

# Four Generations of the Immigrant Christian Rodabaugh (1707?-1779) and His Family

Includes an Overview of  
Cognate Eighteenth Century Rodenbach Lines  
in North America

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## *Acknowledgements*

The research in this work was carried out over a period of four years, from 1988-92. In 1992 I self-published what I had learned as a paper genealogy (LC 93-112367). Copies of it are still available, and can be ordered from the author. Its contents, and instructions for ordering it, are described in the document

<http://s158336089.onlinehome.us/Genealogy/ctnrodad.htm>

Since 1992 I have corresponded with many people about the genealogy. While I have not done active research on the lines since 1992, I have been able to do a lot of passive research, incorporating what I have learned from my correspondents. What you are reading now is a web version of the genealogy that includes many of the updates since 1992. Note, however, that only about half of the printed version is in this document. The large appendix, which deals with all Rodabaugh cogate lines in the U. S., is not in this document. It is only in the printed version.

I doubt whether anyone has written two hundred pages of genealogy without coming up with a list of contributors longer than the proverbial arm. This work is no exception. names of these persons can be found by looking in the two bibliographies, for entries listed as "correspondence." But some deserve special mention. For the pre-1992 work on Christian Rodabaugh's line in the body of this work, I owe special thanks to Don Bowman, Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer, Wally Garchow, Gail Knapp, Marjorie Meyers, Dorothy McNeil Moore, Grace Pister, Robert J. Rodibaugh, and Kay Rybak, and to the staff of the Westmoreland County Historical Society. The following have kept me supplied with more data than I could assimilate while I was putting together the Appendix on the various Rodabaugh cognate lines: Jim Raudabaugh, Margaret Sopp, Adele Corbin, Nancy Dowdee, and Duane Rodabaugh.

## *Introduction*

The subject of this study is an eighteenth-century Pennsylvania German immigrant. His living descendants are centered in North America and number in the tens of thousands.<sup>1</sup> In this genealogy we will follow Christian's line through the children of his grandchildren. The general plan of the work will be to trace chronologically the events and places of Christian and his wife Elizabeth, then to discuss in turn the families of each of their six children.

At the end of the paper is an index of person and place names. A bibliography of cited works is also included. The index, please note, is an index to the complete work, including the long appendix of Rodabaugh cognates, even though the Appendix is not included in the web version of this document.

Standard genealogical numbering has not been employed. The children in each family are numbered using numerals in round parentheses (e.g., (3) ). Page numbers in square brackets to the left of a list of children (e.g., [Page 00]) refer to the pages on which the discussion of the child is continued. At the point of continuation, a back reference page number is given to the original list, so it should be convenient to follow specific lines of descent backwards and forwards.

For children and grandchildren of the immigrating couple I have tried to give the exact date, where it is known, for principal events (note that the exact dates are in the fuller discussion of the grandchild, and not in the list included under the parent). For the great-grandchildren, I have, for the most part, given only year dates.

There were perhaps six to ten separate families with some variant spelling of the surname Rodabaugh who came as Pennsylvania German immigrants to the American Colonies before the nineteenth century, though it is probable that some of these were related by European bloodlines. Finding the descendants of a single line has forced me to carry out a fairly broad study of these lines. I have included this study of the other Rodabaugh cognate lines (in the paper genealogy, not in this web version) in the hope that some future Rodabaugh cognate researcher may be spared the trouble it has cost me to separate the descendants of a single line.

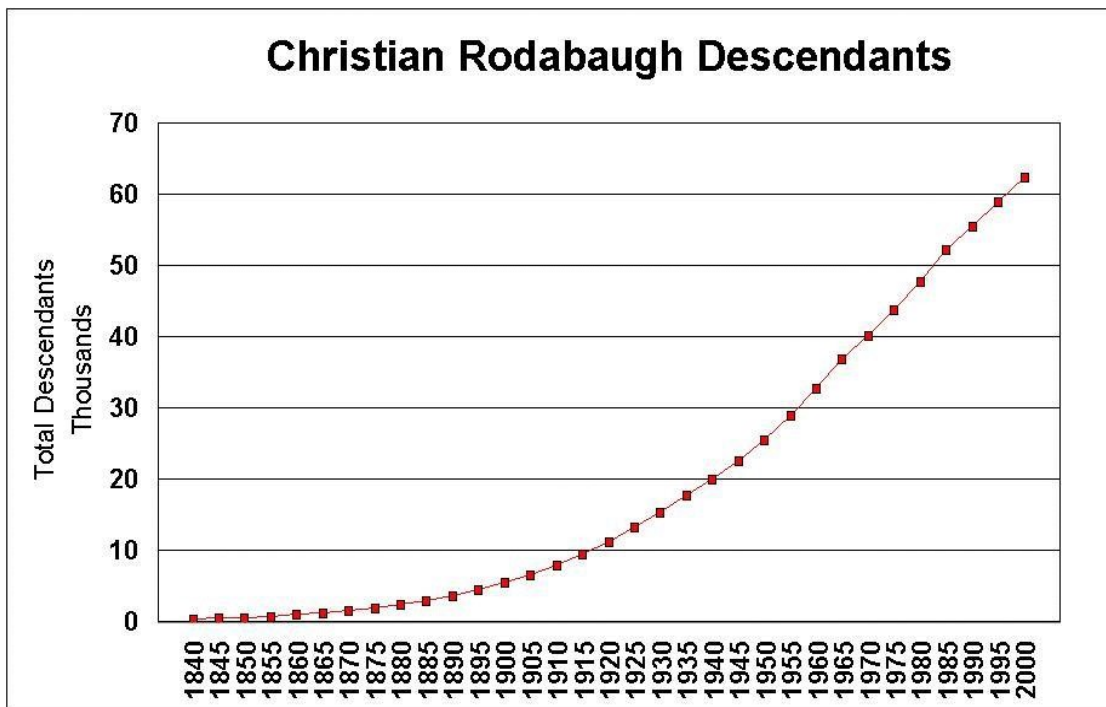
Since the Rodabaughs were German-speaking immigrants, and there was little need to conform to written English standards before this century, the variations in the spelling of the cognate names are staggering. It is not even certain that the many spellings are implementations of a single

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<sup>1</sup>He is, I believe, my great-great-great-great-great-grandfather. Parts of my lineal descent from Christian Rodabaugh which are not included in this study of the first four generations are sketched in my summary "Abraham Rodabaugh: Ancestors and Descendants," available on the web at <http://www.sheridanc.on.ca/~kem/Htmlgen/abbrrod.htm>. Later in this study I will indicate where this other research ties in with Christian's line.

underlying German pronunciation of the last name, but if they are, the German name is probably close to what you would get if you asked someone trained in the most common Pennsylvania German dialects in the eighteenth century (the so-called *Plattdeutch* dialects) to pronounce the name spelled “Redenbach” or “Rodenbach.” Current spellings range over “Raudabaugh,” “Redenbough,” “Rodibaugh,” “Radabaugh,” “Redenbach,” “Rhodebaugh,” “Rhodyback,” etc. If we add the spellings transcribed into documents during the past two centuries, there would be hundreds of spellings in the list (including variations which begin with “Br” and “Pr”!) In this work I will use “Rodabaugh” as the common spelling for the descendants of Christian and Elizabeth Rodabaugh. It appears that the descendants of Christian have adopted this spelling almost unanimously, given some variation in the first occurrence of the letter “a.”

How many descendants of Christian and Elizabeth Rodabaugh are there? This study only follows Christian and Elizabeth’s line through their great-grandchildren. There are six children and about 45 grandchildren, nearly all of whom are identified in this paper. There are, I estimate, about 250 great-grandchildren, and about 75% of these are identified. Taking the numbers in these generations as a guide, and extrapolating with typical birth rate figures for the decades from 1750 to the present, it appears that some 35,000 living persons, out of a total of over 60,000 descendants, may still be living. About 2000 new descendants are born each year. Here is a graph of a reasonable growth line for their descendants.



### *Christian and Elizabeth in Germany*

Nothing certain is known about the German origins of either Christian or Elizabeth. No one has seriously searched German records for this family. There are other Rodabaugh (and cognate spelling) lines whose German source places are known (described in Appendix A in the printed version of this genealogy), and if Christian or Elizabeth can be tied into one of these lines, some progress might be made.

In the absence of such a tie-in to other Rodabaugh lines, we are left with family tradition and documents relating to the direct descendants of Christian and Elizabeth as a source of evidence for German origins. Only two small clues have come to light. One is a passing reference in a genealogy about the Long family which says (mistakenly) that Daniel Rodabaugh, a son of Christian's son John, was from Luxemburg (Luxembourg?), Germany.<sup>2</sup> It is possible that an oral tradition has preserved this information but confused the person about whom it was true. The other small clue is a tradition within the line of Abraham Rodabaugh (son of Adam, who was Christian's grandchild through John) that the family came from Baden, Germany.<sup>3</sup>

### *Christian and Elizabeth in Eastern Pennsylvania*

The first definitive mention of Christian occurs in Maryland in 1751 (the document is described in the next section). The roots of the story we are following lie in eastern Pennsylvania, however, in the heart of Pennsylvania German territory. A search through all of the lines of Rodabaugh Pennsylvania German immigrant families shows no Christian who was born in the early 1700s. This suggests that Christian may have been an immigrant. He was probably one of the hundred thousand Germans between 1690 and the American Revolution who chose to leave the German homelands and come to the American Colonies. These Germans brought with them their language and culture. Most of their descendants did not become "English," i.e., use English as a first language and adopt a non-Pennsylvania German style of life, until well into the nineteenth century. Some German immigrants, mostly Amish and Mennonites, have kept parts of this culture alive to this day. The German immigrants and their descendants became a significant factor in the culture and politics of the middle colonies: perhaps a third of all Pennsylvanians at the time of the Revolutionary War, for example, were Pennsylvania Germans.

