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In 1931 the writer set into a tentative genealogy the data which he had assembled while searching for the ancestry of a grandmother, Rebecca Kitzmiller Bishop.

Copies of this found their way into the hands of several others who were interested in the Kitzmiller family, and their findings were made available. Much new data was added, but some of the basic assumptions were found to have been wrong, so this present set-up completely replaces the earlier one. Of particular assistance in making this revision were Mrs. Robert L. Hacker, of Portland, Oregon, and Mr. E.W. Rettew, of West Chester, Penna.

Still the genealogy is incomplete. Two known Lebanon County men are still unplaced, though they were counted in the 1790 census.

Emanuel Kitzmiller, born 1782, married about 1808 Anna Catherine Lei (Ley), and after her death he remarried. Children by the first marriage were Michael, John, Daniel, Sarah, Jacob, Isaac, and by the second marriage, William.

David Kitzmiller, born in period 1770-1780, had a daughter Salome, born ~~20 April~~ ^{May} 1805, christened at Hill Church, near Annville.

And the problem of the various John Kitzmillers is still unsolved. So this is offered in the hope that later findings will fit into place, and help fill the gaps in the early history of this family.

J.C. Bishop

The KITZMILLER FAMILY in PENNSYLVANIA before 1800.

Information as to the European background of the Kitzmillers is given in a letter to Mrs. Robert L. Hacker of Portland, Oregon, from an authority on Central European genealogy, Dr. Karl Friedrich von Frank of Schloss Senftenegg, Post Ferschnitz, Niederosterreich, Austria;

"The name of Kitzmiller (müller) is a professional one and extremely rare. Kietz, Kiz, Kü (t) z, is an old fashioned word not used any more in our days. It was the qualification of a rough woolen cloth (coarse unfulled cloth), mostly used in Alpine countries. The Kitzmuhle was a mill where such cloth was fabricated and the Kitzmüller was the owner of such a mill.

Prior to the 17th century to my knowledge the name occurred only in the region of the Monastery St. Florian in Upper Austria (east of the capital Linz on the Danube). The family is still existing there. But in about 1650/52 when the last Protestants who refused to convert to Catholicism had to emigrate, also Kitzmillers emigrated into the "Reich", (i.e. the predominantly Protestant part of the German Empire). I traced them in Middle Franconia (south and near of Nuremberg) in the Schwabach district. One of them, Jeremias Kitzmiller and his wife, from Upper Austria, are recorded at Offenbau, taking the Lord's Supper in 1653."

Not included in the following pages is a JONAS KITZMILLER, whose name appears first in a list in the Public Records Office in London of the refugees from the Palatinate who were quartered in London in 1710. The family name does not appear on any subsequent lists of those refugees who settled along the Hudson and Schoharie Rivers in New York a little later.

Early in the 1900s a map was published showing the lands of the settlers along Tulpehocken Creek in Lebanon and Berks Counties, as of the early 1730s. On this map a Jonas Kitzmiller is shown as owning about 175 acres along the north side of the creek, with a millsite, adjoining the land of a Reformed Church. This would place the location as within two miles of the present Myerstown. The original data on which this map was based has not been located, so it cannot be settled as to whether Jonas was a predecessor of, or possibly the same man, as the "Mr." Kitzmiller who owned a farm and mill in about the same location ten or fifteen years later.

Unfortunately this same lack of definite early data makes it impossible to determine now just how many John Kitzmillers really lived in this section during the period 1729-1747, or to know to which of these men certain definite pieces of information belong, or to say what the relationship was between them.

1. JOHANNES¹ KITZMILLER

On the 23rd of August 1728 the ship "Mortonhouse", carrying immigrants from the Palatinate, arrived at Philadelphia. The next day 72 of the male passengers signed the required oath of allegiance, among them being one who signed merely with the monogram "HKM", the clerk filling in his name as "Johannes Kitsmiller". On the passenger list furnished by the Captain, (#6A in "Pennsylvania German Pioneers"), the name is written as "Johannes Kets Miller", and is followed by the names "Hans Martin Miller, Hans Jacob Miller, Hans Leendert Miller". The three latter names are not on the list of those who took the oath.

Since the Captain's list contains the names of 80 men, and a statement that there were also 69 women and 56 children aboard, it is assumed that the three "Miller" names were of unmarried members of Johannes' family, so not obliged to sign the oath as long as the father had done so, but too old to be listed as "children".

The son Hans Martin (#5) lived in York County, Pa., for over fifty years, and when recording the birth of a son in 1747 said that he was from Waldorf, (near Heidelberg, Germany), so Johannes had evidently lived there at one time. Also, since Martin's first child was born in 1731, Johannes was probably born in the 1680s.

Johannes was an early settler near Schaefferstown in what is now Lebanon County, but he was not on the 1758 tax list there, and no other records have been found which refer definitely to him.

Children:

5. i. John Martin born ca. 1705, died 1787 or 1788
6. ii. John Jacob died 1748, (identification not positive)
- iii. John Leonard no further record found
possibly others.

