890 | d. |

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**ANNA STEELE BIERBOWER** m. 1908 **PAUL MOOG**  
b. 1884 d. b. d.

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**CHARLES RAHTER BIERBOWER** m. 1908 **JESSIE ANDERSON**  
b. 1887 d. b. d.

### Children

|              |         |    |
|--------------|---------|----|
| 1. Mary Jane | b. 1909 | d. |
|--------------|---------|----|

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|-------------------|---------|----|
| 2. Frances Ann    | b. 1913 | d. |
| 3. Robert Charles | b. 1916 | d. |
| 4. Katherine Edna | b. 1918 | d. |

**WILLIAM FAHNESTOCK BIERBOWER m. 1912 FRANCES ROSE**

|         |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|
| b. 1888 | d. | b. | d. |
|---------|----|----|----|

**Children**

- |                 |         |    |
|-----------------|---------|----|
| 1. William      | b. 1917 | d. |
| 2. Dorothy Jean | b. 1921 | d. |

**WILLIAM BIERBOWER**

m.

**FRANCES MOORE**

|         |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|
| b. 1917 | d. | b. | d. |
|---------|----|----|----|

**KATHERINE V. BIERBOWER m. 1921 CHARLES G. TATNALL**

|         |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|
| b. 1890 | d. | b. | d. |
|---------|----|----|----|

**Children**

- |                       |         |    |
|-----------------------|---------|----|
| 1. Charles Gibbons II | b. 1924 | d. |
|-----------------------|---------|----|

**FRANCES ANN BIERBOWER**

m. 1938

**JAMES MILLER**

|         |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|
| b. 1913 | d. | b. | d. |
|---------|----|----|----|

**Children**

- |                |         |    |
|----------------|---------|----|
| 1. James Scott | b. 1940 | d. |
|----------------|---------|----|

**ROBERT CHARLES BIERBOWER**

m. 1937

**RUTH E. BOWMAN**

|         |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|
| b. 1916 | d. | b. | d. |
|---------|----|----|----|

**Children**

- |                  |              |    |
|------------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Victoria Lee  | b. 1938      | d. |
| 2. Robert Jeremy | b. 12/7/1941 | d. |

**KATHERINE EDNA BIERBOWER m. 1940 MARTIN E. FLORENCE**

|    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|
| b. | d. | b. | d. |
|----|----|----|----|

**Children**

- |               |         |    |
|---------------|---------|----|
| 1. Wendy Jane | b. 1941 | d. |
|---------------|---------|----|

Authority: Jane Bierbower, Dillsburg, Pa.

Address: Washington Beerbower, Harrisburg, Pa. (1913)

FROM "WHO'S WHO"

Austin Bierbower, lawyer, author; b. Shelly's Island, Pa.; s. Caspar and Lydia (Herman) B.; A.B.; Dickinson College, 1864, A.M. 1866; student at University of Berlin, 1872; LL.D., Iowa Wesleyan University, 1902; admitted to bar, 1874; unmarried. Professor of Greek and Latin, Iowa Wesleyan University 1864-8; foreign correspondent Chicago Tribune and Cincinnati Times-Star, 1870-2; editorial writer Chicago Daily News, 1879-83; in law practice from 1883 until death. Author—Principles of a System of Philosophy; The Morals of Christ, 1885; The Socialism of Christ, 1890; The Virtues and Their Reasons, 1896; From Monkey to Man, 1894; How to Succeed, 1900; On the Training of Lovers, 1900; Thoughts for the Rich, 1905; Catholicism and Americanism, 1912; Also various articles in leading magazines.

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Extract from "The World Herald", Omaha, Neb., Aug. 18, 1899.

"Ellis L. Bierbower is dead, general manager of the Omaha water Company, nearly thirty years a resident of Neb. and widely known as a useful citizen. (b.3/6/1850 d. 8/17/1899)

Possessed of a marked ability. He had held many positions of trust and prominence.

Mr. Bierbower was taken sick in Buffalo, N. Y.

His father-in-law, Ex-Governor Boyd, was called, and Mrs. Bierbower went at once to the bedside of her husband, but death came to Ellis L. Bierbower Aug. 17, 1899. He was born in Dauphin Co., Penna. in 1850, was educated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., and completed his studies at Iowa Wesleyan University, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

He went to Missouri for two years, and in 1871 located in Nebraska City.

He came to Omaha, and was appointed deputy United States Marshal under President Hays' term, and reappointed by President Arthur, and served to the end of President Cleveland's first term.

Mr. Bierbower is survived by three brothers: Victor (Vincent) (formerly lieutenant Gov. of Idaho); Austin Bierbower, Attorney of Chicago; and William H. Beerbower of Pa.

In politics he was broad and above narrow partisanship, and had many friends in all parties. He married the eldest daughter of Governor Boyd."

## PART II--CHAPTER VII

**JACOB PHILIP BIERBAUER** m. **ELIZABETH BERNES**

b. 1790 d. b. d.

Both from Einselthum, Rheim, Pfalz, Bavaria.

**Children**

|              |         |    |
|--------------|---------|----|
| 1. Johann    | b. 1816 | d. |
| 2. Carl      | b. 1818 | d. |
| 3. Jacob     | b. 1820 | d. |
| 4. Louisa    | b. 1822 | d. |
| 5. Elizabeth | b. 1824 | d. |
| 6. Wilhelm   | b. 1826 | d. |
| 7. Henry     | b. 1828 | d. |
| 8. Louis     | b. 1830 | d. |
| 9. Simon     | b. 1832 | d. |

**WILHELM BIERBOWER** m.

b. 1826 d. b. d.

**Children**

1. A. G. b. d.

See letter of A. G. Bierbower in Part 1 for further information.

**LOUIS BIERBAUER** m. **LOUISA BERNES GAUCH**

b. 1830 d. b. 1830 d. 1899

**Children**

|                |         |         |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| 1. Elizabeth   | b. 1855 | d.      |
| 2. Louise      | b. 1856 | d.      |
| 3. Louis       | b. 1858 | d. 1862 |
| 4. Charles     | b. 1860 | d. 1885 |
| 5. Frederick   | b. 1861 | d. 1862 |
| 6. Amelia      | b. 1863 | d.      |
| 7. Louis Henry | b. 1865 | d.      |
| 8. Lina        | b. 1867 | d.      |
| 9. Laura       | b. 1867 | d.      |
| 10. Angelica   | b. 1869 | d.      |

**LOUIS HENRY BIERBAUER** m. **HELEN HOFFMAN**

b. 1865 d. b. 1876 d.

**Children**

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|-----------------|---------|----|
| 1. Marie Louise | b. 1905 | d. |
|-----------------|---------|----|
- Authority: Laura Bierbauer, Sept. 22, 1911.

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**CHRISTOPHER BEERBOWER** m.  
b. 1791 d. 1847 b. d.

**Children**

- |              |             |         |
|--------------|-------------|---------|
| 1. Elizabeth | b. 1816     | d. 1850 |
| 2. Peter     | b. 1820     | d. 1884 |
| 3. Jacob     | b. 4/4/1822 | d. 1904 |
| 4. Adam      | b. 1824     | d. 1873 |
| 5. ???       | b.          | d.      |

Christopher Beerbower, born, married, and had 5 children in Germany, came to America in 1836. A weaver by trade, bought a tract of land formerly owned by Holland Land Company in Crawford County, near Meadville, Pa., lived there until his death.

