

Handouts: Migrations to Reading, Conestoga Valley, and Westward

Reading-Maidencreek Congregation

Migration from	Name	Migration to
From Germany in 1770, then Philadelphia, then Caernarvon Twp., Lancaster County	Jacob Coblenz (1743-1812) m. Anna Barbara Seel (1740-__)	Mifflin County
Came with parents	Jacob Coblenz Jr. (1770-182_) m. Maria Kauffman (___-__)	Mifflin County
From Tulpehocken area	Ulrich Fisher (___-1785) m. Maria Kennel (___-1805)	
Bought land in 1795	Abraham Koenig (1767-1842) m. Catherine Sieber (1770-1853)	May have lived out life here or moved to Lancaster County
Bought land in 1797	Michael Koenig (1770-1835) m. Veronica (___-__)	Died in Reading Settlement
By 1806, had 700 acres	Abraham Kurtz (1753-1831) m. Barbara Ritter (1749-1823)	Died in Reading Settlement
Always lived in the Reading settlement	Christian Miller (1760-1832) m. Catherine Kurtz (1761-1837)	Died in Reading Settlement Last minister of Reading Congregation. Daughter Polly who died in 1867 was the last member.
From Conestoga Valley	Jacob Rickenbach (1757-1831) m. Barbara Hertzler (___-1838)	Died in Reading Settlement
Earl Township, Lancaster County	John Schmucker (1740-1809) m. Barbara Stoltzfus (1751-1838)	He died in Reading Settlement
Came from Germany in 1792	Jacob Schwartzenruber (1771-1841) m. Catherine Schmucker (1745-__)	Moved to Canada
Traded land in Reading settlement for his land in Bern Twp.	Christian Stehley (1742-1805) m. Anna (___-1819)	Mifflin County
Ordained minister and bishop while living in Reading Congregation	Christian Stoltzfus (1749-1832) m1 Catherine Gerber (1749-1783) m2 Elizabeth King (1755-1823)	Pequea District, Lancaster County
	Samuel Lantz (1757-1782) m. Elizabeth King (1755-1823)	
Born to Christian Stoltzfus and first wife. His wife and father's second wife were sisters.	John "Fetter Hannes" Stoltzfus (1776-1857) m1 Veronica King (___-1827) m2 Catherine Gingerich (1784-1866)	Pequea District, Lancaster County
Ordained minister in Reading Congregation	Daniel Zug (1760-1813) m. Catherine King (1763-__)	Died in Reading Settlement

Conestoga Valley Congregation

Migration from	Name	Migration to
Northkill	Christian Beiler (1728-1812) m1 Elizabeth Yoder (1729-1771) m2 Barbara (___-__)	Stayed in Conestoga Valley Settlement
Lived near his parents	Jacob Beiler (1776-1845) m. Magdalena Lapp (1776-1845)	
Born in Conestoga Valley	John Blank (1774-1825) m. Magdalena Yoder (1778-__)	Big Valley, Holmes County
Brought to America against their will	Melchior Blank (1732-1816) m. Margaret (___-__)	Big Valley
Minister and Bishop	Peter Plank (___-1831) m. Veronica Kauffman (1761-1837)	Always lived in Conestoga Valley
Northkill	Christian Hertzler (1740-1817) m1 Elizabeth Yoder (___-1791) m2 Maria Yoder (___-1813)	Lived in Conestoga after 1794. Was a deacon Moved to Mifflin County
Northkill	Jacob Hertzler (1770-1849) m. Magdalena Zug (1779-1861)	Was a minister Stayed in Conestoga Valley
	Christian Kurtz (___-___) m1 Barbara Sollenburger (___-___) m2 Magdalena Yoder 1760-___)	Other than living in Conestoga Valley until 1800, little is known
Earl Township	David Kurtz (1770-1813) m. Barbara Lapp (1768-__)	His widow moved to Canada
Chester Valley Community	George Lapp (___-1806) m. Veronica Gerber?	Likely lived out their lives in Conestoga Valley
	John Lapp (1764-1815) m. Mary Rickenbach (1761-1830)	1809 on Conestoga Valley minister list 1810 Moved to Pequea with father Michael Lapp
Mast land was over the Blue Mountains from Northkill	Jacob Mast (1738-1808) m. Magdalena Hooley (1739-1820)	Minister then bishop, farm recently sold out of family
Born in Conestoga Valley	Jacob Mast (1768-1852) m. Barbara Keneg (1774-1852)	Land is still a working farm by descendant of Bishop Jacob Mast
May have been born in Northkill	John Mast (1763-1832) m. Mary Kurtz (1765-1845)	Deacon, farm is where Lemar and Lois Ann live
	John Rickenbach (1770-1855) m. Elizabeth Hertzler	Reading Congregation

Above tables compiled from *Amish Homesteads of 1798* by John M. Byler.