2. JOHANNES KITZMILLER

Only one record has been found of this man, but its date proved that he could not have been the man listed above.

Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd series, Vol. XIX, p. 757, has, under date 23 June, 1728:

"Johannes Kitzmiller, late from Germany, having purchased the consent of Nath. Evans to a piece of vac't land on Little Conestoga Creek, where he had license to build a mill, the said Johannes requests the grant of 3 or 400 acres of land adjoining and is ready to pay for the same. Consented to p. J. Logan. Speak to I. Taylor to lay it out."

Little Conestoga Creek shows on modern maps as being on the west side of the city of Lancaster. James Logan was Secretary for the proprietors, and Taylor was for many years the surveyor for Chester County, in which this land then lay.

3. JOHN KITZMILLER, Sr.

Married 27 October 1730 to MARGARETHA MACK, of Earl Twp. Lancaster County. (Rev. J. C. Stoeber record). With his wife Margaret he was sponsor 22 August 1736 at the baptism of Jacob (#11), son of Jacob (#6).

4. JOHN KITZMILLER, Jr.

Married 5 June 1731 to PHILIPPINA CHRISTIAN MACK, of Earl Twp. On 4 August 1745 Philippina Christian Kitzmiller of Tulpehocken married Florian Buringer. A son, John Leonard, was born 20 April 1747, to Florian Buringer of Tulpehocken. (All data from records of Rev. J. C. Stoever).

The records of Trinity Reformed Church, Tulpehocken, show a "Johannes Kitzmiller, born 26 February 1691, died 1745".

This record, taken with the remarriage of the widow of the unusual name, makes it probable that the death recorded is that of John (#4). No court proceedings have been found dealing with his heirs or estate, but there is a record of a birth, no place named, of a son who was possibly of this couple.

9. Leonard, son of John, born 13 February 1745; sponsors at the baptism were Leonard Ramler and wife Margaretha. (Leonard Ramler is recorded in 1738 at Myerstown, a few miles to the west of Trinity Reformed Church).

No further records have been found referring specifically to either a John Sr. or John Jr., but there are records of a

- ? 3. JOHN KITZMILLER of BETHEL TWP., Lancaster County, who died sometime before 5 March 1747, leaving six minor children. The Orphans Court records do not name the mother, and three guardians were appointed. The father of these children must have been either John Sr. or John Jr., for the second daughter was named Anna Margaret, the fourth Phillipina Christina. If the two Mack women were related to Alexander Mack, Sr. the failure to find baptismal records for the six children is easily explained, as Mack was one of the founders of the Dunkard sect, which did not believe in infant baptism.

On Ascension Day 1743 Christ Lutheran Church, Tulpehocken, was founded, located between Myerstown and the Berks County line a few miles to the east. Some of the founders lived as far as twelve miles away, and one of them was John Kitzmiller.

In 1744 a Mr. Kitzmiller had a mill in what was then the eastern part of Bethel Twp., located probably on Tulpehocken Creek.

Stoever's listing of these two John Kitzmillers as Sr. and Jr. indicates only a difference in ages. If John Sr. was the father of John Jr., and was the man who died in 1747, he would have had two sons of the same name living between 1736 and 1745. If John Jr. were the father of the six children and died in 1745, how account for the lapse of over a year's time before the guardians were appointed? Lacking evidence to the contrary it would seem probable that John Sr. and Margaret were the parents.

After the father's death the five oldest children were, as they became old enough, (1748-1759), confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church, Tulpehocken. The children were:

- i. Maria Elizabeth, born May 1732, confirmed 9 September 1748, at age of 16 years 4 months, as daughter of John Kitzmiller. Married 30 June 1752, as "legitimate orphan, daughter of John Kitzmiller", to John George Christ, a widower. A daughter was born to the Christs 12 May 1758. On 30 April 1761 Maria Elizabeth was sponsor for Elizabeth, daughter of John and Margaret Elizabeth Kitzmiller.
- ii. Anna Margaret, born about 1734, confirmed 14 May 1749. The record does not give her age nor the names of parents.
7. iii. Johannes, born 1736 or 1737
- iv. Maria Magdalena, born 1738 or 1739, confirmed Easter 1752 at age of 13½, as daughter of John Kitzmiller
8. v. John Jacob born 1744
- vi. Phillipina Christina, listed in the Orphans Court records.

The two John Kitzmillers (#3 and # 4) married within a year two women having the same family name, both from the same township, Margaretha and Philippina Christian Mack. Though these women were neither his daughters nor daughters-in-law, it is very probable that they were in some way related to

ALEXANDER MACK, Sr., who was born in Schriesheim, a village near Heidelberg, in 1679. He was a well to do miller, who in 1700 married Anna Margaretha Kling, or Klingen. She died in 1720. Mack was raised as a Calvinist, but about 1708 he joined and became the leader of a sect of German Baptists known as the Dunkers, or Dunkards. In 1729 he headed a party of this faith which arrived in Philadelphia on the "Allen", 11th September. He died in Germantown in 1735.