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**ELIZABETH BEERBOWER** m. **MICHAEL SHAFFER**  
b. 1816 d. 1850 b. d.

**Children**

- |               |         |         |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1. Carline    | b. 1818 | d. 1903 |
| 2. Elizabeth  | b.      | d.      |
| 3. Margeretta | b.      | d.      |
| 4. Hattie     | b.      | d.      |
| 5. George     | b.      | d.      |
| 6. Michael    | b.      | d.      |
| 7. Adam       | b.      | d.      |
| 8. Barbara    | b.      | d.      |
| 9. Mary       | b.      | d.      |
| 10. Charley   | b.      | d.      |

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**PETER BEERBOWER** m. **MARIE ZIMMER**  
b. 1820 d. 1884 b. d.

**Children**

- |            |         |         |
|------------|---------|---------|
| 1. Jacob   | b. 1822 | d. 1904 |
| 2. Henry   | b.      | d.      |
| 3. Barbara | b.      | d.      |
| 4. Emma    | b.      | d.      |
| 5. John    | b.      | d.      |
| 6. James   | b.      | d.      |
| 7. George  | b.      | d.      |

|              |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|
| 8. Mary      | b. | d. |
| 9. Elizabeth | b. | d. |
| 10. Peter    | b. | d. |
| 11. David    | b. | d. |

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**JACOB BEERBOWER** m. **CATHERINE MOSSINGER**  
b. 1822 d. 1904 b. 1826 d. 1911

**Children**

|             |         |               |
|-------------|---------|---------------|
| 1. Peter    | b. 1846 | d. 10 16 1909 |
| 2. George   | b. 1848 | d.            |
| 3. Maggie   | b. 1850 | d.            |
| 4. Marie    | b. 1854 | d.            |
| 5. Joseph   | b. 1856 | d.            |
| 6. Ellen    | b. 1858 | d.            |
| 7. Hattie   | b.      | d.            |
| 8. Florence | b. 1862 | d.            |
| 9. William  | b. 1864 | d.            |
| 10. Sadie   | b. 1866 | d. 1876       |

Jacob and his family lived on a farm near Meadville, Pa. One son, George, moved to Ohio.

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**PETER BEERBOWER** m. **GEORGIANNA**  
b. 1846 d. 1909 b. d.

**Children**

|                   |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|
| 1. Albert Clinton | b. | d. |
|-------------------|----|----|

See Civil War record for Peter Beerbower, he lived at Riceville, Pa.

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**ADAM BEERBOWER** m. **CALINE HOLLAND**  
b. 1824 d. 1873 b. d.

**Children**

|           |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|
| 1. George | b. | d. |
| 2. Kate   | b. | d. |
| 3. Mary   | b. | d. |
| 4. Lizzie | b. | d. |

See abstracts of wills of Peter and Georgie Anna Beerbower, recorded at Meadville, Pa.

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**GEORGE ADAM BEERBOWER** m. **MAGGIE A. HAMILTON**  
b. 4/23 1851 d. 9/8/1921 b. 12/4/1863 d. 6/18/1931

**Children**

|                 |               |    |
|-----------------|---------------|----|
| 1. James Adam   | b. 6/14/1885  | d. |
| 2. Walter Jacob | b. 11/30/1886 | d. |

**JAMES ADAM BEERBOWER** m. 1905 **EDITH WEDSELL**  
b. 6/14/1885 d. b. d.

**Children**

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|---------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Vear Ethel | b. 11/19/1906 | d. |
| 2. Velma Lucy | b. 5/20/1908  | d. |
| 3. Theodore   | b. 9/17/1910  | d. |

Vera E. married 6/16/1930 to ..... Tinley.

Velma Lucy married 11/14/1931 to ..... Mischler.

Theodore married 9/17/1936 to ..... ?

James A. Bierbower married the second wife, Ruby S. Hotchkiss, 11/4/1936.  
Address: R. D., Edinboro, Pa.

**WALTER JACOB BEERBOWER** m. 1912  
b. 11/30/1886 d. b. d.

**Children**

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|------------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Harold Radell | b. 12/1/1914  | d. |
| 2. Beulah Aiken  | b. 7/13/1916  | d. |
| 3. Irene B.      | b. 12/11/1918 | d. |
| 4. Lloyd         | b. 5/6/1920   | d. |

Harold married 8/17/1940.

Beulah married 1932.

Irene married 4/25/1937.

Lloyd in "Army 1942".

Address: Walter Jacob Beerbower, 168 Pearl St., North East, Pa.

**ANTHONY BIERBOWER** m. **MAGDALENE** .....  
b. 6/12/1808 d. 9/19/1900 b. 4/20/1822 d. 11/12/1870

**Children**

- |              |    |               |
|--------------|----|---------------|
| 1. Frank     | b. | d. 1861       |
| 2. Catherine | b. | d.            |
| 3. Joseph    | b. | d. 1888       |
| 4. Martin    | b. | d.            |
| 5. Anthony   | b. | d. 11/28/1882 |
| 6. John      | b. | d. 1897       |
| 7. Mary      | b. | d.            |
| 8. William   | b. | d. 9/5/1893   |
| 9. George    | b. | d.            |

The following is a summary of a letter from Mary Bierbower Zimmerman:  
"I was married to Benjamin Snyder in 1874, had one child, Jennie Angeline,  
Then in Aug. 29, 1880 I married Charles Zimmerman. My brother, Martin, left  
home when he was 16 years old, we never heard from him for years. He wrote  
mother that he had gone to New York and sailed on "Th Great Eastern" for Lon-  
don and then the Cape of Good Hope. We never heard from him again. The old

home is at Syracuse, N. Y., 14 Howard St. My father, before he died, gave me a prayer book that belonged to his ancestors back to 1705, and told me to give it to my next nearest relation when I died." Mrs. Charles Zimmerman, 69 Clarkson St., New York, N. Y.

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**Philip Bierbauer**, born at Einseltown, Kircheim, Bolandon, Bavaria, Germany, (about 12 miles north of Worms), Oct. 20, 1817. His father, Henry Bierbauer, his mother, Mary Niver Bierbauer, brothers Simon, Jacob and one sister Phillipena.

Simon and the sister came to America. Philip Bierbauer landed in America May 24, 1840. Always lived in Dutchess Co., N. Y. He died in his home town, Clinton, N. Y. Mar. 4, 1898.

**PHILIP BIERBAUER** m. 1843 **HANNAH FROS FOWLER**  
b. 10/20/1817 d. 5/24/1840 b. d.

**Children**

1. William Henry b. 3/10/1847 d.

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**WILLIAM HENRY BIERBAUER** m. 1868 **ANNA SIMMONS**  
b. 3/10/1847 d. b. d.

**Children**

1. Philip Elmer b. 1/18/1870 d.  
2. Alma Hannah b. 1/23/1876 d.

Note: Alma, daughter of William Henry and Anna Simmons Bierbauer, married Wesley Burger; they had two children, Hilda Ann, born 1896, William Philip is dead.

Authority for the above is Rev. P. E. Bierbauer, Pastor St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 6th and Ritner Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. (June 17, 1914)—1405 Courtland Street.

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Abstract from letter of Mrs. Harriet Griffin—3159 West Monroe St., Chicago, Illinois.

"My father, Jacob Bierbower, born in York Co., Pa. 1821—d. 1900. He had one sister, Lavina and a brother Daniel."

"Jacob Beerbower married Rebecca English, from Perry Co., Pa. He lived in Altoona, Pa. for many years."