Names of a large number of the Pennsylvania German immigrants in the eighteenth century can be learned from Philadelphia ship lists. In 1934 R. B. Strassburger and W. J. Hinke published

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<sup>2</sup>Long, "The Big Long Family." The statement about Daniel is on p. 105, in the section about his son Jonas, who married Catherine Helms. Luxembourg is quite close to the region of the German Palatinate where several of the Rodabaugh cognate lines discussed in the Appendix originate.

<sup>3</sup>Cited in a 1990 letter from Harold Rodabaugh of Missouri.

a two-volume set entitled *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*. This is a critical edition of a set of ship lists, oath lists, and abjuration lists of German immigrants who entered through the port of Philadelphia in the years just before (1727-1775) and after (1785-1808) the American Revolution. There are about 40,000 names. For most of these, only the ship and date of entry is known, and sometimes the age. There are three entries that are of interest here, two relating to Rodabaughs: the first entry says that a “Christian Rodenbach” arrived on the ship *Betsey*, which was commanded by Richard Budden. The list was qualified on 27 August 1739. Its port of origin was Rotterdam in the Netherlands, the port of origin for most of the Pennsylvania German immigrants, and it stopped in Deal, England, for customs clearance. Christian’s name is on the ship list, the abjuration list, and oath list for immigrants on that ship (the name is spelled “Christian Prodenbaer” on ship’s list!). The second entry of interest to this study is from the next year. It mentions a “Christian Reidenbach” who arrived on the ship *Robert and Alice*, Walter Goodman, Master. The passengers were from Rotterdam via Cowes, and the lists were qualified on 3 December 1740. This Christian’s name is also found on all three lists, but it is spelled “Christian Redibank” on the ship’s list.

Which one is the Christian we are following in this narrative? No known record indisputably decides this question. No other Rodabaugh line claims either one of these as ancestors, so both are open to conscription. Some notes in my possession mention an eastern Pennsylvania marriage between Christian Rotenbach and Magdalena Wagner on 25 July 1741.<sup>4</sup> A “Christian Rodebach” died without leaving a will in 1742,<sup>5</sup> so the story of one of these immigrating Christians may be brief indeed: immigration, marriage and death within the space of three years.<sup>6</sup>

There is only one further Pennsylvania record which may relate to Christian Rodabaugh. In Christian Sower’s German newspaper for 1752 there is an entry which says that there is a letter waiting for “Christian Reidenbach” who lives in Weidenthal in Berks County.<sup>7</sup> As we will see

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<sup>4</sup>Myers, Notes, cites the official records of Rev. John Casper Stoever of Cocalico (perhaps Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, but the records also cover eastern Berks County).

<sup>5</sup>Miller, Extractions, cite this probate from a source in the Lancaster County wills.

<sup>6</sup>The Moore genealogy hypothesizes that the one on the *Betsey* is the one we are following. I have a slight preference for the immigrant on the *Robert and Alice* because of the almost exact duplication of the spelling of the 1740 immigrant’s surname and the 1752 letter discussed below. Notice, however, that the 1739 immigrant has an “o” quality vowel in the first syllable of the surname both in the ship’s record and in the marriage record, as would (later) Christian Rodabaugh. But the difference in the vowel quality following the R of “Rodabaugh” is not usually a valid indicator of a name difference. Rodabaugh cognate lines sometimes switch back and forth.

<sup>7</sup>Hocker, *Genealogical Data*, p. 33. I have seen a microfilm of the newspaper in question (for 16 April 1752). The sentence reads: “Ein Brief an Christian Reidenbach im Weidenthal, 2s.” The 2s refers to two shillings due for the postage. Hocker interprets the “Weidenthal”



below, Christian had probably already left Pennsylvania. What is significant about the letter is that, if it refers to our Christian Rodabaugh, it gives us a presumed domicile for Christian and Elizabeth during their ten years in Pennsylvania.

There is no age recorded on the ship lists for either of the immigrant Christians. Our Christian was born about 1707, so he must have been (as we will compute below) over 30 when he arrived. The Whitehead genealogy reports that he married Elizabeth, the widow of Christoffel (Stoffel) Weisskopf, on 26 December 1745. The exact source of the fact that Elizabeth had a prior marriage to Stoffel Weisskopf is not known: it appears to be part of a tradition within the Whitehead family. There is little doubt that this is a valid tradition, however, for it is clear that the two Weisskopf children counted themselves as, and were cited as, part of Christian and Elizabeth's family.

Stoffel Weisskopf's immigration record is on the third ship list that concerns us.<sup>8</sup> He appears on the immigrant lists for the ship *Loyal Judith*, mastered by James Cowey and originating in Rotterdam. The list was qualified on 2 September 1743. Stoffel Weisskopf was 27 years old at the time of his immigration.<sup>9</sup> The Whitehead genealogy gives Elizabeth's age as 28.<sup>10</sup> Valentine and Magdalena Whitehead, the two children who were a product of the marriage between Elizabeth and Stoffel Weisskopf, were probably on the ship also. The daughter Magdalena was presumably born in Germany and the son Valentine on board ship.<sup>11</sup> Within a year or two of landing in Pennsylvania, Stoffel died, and Elizabeth married Christian Rodabaugh.

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location to be in Berks County.

<sup>8</sup>Though the name "Stoffel" as the Weisskopf who was the first husband of Elizabeth is only known through tradition, Stoffel is the only Weisskopf on the ship lists at the appropriate time. Note that Elizabeth named one of her three male children from her second marriage "Christopher" (Stoffel is a short name for Christopher).

<sup>9</sup>Age given on one of the lists.

<sup>10</sup>As we will see in the next section, Elizabeth was born about 1717, so her age may have been 26 instead of 28. We simply do not know her last name, nor probably ever will unless one of her marriage records turns up.

<sup>11</sup>Birth places and dates from the Whitehead genealogy. Extrapolation from the Maryland records mentioned below suggests a birth date for Valentine of 1745 rather than 1743. Since *both* Elizabeth's and Valentine's ages are pushed two years too late (compared to the Whitehead genealogy) by the Maryland records, 1743 seems like the better choice. An obituary, moreover, in the *Greensburg Gazette* (cited in "Marriages & Death Notices from Weekly Newspapers, 1818-1886," Westmoreland County, PA, 1962, by Mrs. William Morgan Wilson and Mrs. Frank C. (Della) Fischer, called to my attention by Al Smith, correspondence), places Valentine's birth in 1743.

Christian and Elizabeth went on to have four more children, at least one of which was born in 1754 (Adam, from his tombstone record), so the birth dates of the four known children of both Christian and Elizabeth could reasonably be placed in the decade following 1745. Here is the complete list of the known children of Christian and Elizabeth:

- [17] (1) Valentine Whitehead, b. 1743, d. 24 Feb 1829, m. Sophia Maria.
- [19] (2) Magdalena Whitehead, b. circa 1740, d. 1821, m. Abraham Studebaker (circa 1740-1808).
- [21] (3) John Rodabaugh, b. circa 1749, d. 1828, m. Elizabeth Boyer (circa 1754-1829) circa 1774.
- [26] (4) Christopher Rodabaugh, b. circa 1750?, d. 1799, m. Regina Barbara Klingensmith (b. 1762).
- [32] (5) Elizabeth Rodabaugh, b. circa 1752?, m. Peter Broadsword (d. circa 1790), and Daniel Weigle.
- [13] (6) Adam Rodabaugh, b. 1754, d. 1830, m. Susanna Marchand.

We leave the eastern Pennsylvania records at this point. The family tradition on the son Valentine hints at a stay in Richmond, Virginia, but there is no documentary evidence to support this.<sup>12</sup> We turn to the next place where there are documentary records: Maryland.

#### *Christian and Elizabeth in Maryland*

The valleys of central Maryland were settled soon after the eastern seaboard regions of Pennsylvania, and many of the settlers were Pennsylvania Germans. Certain lands in Maryland were reserved from sale for the long-term benefit of the “Lord Proprietor” of Maryland, the Lord Baltimore. These lands were called manors. Settlers on the manors, at least at the beginning of the settlement period, held the land with lengthy leaseholds rather than by purchase. About ten miles northeast of Frederick, Maryland, in Frederick County, is the ten-thousand acre manor known as Monocacy Manor. The first leases were granted here in 1741.<sup>13</sup> In 1751 Christian and Elizabeth took a life-lease on a 132-acre parcel of land known as “Dry Lott.”

In the mid-1760s Frederick Calvert, the sixth Lord Baltimore, changed the policy of holding manor land for appreciation, and sought to sell some of his interests. He commissioned a study of the current renters in 1767 and again in 1768.<sup>14</sup> Here is the 1767 entry for lot 13:

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<sup>12</sup>This is in the “Howard H. Whitehead” entry on p. 1100, Vol. IV, Boucher, *Old and New Westmoreland*.

<sup>13</sup>The early history of Monocacy Manor is well-described in Tracey and Dern, *Pioneers of Old Monocacy: The Early Settlement*.

<sup>14</sup>The 1768 entry is a repetition of the basic 1767 information, and so is not discussed here.