The passenger list of the "Allen", (#10A in "Pennsylvania German Pioneers"), contains Mack's name, those of his three sons, and those of three women, Anna Margaret Mack, Anna Margt. Mackin and Philippina Mackin. Alexander Mack Sr. did not remarry, but the wife of his oldest son, John, was named Margaret, and she is probably the Anna Margaret of the ship's list. The other two women were over 16 years of age, since they were listed, and unmarried, since the "in" suffix was added to the family name. (See "Early Palatine Emigrations", by Walter S. Knittle.

It seems quite probable that these were the two women who, within two years after arrival, married the Kitzmiller men; and it might be more than a coincidence that the John Kitzmiller family which emigrated in 1728 had come from Waldorf, a village less than twelve miles from Schriesheim.

The children of Alexander Mack, living in 1729, were:

- i. John, who had in 1751 a wife Margaretha.
- ii. Valentine, died 1755. Married Maria Hildebrand, and had a daughter Elizabeth. This family, with the sister Elizabeth were members of the religious colony at Ephrata.
- iii. Alexander Jr. born 1717 ? , died 1803. Married Elizabeth Nice. (Another reference says his wife's name was Edwards; he possibly was married twice.
- iv. Elizabeth, who died at Ephrata.

5. JOHN MARTIN² KITZMILLER (John¹)

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Born around 1705 in Waldorf, Germany. Died 1787 or 1788 in Mannheim Twp., York County, Pa. Married about 1730 JULIANA BENCKER (BENDERS), the daughter of Christophel Bencker. She died in 1788 or 1789. Martin landed in Philadelphia 23 August 1728 with his father and brothers; the Benckers family was on the same ship.

Martin first appears in the York County records in 1736, when he bought a partly improved farm not far from Hanover, on the headwaters of Conewago Creek. There is also another creek of the same name which enters the Susquehanna from the east side, and since the Rev. J. C. Stoeber recorded the baptisms of three of Martin's children merely at "Conewago", it may be that Martin first lived near the present southern border of Dauphin County for a few years, near others of his family.

He bought property in Mannheim Twp., York County, in 1754; sold lands to his children in 1760 and 1765; was township supervisor in 1756; was on the tax list for 1762, but not for 1783; his will was dated 10 April 1786, and was probated 27 May 1788.

On 26 February 1752 Martin and his sons fought off a party of Marylanders who were trying to oust him from his land, and during the fight Dudley Digges was killed. The account of the Kitzmiller trial and acquittal is written up fully in the Pennsylvania Archives, 1st series, Vols. I and II, the testimony giving data as to Martin's wife, children, his residence in Mannheim Twp., and his mill. The latter is mentioned in an old Adams County history, as having a door stone on which was carved "Hanson Martin Kitzmiller, August 1738". His family attended Christ Reformed Church a few miles to the west; a 1792 map shows the location as "Kitzmillers".

Children:

- see pp 11-14*
- 3-3 John Jacob, born 28 February 1731, sponsor John Jacob Kitzmiller; died 1808, married Anna Elizabeth Sell.
 - 3-4 John Leonard, born ca 1733. Testimony in Digges case says that he was 19 years old in February 1752.
 - 3-5 John, born 15 October 1734, sponsors John Jacob Kitzmiller Sr., and wife; died 1804. (Gravestone at Christ Lutheran Church gives date of birth as 24 September 1736).
 - 3-6 John George, born 29 October 1738; died 1824.
 - 3-7 Julian, born 22 March 1747. Nothing known beyond this birth date in records of Christ Reformed Church, which lists the father as "of Waldorf".
Catherine, died before 1787; married Adam Strum. Six of their children were living and named in Martin's will of April 1786.

6. JOHN JACOB² KITZMILLER (?1 John¹)

Lacking evidence to the contrary, this man can be placed as probably the son of Johannes of the "Mortonhouse". If so, he would have been born about 1708, probably in Waldorf. He was married 25 April 1732 by the Rev. J. C. Stoever to ANNA MARIA SOMNER, of Earl Twp., Lancaster County. He died before June 1748, leaving eight minor children.

His wife was probably a member of the family of Adam Sommer who came on the ship "James Goodwill" in September 1728. An Andreas Sommer came in 1749. Also on the "Goodwill" was the missionary John Casper Stoever, who married many of the German Couples and baptized their children. Both the New Holland and Muddy Creek churches were at one time under his charge.

In 1742 a Jacob Kitzmiller owned 125 acres of land in Bethel Twp., which was bounded on the West by Swatara Creek, and was crossed by the Little Swatara. On 3 April 1743 Jacob Kitzmiller of Lancaster County was naturalized, Bethel Twp. being then in that county. John Jacob and wife Anna Maria were sponsors at Lebanon at the baptisms of two of the Rev. Stoever's children, in May 1734 and February 1746.

28 February 1731 Jacob was sponsor at the baptism of John Jacob, son of Martin Kitzmiller (#5), a son of Johannes of the "Mortonhouse"; 27 December 1734 Jacob and his wife were sponsors for Johannes, another son of Martin. These baptisms were listed as at Conewago, which may refer to the settlement in the northwest corner of Lancaster County.

