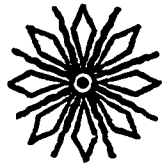


The Sehner Ancestry.



Compiled from authentic records
and illustrated with Wappen, or
Coat of Arms, and Stamhaus in
Schwaigern, Württemberg. . . .

DEDICATED TO JOHN FICK SEHNER

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BESCHREIBUNG DES FAMILIEN WAPPENS SÖHNER.

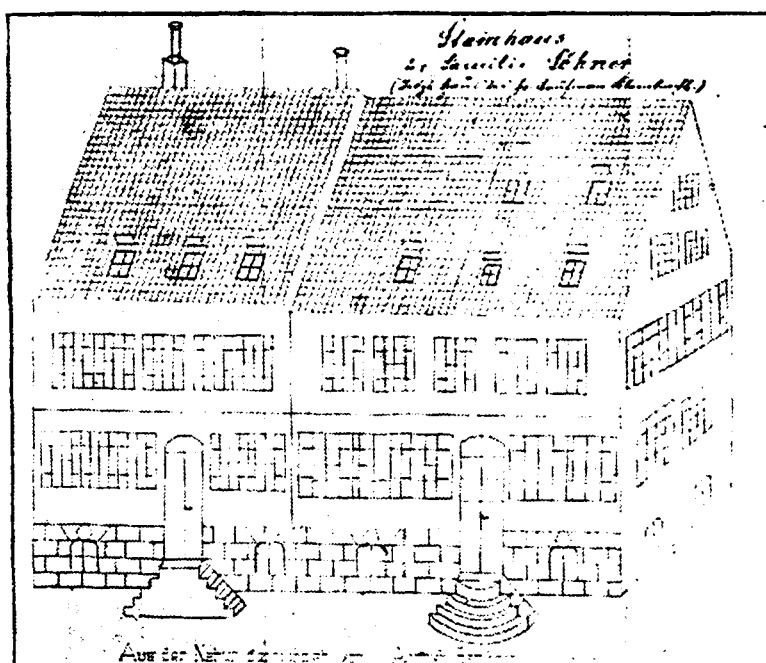
Das Wappen ist enthalten in der Grossen Wappensammlung des Antonio Bonacina in Mailand, im II Band, Folio 229. Der Stam hat sich Früher SEHNER geschrieben und war im 17 Jahrhundert ein bürgerliches Geschlecht im Fränkischen. Der Schild ist gespalten; im vordern blauen Feld ist ein goldner Löwe, ein Schwert haltend, derselbe bedeutet Grossmuth des Stamvaters; im hintern rothen Feld ist ein geharnischter Arm mit Schwert, welcher bedeutet, das der Stamvater ein tüchtiger Krieger war. Auf dem goldgekronten Helm sind 2 Hörner (Starke bedeutend). Die Farbender Helmdecken sind gold zu blau und silber zu roth und bedeuten "Sparsamkeit and Kühnheit.

EUGEN KURZ,

Nov. 27, 1895.

Wappenmaler und Graveur, Ulm a. Danube, Hafengasse.

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STAMHAUS DER FAMILIA SÖHNER.

House in Schwaigern, Würtemberg in which Gotlieb Söhner, ancestor of the family in America, was born in 1721. Copied from a drawing in the Natur gezeichnet von August Rämischer, Schwaigern.

The Sehner Ancestry.

IN presenting these brief pages the author begs leave to state that the information as to ancestry in Germany was secured by himself at considerable expense and correspondence, and is certified to by State Minister Hummel, of Schwaigern, Württemberg; Rev. Foelker, pastor at Lowenstein, and by Eugen Kurz, of Ulm, and that the ancestry as regards America has been gleaned from a genealogical chart compiled by John Fick Sehner, of Lancaster, Pa. The original documents from Germany are in the possession of the author.

The name was originally written SEHNER, but in Germany during the period from 1715 to 1750 it was changed to SÖHNER, and in this country is variously written Sehner and Sener, Gotlieb, who came over in 1749, and who is the ancestor in this country, writing it SÖHNER.

The name is derived from the old German "Sinthar," meaning "a man noted in war," and was chosen by the original ancestor, who received a *wappen* or coat-of-arms. The family originated in Austria, somewhere near Salzburg, in the thirteenth century, and was as a sequence Catholic. The ancestor living in Austria at the time of the Reformation became Evangelistic, and he and his second son, Wolfgang Sehner, left Austria on account of religious persecution and located at Steppach, where Wolfgang, became "Schultheiss and Ahnwalt," his descendants afterwards locating at Schwaigern, in Württemberg. The first son, whose Christian name is unknown, remained a Catholic and located near Heilbron, where a Catholic branch of the family is at present located.