Leased Octr. 29, 1751 to Christian Rodebaugh, 132 acres; tenant in possession Jacob Cremer; an. rent, 0—13—2¼; aliena. fine, 1—6—4½; fines due, none; leased on life of Christian Rodebaugh, Elisabeth Rodebaugh, Valentine Wisecup; ages of persons named in lease, Christian 60, Elisabeth 50, Valentine 22. Gone to Raestown 12 years. Que. if alive.<sup>15</sup>

There is valuable information in this entry. First, we note that Christian held a lifetime lease. The term of such a lease

was designated for a period equal to the natural lifetimes of three individuals selected by the leaseholder. These frequently were for his own life and the lives of perhaps two sons, so arranged with the hopes that one of them would survive.... [One typical lease requires] that the leaseholder build “one good substantial dwelling house, thirty feet long and twenty feet wide, with a brick chimney thereto.” He was also required within five years to plant 100 apple trees and to maintain that number ever after. At the expiration of the lease, land and improvements were to revert to the Lord Proprietary.<sup>16</sup>

That the lease included Elizabeth and her son, but did not include any son of both Christian and Elizabeth, could indicate that no sons were born before 1751. But this seems unlikely, and, anyway, it is not clear that infant children could be or would have been listed. Christian and Elizabeth subleased the Monocacy Manor land to Jacob Cremer; as a result the annual rent was raised to include the “alienation fine.”

Second, the lease tells us the approximate ages of Christian, Elizabeth and Valentine. We can tell by looking at similar entries that the ages on the surveys were very likely the ages in 1767, and not the ages at the time the lease was taken. This makes sense: the purpose of the entry was to record information that might help find the absentee renter so that some sale could be worked out. The ages at the time of query would be relevant. Christian, then, was born about 1707, Elizabeth about 1717, and Valentine about 1745.<sup>17</sup>

Third, we have in this document a picture of Christian and Elizabeth’s immigration patterns. They probably arrived in Monocacy Manor when the lease was taken out (1751), and they left for

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<sup>15</sup>Brumbaugh, *Maryland Records*, p. 52.

<sup>16</sup>Tracey and Dern, *Pioneers of Old Monocacy*, pp. 303-4.

<sup>17</sup>As we noted above, this leads to a small (two year) discrepancy in the dates compared with the ages in the Whitehead genealogy. Valentine was mostly likely born in 1743.

Raystown, Pennsylvania, in 1755.<sup>18</sup> Raystown is not that far from Monocacy Manor—probably not much more than 30-40 miles. If Christian were in Raystown in 1767, it seems likely he would be in better touch with his subrenter and would be seeking to turn a profit by converting the lease into a sale. The renter, it appears, did not even know if Christian and Elizabeth were alive. As we will see below, this tallies well with other data that they were already on the frontier in the far western end of Pennsylvania before Lord Baltimore's 1767 survey.<sup>19</sup>

### *Was Christian a Dunker?*

The date when Christian and Elizabeth left Maryland raises a problem which will be discussed in more detail later in this study, so this is perhaps the place to introduce it. We will see that many of Christian's children, and their children in turn, were involved with the Church of the Brethren, the Dunkers. A possible conclusion from these affiliations is that Christian and Elizabeth themselves belonged to this church. Knowing that persons were practicing Dunkers casts some light on the inner motivation behind some of their outward activities. The old Brethren formed very tight-knit groups, and tended to move in communities and marry within the church. They were mostly pacifists, and we would be inclined, if we knew they were practicing Dunkers, to look more closely at their activities in wartime, since Dunkers, along with Mennonites and Quakers, were often the targets of policy and legislation in time of war.

If Christian and Elizabeth were themselves Dunkers, when did they join this group? The Brethren came from the Palatinate in Germany between 1719 and the mid-1730s (the group actually died out in Germany—almost everyone emigrated). They were an important cultural force in eastern Pennsylvania in the middle of the eighteenth century, especially because of their evangelistic fervor and their tendency to form communities on the advance of the settlement frontier. No Rodabaugh name occurs in any Brethren documents known to me which relate to the eastern Pennsylvania

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<sup>18</sup>Just west of Monocacy Manor lies the Conococheague settlement (today the region around Hagerstown, Maryland). After General Braddock's defeat in 1755 relationships with the Indians worsened, and panic broke out among the Conococheague settlers. By 1756 Indian raids were common, and most settlers had left their claims. It could be the Indian raids which induced Christian and Elizabeth to leave Monocacy Manor in 1755 for the relative safety of the community around the military fort at Raystown.

<sup>19</sup>There is in the Maryland records another family name which some day may shed light on Christian and his whereabouts in the 1740s. The only other lease (of 70 leases) which has exactly the same date as Christian's is the lot adjoining his on the east. It was leased to Jacob and Mary Keller for a nineteen-year period. He was born about 1729, and she was born about 1750. Mary is presumably the daughter of Jacob. They were still on the land in 1767. They may not have even been friends to the Rodabaughs, but there is some possibility they may have known each other prior to the time of the lease.

Dunker experience.<sup>20</sup> It is possible, nevertheless, that Christian joined the church prior to moving to Maryland.

On the other hand, he may have become part of the Dunker Church in Maryland in the early 1750s. In the Tasker's Chance region of Frederick County, Maryland, the Dunkers were very active. Tasker's Chance touches on the southwestern corner of Monocacy Manor. It was settled largely by Pennsylvania Germans. In 1748 the local leaders of the Reformed Church made an appeal for a second visit from the church leader Michael Schlatter to counteract the inroads being made by Dunkers through the efforts of the local settlers Nicholas Fink and Heinrich Rhodes. These two were early residents of Tasker's Chance. They arrived about 1746. Fink deeded his land away in 1753, Rhodes stayed on. These Dunkers were only about five miles from Christian's land.

Even the date that Christian left Monocacy Manor, and his destination, may be related to the Dunker question. In 1755, following the extinction of some Indian titles to land in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in 1754, a large group of Dunkers settled in a valley near Raystown known as "Morrison's Cove." It is possible that he joined the many Maryland Dunkers who moved north to the new lands in that year, if in fact he was already a practicing Dunker.<sup>21</sup> But there are problems with this supposition, as we will see. After a discussion of Christian and Elizabeth's children and their Dunker connections, we will take up this question of when (or if) Christian and Elizabeth became Dunkers.

### *Christian in Western Pennsylvania*

In 1758 and 1759 a large army under the command of General Forbes captured Fort Pitt, at the current site of Pittsburgh, from the French. In the course of this campaign a new road, following an old trading route, was cut from Bedford, Pennsylvania (Raystown), to Pittsburgh. The opening of the Forbes Road made it possible for the first wave of Scots-Irish and German settlers to take lands in western Pennsylvania. Although the official policy of the Pennsylvania government made it impossible to hold secure title to lands before 1768, many took up lands by military writ and what was known as "tomahawk title," i.e., by right of possession. Pennsylvania later allowed many of these questionable claims to be converted into real land titles.

Westmoreland County lies just to the east of Pittsburgh. Albert's *History of the County of Westmoreland* mentions Christian in connection with the early settlement:

One of the earliest [settlements in Westmoreland] ...was the settlement of Andrew

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<sup>20</sup>Rodabaughs are not mentioned, for example, in Durnbaugh, *The Brethren in Colonial America*.

<sup>21</sup>I have not done a thorough search, but an initial look at records around Bedford County suggest that there are few extant records for the early years of this Dunker settlement.

Byerly. Byerly's settlement dates from 1759. It was situated on Brush Creek, contiguous to which was the manorial reservation of the Penns.... On this spot Byerly seated himself by permit from the commandant at Fort Pitt, and before any other settlers had located between Bedford and Pitt. He accommodated express-riders and military agent on this road. Within the next two years there were three or four neighbors to Byerly. One of these was Christopher Rudabaugh.<sup>22</sup>

Albert also records that Christian lost his original lands in Westmoreland when he failed to get a valid warrant based on his early occupancy:

There are in the records of the Supreme Court [of Pennsylvania] cases from Westmoreland County brought up under [the 1768 prior claims act]; and some lost all claim they had in lands which they had illegally occupied. In the case of Christopher Rudebaugh, who had settled on the Forbes road under permit from Col. Bouquet, commandant at Fort Pitt, in 1761, the title to a portion thereof passed from his descendants because he had not availed himself of the privilege of getting a warrant when the land-office was opened in 1769.<sup>23</sup>

I am not certain what records Albert bases his report on. It may be the case which was heard before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1795.<sup>24</sup> In this court case Christian's son John tries unsuccessfully to defend his family's claim to a 300-acre tract.<sup>25</sup> The tract is in Huntingdon

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<sup>22</sup>p. 32. Christian, by the way, appears to have used the name "Christopher" interchangeably.

<sup>23</sup>p. 41.

<sup>24</sup>*Old Westmoreland*, Vol. VIII, No. 1 (May 1988), pp. 35-36. The Court was held at Greensburg.

<sup>25</sup>In a list of surveys done for Westmoreland residents, the names of three Rodebaughs appear: Christ'n Rothenback for 150 acres on 18 Apr 1776, Adam Rudebach for 25 acres on 30 Sep 1884, and John Rudebach for 150 acres on 30 Sep 1884. In addition a survey is done for Adam & Jno. Rudebach on 27 Dec 1784 for 300 acres. Possibly the latter survey represents the sons attempting to define their father Christian's claim in preparation for the court case. See "Warrantees of Land for Westmoreland County, PA 1773-1892," *Pennsylvania Archives Third Series* (Printed under the direction of David Martin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, edited by William Henry Egle, M.D., Vol. XXVI Harrisburg, PA, Wm. Stanley Ray, State Printer, 1897).