Baptismal records of nine children of "Jacob of Swatara" are listed by Stoever, and the six oldest are also found in the records of Trinity Lutheran Church, New Holland, and of the Muddy Creek Reformed Church of Cocalico Twp., both in northeastern Lancaster County. Shortly after Jacob's death the oldest son was confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church, Tulpehocken.

In Egle's "Notes and Queries, 1900", Jacob's death and children are listed; but he is also described as the son of the John Kitzmiller of Bethel Twp., which is an error, as the latter already had a son Jacob, born in 1744 and living in the Tulpehocken district till at least 1782.

Children:

10.
 - i. Andreas (Andrew), born 3 (or 14) November 1733. Sponsors Andreas Kraft and wife. Confirmed 9 September 1748 at Christ Lutheran, Tulpehocken, as son of Jacob, aged 19 years. In 1748 George Huber was appointed his guardian
 - ii. Anna Maria, born 11 (or 28) May 1735. Sponsor Anna Maria Meivel.
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 - iii. John Jacob, born 22 August 1736.
 - iv. Anna Margaret, born 18 April (or 7 May) 1738. Sponsors John Leonard Keller and wife Anna Margaret. Married 20 November 1759 at Trinity Lutheran, Lancaster, to George Philip Barth (Bard), born 25 June 1736, died 26 June 1795. She died 21 February 1823; buried in Bard's Cemetery, Upper Leacock Twp., Lancaster County.
 - v. Maria Catherine, born 9 May 1740. Died young.
12.
 - vi. Johannes, born 14 February (or May) 1742.
13.
 - vii. George Adam, born 19 (or 22) January 1744. Sponsors George Thomas Sauter and wife Margaret. In 1773 he was on the tax list in Lebanon Twp. 20 August 1777 he was listed as a non-associator, ineligible for service in the Revolutionary War. 17 June 1778 he said he was a deserter from the British service, and was afraid if he should be taken he would get no quarter. Was required to pay £ 30 or to go on garrison duty at the next call. (Egle 1895, p. 61).
In 1778 he took the oath of allegiance in Paxtang Twp. He seems to have been a resident of that township, near Middletown in what is now Dauphin County, from about 1778 on. No records have been found of any wife or children.
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 - viii. John Casper, born 25 March 1746
 - ix. Maria Catherine, born 26 March 1748. Sponsors the Rev, John Casper Stoever and wife Maria Catherine. Egle says she was one month old when her father died.

7. JOHN² KITZMILLER (JOHN ?#3)

Born in 1736 or 1737, as when he was confirmed at Christ Lutheran, Tulpehocken, on Easter 1752, he was listed as the son of John, age 15½ years. He was probable the son of John Kitzmiller of Bethel Twp., (?#3), who died prior to 5 March 1747.

There were two John Kitzmillers of about the same age, the above man and Johannes # 12, son of Jacob of Swatara, # 6. They were raised in the same or adjoining townships, both appear in the records of Christ Lutheran Church, Tulpehocken, but only one of them headed a Pennsylvania family in 1790. The record of the younger man, Johannes #12, appears much clearer, as he was married at and had four of his ten children baptized at Christ Lutheran Church in Lancaster, and two more children were baptized at Fredericksburg, where he died. It is possible that some of the other records referring to John have been wrongly assigned.

A John Kitzmiller was overseer of the poor in Heidelberg Twp. in 1766; and a John Kitzmiller took the oath of allegiance in Lebanon Twp. 29 May 1778.

Four children of a John Kitzmiller were recorded at Christ Lutheran, Tulpehocken, as below. It would seem more probable that George Peter, #17, was the son of Jacob #8 and Mary Catherine, as if John #7 was the father he would have had three wives within nine years, yet no marriage records for him have been found.

Children:

- i. Elizabeth, born 30 April 1761. Baptized as daughter of John and Margaret Elizabeth. Elizabeth Christ, a married sister of John #7, was a sponsor.
15. ii. John, born 27 December 1763, baptized as son of John and Barbara.
16. iii. John Jacob, born 20 March 1766. Baptized as son of John and Anna Barbara. Sponsors were Jacob Kitzmiller and Magdalena Schupp, this Jacob probably being the brother #8, of John #7, who was then living in the neighborhood.
- ?17. iv. George Peter, born 23 April 1769. Baptized as son of John and Maria Catherine, sponsors, Peter Stein and wife. (May have been the son of Jacob #8 and Maria Catherine).

8. JACOB² KITZMILLER (John)

Born in 1744, probably the son of John Kitzmiller of Bethel Twp., (?#3), who died before 5 March 1747. Confirmed Whitsunday 1759 at Christ Lutheran, Tulpehocken, at age of 15. Parents not named in the record. Orphans Court records show that he was over 14 in 1760, when Isaac Myer, founder of Myerstown, was appointed his guardian.

From present information he is the only man of this name who could fit the following:

Married about 1765 to MARY CATHERINE _____, who was born 1745 or 1746, as at her death 27 November 1832 she was in her 88th year.