**Migration
to
Brudertal
(Brothers
Valley,
Somerset
County)**
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**Lists compiled
from
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by Leroy Beachy**

Amish Pioneers on 1774 Tax List	Additional Names 1779
Christian Blough	John Borntrager
Michael Beeghly	John Berkey
Casper Shrock	John Christner
Yost Zook	John Shrock
Joseph Mishler	John Hershberger
Christian Speicher	Jacob Hostetler
	John Fike
Additional Names on 1775 Tax List	John Olinger
Jacob Berkey	Jacob Zook
Michael Troyer	Michael Troyer Jr.
Benedict Lehman	John Hostetler
Nicholas Miller	Christian Miller
Christian Berkey	Christian Yoder
John Seiler	Isaac Miller
Christian Gnagey	
Christian Yoder	Additional Names 1783
	David Hooley
Additional Names 1776 Tax Lists	Jacob Mast
John Troyer	Christian Mast
Peter Livengood	Christian Fike
Christian Hostetler	Ulrich Schrock
Christian Zook	Jacob Stutzman
Christian Miller	Jacob Seiler
Jacob Schmucker	
Christian Yoder	
John Yoder	

**Migration
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Name/Migrated from:	Name/Migrated from:
Moses Peachy/ Conestoga Valley	Christian Yoder/ Conestoga Valley
Jacob Plank/ Conestoga Valley	“County Line” Christian Yoder/ Leacock Twp., Lancaster Co
Christian Detweiler/ Brothers Valley	David Yoder
Abraham Garver/ Leacock Twp., Lancaster County	Isaac Yoder/ Earl Twp., Lancaster County
Isaac Garver/ Salisbury Twp., Lancaster County	‘Yotter’ Hannes Yoder
William Headings	Jacob Yoder/ Leacock Twp., Lancaster County
<u>David Hartzler/ Conestoga Valley</u>	Jacob Yoder/ Leacock Twp., Lancaster County
<u>Jacob Hertzler/ Conestoga Valley</u>	John Yoder/ Conestoga Valley
John Hartzler/ Conestoga Valley	“Yotter” Hannes Yoder/ Casselman River District
John Hooley/ Salisbury Twp., Lancaster County	Michael Yoder/ Leacock Twp., Lancaster County
John Hooley Jr./ Salisbury Twp., Lancaster County	Peter Yoder/
Jacob Kauffman/ Chester Valley	“Poor” Yost Yoder/ Earl Township, Lancaster County
Christian Lantz/ Heidelberg Twp., Berks County	<u>Yost Yoder/ Earl Township, Lancaster County</u>
Jacob Lantz/ Conestoga Valley	Yost Yoder
Ludwig Riehl/ Chester County or Conestoga Valley	“Red” Yost Yoder/ Conestoga Valley
John Schrock/ Near Hof Gehaborn, Germany then Berks County	Christian Zook/ Northkill-Irish Creek
Peter Sharp/ Leacock Twp., Lancaster County	Hans Zook/ Northkill-Irish creek
Christian Summer Earl Township, Lancaster County	“Dick” John Zook/ Chester County
Henry Souder/ Chester County	John Zook
Abraham Yoder	John Zook/ Conestoga Valley

**Migration
to
Holmes
County,
Ohio**

Table 1
Settlers from 1809–1814 in Order of Arrival

Year	Settler	Year	Settler
1809	1. Jacob Miller Sr. 2. Jacob Miller Jr. 3. Henry Miller 4. Jonas Stutzman	1812	19. Abraham Gerber 20. Jacob Mast 21. David Hochstetler 22. Solomon Hochstetler 23. Jacob Zook 24. Christian Seese 25. Joseph Hochstetler 26. Benjamin Hochstetler 27. Stephen Yoder 28. Daniel Yoder 29. John Yoder 30. John Burkholder
1810	5. Jonas Miller 6. Christian Yoder 7. John Troyer 8. Joseph Mast 9. Abraham Hershberger 10. John Miller	1813	31. Samuel Weaver
1811	11. Christian Fry 12. Christian Hershberger 13. John J. Miller 14. John Miller 15. Jacob Stutzman 16. Paul Stutzman 17. Jost Stutzman 18. David Troyer	1814	32. Daniel Miller 33. David Miller 34. Jacob Miller 35. Elizabeth Miller 36. Isaac Miller

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37. Emanuel Miller
38. Solomon Miller
39. John Bontrager
40. Christian Bontrager
41. Jacob Troyer
42. Joseph Troyer
43. Moses Beachy
44. Conrad Keck
45. John Yoder
46. Peter Hostetler