Mrs. Griffin stated her mother often said, "Grandmother Beerbower could not speak a word of English."

Addresses: Maurice J. Bierbower, Unionville, Orange Co., N. Y.; John H. Beerbower, 851 Barry St., Chicago, Ill.; J. W. Ashenfelter, Box 103, Marysville, Pa. (1912)

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Reading, Pa., April 12, 1914.

J.C.B.—

"**Daniel Bierbower**, my father (son of Jacob Bierbower) was born Oct. 27, 1823 in York Co., Pa. between Newberrytown and Strinetown—married Anna May Byers, Oct. 26, 1846.

**DANIEL BIERBOWER** m. 1846 **ANNA MAY BYERS**  
b. 10/27/1823 d. 11/22/1881 b. d.



**Children**

|               |               |    |
|---------------|---------------|----|
| 1. Matilda    | b. 12/15/1847 | d. |
| 2. M. Ella    | b. 1/24/1849  | d. |
| 3. George W.  | b. 6/23/1851  | d. |
| 4. Emma Janet | b. 7/7/1855   | d. |
| 5. Lillie C.  | b. 7/24/1858  | d. |

Matilda married G. F. Wagner; M. Ella married H. C. Raymond; George W. married Elizabeth Wenger; Emma Janet married Christian Manning; and Lillie C. married S. S. Manning.

**EMMA JANET BIERBOWER**

**m.**

**CHRISTIAN MANNING**

**b. 7/7/1855 d.**

**b.**

**d.**

**Children**

|              |              |    |
|--------------|--------------|----|
| 1. Maud Neva | b. 8/24/1884 | d. |
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Maud Neva married Albert Ebersole Sept. 14, 1904—their son Albert Edgar Ebersole b. July 16, 1905. Their daughter, Mildred Lillian, b. Dec. 14, 1908 in Warfield, Brunswick Co., Virginia. Anna M. Manning, second daughter of Emma Janet Bierbower was born at Locust Lawn Farm in the upper part of Lancaster Co., the old homestead of my grandfather Jacob Bierbower.

We moved there the spring of 1861, from York Co., near Lewisburg, where we were all born. Lillie was about six years old. I hope that my Aunt, Mrs. Benson, will give you the dates of the rest of the family.

Bruce Manning, son of Anna Manning Metzgar, born Feb. 9, 1814 in Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa., at the home of his parents. Address Rev. Philip Bierbower, 1405 Courtland St., Philadelphia, Pa. I do not know what branch he is from.

—Mrs. Ella Bierbower Raymond, 321 S. 6th St., Reading, Pa.

Reading, Pa., March 8, 1914

J.C.B.—

"My grandfather Jacob Bierbower was married twice. My father, Daniel Bierbower, and his brother Samuel with one sister Lydia were of the first marriage. I was to see a cousin yesterday, Erastus J. Bierbower and gave him your address. I think he will be interesting, as he was in the Civil War. He has an only brother, William, in Texas. I will give you a few names, three were of my grandfather's second marriage. Catherine, Ephraim, David, Rebecca, Jacob in the army was wounded and lost an arm.

(Ann—Mrs. Ephraim Brinser Falmneth, Lancaster Co., Pa., youngest daughter of grandfather Jacob Bierbower. With the exception of David, his family lived near Carlisle, Pa. Abram Bierbower, Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa. Also Washington Bierbower, Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.) —Ella Bierbower Raymond.

# The House Of Bierbauer

## PART III--CHAPTER I

### THE DEBT WE OWE OUR PIONEERS

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That nation, that community, which is well born—whose pioneers are numbered among the stalwart characters of history, willing to dare and to do and noble and true of purpose and right living, possesses an inheritance which, as the decades roll by, becomes of more vital meaning.

The destiny of this great Republic has been definitely fixed by the life, faith and sane viewpoint of those who came to our shores in its beginnings.

The Puritan brought us devotion and the sacred sense of human duty. The Huguenot brought us faith and sincerity. The Quaker brought us piety, patience and purity of living.

All of them brought us respect for divine and human authority, a measure of self-control, that alone makes self government a success, the enthronement of law by which liberty becomes a realism.

From this countryside today we look upon a vast area in wealth and noble peoples whose origin as an outpost of civilization is traced to some of the highest types of American pioneers of which any community may boast.

Surely, as a community, the Glades of Virginia and Southern Fayette County, Pa., are well born. Christopher Gist and Wendall Brown, the former locating in the northern rim of this great valley and the latter on the Redstone to the South, in the early fifties of the eighteenth century, were settlers of rugged, daring godfearing type. The

the Beesons, Henry and Jacob, grand Quaker characters, the one settling at the north and the other at the south of what is now your Uniontown, names when their two settlements were united left their deep impress upon the life and development of this entire section. We may wander from early ideals and goals set by sublime living of honest characters but no community can erase the influence they exerted.

In the end we may judge any community by the character of its beginnings.

It is for us to resolve that we shall preserve that which our forefathers have handed down to us in the best things of life.

The story of a nation is the story of its dominant leaders. So the story of a community, and a family, is the story of its outstanding men and women, what they were, what they thought and what they wrought, not so much is material gains, in material prosperity, as in the contributions of true meanness and true womanhood to the society in which they lived.

I have not thought to trace the growth of our community in wealth and material progress. That is a familiar story. We ought to think upon some of the better legacies which have come to us from these pioneers. They are the bequests of the daring, lofty spirits of the past. They are the gifts of men and women who could say:

"I live for those who love me,  
For those who know me true,  
For the heavens that shine above me  
And await my spirit too.  
For the wrong that needs resistance  
For the cause that needs assistance  
For the future in the distance  
And the good that I can do."

Yes, they answered the need of a nation in the making and breathed this prayer.

"God give us men, is the urgent cry,  
Men who are honest, who will not lie,  
Men who are strong, noble and true,  
Men who have courage to dare and to do.  
God give us men who stand for the right,  
Men who are ready all evil to fight;  
Men who are clean, whose word is a bond,  
Men who when called are sure to respond."

God give us men whom money cannot buy,  
Men who have faith and are willing to try,  
Men who have honor, virtue and power,  
God give us men, is the cry of the hour."

I take it then that we may rightly appraise the pioneer as a community asset, and trace our indebtedness to him and her by these light legacies of living left to us:

- First, a rugged, steadfast character.
- Second, a lofty moral daring.
- Third, a sane, sensible, rational viewpoint, the right angle of looking at life, society and government.
- Fourth, the spirit of sacrifice, unselfishness and helpfulness.
- Fifth, the unconquerable spirit.
- Sixth, belief in and respect for authority.
- Seventh, the practice and habit of thrift.
- Eighth, a simple, abiding faith, a standard of religious living.

It is not alone the things we enjoy in these days of comfort and pleasure that bring us in a debt of gratitude to these pioneers. We are grateful to them for what they were themselves, for their manhood and their womanhood, for their good living and for their high standards of community life.

But one of the notable qualities these pioneers gave us an example of is sheer moral daring.

They plunged into movements and carried on crusades for honest moral ends, with a zeal and devotion that was little short of boldness. They measured things by the line of righteousness. They sought ends by the route of sacrifice for moral triumphs.

They had that quality which made the cause of the Revolutionary war a moral one, for dumping tea into Boston Harbor was a moral rebellion against an unrighteous act of England.