Jacob was an early resident of Schaefferstown, and his name appears in the records of three neighboring churches. 2 August 1777 he took the oath of allegiance in Heidelberg Twp., which includes Schaefferstown, and the same year he was listed as a "Non-associator". He was taxed there in 1782.

In 1788 there was a tailor of this name in Earl Twp., Lancaster County. The 1790 census lists a Jacob Kitzmiller as living in Earl Twp., whose family included besides himself one man over 16, 3 boys under 16 and one woman. While not in complete correspondence this listing fits Jacob #8 better than the listing of Dauphin County, which had two Jacob Kitzmillers, each with one boy and four women in his family. Schaefferstown was then in Dauphin County, while Earl Twp., Lancaster, was about 20 miles to the south.

Some of the children assigned to this couple may be wrongly placed.

- i. Barbara, born 27 April 1767, listed as daughter of Jacob and Maria, at Trinity Reformed Church, Jackson Twp.,
17. ii. George Peter, born 23 April 1769 listed as son of John and Mary Catherine, at Christ Lutheran, Tulpehocken. Peter Stein and wife, sponsors. (George Peter may have been the son of John #7).
- iii. Maria Elizabeth, born 20 June 1771; listed as daughter of Jacob and Mary Catherine at Christ Lutheran, Tulpehocken. Sponsors, John and Regina Deiss.
18. iv. Benjamin, born 11 December 1773; listed as son of Jacob and Catherine at Schaefferstown Lutheran.
- v. Catherine, born 2 December 1775; listed as daughter of Jacob and Maria Catherine at Schaefferstown Lutheran.
- vi. John, born 2 September 1778, died young. Listed as son of Jacob and Catherine at Schaefferstown Lutheran. Sponsors John and Regina Tice.
19. vii. John, born 15 March 1781; listed as son of Jacob and Maria Catherine at Schaefferstown Lutheran. Sponsors, John and Agatha Neip.
20. viii. Jonathan, born 16 November 1784; listed as son of Jacob and Maria Catherine at Christ Lutheran, Tulpehocken.

11. JACOB³ KITZMILLER (6 Jacob², John)

Born 22 August 1736. Sponsors John Kitzmiller Sr. (#3) and wife Margaret. Married first, 6 October 1761, CATERINA PETER of Lebanon Twp. After her death, and prior to 1787, he married, second, JULIANA VOGT, a widow. He died 7 May 1807 in Annville Twp., now Lebanon County. Records of the Hill Church, near Annville, give the names of his parents, but are in error by about four years in the date of his birth. The widow survived him.

A Jacob Kitzmiller was taxed on 20 acres in Lebanon Twp. in 1772, on 40 acres there in 1773, and on 50 acres in 1780. (Annville Twp. was included in Lebanon Twp. till 1799). In Hanover Twp., just north of Annville, a Jacob Spitzmiller took the oath of allegiance in 1778. The 1790 census lists in Dauphin County, of which all the above three townships were then a part, two Jacob Kitzmillers, each with one boy under 16 and four women in the family. The family of Jacob #11 would be short two women to match this, which can be easily accounted for. In 1800 Jacob Kitzmiller was taxed in Annville Twp.

His will was dated 15 January 1807. Ages of the children are as listed in the records of his estate, of which Leonard Alliman was administrator.

Children, all by the second marriage:

25. i. Jacob, born in period 1787-1790, between 14 and 21 in 1807
 ii. Elizabeth, born in period 1787-1790, between 14 and 21 in 1807.
 iii. Christine, born 20 April 1800, Hill Church record.
 iv. Sally, under 14 in 1807

12. JOHANNES³ KITZMILLER (6 Jacob², John)

Born 14 February 1742, from records of Trinity Lutheran Church, New Holland. Died before 13 August 1819 in Bethel Twp., Lebanon County. Married 26 December 1763, at Trinity Lutheran, Lancaster, to ANNA MARIA FUCHS. She was born 1 January 1743, daughter of Jacob Fuchs, of Northkill (Berks County).

A Johannes Kitzmiller and wife Mary of Mannheim Twp., Lancaster County, in May 1766 sold 10 acres on the west side of the "Great Road leading from Lancaster to Tulpehocken".

In 1776 Johannes was a renter at Stumpstown, (now Fredericksburg), Bethel Twp., and in 1781 he was on the tax list there. The 1790 census lists only one John Kitzmiller heading a family east of the Susquehanna, and having one boy over 16, one under 16, and five women. This fits the family of John #12 better than it does that of John #7.

The Lebanon County Orphans Court record of 13 August 1819 lists his heirs as the widow Anna Maria, and the following children.