Township,<sup>26</sup> and it may be north of Greensburg, close to the Forbes Road. The story told in the case is that Christian came to the lands in 1761, and settled by military writ from Colonel Bouquet. Christian held the land under an arrangement with William Plumsted and David Franks, who were agents for army contractors who had a post there. He was the resident farmer, and made the improvements on the land itself, residing on the property until his death. The year after the land office was opened in 1769 Franks and Plumsted took patents which included the land farmed by Christian. Christian's children did not try to get legal title until 1784. The impression from the court case minutes is that Christian was a trusting German-speaking settler who was not aware of the fine matters of law (or refused to be aware of them), and was taken in by the English/Irish establishment.

We can date Christian's arrival in Westmoreland County, then, about 1761. There is, however, an intriguing record from 1760.<sup>27</sup> Colonel Bouquet had a census taken of the inhabitants of the village at Fort Pitt on 22 July 1760, and again in 1761. The list in 1760 (but not 1761) included, among the 150 men, women and children, a "Chris. Rorabunck." Andrew Byerly, mentioned above as the earliest permanent Westmoreland settler, is also on (just the) 1760 list, as are his wife and children. If this "Rorabunck" is a reference to our Christian before he took up a more permanent residence twenty miles east on the Forbes Road, then one wonders where Elizabeth and the children were. It could be that Christian was on an initial scouting expedition, which resulted in his returning to Raystown and bringing his family in the next year. We might also speculate that he learned of the advantages of Westmoreland County from Andrew Byerly while at Fort Pitt in 1760.

It seems likely that all of Christian and Elizabeth's children were born before they took up residence in Westmoreland County. The great majority of Christian and Elizabeth's descendants—their children, stepchildren and grandchildren—stayed in Westmoreland County for the next forty years. So the next segment of this narrative, as we move from Christian and Elizabeth to their children, must focus on the family's experience in Westmoreland County.

Counting the two Weisskopf stepchildren, we know of six children to whom Christian and Elizabeth were parents. Valentine and Magdalena Weisskopf were probably born in the mid-1740s. As mentioned above, the four children of both Christian and Elizabeth were Mary, Christopher, John and Adam. The only one for whom there is a birthdate is Adam (1754). We know of the son Christopher holding a land warrant in 1776, and the son John having a child by the same date, so it seems probable that they were born near to or before Adam. Despite the uncertainty about the dates when the children were born, it would be safe to say that the four full children of Christian and Elizabeth, although probably not born in Westmoreland, were reared for the most part in Westmoreland County, amid all of the uncertainties of a frontier wilderness—the natural elements, predatory animals, lack of civilized conventions, and the threat, until after the mid 1780s, of Indian

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<sup>26</sup>It is at the headwaters of a small creek (called Old Town Creek) flowing south into Sewickley Creek.

<sup>27</sup>Hanna, *The Wilderness Trail*, Vol. II, p. 361.

raids.

What we know about their children we will take up in a moment, but first, what more is known about Christian and Elizabeth? Here a small gap exists in the records. Since the 1760s were a time of memorable events in Westmoreland County, it would be a pity if no explicit reference to Christian's family could be turned up for this decade. The 1763 Battle of Bushy Run, where Colonel Bouquet ended the Pontiac Conspiracy by defeating a group of Indians gathered from many of the tribes which had been sympathetic to the declining French cause in the French and Indian Wars, was fought close to where Christian must have been living. It can be hoped that through the records and events relating to families with whom the six children intermarried—the Marchands, Klingensmiths, Studebakers, Weigles, Broadwords and Boyers—some indication may yet be discovered what Christian and Elizabeth were doing in their mature years.<sup>28</sup> Every one of these family names is documented in early Westmoreland County records, some of them extensively.

The decade of the 1770s is almost as barren. Christian and Elizabeth show up in a 1773 baptismal record as sponsors for Michael and Elisabetha Horninger's daughter Elisabetha.<sup>29</sup> A probate of the estate of one "Christian Rodaback" was carried through by Adam Rodabaugh, son of the deceased, which was started on 18 February 1779.<sup>30</sup> Christian, then, died about age 72. We do not know when Elizabeth died. The gravesites in Westmoreland County have all been extensively catalogued for genealogical purposes, and there is no listing for either of their graves.

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<sup>28</sup>In 2005 a correspondent, Al Smith, uncovered a 1763 record for Christian Rodabaugh that indicates he may have had some role in the Indian wars of this period. In *The Papers of Henry Bouquet*, Volume VI, Selected Documents, November 1761 to July 1765, edited by Louis M. Waddell (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 1994) are records of 26 April 1764 pay vouchers from Henry Bouquet to George Rodeback, Chris Rodeback and Valentine Whitehead, for service performed in 1763. The reference to a "George" Rodabaugh is fascinating. He may have been a son of Christian who did not survive and had no offspring, or he may be a relative of Christian's.

<sup>29</sup>Records of the Lutheran schoolteacher Balthasar Meyer in Ruff, "German Church Records," Vol. II, p. 2.

<sup>30</sup>A notation on p. 12 of Will Book 1(?) in the Westmoreland County Court House. It reads "Memorandum—that on the 18th day of February in the year of our Lord 1779 Letters of Administration of all and singular the Goodes and Chattels, Rights and Credits which were of Christian Rodaback late of Westmoreland County deceased were granted to Adam Rodaback, son of the Deceased. The said Administration is to make a true and perfect Inventory of the Personal Estate and file the same in the Register's office, at or before the 18th day of March next. And to make a true and just accompt calculation and Reckoning of his said Administration on or before the 18th day of February next Ensuing the date hereof."



## *The Children of Christian and Elizabeth*

Our knowledge of the six children in Christian and Elizabeth's family is heavily dependent on a single document. Without this document, reconstruction of the family line would be much more difficult than it is. We have this document because their son Adam had no children. Adam became quite well-to-do in his later years, and, when he died, he tried to fairly divide his large estate between all of his brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. In doing this he gave us a nearly complete list of names—including the married names of the women.<sup>31</sup> Even deceased relatives were included in the list. The will was written on 1 December 1829, and was filed for probate in Montgomery County, Ohio, where Adam died, on 8 February 1830.<sup>32</sup>

**Adam Rodabaugh** (See page 6). Since he had no children,<sup>33</sup> and his will is the key document in reconstructing the list of children and grandchildren, we will begin with Adam himself, though he may have been the youngest of the family. After Adam we will follow a presumed chronological order for the children. Headstones tell us that Adam was born in 1754, and died on 25 January 1830 at age 76.<sup>34</sup> His wife, Susanna Marchand (also spelled Marchant), was born about 1761 and died 13 February 1844. Adam shows up on the 1786 and 1788 tax lists for Westmoreland,<sup>35</sup> so it would be reasonable to place the marriage in the early 1780s. In 1783 he was appointed constable for Huntingdon Township.<sup>36</sup> He bought "Eden," the farm in North Huntingdon Township he was to hold

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<sup>31</sup>There are some curious omissions. He omits, for example, the names of his two Adam Rodabaugh nephews, and the name of Valentine Whitehead. But these were all in fairly close partnership with Adam in Montgomery County, Ohio, and may have had other provision from him outside of the will. This may also explain the omission of David and Salomie, the two first cousins, children of John and Christopher, who married each other. They were also in Montgomery County in the 1820s.

<sup>32</sup>A copy of it was registered on 7 May 1830 in the Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, will records.

<sup>33</sup>The notes of Mrs. William Wilson mention that Adam had one child who died soon after birth. I do not know where this information comes from and the source is not cited in the notes.

<sup>34</sup>Graves at the Ft. McKinley Cemetery in Madison Township, Montgomery County, Ohio. Recorded in Brien, "Cemetery Records of Montgomery County," p. 126.

<sup>35</sup>Tomichek, Correspondence. Bomberger, *Brush Creek Tales*, says that the Walthours bought 900 acres from Adam Rodabaugh on a branch of Brush Creek in 1773, but this seems improbable, since Adam would only have been 19 and 900 acres is a large amount even for the frontier period of the county.

<sup>36</sup>*Old Westmoreland*, Vol. III, No. 2 (Nov 1982), p. 28.

for the rest of his life, by patent in 1787.<sup>37</sup> In 1790 Adam bought a black slave for one hundred pounds.<sup>38</sup> There are several legal and census documents, too numerous to cite here, relating to Adam in his Westmoreland County period (i.e., until 1811).

The family of Susanna Marchand, incidently, is quite well known in Westmoreland County. They were Swiss immigrants, and the father, “Doctor” David Marchand (1746-1809), had a reputation as a lay physician. His three sons also became physicians. His wife, Susanna’s mother, was Elizabeth Kemmerer (d. 1817). David and Elizabeth had the following children:<sup>39</sup>

- (1) *Susanna, b. 1761, d. 1844, m. Adam Rodabaugh.*
- (2) Catharine Marchand, b. 1767, d. 1836, m. George Shrum.
- (3) Elizabeth, b. 1768, d. 1830, m. John Kuhns in 1787.
- (4) Judith, b. 1772, d. 1839, m. Henry Loutzenheizer.
- (5) Daniel Marchand, b. 1773, d. 1822, m. Miss Scott about 1799, and Jane Irwin in 1811.
- (6) Esther, b. 1775, d. 1830, m. Christian Brenneman.
- (7) David Marchand, b. 1776, d. 1832, m. Catherine Bonnet.
- (8) Louis Marchand, b. 1782, d. 1857, m. Sarah Sackett in 1823.