Witness the moral daring in the War of 1812. Then in the revolution over making a slave out of the black man then the Civil War, and finally the greatest of all movement of moral daring, the putting away the liquor traffics because of its injury to the body, the soul and to society. I am happy to note that in this show of moral daring your fine Fayette County has been bold and effective.

I wonder whether any of you have really evaluated the true worth

to any community of men and women who have the right view of life and the standards of society and government.

You give me a glimpse of the viewpoint, the way of looking at things and modes of living and rights and duties under our government and I will tell you what kind of a man or woman you are.

Looking at what we owe to others, to the community, and what others and the community owe to us is of the most vital importance in the character of citizenship.

Some people think they ought to have all the rights and other fellows all the duties. Balance rights and duties, liberties and restrictions and you have sane government and happy people. Unbalance them and you have crime, uproar and the breaking down of law and government.

The spirit of sacrifice is a legacy from the pioneer of priceless value, sacrifice refines and ennobles. It purifies and builds up sweet, wholesale characters. It drives away selfishness and brings us to a sense of helping others. Are we getting away from neighborliness, from community companionship in work as well as in pleasure?

When America is going forward in certain strides and winning the admiration of the world for better qualities, what about the unconquerable spirit which enables us to say our flag has never touched the ground? Where did we get the triumphant spirit which brought us to this high pinnacle of achievement and standard? The pioneer cultivated this spirit in subduing the wilderness and making his home.

The one thing that is wrong today is the loss of the great stabilizing power of implicit belief in the sovereignty of God and the authority of human government. This was handed down to us by these pioneers. The pioneer not only respected law but he obeyed it. We are falling upon evil days, when the remedy is largely in a return to belief in the rulership of God and sacredness of human laws as ordained by God. That man or woman who does the will of God need not be feared as a violator of the laws of the land?

We are becoming a nation of spendthrifts. We did not inherit this from our forefathers, they were saving and thrifty. Yes, whatever strides we have made in wealth has been due to this thrift spirit of the pioneer. Let us get back to it.

But the climactic quality of the pioneer was his religious devotion.

The pioneer was naturally religious. He was in the midst of dangers and hardships. He had an inheritance of fine faith. He practised his belief.

After all, religion is the hope of this community and this nation. It keeps our feet on the ground. It holds us to the things that last. to the things that are true and good. It ennobles character and tempers achievement. It is the link in the chain of life that binds us to the eternal and the abiding. It teaches men to control themselves, and through self-control must come real civilization.

We as a nation are as good or as bad as we are as individuals. The Kingdom of God is not in society or in government. It is in the heart of every man, woman and child. "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of Life."

I congratulate the Beerbower family on its great contributions to the leadership of our people and these pioneers are among the stalwarts of the group in every community where they have lived.

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NOTE: by C.W.B.—Aug. 1942. Prof. Kennedy, an authority on The Braddock Road, died in 1932.

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## PART III--CHAPTER II

### SURVEY OF THE WESTWARD ADVANCE

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The story of the advance from the Atlantic to the Appalachian barrier, of the breaking of the barrier, and of the settlement and development of the trans-Appalachian region constitute the most fascinating chapter of American history.

The plain but self-reliant frontiersmen who burst the barriers of the Alleghenies and began the work of settlement and development on its western slopes were the forerunners of a mighty tide of homeseekers who founded great states in the West and Far West. They precipitated the great Anglo-French struggle for a continent. From this struggle they emerged with a new stimulus born of victory which impelled them to advance the frontier by moving steadily forward to the conquest and subjugation of the primeval forest. Securely holding the mountain passes, they served as the immovable rear guard of the Revolution. Experimenting with the difficulties and opportunities of the wilderness, they were also the advance guard of western civilization. Increasing in numbers by new accessions after the Revolution they turned to the extension of agricultural clearings and modestly grappled with the problems of the pioneer, unconscious of their own greatness or the value of their service. The story of the settlement of every trans-Allegheny community is full of their heroic but uncelebrated deeds.

Immigrants, who had experienced in Europe the economic evils of overcrowding, and who sought a better chance to make a living, seized the opportunity to get an industrial hold on American soil. The insuperable barrier of mountain wall covered with dense primeval forest, which at first for so long resisted the temptation to wide expansion and dispersion and increased the solidarity which proved useful in the Revolution, the frontiersmen finally pierced by following the streams to the passes at their headwaters and by carving a path through the wall of living green. Through it the Pennsylvanians gained access

to the upper Ohio (1) by the west branch of the Susquehanna river and a forty-mile portage and Toby creek to the Allegheny at Kittanning, and (2) by a more southern route via the Juniata to a tributary of the Allegheny, or by the more direct southern route of Forbes' road from Carlisle through Shippensburg, Fort Lyttleton and Fort Bedford to the upper Juniata and thence via mountain pass to Loyalhanna river. The Virginians and many Marylanders advanced by a more direct route up the Potomac and across the short portage to the Youghiogheny or across the longer portage to the middle Monongahela from which they had comparatively easy access to the "Gateway of the West" at the junction of the Monongahela with the Allegheny, or to Redstone Fork on the Monongahela.

Virginia, inspired by the movement of settlement which advanced along the Potomac from the Shenandoah to the South Branch, in the second quarter of the eighteenth century, and realizing more fully than Pennsylvania the importance of the mountain passes and the necessity of obtaining control of them before the French, felt the first incentive to actual occupation by the formation of the Ohio company in 1748. Attracted by the site of Pittsburg and the Indian trade which centered there, and coincident with the growth of population which made Hampshire a county in 1754, she took the initiative in activities which precipitated the French and Indian war and settled the destiny of the Monongahela by opening the way for the westward advance of pioneer frontiersmen to establish settlements.

In the decade following the French war, settlements were made in direct opposition to the policy of the British government. Both Pennsylvania and Virginia, by cooperative action of their governors, in 1766, unsuccessfully endeavored to compel the white settlers to return eastward from the Indian lands west of the Alleghenies. Pennsylvania in 1768 enacted a law to drive the settlers from her trans-Allegheny region in which the earliest settlements were made at Turkey Foot (now Confluence, Pa.) and on Cheat. In the same year, however, she took steps to facilitate settlement by the first treaty of Fort Stanwix, which was supplemented by a second treaty of Fort Stanwix negotiated in 1784, and affirmed by the Delawares and Shawnees at Fort McIntosh (Beaver) in 1785, resulting in the purchase of all remaining Indian titles. In 1769 the Penns began to sell their western lands at \$5.00 per 100 acres, and in 1771, by the erection of Bedford county, and again in 1773, by the erection of Westmoreland county (with its seat of justice at Hannastown), Pennsylvania extended the arms of her



government over the trans-Allegheny region claimed by Virginia. The Virginia settlers, who resisted the act of Pennsylvania, were favored by Lord Dunmore (the Virginia governor) who late in 1733 asserted the jurisdiction of Virginia and included the disputed territory as part of the newly erected District of West Augusta, whose seat of government was established at Fort Pitt under Dr. John Connolly who held possession with unyielding tenacity—resulting in a fierce conflict accompanied by resistance to Pennsylvania officers and courts, and violence to Pennsylvania jails. To quell the tumult, the Penns opened negotiations to settle conflicting claims. At the opening of the Revolution, Virginia still claimed jurisdiction, and in 1776 proceeded to erect from West Augusta the three counties of Youghiogheny, Monongahela and Ohio.