The *wappen* of the family is recorded in the "Grosse Wappensammlung of Antonio Bonacina, in Mailand, in Band II., folio 229," the *Stamvater* being described as "*ein bürgerliches Geschlecht in Fränkischen.*" The shield of the *wappen*, which was received from the Emperor of Austria for military service, as the name Sehner implies, is divided per pale, the right field being red with a silver mailed arm bearing a sword, signifying highmindedness; the left field blue with a golden lion holding sword, surmounted by a golden crowned helmet capped with two horns, signifying "*Sparsamkeit und Kühnheit*"—"Industry and Integrity."

Wolfgang Sehner had one son, Hans Sehner, who located in Schwaigern, Württemberg, about 1570, where descendants still reside. Hans Sehner was married to Elizabeth Trometer, b. November 23, 1628; d. March 16, 1697, on February 13, 1653. Hans Sehner died on

May 9, 1696, aged seventy years, and had issue six children, they being: An anonymous or still born, Maria Catharine, Matthew, Anna Dorothea, Hans Wolfgang and Johannes.

Matthew, b. May 24, 1660, d. February 16, 1744, was married three times, to Cordula Elizabeth Lederer, Anna Catharine Dieter and Barbara Sybilla Shuster, respectively. His issue by the first wife were: Maria Catharine, Hans Michael, Cordula Elizabeth. By the second wife, an anonymous or still born, Hans Deiter, Christian, Johannes, Matthew. By the third wife, John Christopher, Maria Sybilla, an anonymous or still born, John George and Gotlieb. Barbara Sybilla Shuster, the third wife, was born September 2, 1680, and died ———. They were married on January 23, 1714.

GOTLIEB IN AMERICA.

Gotlieb, who wrote his name SÖHNER, and who was the thirteenth child, was born at Schwaigern in the house shown in the accompanying engraving, on April 7, 1721. He became a house carpenter and joiner, and when 28 years of age, five years after his father's death, came to America on the ship Fane, landing at Philadelphia on October 17, 1749. He located in Lancaster where he purchased land and was married on September 18, 1750 to Maria Barbara Klein, b. October 30, 1730, d. October 13, 1799. The exact date of Gotlieb's death is not known; but the tax assessments on file in Commissioner's office at Lancaster show that he died some time between September, 1779 and May 1780. He had issue:

- I.—(John) Gotlieb, b. August 13, 1751; d. April 19, 1769.
- II.—Maria Barbara, b. February 28, 1754; d. September 19, 1756.
- III.—Jacob, b. January 31, 1757; married Eve Magdalene Neff.
- IV.—Frederick, b. November 14, 1764, went to the far west and never heard of again.
- V.—Johannes, b. October 17, 1765; d. July 11, 1814.
- VI.—Elizabeth, b. May 23, 1789; married J. Breneiser.
- VII.—Maria Barbara (2) (Catharine) b. August 15, 1771, married David Gryder.
- VIII.—Sophia, b. Aug. 16, 1773.

From Gotlieb and above children have sprung the Sehner family in America.

JOHANNES SENER, 1765–1814.

Johannes, b. Oct. 17, 1765 was married on December 9, 1796 to Catharine Rung, b. May 20, 1770, d. November 21, 1851, issue, viz:

- I.—John, b. January 4, 1798; d. October 24, 1864.
- II.—Gotlieb, b. April 28, 1800; d. January 11, 1877, married Rebecca Zahm.
- III.—Jacob, b. April 8, 1802; d. December 24, 1872.
- IV.—Catharine, b. March 13, 1804; d. August 13, 1870, married Christopher Hager.
- V.—Frederick, b. November 6, 1806; d. August 3, 1869.
- VI.—George, b. March 11, 1807; d. August 16, 1808.
- VII.—Henry, b. May 7, 1808; d. August 4, 1808.

VIII.—Sophia, b. October 28, 1809; d. November 25, 1809.

IX.—Elizabeth, b. October 25, 1810, married Samuel Miller, living.

JOHN SEHNER, 1798–1864.

The direct line of the author is as follows: John Sehner, born January 4, 1798, was married to Ann Maria Fick, b. August 12, 1806, d. July 26, 1887, a descendant of Adolph Christian Fick, who came to America from Waren, Mecklenberg, in 1802, and served in war of 1812, dying March 16, 1825. They were married on December 15, 1825, and had issue, viz.:

I.—John Fick, b. October 4, 1826, living.

II.—Henry Christian, b. February 6, 1828, d. April 26, 1894.

III.—Benjamin Franklin, b. August 15, 1829, living.

IV.—Albert Frederick, b. July 26, 1836, d. October 25, 1857.

V.—Justina Margaret, b. October 15, 1837, married to George H. Rothermel.

VI.—Adolphus Christian, b. July 11, 1839, d. October 9, 1842.

VII.—Marcus George, b. June 21, 1841, d. February 1, 1886.

VIII.—Edward Adolphus, b. May 13, 1843, living.