It may be that the considerable wealth of the Marchand family helped to contribute to Adam and Susanna’s financial success.<sup>40</sup>

Adam and Susanna left Westmoreland County in October, 1811. At the current time the

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<sup>37</sup>The date is recorded in the sale deed, Westmoreland County Deed Book 22, p. 211. Susanna sold it after Adam died, in 1836. I have not seen the patent, but it is said in the deed to be in the Rolls Office for the State of Pennsylvania, Patent Book 8, p. 416. A patent at this date would imply that Adam was the first legal owner of this land after it was purchased from the Indians.

<sup>38</sup>The slave, Isaac, was purchased from William McGrew (sale recorded in the Westmoreland County Deed Book, 16 April 1790, David Marchand witness). Adam’s name is spelled “Rotherbeck”!

<sup>39</sup>This list is in Westmoreland County Deed Book 12, p. 339, where a list of the heirs of David is given in an 1811 document which was designed to clear the title to some lands left in the estate of the father. The information on dates and spouses is taken from Boucher, *Old and New Westmoreland*, Vol. IV, pp. 356ff.

<sup>40</sup>In Doctor David Marchand’s will in 1809 (Westmoreland County Will Book 1, p. 239, abstracted in *Old Westmoreland*, Vol. 10, No. 2) he left four lots in Greensburg to his daughter Susanna, as well as 100 acres of land in Hempfield Township. His bequests to his children list over 4000 acres of land!

latest record I have which lists them as present in Westmoreland County is 1814,<sup>41</sup> and the earliest record which has them living in Ohio is 1815,<sup>42</sup> so the winter of 1814-15 could be cited as the time that they left Pennsylvania for good. However, a court case in 1832, brought against Susanna (Adam had died) by a former slave, suggests the year 1811,<sup>43</sup> so the 1815 Westmoreland records may represent a trip back to Pennsylvania. We will see below that several nieces and nephews came about the same time, but the dates do not appear to be exactly correlated. There is no need, however, to imagine everyone in the extended family travelling to Ohio at a single time and all at once. The Ohio River was the road for the bulk of the journey, and goods and people moved readily along this highway of water.

Adam's residence in Montgomery County, Ohio, was in Madison Township. He must have planned the move some years ahead. The federal land records show him purchasing 2¼ sections of land in 1805 in what became Montgomery County's Madison, Harrison and Randolph Townships while he was still a resident of Pennsylvania, and in 1810 he purchased town lots in Dayton. He

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<sup>41</sup>Westmoreland County Deed Book 10, p. 737, deed from Adam and Susanna to John Hoover, made in October of 1814. The deed book says that Adam and Susannah were from Westmoreland County, and that they appeared in person. There are later records for Adam, but this is the latest I know of that implies his physical presence. Adam also sold some of his lots in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, in October of 1814 to a David Kuhns.

<sup>42</sup>*Early Ohio Settlers*, p. 277, shows that when Adam purchased land in 1815 in Darke County, Ohio, he was a resident of Montgomery County. There is no evidence that Adam ever occupied the Darke County land.

<sup>43</sup>In the Montgomery County, Ohio, Chancery Court records for September 1832 (Vol. B-1) Adam's former slave Pompey Allen brought a partly successful suit against the executors of Adam's estate. Pompey claims to have been purchased about 1792-93 and to have moved with Adam to Montgomery County 17 years later. Susanna's answer to the court places the purchase of Pompey at a much later date (1807), but she agrees that Adam came to Montgomery County in 1811 (October). Adam had given Pompey his manumission in Pennsylvania in 1811 (recorded in Westmoreland County Deed Book 12, p. 372) instead of selling him, with the agreement that Pompey would work for Adam four years in Ohio. In 1814 Pompey married a black woman named Agnes, and took up residence in a log house on Adam's property in lot 5 in Dayton. Pompey's householding needs caused him to carry away from the farm a fair amount of goods, so Adam apparently terminated the verbal work agreement a year early. Pompey claimed in the suit that Adam had told him he could live on the property as long as he wanted, and that Adam had promised to support Pompey for his natural life. After Adam died, however, Susanna ordered him off of the property. The court recognized that Pompey had a right to possess the dwelling on the Dayton property, but it did not hold Adam's estate responsible for the support of Pompey.

does not appear on the tax records for Montgomery County in 1804, 1807, 1808 or 1810,<sup>44</sup> but he does appear in 1816 tax records.<sup>45</sup>

Adam's land is associated with the beginnings of the Dunker church in this area of Montgomery County. In Beers' history for Montgomery County the building of the first German Baptist (Dunker) Church is described in a way that places it squarely on Adam's Madison Township land:

The first meeting-house in the township was built by [the German Baptists] in about the year 1832. It was a brick building, and stood in Section 12. Joseph Garber was then the Elder in charge.<sup>46</sup>

Another source notes that Adam and Susanna deeded the land to the Dunker group in 1828<sup>47</sup> and that the Dunkers erected a frame building at that time, replacing it with a brick one in 1857.<sup>48</sup> This burned almost immediately. It was rebuilt about a mile to the west, and it became known as the Fort McKinley Church.

Before the church was built, the Dunkers met for many years in houses and barns. A short distance away, in neighboring Randolph Township, on the Flory land in the section adjoining the one Adam purchased in 1805, a Dunker church was organized in 1810,<sup>49</sup> perhaps a part of the same church group that constructed the building in Madison Township in 1832. Adam in his 1829 will left seven years of interest on one hundred dollars to the Dunker church in Madison township, implying that the church had received from him either a loan or the use of some land. Susanna, in her 11 November 1843 will, gives to the Dunker church "in Madison Township" of Montgomery County one hundred dollars, perhaps the same money for which Adam had remitted the interest.

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<sup>44</sup>The purchasers of land patents were usually exempt from taxes for five years, however, so his absence from the lists can be discounted as evidence for or against Adam's personal presence in Ohio.

<sup>45</sup>Powell, *Early Ohio Tax Records*, have Adam and Adam Jr. in Dayton Township in 1816. They were probably living in the area of Dayton Township which became Madison and Harrison Townships. Adam Jr would be Adam's nephew who married Catherine Runny. The Adam in Randolph Township in the 1816 tax records is probably his nephew who married Anna Catherine Pitsenbarger.

<sup>46</sup>*History of Montgomery County*, p. 80.

<sup>47</sup>Montgomery County Deed Book M, p. 435.

<sup>48</sup>Garst, *History of the Church of the Brethren*, p. 95.

<sup>49</sup>*History of Montgomery County*, p. 60.

In the 1820 census Adam is living in Montgomery County, and has with him a girl under ten and a boy between ten and sixteen. Who these are is uncertain, perhaps children of his nieces or nephews, or hired help.<sup>50</sup> It was probably in the 1820s that Adam platted the town of Taylorsburg on his quarter section of land in southern Randolph Township.<sup>51</sup>

In his will Adam refers to his accumulated properties. Initially these were left to Susanna, but a codicil directed them to be sold, except the farm Susanna lived on. The properties were in Westmoreland County (250 acres), Montgomery County (100 acres), one lot in Dayton, Ohio, and three lots in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He distributed thousands of dollars in legacies to his nieces and nephews. Legal records show that his executors were many years disposing of the properties.

**Valentine Whitehead** (See page 6). Valentine was born about 1743 to Stoffel and Elizabeth Weisskopf. The Whitehead genealogy places his birth aboard the ship *Loyal Judith* on which his family immigrated to the colonies. His last name appears as both Weisskopf and the Anglicized “Whitehead.”

He was with his mother and stepfather in Maryland in 1751-55, and must have moved to central Pennsylvania with them in 1755-57. Valentine

is reputed to have left home at the age of fourteen and joined a company of soldiers, traveling with them to Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh). This was probably the expedition under General John Forbes in 1758, when the fort was taken from the French.... Colonel George Washington commanded the Virginia regiments in this operation.<sup>52</sup>

It would be reasonable to assume that Valentine moved with his father’s family to Westmoreland in 1761. He may have been instrumental in developing Christian and Elizabeth’s interest in western Pennsylvania through his military adventures.

Valentine owned land first in Sewickley Township, and then in North Huntingdon Township,

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<sup>50</sup>Adam’s nephew Seth claims to have been raised by his uncle Adam. Seth was born about 1796, and orphaned about 1798. Besides being too old to be the boy on the census, Seth was married by 1817 and would probably not appear on the 1820 census in Adam’s household.

<sup>51</sup>Cited in Drury, *History of the City of Dayton*, vol. I, p. 921. Taylorsburg today is almost vanished, but at one time it had over 100 inhabitants.