After the united colonies in the Revolution "braced themselves against the mountains and fought toward the sea," the stimulus of new energies, aroused by success, increased the rush of migration from tidewater through the breeches in the mountains to the headwaters of westward-flowing streams down which the increasing tide of home-seekers continued the easier march westward beyond the mountain barrier to establish new cabin clearings in which English institutions were modified and society became more democratic by experience under new ideals. Brownsville, laid out at Redstone Fort in 1785, and receiving its early stimulus to growth through rivalry with Pittsburgh as a starting point for down-stream journeys, became a lively distributing center.

The settlement of the boundary line between western Virginia and western Pennsylvania, in 1780, accomplished by a Pennsylvania act for the gradual abolition of slavery, produced considerable change in the character of the population in south-western Pennsylvania, and even in the neighboring region. Many of the eastern settlers who were chiefly from Virginia or from Maryland, emigrated to Kentucky. The current of boat-migration from Redstone to Limestone (Maysville, Kentucky) continued to 1790 and even later, but after 1790 it blended with the current to Ohio. The settlers from eastern Pennsylvania, who in 1769-1772 had begun to arrive from the counties bordering on Maryland, were increased in number by many new arrivals.

## 2. EVOLUTION OF COUNTIES FROM EAST TO WEST

The story of the steady advance of settlement westward through southern Pennsylvania and Maryland to the mountains and thence to

the Youghiogheny and Monongahela, and to the Ohio, is reflected in the erection of new counties.

In 1729, as the result of the nearly twenty years of large immigration of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians and Palatinate Germans to Pennsylvania, Lancaster county was formed from the back part of Chester, which was one of the three original counties of Penn's colony. The Scotch-Irish, often as a result of trouble with the Penn's and the Quakers, steadily moved farther west. The Germans, too, drifted westward and southward—many of them leading the way to the later development of western Maryland. In the northern part of the new county, westward advance was facilitated by the location, in 1736, of the first road from the Delaware to the Susquehanna—terminating at the site of Harrisburg on land which John Harris, Sr. had marked by a log cabin in 1705 and had settled and patented in 1725-26. Farther south it was favored by a road one hundred and thirty five miles long which was opened in 1740 from Wrights Ferry to the Monocacy road at the Maryland boundary, and which immediately became an important highway of travel from Virginia and Maryland to the eastern towns of Pennsylvania. In 1741, York (town) was surveyed as a town site.

York county, whose first settlers were intruders from Maryland (beginning about 1722 and including the lawless Thomas Cresap in 1730) was erected from Lancaster in 1749, and was the first Pennsylvania county west of the Susquehanna. Its settlement was accompanied by many acts of violence resulting from the boundary dispute between the Penn's and the Calverts and necessitating action of the grand jury as late as 1757. Its first election resulted in a riot between the German and Irish factions—the immediate occasion of a proprietary order preventing further sales of York county land to the Irish, and encouraging Irish settlement in the North or Kittatinny valley which possibly contributed to hasten the formation, in 1750, of Cumberland county from a part of Lancaster to which there had been a rapidly increasing influx of population since 1734. This early riot was also the beginning of a long political controversy which finally in 1800 resulted in the separation of the western or Irish section into the new county of Adams after a decade of strife and contention which began in 1790. As early as 1730 to 1740, Scotch Irish settlements were made farther west in the vicinity of the site of McConnellsburg which was laid out as a town in 1786.

From the territory of Cumberland, whose first settlers were being supplanted by Germans as early as 1757-60, and whose Scotch-Irish

removed farther west especially after the Revolution, many counties were subsequently formed—including Bedford in 1771, Franklin in 1784 and Mifflin in 1789. From Bedfordtown (Raystown) which was laid out in 1766, the wave of migration continued westward along the old Forbes road. German families followed upon the heels of the Scotch-Irish. Their early influence is seen in the settlement of Berlin, in Somerset county in 1769, and the later settlement in the vicinity of Myersdale which was begun by a clearing made in 1785 and the erection of a grist mill in 1791.

From Bedford was formed Northumberland in 1772, Westmoreland in 1773, Somerset in 1785 and Huntingdon in 1787—followed by others after 1800.

The territory of Fayette, in which the first settlements were made in 1767 while it was still a part of Cumberland and two years before it became a part of Bedford, (and which after 1755 was not troubled by the visits of mischievous Indians) was separated from Westmoreland and erected as a new county in 1783—partly as a result of the settlement of the boundary dispute with Virginia 1779-80, and especially as a result of the burning of Hannastown by the Indians in 1782. The formation of Washington county in 1781 was especially occasioned by the settlement of the boundary dispute with Virginia. From Washington and Westmoreland the new county of Allegheny was formed in 1788, and from Washington the new county of Greene was formed in 1796.

In the most western part of Maryland, through which Virginians and Marylanders found a route by which to reach their pioneer settlements on Chest and the lower Monongahela, development was retarded. Although traders began to penetrate the wilds of western Maryland as early as 1715 there were few attempts at settlement for many years later.

A new stimulus to westward advance followed the emigration of Joist Hite and others from York, Pennsylvania southward to Opequon, Virginia and other points near the mouth of the Shenandoah, in 1732. From that date the people on the Pennsylvania-Maryland border became involved in quarrels arising from boundary difficulties which remained unadjusted for three decades. In 1735, the Schleys with 100 families established homes on the Monocacy, at Frederick and in the neighboring region. Other German protestants followed from Lancaster and York, and, by 1748, took possession of the trade along the Monocacy and Catocin creek.

In 1748, Frederick county was formed, including all of Maryland west of Baltimore county. From its increasing wave of frontiersmen, many adventurous settlers by 1754 penetrated as far west as the territory now included in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and after the treaty of 1763 which closed the French and Indian war, advanced over Braddock's road into the valley of the Youghiogheny and farther west into the valleys of the Cheat and the Monongahela—although for over a decade after 1763, and for almost a decade after the termination of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary in 1767, settlement west of Cumberland was checked by the king's proclamation line and by the proprietary suspension of grants and extension of reservations in which new settlements increased rapidly after 1776.

From Frederick county in 1776, three years after the formation of Harford and Caroline, were formed the more western counties of Montgomery and Washington by act of the Maryland convention. All remaining vacant lands west of Fort Cumberland were appropriated, in 1781, by Maryland to pay its Revolutionary soldiers. Under an act of 1787 these lands were surveyed in fifty acre lots by a surveyor named Deakins who had already (in 1784) obtained choice lands for himself and his brother along the western boundary. The western territory of Washington county was formed into the new county of Allegheny in 1789.

### 3. BEGINNINGS OF SETTLEMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF FORT MORRIS.

Permanent settlements on lower Cheat and in the neighboring Monongahela region began between 1767 and 1769, the larger number following the first treaty of Fort Stanwix of 1768. The first permanent settlements in the territory now included in Preston were built on the waters of Sandy in 1769—one near the site of Clifton Mills and another two miles from Bruceton near the McCulloch traders trail. A year later, other settlers arrived on Sandy creek glades and at the Walls settlement east of Cheat. Others from Pennsylvania followed and settled under the impression that they were in the boundaries of Pennsylvania.

Fort Morris, located on marshy lands of Robert Morris on Hog Run, a tributary of Sandy Creek, near the intersection of the Southern Pennsylvania and Western Maryland boundary lines, and built in 1774 after the murder of Logan's relatives, was a place of safety for early settlers of that region and of the region west to the Monogahela. To

it resorted the family of the father of Joseph Doddridge in 1774. Many others built cabins within or near its protecting walls.