- i. Anna Maria, born 16 November 1764, Trinity Lutheran, Lancaster
 21. ii. Johannes, born 9 March 1767, Trinity Lutheran, Lancaster
 iii. Catherine, born 12 September 1769, Trinity Lutheran, Lancaster.
 iv. Magdalene
 v. Margaretha, born 5 July 1771, Trinity Lutheran, Lancaster
 vi. Barbara
 vii. Susannah
 viii. Sally, who may have been the one baptized as Sabina, who was born 17 December 1781, Fredericksburg.
 22. ix. Jacob, born 9 December 1783, Fredericksburg. In 1819 had a minor daughter named Ann.
 x. Elizabeth

14. JOHN CASPER³ KITZMILLER (6 Jacob², John)

Born 25 March, 1746, Stoever records. Sponsors were the Rev. Stoever and his wife Maria Catherine. Married about 1765 to JULIANA _____.
His name is not listed as head of a family on the 1790 census of Pennsylvania.

In 1773 he was taxed in Lebanon Twp., now in Lebanon County. Two children are reported in the records of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, as follows:

- 23. i. Stephen, born 18 February 1769
- 24. ii. Johann, born 1 December 1771

18. BENJAMIN³ KITZMILLER (8 Jacob², John)

Born 11 December 1773, Schaefferstown Lutheran, Henry and Catherine Pfeffer as sponsors. Died 1 February 1832, a resident of Jackson Twp., Lebanon County. Married 5 January 1797 at Christ Lutheran, Tulpehocken, to CATHERINE FORRY. She was born 14 March 1778, and died 3 March, 1832.

Orphans Court records of Berks County show that William, a minor son, over 14, of Benjamin, late of Jackson Twp. selected Peter Wallborn as his guardian in 1827. (?)

Children:

- i. Anna Maria Elizabeth, born 23 October 1798. Baptised at Christ Lutheran, Tulpehocken, with George Michael Lechner and wife Anna Maria Elizabeth, as sponsors.
- 26. ii. George, born 20 April 1806, George Forry, Sponsor
- 27. iii. William Lechner, born 7 May 1811, George Lechner, sponsor.

20. JONATHAN³ KITZMILLER (8 Jacob², John)

Born 16 November 1784, Christ Lutheran, Tulpehocken, George Nicholas Lechner and wife Maria Elizabeth, sponsors. Died 21 February 1836 at his home in South Middleton Twp., Cumberland County, (outskirts of Carlisle). Married 14 February 1819, First Lutheran Church, Carlisle, to MRS ELIZABETH KELLER, a widow. The church record has her name as Keller, -the local newspaper gave her name as Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor. She died at Carlisle 16 December 1843.

Jonathan appears on the tax lists of South Middleton Twp. first in 1820, as the owner of 11 acres. In 1822 and 1827 he was listed at the same location as a tavern keeper; in 1829 as an innkeeper, with 13 acres, 3 lots and 3 houses. His mother, Catherine, died 27 November 1832 at his home.

Children, all born in Carlisle:

- i. Catherine Elizabeth, born 29 October 1820. Died 15 March 1837, unmarried.
- ii. Sophia, born 4 May 1822. Married Isaac Wingert.
- iii. Rebecca, born 6 April 1825. Died 16 March 1879 at Muscatine, Iowa. Married 1 September 1849, Jacob Ashby Bishop, at Carlisle.

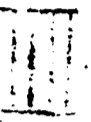
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RITZ MILLER
FARM
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HEIDELBERG
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DECENDANTS OF JOHN MARTIN² KITZMILLER, of ADAMS (YORK) COUNTY, Pa.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, was organized in 1729; York County was taken from it in 1749, and Adams County taken from York in 1800. In Adams County, Conewago Township was originally included in Heidelberg and Manheim Townships of York County. The town of Hanover is almost on the line dividing the two counties.

3. JOHN JACOB³ KITZMILLER (MARTIN², JOHN)

Born 28 February 1731, baptismal sponsor was John Jacob Kitzmiller, probably of the Lebanon County family, an uncle(?). (Rev. J.C. Stoeber record). Died 1808, Germany Twp., Adams County. Married about 1760 to ANNA ELIZABETH SELL, daughter of Peter Sell. She was living in 1804.

Jacob is named in the Digges testimony as being the oldest son of Martin, over 19 years old in 1752. In 1776 he was a saw-miller in Germany Twp., and a miller there in 1794. He was an overseer of the township in 1768; was on the tax list there in 1762, 1783 and 1799, with large holdings.

He was a 1st Lieut. of the 8th Company, 8th Batt., York County Militia in 1778. He was listed as the head of a family in the 1790 census, his family including one male over 16, one under, and three females. He was administrator of the estate of his brother John in 1804.

His own will, dated 29 October 1804, probated 21 October 1808, mentions his wife and seven children, including one son Martin and two married daughters. His sons-in-law were the executors. Records exist for his son John Jacob and the names of three daughters are known, but nothing has been found about the other two children. Judging from the census records they were probably daughters, the three older daughters probably having been married by 1790. His will states: "I have kept no account of what I gave my daughters when they married -- I have never given them much." He left a large estate.

Children:

- i. Magdalena, born 27 January 1770, possibly married
~~Joseph~~ *Gabriel De Vault* 1767-1857
8. ii. John Martin, born 1 November 1774
9. iii. John Jacob, born 29 July 1777
 - iv. (daughter) married Henry Kohlstock
 - v. (daughter) married George Mouse
 - vi. (?daughter)
 - vii. (?daughter)

4. JOHN LEONARD³ KITZMILLER (MARTIN², JOHN)

Born about 1733, as Digges case testimony says he was 19 in February 1752.