<sup>52</sup>Eberly and Eberly, “The Story of a Family,” p. 46. The birth of Valentine on board ship and his expedition with the soldiers is probably drawn from the “Howard H. Whitehead” entry on p. 1100 of Vol. IV of Boucher, *Old and New Westmoreland*. There is another, probably derivative, account in Wiley, *Biographical and Historical Cyclopaedia*, pp. 415-16.

of Westmoreland County,<sup>53</sup> and probably met and married his wife, Sophia Maria, in Westmoreland in the 1770s.<sup>54</sup> He appears in the 1790 census in Westmoreland County with a family of eight, presumably Valentine, his wife, and the seven oldest children. The names of Valentine's children are as follows (the numbers in square brackets are the page number on which the child is discussed further):<sup>55</sup>

- [35] (1) Valentine Whitehead, b. 1778/79, m. Mary Kemmerer (1780-1847) in 1800, d. 1865.
- [36] (2) Mary Whitehead, m. Jacob Weber (b. 1781) circa 1804.
- [38] (3) Barbara Whitehead, b. 1784, m. Abraham Weber (b. 1779) circa 1801.
- [38] (4) Susanna Whitehead, m. Daniel Linsenbigler (b. 1775, d. before 1825).
- [39] (5) Elizabetha Whitehead, m. John Milliron circa 1793 (b. circa 1763, d. 1808), d. circa 1840.
- [40] (6) Magdalena Whitehead, b. 1782, m. Simon Smith (b. 1778).
- [41] (7) Catherine Whitehead, m. John Potts circa 1809.
- [42] (8) Sarah Whitehead, b. 1794, m. Hill.<sup>56</sup>
- [42] (9) Christianna Whitehead.
- [42] (10) Christopher Whitehead, b. 1776?, m. Susannah.
- [42] (11) Peter Whitehead, b. 1796, m. Barbara Highberger (1794-1834) and Catherine Highberger (d. 1870), d. 1867.<sup>57</sup>

Valentine probably lived the rest of his life in Westmoreland County. He made out his will

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<sup>53</sup>The original townships are listed in the "Howard H. Whitehead" entry cited above. I have not done a search of the Westmoreland land records for Valentine. I have the impression that his land adjoined his brother Adam Rodabaugh's land, however. *Pennsylvania Archives*, Series 3, Volume XXII, p. 29, shows that a Felty Whitehead ("Felty" was a nickname in the family for Valentine) paid property taxes in 1773 in the district of Bedford County that probably would have included Westmoreland County. The entry from Boucher, *Old and New Westmoreland*, mentioned above says that Fort Walthour was only one-half mile from his place.

<sup>54</sup>Her name is listed as "Maria Sophia, Valenden Weiskopf's wife" on a birth record for Susanna, daughter of Friedrich and Magthalina Wilgard (Willyard), Ruff, "Early German Church Records."

<sup>55</sup>The backbone of this list is taken from information in Wilson, notes, in 1963 and from the Adam Rodabaugh will. The names of Valentine Jr and Peter are omitted from Adam Rodabaugh's will.

<sup>56</sup>Adam Rodabaugh's will appears to say "Nitt" or "Nilt."

<sup>57</sup>Data on Peter and his spouses is from the "Howard H. Whitehead" entry mentioned above.

in 1817, deeded away his land to his son Peter in 1821, and died there on 28 February, 1829. Sophia Maria died in 1821. Valentine and Sophia Maria are buried in the Brush Creek Cemetery in North Huntingdon Township.

**Magdalena Whitehead** (See page 6). If Magdalena was a young girl when her father and mother immigrated, as the Whitehead genealogy claims, she must have been born about 1740. We are totally lacking in information about Magdalena before her marriage. She married, however, into one of the most famous (and well-researched) Pennsylvania German lines, the Studebakers, so we have a considerable amount of information about her after marriage.

The Studebaker family into which Magdalena married came to the colonies in 1736 on the ship *Harle*. There were two brothers, Peter and Clemens, possibly a third brother Johannes who had come in 1712, and a cousin Henry. Clemens is the ancestor of the famous wagon-makers, and later automobile manufacturers. His brother Peter started out in Berks County, Pennsylvania, but by 1739 he had relocated to Washington County, Maryland (northeast of Williamsport). Peter died in 1754, leaving three living sons: Peter Jr, Abraham, and Jacob. It was the middle son, Abraham who married Magdalena Whitehead. Abraham's mother was probably his father's first wife, Anna Margaretha Anschauer, but he would have been raised by his stepmother Susanna.<sup>58</sup> Some of the Studebakers began to adhere to the Dunker faith either in eastern Pennsylvania or in Maryland.

Abraham Studebaker was probably born about 1740. It would not be impossible that Abraham and Magdalena met and formed an attachment in Maryland in their early adolescence, but it seems more likely that they may have met in Pennsylvania, either in Bedford County<sup>59</sup> or in Westmoreland County, somewhere in the early 1760s. They were probably married about 1765, a date which suggests Westmoreland County as the place of marriage, since Magdalena's family had been there since 1761.

Both Abraham and his brother Peter Jr settled in Westmoreland County. Abraham may have lived in Hempfield Township of Westmoreland County as early as 1771, and land records show him owning land in North Huntingdon Township by 1783.<sup>60</sup> Abraham shows up in the 1790 census

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<sup>58</sup>The Studebakers and their descendants are documented in Studebaker Family Association, *Studebaker Family*. Except where otherwise noted, all of the information on the Studebakers comes from this publication.

<sup>59</sup>Abraham's uncle Heinrich lived in Bedford County until he and many in his family were killed in an 1756 Indian raid. Christian and Elizabeth's stay in Bedford County would have overlapped at least a year with Heinrich's residence there.

<sup>60</sup>*Pennsylvania Archives*, Series 3, Volume XXII, p. 28, show Abraham as a landowner by 1773 in the Hempfield district of Bedford County in 1773. The Hempfield/Huntingdon switch is confusing, but perhaps the townships changed, and Abraham remained on the same piece of land. The Studebaker Family Association, *Studebaker Family*, p. 154, note 7, which

already having a fairly large family. Here is the list of their children, as given in *The Studebaker Family in America*:

- [44] (1) David Studebaker, b. 1765, d. 1777.
- [44] (2) John Studebaker, b. circa 1769, d. 1814, m. Mary Armstrong.
- [44] (3) Elizabeth Studebaker, b. circa 1772, d. 1822, m. Martin Funk circa 1789.
- [44] (4) Jacob Studebaker, b. circa 1775, d. before 1830.
- [44] (5) Susannah Studebaker, b. circa 1777, d. 1852, m. John Miller and Conrad Kreitz.
- [45] (6) Mary Studebaker, b. circa 1778, d. 1853, m. Samuel McDowell.
- [45] (7) Catherine Studebaker, b. circa 1779, m. David Miller.
- [45] (8) Christena Studebaker, b. 1781, m. Abraham Miller.
- [46] (9) Abraham Studebaker, b. 1785, d. 1852, m. Mary Townsend and Elizabeth Hardman Lightcap.
- [46] (10) Barbara Studebaker, b. circa 1788, d. circa 1875, m. Joseph Townsend in 1806.
- [46] (11) Peter Studebaker, b. 1790, d. 1840, m. Mary Jane Simison in 1821.
- [47] (12) David Studebaker, b. circa 1794, d. 1812.
- [47] (13) Polly Studebaker, b. circa 1798, m. Jeremiah Masterson,<sup>61</sup> d. 1830.

In 1793 Abraham and Magdalena moved on to Clinton County, Ohio. In 1795 they moved to Scioto County, Ohio, and finally, in 1804, they settled in Warren County, Ohio. Abraham died in Warren County in 1808. Magdalena and the children continued on to Darke County, Ohio (except the son Jacob, who went to Miami County, Ohio), in the 1808-1812 period. Magdalena died in Darke County in 1821. Abraham and Magdalena's son Abraham Jr played a large and important role in the early history of Darke County. During most of their married life Abraham and Magdalena retained an attachment to the Dunkers:

Abraham was undoubtedly of the Dunkard faith in Pennsylvania, but as he migrated from Scioto into Warren County, there were no organized congregations of this faith in those areas. Hence, his children..became members of other faiths.<sup>62</sup>

There were also large groups of Studebakers in Montgomery County, Ohio (where most the Rodabaughs located after Pennsylvania), who were also Dunkers. These were the nieces and

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has the 1771 date, also cites a deed which gives a survey of Abraham's North Huntingdon Township land. It borders on the land of Adam Rodabaugh and Valentine Whitehead.

<sup>61</sup>Polly is not listed in Adam Rodabaugh's will. I am not certain, other than the existence of a Darke County, Ohio, marriage record for these two, why the Studebaker genealogists have included her in the list. The only other Studebakers left out in the will are the two Davids, who died young without any children, so if Polly is a child in this family, her omission from the will may also imply an early death with no children.

<sup>62</sup>Studebaker Family Association, *Studebaker Family*, p. 53.



nephews of Abraham and Magdalena, however, and not their children. The eldest son of the immigrant Clemens Studebaker, David Studebaker, and many of David's children, settled in Randolph and Clay Townships of Montgomery County. They were part of a very clannish suborder of Dunkers called "Frankstowners." David's son David Jr settled in Madison Township. Many of these descendants of Clemens resettled in Elkhart County, Indiana, about the time the Whiteheads moved there. Philip Studybaker, a son of the immigrant Heinrich, also came to Montgomery County. He came from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1815, and took lands around Phillipsburg.<sup>63</sup>

**John Rodabaugh** (See page 6). John may have been born about 1749. He lived out his life in Westmoreland County, and many succeeding generations of his descendants continued to reside there, some perhaps even to the present day.

He married Elizabeth Boyer. Elizabeth's father, George Boyer, died before 1805. His children are several times recorded on some legal documents filed in settling his estate.<sup>64</sup> George's children were:

- (1) Asamus Boyer.
- (2) John Boyer, m. Catherine.
- (3) George Boyer.
- (4) Philip Boyer.
- (5) *Elizabeth Boyer, m. John Rodabaugh.*
- (6) Maria Boyer, m. George Hill.
- (7) Susannah Boyer, m. William Holtsinger.
- (8) Catharine, m. Christian Rose.
- (9) Elizabeth Boyer, m. John Seigman.
- (10) David Boyer.
- (11) Daniel Boyer.