IX.—Anonymous, b. and d. August 8, 1844.

HENRY CHRISTIAN SEHNER.

Henry Christian, b. February 6, 1828, was married to Frances A. Coggsdall, on January 2, 1855, and had issue, viz:

Samuel Miller, b. October 5, 1855, married to Susie Theresa Murray, a grandniece of Right Reverend Bishop Coyle, of Raphoe, Ireland.

Albert Frederick, b. April 24, 1858, d. September 8, 1861.

Samuel Miller, b. October 5, 1855, married to Susie Theresa Murray on April 5, 1877, had issue, viz:

Frances Mary, b. February 10, 1878.

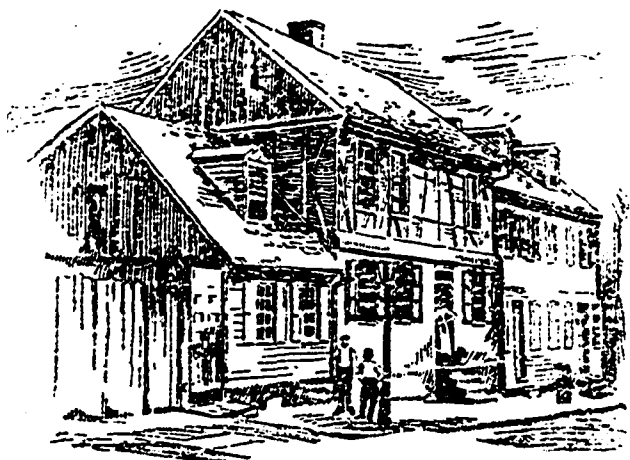
Gertrude, b. August 24, 1880.

Ann Maria, b. November 17, 1887.

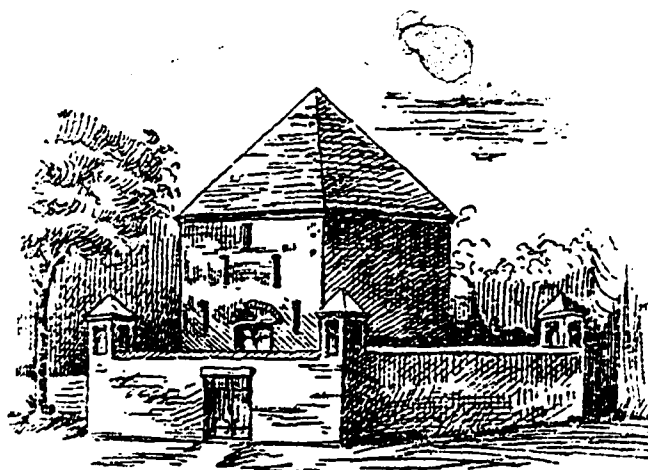
Samuel Miller Sener is a member of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution, in descent from maternal great-great grandfather, George Leonard, b. September 13, 1755, d. May 9, 1847; and of the War of 1812 Society, in descent from Adolph C. Fick.

The Coyle arms are "or, three bars, azure; crest—a lion's head, crased, or"—from Burke's "General Armory of England." The Murray arms are "azure, three mullets argent, within a double tressure, flory, counterflory, or; crest—a demi-savage, wreathed about head and waist, vert, holding in dexter hand a dagger"—from same volume.

During 1776–9 George Leonard stood guard while doing militia service in Lancaster at the barracks goal in which prisoners of war were detained, which stood on Middle street, and at the powder house, corner of Duke and James street.



BARRACKS GOAL.



POWDER HOUSE.

GOTLIEB AND CATHARINE.

Gotlieb, b. April 28, 1800, married to Rebecca Zahm, living, on August 12, 1826, had issue, viz: John Frederick, William Zahm, Cecelia R., Henry M., Elizabeth, Edward A. and Mary L.

Catharine, b. March 18, 1804, married to Christopher Hager, b. October 7, 1800; d. April 15, 1868; had issue, viz: Catharine L., Cecelia, John C., Elizabeth M., Charles F., Henry M., Susan C., Margaretta S., Edward F. (1), Edward F. (2). The Hager wappen is a silver shield and plume with crab, mantle and helmet red and white and is found in Helmer's Wappenbuch.

Gotlieb Söhner subscribed to oath of allegiance to the "colonies' independence" on August 20, 1778; Gotleib Sehner, jr., on May 30, 1778 and Johannes Sehner on May 30, 1778 (see Vol. M. Recorder's office at Lancaster, pp. 251, 549 and 418 respectively. Johannes Sehner's name appears on the list of Revolutionary soldiers in Vol. 1, "Associators and Militia, Pennsylvania in the Revolution," page 202.

Others who are descended from the issue of the second and third generations from Gottlieb of 1721-79, if they desire, can trace their direct line on the accompanying blank sheets.