A will of 1773 refers to a Leonard Kitzmiller as having married HANNAH YOUNG, daughter of Dewalt Young.

No further records of him have been found.

DECENDANTS of JOHN MARTIN² KITZMILLER, of ADAMS (YORK) COUNTY, Pa.

5. JOHN³ KITZMILLER (MARTIN², JOHN)

Born 15 October 1734 (Stoever's record), or 24 September 1736, from gravestone in cemetery of Christ Reformed Church, Union Twp., Adams County. Died 20 August 1804, aged 67 yrs 10 mo 27 days, G S. Married about 1760 to MARY _____, who was named as his wife in a deed. His baptismal sponsors were John Jacob Kitzmiller, Sr., and wife.

In 1760 his father sold him 194 acres in Manheim and Germany Twps. which the father had bought in 1751. John was then a blacksmith. He bought 180 acres in the above townships in 1770, and he and his wife granted water rights on it to his brother George in 1773. He was taxed in Manheim Twp. in 1762; in Manheim and Hanover in 1783; in Conewago in 1801; he was an overseer in Manheim Twp. in 1773 and supervisor in 1778.

John was listed in the militia records of York County at various times 1780-85, mainly as paying fines for non-performance of duty.

The 1790 census lists him as head of a family of three boys under 16 and two females, which matches fairly well with the ancestry of his son Jacob as given in a "History of Stark County, Ohio", by W.H. Perrin, 1881. This says that Jacob was born about 1773 in Adams County, Pa.--- had a sister and brothers Martin and John, and that they were the children of Martin who had emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania when that country was new. If this account had listed Jacob as being the grandson of Martin the record would be clear, and such a mistake could happen in a biography written 35 years after Jacob's death. If the Jacob who moved to Ohio was the son of John #5, the latter's children were:

10. i. John, born 26 May 1765
11. ii. Jacob, born about 1773
12. iii. Martin, who may have been the man of this name who married Mary Dewalt (De Vault)
- iv. (daughter)

6. JOHN GEORGE³ KITZMILLER (MARTIN², JOHN)

Born 30 October 1738; died 10 March 1824, both records from gravestone. Married about 1768 to ANNA CHRISTINA _____, who was born 1747, died 3 March 1831.

He was a constable in Manheim Twp. in 1768; assistant assessor in 1780; collector in 1785. He was taxed in that township in 1762 and 1783. In 1801 he had the largest tax assessment in Conewago Twp., his property including grist mill, saw mill, slaves, etc. In 1765 he bought a lot in Germany Twp., agreeing to put up a building; the same year he bought from his father 164 acres in Manheim and Germany Twps. which the father had bought in 1759. He was then described as a cordwainer.

In 1786 he gave bond against possible claim by the heirs of Dudley Digges over ownership of land in "Digges' Choice". He apparently took over his father's property, buying out the shares of his brother and sister, guaranteeing to his father half the crops and half the toll of the grist mill. In 1777 he was fined for failure to meet and drill with the militia; in 1776 he hired Henry Baumgardner as his substitute, and in 1781 hired Peter Frein for the same purpose.

In the 1790 census he was listed as of Manheim Twp., having two minor boys, five females, four other free whites and one slave in his household. His will of 22 May 1815 was probated 27 March 1824; his son Michael was executor. It names his wife, two sons, five daughters and a son-in-law Jacob Dewalt (DeVault). His estate was large, and appears in the records till 1833.

DECENDANTS of JOHN MARTIN³KITZMILLER, of ADAMS (YORK) COUNTY, Pa.

(children of John George³ Kitzmiller)

- i. Anna Maria, born 5 September 1769, died 28 March 1852. Married Jacob Heagey, who was born 7 January 1768 in Warwick Twp., Lancaster County, and died 17 September 1804. At her wedding - "by her brother Michael Kitzmiller, she was given the choice of a bay horse or a negro for a wedding gift; she accepted the latter".
13. ii. John George, born 26 January 1775, Emanuel Reformed Church, Hanover. Not named in father's will in 1815.
- iii. Christina, born 14 September 1777, died 3 April 1864. Married in 1799 Abraham Krise.
14. iv. Martin. Born say about 1780. Named on a bond in 1795 as a son of George Kitzmiller. Named in his father's will in 1815.
15. v. John Michael, born about 1783.
- vi. Rachel, died 1829, married 10 January 1808 to Jacob Theobald (De Vault). He was a son of Henry and Catherine Dewalt; a brother of the Elizabeth Dewalt who married John Kitzmiller (#10), and of the Mary Dewalt who married Martin Kitzmiller (#12). Jacob and Rachel had nine children, among whom was a daughter Elizabeth Christina who married a Martin Kitzmiller.
- vii. Susannah
- viii. Margaret

7. JULIAN³ KITZMILLER (MARTIN², JOHN)

Born 22 March 1747, record at Christ Reformed Church. He was the only one of Martin's children whose birth was recorded at the home church; which church had not been organized at the time of his birth. This record gives his father's birthplace as Waldorf, and his mother's maiden name, which information has not been found elsewhere.