Earlier neighboring forts located in the vicinity of the Monongahela farther west were: Fort Pierpont, built four miles east of Morgantown in 1769; Burd's Fort built at the mouth of Redstone (Brownsville) in 1769; Fort Dinwiddie built at Stewartstown in 1770; Fort Cobun built near Dorsey's Knob on Cobuns Creek in 1770; Fort Morgan, built at Morgantown in 1772; and Fort Martin built on Crooked creek on the west side of the Monogahela in 1773.

Near Dunkards Bottom on Cheat (two miles from Kingwood) to which hunters from South Branch (between 1770 and 1773) had led the way for settlement by Virginia home seekers, Fort Butler was erected (at the mouth of Roaring Creek on the east side of Cheat), probably in 1774 at the beginning of Dunmore's war an event which stimulated the construction of many other forts between the Appalachians and the Ohio.

New clearings increased after the Revolution. In 1786 new settlements were made at Brandonville and near the site of Aurora. A year later the Germans made a settlement called Salem. In 1791 at Bruceton, the first mill on Sandy creek was setablished by Samuel Morton of Chester County, Pennsylvania. A year later the legislature established a ferry across Cheat from the land of Thomas Butler. From 1785, the pioneer clearings slowly widened into farms, especially after Wayne's victory of 1795, which removed further danger of Indians' attacks. The settlements rapidly increased in numbers.

New industries gradually emerged. As early as 1788, to meet the needs of the frontier, iron furnaces and iron works were erected to prepare iron from the abundant ores found on the western slope of the Allegheny plateau along the Monongahela, Youghiogheny and Cheat Rivers. In the region of the Monogahela, below the mouth of Cheat, at New Geneva, which was long the head of navigation and trade on the Monogahela, Gallatin in 1796 started the New Geneva glass works—the first west of the Allegheny mountains. Influenced by imminent danger of the war with France, in 1797, he established in Nicholson township of Fayette County the Fayette Gun Factory from which he severed his connection in 1801 to become secretary of the treasury under President Jefferson.

By 1800, the bridle path (pack horse road) began to evolve into a wider emigrant road. At the same time, competent magistrates in

each neighborhood transacted the simple legal business which earlier had required a trip to Morgantown.

The Wolf, bear and panther were still numerous beyond the margin of the settlements and only gradually retreated before the advance of the settlers.

#### 4. EARLY ROADS

Across the Mountains between East and West, and between the northwest corner of Maryland and the Monogahela, were a number of early paths or roads which were important in the history of the region.

The Cataba war path, leading from New York to the Holston river and the Carolinas, crossed Cheat at the mouth of Grassy run, near the present Monogahela Preston boundary. Nemacolin's path led from the mouth of Will's creek to the site of Pittsburgh. It was named for Nemacolin, a Delaware Indian who resided at the mouth of Dunlap's creek. Under the auspices of Col. Thomas Cresap of Old Town it became a pack horse road for the Ohio Company in 1750 and was opened by 1753. It was repaired by Washington to Gist's in 1754, and widened and completed by General Braddock to within six miles of Fort DuQuesne in 1755. Gist's (Mt. Braddock) northward it was identical with the old Cataba, or with its westward branch to the head of the Ohio. Braddock lost by not following it implicitly to the end. Dunlap's path, named for a trader, was located from Winchester via Will's creek to the mouth of Dunlap's creek. Its route was identical with Nemacolin's or Braddock's road from Will's creek to the top of Laurel Hill near Great Rock. In 1776, Virginia made it the dividing line between Monogahela and Yohogania Counties. Burd's road was originally an Indian trail from the mouth of Redstone to the summit of Laurel Hill near the Great Rock where it united with Dunlap's road and others. It seems to have been identical with Nemacolin's or Braddock's road from Gist's to the Rock. Captain Trent passed over it in February 1754.

Later, the establishment of two other roads made Redstone, or rather the mouth of Dunlap's creek, a notable place—especially a great place of embarkation by traders and emigrants to Kentucky and Ohio and a great shipping place for mill stones from Laurel Hill to Kentucky and other points along the Ohio. One was the Pennsylvania road from Bedford, via Berlin, Connellsville, and Uniontown. The other was the Virginia road, a combination of Braddock's and Dunlap's roads.

Simultaneous with Braddock's march across the mountains, in June 1755, Pennsylvania, through the direction of Col. James Burd, was constructing an army road planned to pass west from Shippensburg via Raystown (Bedford) to Turkey Foot settlement, thence to intersect Braddock's road at some convenient point, probably the Great Crossings (Somerfield). When this road was completed to a point eighteen miles from Turkey Foot, the laborers were driven off to Cumberland by the French and Indians. Later, after Forbes expedition, it was completed via the Old Brownsville road to its junction with Burd's road.

Through the Turkey Foot settlement, begun about 1767, and one of the oldest west of the mountains, various roads were established quite early. One of these was important as a nearer route than Braddock's between Cumberland and Fort Pitt. It left Braddock's in Maryland east of Great Crossings and entered Fayette from Somerset as it crossed the Summit of Laurel Hill, thence down Skinner's Mill Run and near the site of Springfield.

McCulloch's path was a traders' trail from Winchester and Moorefield west via the Little Youghiogeny near the route of the Baltimore and Ohio, and across Big Youghiogeny, and into Pennsylvania a little east of the summit of Laurel Hill which it crossed at Wymp's Gap. It crossed the Monongahela into Greene county between the mouth of Cheat and Neal's ferry. McCulloch had a camp to trade with Indians near Pennsylvania line (on the Virginia side). Sometimes he returned via Sandy creek and Braddock's road.

The Sandy creek road was of considerable note. It passed from Ten Mile settlement through Greene county, crossed the river at Hyde's ferry, thence south of Masontown, up Laurel Hill, through Sandy creek settlement and into Virginia. Over it the father of Dr. Joseph Doddridge passed with his family to Morris Fort 1774. This was the Second road laid out by the court of Fayette County after its erection in 1783.

A Pennsylvania map of 1770 shows a road from Shippensburg south-westward to the Potomac and along the Potomac westward to Cresaps. From westward there were two roads: One to Cumberland, and another northward via Fort Ligonier to Fort Pitt.

From Cumberland there was a road northwestward via Great Crossing (south east of Turkey Foot or Three Forks) and via Dunbar's to Fort Burd. From Gist's on this road, was a road northwestward to

Stewart's Crossing (Connellsville) thence first northeastward and then northwestward to Fort Pitt.

After 1780, two of the three chief routes to the west met at Pittsburgh. The northern road from eastern Pennsylvania crossed the Susquehanna at Harris' ferry (now Harrisburg) and passed via the valley through Carlisle to Shippensburg, thence through the Allegheny ridges via Bedford and the highland between the waters of the Youghiogheny on the south and the Loyalhanna on the north. The other route (that of Braddock's road) starting from Fort Cumberland crossed the Allegheny plateaus to Great Meadows, and to Pittsburgh.

It 1784 George Washington, returning from his lands in western Pennsylvania, crossed Cheat at Ice's ferry followed the "new road to Sandy Creek" but instead of following it to its connection with Braddock's road, east of the winding ridge, he crossed Sandy creek at James Spurgeon's and followed the route of McCulloch's path southeast across the glades of Sandy and of the Youghiogheny, upon which Governor Johnson of Maryland had settled two or three families of Palatines, to Longston's on the North Branch of the Potomac. At that time a good road from Dunkard's Bottom via Charles Friend's was suggested as feasible.