When did John marry Elizabeth Boyer? The earliest event we have for John's life is the birth of his eldest son, Adam. We know that Adam was born in 1776. John's 1822 will tells us that Adam is his oldest son.<sup>65</sup> So the marriage could be located in the 1774/75 period. His wife Elizabeth was

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<sup>63</sup>Phillipsburg is named after Philip. It is in Clay Township, about six miles from where the Rodabaughs were centered. Information in this paragraph is drawn from Studebaker Family Association, *Studebaker Family*, pp. 61-62. The date of arrival suggests that Philip Studybaker may have been part of the general emigration from Westmoreland in 1815, along with Adam Rodabaugh and his nephews.

<sup>64</sup>There is a list in Westmoreland County Deed Book 7, p. 357, for example.

<sup>65</sup>There is one piece of data which seems to contradict this line of reasoning. The 1850 census, the first Federal census to list the exact ages of the persons tallied, enumerates a Christian Rodabaugh in Hempfield Township of Westmoreland County who is 80 years old,

barely 20,<sup>66</sup> and John himself was perhaps 25. In the discussion below I will reconstruct what is known about John and Elizabeth, but first, here is a list of their children:

- [47] (1) Adam Rodabaugh, b. circa 1776, d. 1845, m. Catherine Runny circa 1797.
- [49] (2) Christian Rodabaugh, b. circa 1780, d. 1853, m. Catherine, then Susanna Fiscus in 1826.
- [51] (3) Daniel Rodabaugh, b. circa 1785, m. Elizabeth Meyers circa 1804.
- [53] (4) David Rodabaugh, b. circa 1790, d. 1844, m. Salomie Rodabaugh.
- [55] (5) Susanna Rodabaugh, b. circa 1792, d. 1829.
- [55] (6) Lydia Rodabaugh, b. circa 1795, d. 1859, m. Martin Funk in 1816.
- [56] (7) John Rodabaugh Jr, b. circa 1797, d. 1869, m. Anna Stoner circa 1817, Elizabeth Pepper in 1838, and Harriet Lewis Miller circa 1860.<sup>67</sup>

References to John and Elizabeth in the 1780s are scarce. Christian and Daniel were born in this decade. Somewhere around 1788 there was probably a daughter born who later died before the age of marriage.<sup>68</sup> The earliest mention of John in a record is in the 1780s: a land patent from

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and thus born in 1770. This Christian is almost certainly the son of John, and so Christian would be several years older than the “oldest” son Adam. Census ages are highly suspect, however, so for now I will accept Adam as the oldest son of John and Elizabeth. Besides, against this 1850 census data is an 1853 death registration for a “Christian Rudebaugh” who died when he was struck by a locomotive at age 73. The 1800 and 1810 census data place another son not long after Adam, and my guess would be that this would be Christian who died in the accident, born, therefore, about 1780.

<sup>66</sup>Age computed below from census data.

<sup>67</sup>Email correspondence with Karen Kirkpatrick on 26 July 1999. Karen writes that Elizabeth Pepper (or Peppert) married John on 24 Dec 1838 and were divorced on 27 May 1850. But they were only married about three years before they separated. John married the widow Harriet/Hannah Miller in September 1860 and filed for divorce from her in 1862. This dragged on and he died before it was final. John died 20 Feb 1869, according to a coffin builder’s bill which was paid April 1869 by his estate). It appears that Harriet Lewis Miller Rodabaugh and John had four or five children by the time he was finally granted his divorce from Elizabeth Pepper/Peppert.

<sup>68</sup>In the 1790 census we find that John has one male child and two females (wife and daughter?) living with him. The female child is a problem, since we have hypothetical dates for his two daughters which place their birth dates after 1790. The girl enumerated in 1790 may be this daughter who later died. And there are two sons missing. But Adam and Christian were old enough to be living off of the farm and working for others, so they may not have been enumerated with John. The boy who was enumerated was, I think, Daniel, and comparison with later dates places his birthdate in the 1784/89 period.

1786,<sup>69</sup> where he and his brother Christopher purchase by patent a 400-acre tract called “Unity.”<sup>70</sup> The patent mentions a 1776 land warrant and survey by Christopher and a 1784 warrant and survey by John as precursors to the purchase, so the document date can be pushed back to 1784 for John, but it seems likely that he may have been involved with the patented land from the time of his marriage in the early 1770s. John and his brother Adam show up on tax lists from North Huntingdon Township in 1786 and 1788.<sup>71</sup> John Rodabaugh and Frances Byerly sell some land in 1788.<sup>72</sup>

We can locate John and Elizabeth at several points in the 1790s. They are in the 1790 census. The daughter Susanna was born about 1792.<sup>73</sup> On 15 February 1794 the *Pittsburgh Gazette* advertized that there was a folder in the Pittsburgh post office for “John Rodenbach.”<sup>74</sup> Beginning in 1794 John begins to sell pieces of Unity.<sup>75</sup> In 1795 John was the defendant in a case before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania sitting in Greensburg, trying to obtain title to the land his father first settled in Westmoreland.<sup>76</sup> Lydia was probably born in 1795.<sup>77</sup>

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<sup>69</sup>The article on “Asher Daniel Miller” in Boucher, *Old and New Westmoreland*, vol. I, p. 125, has a puzzling reference. It says that Christopher Walthour, an ancestor of Asher Daniel Miller on his mother’s side, purchased a mill site from John Rodabaugh in 1764 at the junction of Bushy Run and Brush Creek. But the date is extremely early for John to have held land in his own name, and until I have primary source confirmation I am not treating this piece of documentation as a valid reference.

<sup>70</sup>Unity was next to the land of Abraham Wagle [Weigle], perhaps a relative of the Daniel Weigle who later married John’s sister Elizabeth.

<sup>71</sup>This tax list data is in notes prepared by Agnes Tomicheck, on file at the Westmoreland County Historical Society.

<sup>72</sup>Westmoreland County Deed Book C, p. 295.

<sup>73</sup>Albert, *History of the County of Westmoreland* says that the last child baptized by Balthazar Meyer was “Susanna, daughter of John and Christina Rudabaugh, on 30 May 1782, baptized 4 June 1782.” This is presumably an error on Albert’s part. He was probably referring to the daughter of Johannes and Christina *Rudolph*.

<sup>74</sup>Duer, “The People and Times of Western Pennsylvania.”

<sup>75</sup>Westmoreland County Deed Book 2, p. 20 (1794), and Book 2, p. 482 (1796).

<sup>76</sup>*Old Westmoreland*, Vol. VIII, No. 1 (May 1988), p. 35-36.

<sup>77</sup>Information from a Fretz genealogy (no bibliographic information) which I received from Gail Knapp places Lydia’s nativity about 1795, three years after Susanna, but I do not know the records on which this is based. By way of confirmation, Lydia’s age in the 1830 Westmoreland County federal census and the 1840 Hancock County, Ohio, census requires

Here is the listing for John in the 1800 census in North Huntingdon Township:

Ages/ Sex	under 10	10 to 16	16 to 26	16 to 45	45+
M	1	2	1	—	1
F	2	1	-	1	-

This confirms some of the reconstructions above. John is 45 or older, perhaps nearer 50. Elizabeth is no older than 44. She would therefore have been born in 1755 at the earliest, and so would have been about 20 at the presumed time of the marriage in 1774/75. The oldest boy Adam was married by 1799,<sup>78</sup> so he would have been out of the house and not included with John and Elizabeth in this census. The boy in the 16-26 bracket may be Christian, and the two boys in the 10-16 group could be Daniel, probably nearer 16 (he begins his own family within the next five years), and a male child born in 1790,<sup>79</sup> presumably David.<sup>80</sup> I have found John Jr in the 1850 and 1860 censuses at an age which would make him about three for this 1800 census, so he must be the “under 10” boy. For the girls, the two in the under-10 bracket could be Susanna (b. 1792) and Lydia (b. 1795). The one in the 10-16 bracket is, I am guessing, the same as the one in the 1790 census: a girl who did not survive.

In 1809 John bought a farm called “Manchester.” Land records show that he sold pieces of

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that her birth is in the 1790s.

<sup>78</sup>Date given in Moore, “Rodabaugh-Rodibaugh Genealogy”.

<sup>79</sup>Since he wasn’t enumerated in 1790, he must have been born after the census.

<sup>80</sup>I think I may have found David in the 1820 Montgomery County, Ohio, census, and he appears (judging from the number of his children) to be near 30. He was married before 1812.

Manchester to his children Christian, Daniel and Susannah.<sup>81</sup> John is found in North Huntingdon Township in the 1810 census:

Ages/ Sex	under 10	10 to 16	16 to 26	16 to 45	45+
M	-	1	-	—	1
F	-	1	1	-	-

Of the boys, only John Jr remains at home (John Jr will show up with his own family on the 1820 census). Susanna is about 18, and Lydia is about 15. One female householder has disappeared, and since she is not mentioned in any legacy, she may be a daughter who died without issue. John and Elizabeth continue to show up on Westmoreland tax lists in the post-1810 period, and they are enumerated in the 1820 census.