8. JOHN MARTIN⁴ KITZMILLER (JACOB³, MARTIN², JOHN)

Born 1 November 1774. Married ELIZABETH HEAGEY, a sister of the Jacob Heagey who married Anna Maria Kitzmiller, daughter of John George # 6. A 1799 tax list shows Martin then living in Berwick Twp.

Children:

- i. Lydia, b. 18 October 1798, Emanuel Ref. Ch., Hanover
- ii. Catherine, b. 10 January 1807, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Hanover.
16. iii. Michael H., b. 20 April 1812, d. 14 February 1882, G.S. married Elizabeth Heagey, daughter Jacob and Anna Maria, (see above). She was b. 17 March 1812, d. 12 March 1890.

Children:

Anna Maria	b. 1829, d. 1830 G.S.
Catherine	b. 1834
Claressa	b. 1840
	m. 1864 Enos Overdeer
Sarah Margaret	b. 1844
Anna Maria	b. 1849

9. JOHN JACOB⁴ KITZMILLER (JACOB³, MARTIN², JOHN)

Born 29 July 1777. Died December 1837 at Gettysburg. Married HANNAH _____ . The 1801 tax list shows him as single. His will of 20 November 1837, probated 28 December 1837 is very brief; refers merely to his wife, Hannah, and "my children". He lived in Gettysburg in period 1817-1829.

DECENDANTS OF JOHN MARTIN³ KITZMILLER, of ADAMS (YORK) COUNTY, Pa. 14
(children of John Jacob⁴ Kitzmiller)

- i. Margaret Ann, born 9 December 1836, Christ Lutheran, Union Twp. (no record found of any others)

10. JOHN⁴ KITZMILLER, JR. (JOHN³, MARTIN², JOHN)

Born 26 May 1765, died 20 August 1845, G.S. at Christ Reformed Church, Union Twp. Married ANNA ELIZABETH DEWALT (DeVAULT), daughter of Henry and Catherine Dewalt of Manheim Twp. She was born 26 September 1767, died 1851 at Frederick, Md. (from "A De Vault Genealogy", Gillmore.) Her G.S. is in error.

John Kitzmiller, Jr. of Heidelberg Twp. was a private in the 4th Company, 7th Batt., York County Militia in 1783-85. John Kitzmiller was assessed on a house and lot in Heidelberg Twp., Adams County, in 1783.

Children:

- i. Samuel, born 10 May 1790, Christ Reformed Church.
17. ii. Mary, born 24 March 1793, married ca 1810 Michael Kitzmiller # 15.

11. JACOB⁴ KITZMILLER (JOHN³, MARTIN², JOHN)

Born about 1773. Died 1846, Canton, Ohio. Married SARAH KRUGG.

In 1807 Jacob and Sarah sold land on what is now the main street of Lancaster, Pa., the deed listing them as of Conewago Twp., Adams County. In 1814 they moved to Stark County, Ohio, where he was a blacksmith. They raised ten children, of whom William, the seventh, more can be found in Perrin's "History of Stark County, Ohio."

12. MARTIN⁴ KITZMILLER (JOHN³, MARTIN², JOHN)

Probably born about 1783. Married MARY DEWALT (De VAULT), daughter of Henry and Catherine Dewalt. They later moved to Washington County, Tennessee, where he is said to have died at the age of 90.

Children:

David, John, Henry, Elizabeth, Mary, Martin, Jacob, Joseph, of whom all except the latter two married and raised families.

15. JOHN MICHAEL⁴ KITZMILLER (GEORGE³, MARTIN², JOHN)

Born about 1783, died 1848 or January 1849. Married about 1810 to MARY ANN KITZMILLER, the daughter of John # 10. Her gravestone in the cemetery of Christ Reformed Church names her as the wife of J. Michael, and gives her birth date as 24 March 1792, and death as 5 February 1858.

He bought land in 1830 in Union and Conewago Twps. His will, dated 8 February 1847, probated 30 January 1849, as of Conewago Twp., mentions but does not name his wife, and names four children as below, all of whom show in the records of Christ Reformed Church as being children of Michael and Mary Ann.

Children:

18. i. Eli George, born 6 April 1815, sponsors George and Christina Kitzmiller.
- ii. Honoria Elizabeth, born 15 December 1816.
19. iii. Zebulon John, born 13 January 1819, died 20 August 1884
- iv. Louisa Maria Christina, born 3 April 1833. Married 1858 Hamilton U. Forrest.

NOTE. In the same church cemetery there is a gravestone for JOHN MICHAEL KITZMILLER, born 18 November 1782, died 11 January 1849. This agrees with dates for Michael #15, except that the latter stone names Michael's wife as ELIZABETH, born 7 October 1767, died 29 January 1855. If the dates were correctly copied from the gravestones Michael must have divorced Mary Ann after 1833 and remarried, both wives surviving him.

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