At the same time, Maryland was extending a road westward from the mouth of Savage creek via Friend's to connect at the state line with a road which Monongalia county was extending eastward from Dunkard's Bottom. Before 1786, a "state road" from Winchester via Romney to Morgantown was authorized by act of the Virginia Assembly. Its extension to the Ohio at the mouth of Fishing Creek was authorized in 1786, and to the mouth of Grave's creek in 1795.

A map of Pennsylvania, prepared about 1792, shows the main road westward from Harrisburg passing via Carlisle, Shippensburg, Bedford and Hannastown to Fort Pitt. There was also a road southwest from York via Gettysburg to Hagerstown, from Bedford there was also a road to Cumberland and another westward via Berlin and Turkey Foot to Uniontown. There was also a road westward from Cumberland via Little Crossings near the Maryland line, and via the vicinity of old Fort Morris, and thence north of Sandy creek to Ice's ferry and to Morgantown.

By 1794, there was also a road southwestward from Fort Cumberland to the upper Youghiogheny, thence slightly northwest to Cheat and thence northwest to Morgantown. From the Upper Yough-



iogheny there was a branch road to Clarksburg. About the same time, a post road was opened from Morgantown across southwestern Pennsylvania to Wheeling.

The new stimulus to trans-Allegheny road improvement, and to other development which followed Wayne's victory over the Indians in western Ohio in 1795, was greatly increased by the admission of Ohio as a state and the acquisition of Louisiana in 1803. Visions of a larger life for the lower Monongahela region including the settlements in the vicinity of Old Fort Morris, followed Gallatin's report of 1806 in favor of a national road, which over a decade later was completed from Cumberland across western Maryland and southwestern Pennsylvania to Wheeling.

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# The House Of Bierbauer

## PART III--CHAPTER III

### THE NEMACOLIN INDIAN TRAIL

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The history of the Indian thoroughfares and a knowledge of the buffalo trails form a valuable key to the conditions of our country at the time of the discovery of America, and during the subsequent periods of exploration, colonization and settlement.

At this time the country was a primeval forest—a forest everywhere—with a more or less growth of underbrush, especially in the low grounds along the water courses. Writers have repeatedly reminded us of the howling wilderness, and of the impenetrable forest. No one for a moment will call in question the gloominess, loneliness and solitude of the virgin forest, and more particularly so since it was inhabited by wild animals and what ultimately became a hostile Indian enemy. But on the other hand, we have a feeling that the difficulties experienced by the earliest explorers and travelers in getting through this wooded country have been greatly exaggerated and misrepresented. For it is true that where you have the original growth of timber there is very little underbrush except, of course, along water courses and in swampy ground. As a confirmation of this condition of things we have only to read the earlier travelers' accounts and journals, such as those of Gist, Weiser, Croghan, Post and Morris.

The early colonists settled along the Atlantic seaboard, and very often on one of its great inlets, or at or near the mouth of one of its important rivers. This gave them control of the water channels into the back country.

The accessibility of the interior regions was largely determined by the navigability of these water courses. An examination of the territory east of the mountains shows a surprisingly large number of streams either pouring directly into the Atlantic or into one of the great indentations, thereby furnishing excellent water communications from the ocean to the more remote and scattered interior settlements.

These streams naturally became a potent factor in the early distribution of population, and were used by the explorers, voyagers, trappers, traders and colonists. The small craft thus became the media of social and commercial relations between the settlements, on both the larger and smaller indentations of the coast as well as on all tributary streams draining into them. The advanced settlements located well up stream were primarily trading posts, following the establishment of which was a steady though somewhat slow wave of migration from the mouths of the streams. The result of the geographic conditions show that the early development and distribution of the English colonists in America was immensely influenced by the water courses, and therefore postponed the era of artificial communication until demanded by force of circumstances.

As these widely separated and scattered settlements spread out from the rivers, the necessity for neighborhood roads gradually arose. These were built by local communities and private initiative. This tardy demand for roads, however, is due to the fact that there was very little inter-colonial communication. The social, commercial and political necessity required no general movement leading to cooperation for the purpose of laying out and constructing long roads. As late as 1770 the total length of post-roads in the United States was less than 2,000 miles, and these so-called roads were only traces or bridle paths.

For a century and a half the English settlements in America were limited to the tidewater region of the Atlantic coast. The Appalachian mountains which consist of a series of parallel ranges, connected by trough-like valleys, nearly 300 miles in width, and 1,300 miles in length, extending from the Green mountains of Vermont to the pine covered hills of Alabama, presented to the early colonists an almost insuperable barrier to westward expansion; but when the pressure of population became too great to be longer resisted, the passes over the mountains naturally directed the tide of trans-Allegheny settlements, and became the regular lines of traffic and travel. Moreover, by the middle of the eighteenth century, the French were well entrenched at the entrance of the two natural highways in the country—at the St. Lawrence on the east and the Mississippi on the south. There was, therefore, no ready access to the great valley of the continent lying between the Appalachian and Rocky mountains, as has been pointed out, being navigable to some distance, disclosed excellent passes; but as these passes were rarely opposite to each other, it was necessary to make long circuitous routes to reach the western slopes of the mountains,

for, one range passed, the valleys always had to be traversed in search of another pass.

A careful examination of the physiographic features of the Alleghenies, however, shows that access to the interior country was to be gained through two distinct drainage systems. The northern part of these gave rise to two routes—one by the west branch of the Susquehanna and thence by a forty-mile portage to Toby creek, and so the Allegheny, the other by the Juniata river and thence by a short portage to a tributary stream of the Allegheny. The latter route formed the more direct course of the Forbes road. The southern passage followed the valley of the Potomac to Fort Cumberland, and thence by a short passage gained the Youghiogheny. This route became the course of the celebrated Braddock road.

Prior to 1755 the bulk of all communication to the trans-mountain region was carried along these routes, and by Indian paths which afforded easy conditions for travel. There was no wagon road through the mountains, but only a horse-path by which the Indian traders used to carry their skins to and from the Ohio, so long as their trade remained open.

The irregular topography, the steepness of the mountains, and the wooded character of the country made travel to the west extremely difficult. Many persons believed that the early settlers followed buffalo trails in their migrations westward; but this does not appear to have been possible in going to western Pennsylvania. It is well known that the American buffalo always traveled in immense herds, often numbering many thousands. Some writers speak of journeying for many days without being in sight of them, and others tell us that the emigrant trains were many times delayed for hours by the passage of dense herds across their routes. The buffalo was thus necessarily a creature of the prairie, that grazed to a limited extent in the forests and narrow belts of open land along the streams and followed the earliest routes possible through the regions which he frequented. Wooded, mountainous districts he would have naturally avoided. In Pennsylvania, indeed, Allegheny mountain seems to have been the eastern limit of the buffalo range. It will thus readily be seen that the buffalo trails in Pennsylvania could have been but little, if any, use to the early settlers, at least until he had crossed the Allegheny mountain.

The Indians, like the wild animals, traveled through the country in single file, and the trail which they made, though often worn a foot

or more below the surface of the ground, was but a narrow path. The Indian trails, however, were the only roads found by the early settlers to reach the uninhabited forest country both to the east and west of the Appalachian mountains. These trails through the state ran in direct lines from point to point along or across the mountain ridges, through the passes or gaps, avoiding the large valleys, where they would have to ford streams. These paths first followed by the trapper and the hunter, were later used successfully by the trader and the soldier, the missionary and the colonist; and to this day the main highways and railroads across the state follow the general lines of some of these pre-historic trails.

Two of these Indian thoroughfares play a great part in the settlement not only of Western Pennsylvania, but also of the country beyond. The Allegheny and Raystown paths, which formed the most direct and important route for western migration became the course of the celebrated Burd and Forbes roads. The first part of this route, from the Susquehanna at Harrisburg by way of Carlisle, Shippensburg and Chambersburg to Black Log, was called the Allegheny path. At Black Log the Raystown path branched from the Allegheny path and ran by way of Bedford, Schellsburg, Stoyestown, Ligonier, Hannastown (Old), and Murrysburg to Pittsburgh. The Nemacolin Indian trail, running from Cumberland, Md., towards Pittsburgh by the way of Frostburg, Grantsville, Addison, Somerfield, Farmington and Jumonville to Mount Braddock was the course followed by the famous Braddock road in 1755.

Up to this time (1755) Cumberland, Md., (Wills Creek) and Bedford, Pa., were the extreme outposts of civilization. In 1750 Christopher Gist, a brave and intelligent man, was dispatched by the Ohio Company to explore the country as far as the falls of the Ohio (now Louisville, Ky.), to select lands for them, and to bear friendly messages to the Shawnees. In the following fall he returned to the Ohio country. Among his instructions regarding the selection of suitable land for the company we find the following: "You are to look out and observe the nearest and most convenient road you can find from the company's store at Will's Creek to a landing at Monongahela." His favorable reports greatly stimulated Virginia enterprise in the western country.

Meanwhile, in 1750, the company built a small store at Will's Creek now Cumberland, Md. In 1752, Colonel Thomas Cresap, who lived at Old Town, about 15 miles east of Cumberland, was engaged to mark

and lay out a road from Will's Creek to the Monongahela. At this time an honest and friendly Indian by the name of Nemacolin, who was a great admirer of Colonel Cresap and his family, and who likewise spent most of his time with them, was engaged by him to mark or blaze this trail. He did his work so well that this same path in part, with some later deflections, became known as "Nemacolin's Path", "Gist's Trace", "Washington's Road", and "Braddock's Road". Its course does not differ greatly from the present Cumberland Road or National Pike to Brownsville. This trail ran from Will's Creek at Cumberland to Redstone Old Fort, now Brownsville, Pa. Most writers claim it was blazed from Cumberland to Pittsburgh. Upon what authority this statement rests I have as yet been unable to discover.

In 1753 Major George Washington, accompanied by Christopher Gist and six others, was sent by Governor Dinwiddie to demand the withdrawal of the French forces from the Ohio country. On this journey they passed over the Nemacolin Trail as far as Gist's plantation, now Mount Braddock, Pa., where a few months before Gist had established a small settlement of eleven families, and erected for himself a log cabin.

Meanwhile the Ohio Company had appealed to Governor Dinwiddie for military protection for the construction of its forts and storehouses to be erected at Old Redstone and the forks of the Ohio, now Pittsburgh. These movements, however, were instituted before the return of Major Washington. On January 2, 1754, Washington and Gist on their return met at Gist New Settlement, 17 horses loaded with material and stores for the fort at the forks of the Ohio. It is worthy of note in this connection that the movements to establish a fort at the Forks of the Ohio did not originate with Washington at all. The importance of establishing a military post on the Ohio before the French should be able to begin operations in the spring induced Governor Dinwiddie to confer the command of one company upon Captain William Trent. He enlisted about 70 men and immediately proceeded with his company to the Forks of the Ohio, where he arrived February 17, 1754. No time was lost in hastening the construction of a fort. Everything seemed quiet. In March he left Ensign Ward in command and returned to Will's Creek, on April 17, however, Contrecoeur appeared before the fort with a force of about 1,000 men and compelled Ward to evacuate the unfinished post. The French forthwith completed and enlarged the work and named it Fort Duquesne.

Washington, in the meantime, returned from his mission, arriving

at Williamsburg, Virginia, January 16, 1754, and returned to Governor Dinwiddie the French commander's defiant answer refusing to yield to the governor's demand. The letter and Washington's journal were submitted to the Governor's Council; whereupon it was decided to take immediate measures to repel the invasion of the French by force of arms. Colonel Joshua Fry was placed in command of the forces, and Washington was made Lieutenant Colonel. On April 20th Washington, with two companies, reached Will's Creek. Two days later Ensign Ward arrived with the intelligence of his surrender of the works at the Forks of the Ohio to the French. Colonel Fry with the remaining part of the regiment and artillery had not yet reached Will's Creek. At a council of war on the 23rd it was resolved to push forward without delay, cutting a road as they went. This road making consisted merely in widening Nemacolin's Trail so that the small artillery might be thus moved forward. On May 24 Washington with his little band reached Great Meadows, covering the whole distance of a little over 50 miles in about a month's time. A little later on this road clearing was continued to Gist's plantation. The delays occasioned by rain and the bridging of two streams show that no very serious attempt was made at road-making. In 1755, Braddock, with his army of upwards of 2,000 spent almost a month constructing his road over practically the same ground. Washington's criticism of Braddock was that he moved along too slowly, halting, as he says, to level every mole-hill and erecting bridges over every brook. Colonel Burd in 1758, who went over Braddock's road as far as Gist's plantation, says that Braddock went entirely too fast.

It will thus be seen that Nemacolin's Trail began at Cumberland and ended at Brownsville. From Cumberland, Maryland, to Mount Braddock (Gist's) it was used by Washington and Gist on their mission in 1753-54. Early in 1754 Captain Trent followed its course to Gist's. The same year it was widened by Washington to the same place. In 1755 Braddock followed its course in the construction of his celebrated road as far as Gist's plantation. At this point he left Nemacolin's Trail and followed the course of the Catawba Trail to Braddock. In 1759 James Burd was ordered to open a road from Gist's to Redstone Old Fort. The road built by him either was laid down on this part of Nemacolin's Trail or in close proximity to it.

The immense significance of this avenue of communication to the transe-mountain region can scarcely be overestimated. Until late in the first quarter of the 19th century these routes furnished the main

outlet for western migration. No effort has been made to describe in detail the military campaigns of Washington and Braddock, but we have endeavored to follow the development and natural sequence of events. Along the course of this trail are many places of historical consequence—picturesque Cumberland, Little Meadows, Little Crossings, Great Meadows, and Fort Necessity. Braddock's grave, Half-King's Rocks, Washington's Spring, Washington Rock, Jumonville, Gist's plantation, etc. The mention of these names can but awaken the most lively interest in the very beginning of things connected with the settlement and development of the old west and the ultimate supremacy of the English speaking race westward of the Appalachian mountains.

The accompanying map has been executed with great care, and gives a pretty clear idea of the course of the trail and the location of most of the historic points mentioned above from Great Crossings to Jumonville.

The growing interest with which routes of celebrated expeditions are coming to be regarded, and the confusion that attends the tracing of such routes after a lapse of years, make it altogether fitting that they should be mapped and marked while it is yet possible to trace them out with reasonable definiteness.

In conclusion the writer may be permitted to say that it has been his good fortune to conduct on foot two exploring parties over the old Braddock road with a view of this famous and historic highway. A somewhat full and detailed account of this pioneer and military road, accompanied by a splendid two-page map of the road and four illustrations is to be found in the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History* for January, 1914.

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