John made out his will in 1822.<sup>82</sup> It was probated on 22 July 1828, presumably just after John’s death. The sense of the will is not easy to determine, and has several unusual stipulations. A lot of attention is paid to his daughter Lydia and his son John and how the land was to be divided between their children. Chances are that these two children of John were still in Westmoreland County with him, and so were in a position to inherit and make use of John’s property. Adam and David, who were in Montgomery County, Ohio, are provided for (\$700 each) by encumbering the properties willed to Lydia and John. Susanna, Christian and Daniel may have been provided for in other ways (perhaps by the earlier land sales to them). In the will Susanna gets only the use of a cow’s pasture and hay for the cow (should she need these). We know, however, from the Westmoreland land records discussed above that John gave Susanna sixty-six acres in 1817 for the purpose of providing for her needs after his death, so it is probably not intended as a slight. Christian and Daniel are mentioned indirectly in the will. The relevant portion of the will is somewhat damaged, but here is how I read it (damaged portions in parentheses):

I give and bequeath to my grandson John Rudibaugh (son of) Daniel Rodibaugh fifty dollars, and...likewise I give and bequeath unto John Rudibaugh (son of) Christian Rudebaugh’s fifty dollars and the above legacies to be paid out of two hundred (dollars?) from Daniel and Christopher<sup>83</sup> Rudibaugh not to be collected by my Wife.

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<sup>81</sup>Westmoreland County Land Book 12, p. 648 (Christian), Book 13, p. 463 (Daniel), and Book 17, p. 258 (Susanna). The last sale is specifically mentioned to be “for her maintenance.”

<sup>82</sup>John’s will is on file in the Westmoreland County Court House, Book 2, p. 185.

<sup>83</sup>The text originally has “Christian” and then is overwritten with “Christopher.” In this family, as we noted earlier, these names are used interchangeably.

Note that he does not will anything except debt remissions to his two sons Daniel and Christian. Only their sons (both named John) receive behests. The money is to be paid by the grandsons' fathers, presumably out of a debt they owed their own father. We know that Daniel and Christian had both received portions of Manchester in 1818/19, perhaps at a low price, and this may have been considered to have equalized their share with the others.

Elizabeth died the year after John, in 1829.<sup>84</sup>

**Christopher Rodabaugh** (See page 6). Christian's namesake son was born, I would guess, about 1750, moved to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, with his parents in 1761, and remained there until his untimely death in 1799. He used both the name Christian and the name Christopher in his lifetime. We will call him Christopher, however, to preserve the father/son distinction.

We know more details about Christopher's immediate family than about his brother John's for two reasons. First, Christopher died suddenly, and, although he didn't leave a will, he left an estate and underage children who were to become the subject of numerous court records. Second, the baptismal records for Christopher's family have largely survived.

As we noted above in the discussion of documents relating to John, Christopher held a land warrant for part of the estate "Unity" on Brush Creek of Hempfield Township as early as 1776. Christopher's oldest child was born about 1781, so he probably married about 1780.<sup>85</sup> He married Regina Barbara Klingensmith,<sup>86</sup> the daughter of Philip Klingensmith. Christopher and Barbara had the following children:

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<sup>84</sup>Elizabeth's death date is contained in 1869 Ejectment papers in file No. 73 of the Westmoreland Prothonotary Court records, in connection with the probate of her son John's will.

<sup>85</sup>The lower bound for the marriage is probably 1779. In August of that year a Barbara Klingensmith is listed as the godmother for a child of Henry and Christina Steit. This is probably in Ruff, "German Church Records," but I saw it in Zundel, *History of Old Zion Church*, p. 210.

<sup>86</sup>Regina Barbara Klingensmith is widely cited as Christian's wife, but I am not certain at this point what the exact proof of this is. It seems *very* likely that Regina Barbara Rodabaugh was in fact Barbara Klingensmith. Her name is often associated with the Klingensmiths. For example, Regina Barbara and Andreas Klingenschmitt (presumably her brother) were the sponsors for a child of Caspar and Susanna Altmann in 1782 (Lütge records), and Barbara is called "Chr. Rothenbach's Wife." (Volume I of Ruff, "German Church Records," p. 25.) In other baptismal records, and in the Klingensmith genealogies, she is just referred to as "Barbara." Whether definitive proof of this widely-assumed identification will ever turn up, however, is uncertain. Her father and mother's early death in an Indian raid caused the Klingensmith legal records to omit the names of spouses of Barbara and her brothers.

- (1) Maria Catherine Rodabaugh, b. 1781, died young.<sup>87</sup>
- [59] (2) Maria (Mary) Rodabaugh, b. 1783, m. Henry Willyard before 1801.
- (3) Johannes Rodabaugh, b. 1786, died young.<sup>88</sup>
- [62] (4) Adam Rodabaugh, b. 1788, d. 1865, m. Anna Catherine Pitsenbarger (1794-after 1870) circa 1815.
- [65] (5) Susannah Rodabaugh, b. 1790, d. 1852, m. John Klingensmith (1778-1850).
- [53] (6) Salomie Rodabaugh, b. 1792, d. 1869, m. David Rodabaugh (1790-1844).
- [60] (7) Elisabetha Rodabaugh, b. ca 1794, d. 1849, m. Jacob Fry before 1812.<sup>89</sup>
- [66] (8) Seth Rodabaugh, b. 1796, m. Mary Hollingsworth (1799-1885) in 1817.
- [68] (9) Samuel Rodabaugh, b. 1797, d. after 1868, m. Sarah Klingensmith (1802-after 1883).

Barbara's presumed father, Philip Klingensmith, along with Barbara's uncles, figured prominently in the history of Westmoreland County in eighteenth century. Philip came to Westmoreland County in 1770.<sup>90</sup> Before coming to Westmoreland Philip had been living in Bucks County (now Northampton County), Pennsylvania, in Lehigh Township.<sup>91</sup> It is not clear who Philip's parents were,<sup>92</sup> but the fact that Philip was naturalized in 1765 suggests that he might have

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<sup>87</sup>She seems to be missing from the 1790 census, so she may have died before she was ten.

<sup>88</sup>He is missing from the 1790 census, so he must have died before he was four.

<sup>89</sup>In the Orphans Court Abstracts of Westmoreland County, Docket A, is an entry (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in September 1802) about a petition by "Barbara Sowerwine (late Barbara Rudibach), widow and relict of Christian Rudibach of Hempfield Twp" requesting that guardians be appointed for her underaged children "Susanna, Elizabeth, Sarah, Seth, and Samuel until they respectively arrive at the age of 14 years." Adam and Mary are mentioned, but not assigned guardians because they were 14 or over. This suggests a birth date for Elisabetha in the four-year gap between the births of Susanna and Sarah (Salomie).

<sup>90</sup>In a document recently received by Paul M. Ruff from D. W. Rupert (my copy from Barbara Ann Geisert) Philip's son John Philip says that his father brought him "über die Berge" in 1770.

<sup>91</sup>I have copy of the survey and warrant for the 65 acres. It was next to the land of (his brother-in-law?) Nicholas Kepple. Philip purchased the land in 1751.

<sup>92</sup>In Strassburger and Hinke, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, the compilers document the arrival of a Daniel Klingensmith on the ship *Robert and Alice* in 1738 who may be the parent. Some Klingensmith genealogists (e.g. Klingensmith, "Twelve Generations of Klingensmiths") believe that his father was George Klingensmith, who married Anna Steltzmeirer, and whose ancestor came to the Colonies in the seventeenth century.

been born abroad.<sup>93</sup> He married, first, Maria Elisabeth Kepple, the daughter of Michael Kepple.<sup>94</sup> The first two children in the list below are Maria's children. His second wife was named Christina.<sup>95</sup> They were married in 1757 or earlier.<sup>96</sup> These are the known children of Philip Klingensmith:<sup>97</sup>

- (1) Anna Christina Klingensmith, b. 1753, m. Henry Stitt.
- (2) Andrew Klingensmith, b. 1754,<sup>98</sup> d. 1800, m. woman named Agnes.
- (3) Jacob Klingensmith, b. 1758,<sup>99</sup> d. 1839, m. Margaretta Anna Klingensmith (1758-1789) and Elizabeth Gongaware.
- (4) Maria Catherina, b. 1759, died young.<sup>100</sup>
- (5) John Philip Klingensmith, b. 1760, d. 1832, m. Barbara Broadsword (1766-1850).
- (6) *Regina Barbara, b. 1762, d. after 1801, m. Christopher Rodabaugh and Jacob*

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<sup>93</sup>Giuseppi, *Naturalizations of Foreign Protestants*, p. 104.

<sup>94</sup>Maria's name is in the records of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Upper Hanover Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, at the time of the birth of her first daughter. That her last name is Kepple is clear from the citation in Helen Smith's "Notes on the Family of Philip Klingensmith," which is said to be in the family papers, and in which Philip in 1764 acknowledges his children to be the grandchildren of Michael Kepple.

<sup>95</sup>Her last name is given in some Klingensmith works as Walthour. The Walthour family owned land in Westmoreland County next to the Rodabaughs, and operated a mill. It is not clear to me yet what is the documentation for this, and there appears to be some doubt among Klingensmith researches about the validity of the ascription.

<sup>96</sup>The first mention of Philip's wife Christina known to me is as the sponsor of John Philip, the son of Philip's brother Peter, in November of 1757. This is in the Oley Hills Union Church Records, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Pike Township (my copy of the extraction from Barbara Ann Geisert).

<sup>97</sup>Unless otherwise cited, data in this list is from the Helen Smith notes mentioned above.

<sup>98</sup>Geisert, *Correspondence*, cites a birth record in Blue Creek Lutheran Church in Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

<sup>99</sup>Birth date from his 1835 Revolutionary War statement, cited in Walters, *Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Indiana*. Since his birth date is after the second marriage (1757 or before) he should be placed in the second group.

<sup>100</sup>Her birth is placed on 1 January 1759 in the records of the minister Daniel Schumacher (Weiser, *Daniel Schumacher's Baptismal Register*). Since she appears in the list of children in the 1789 probate records she was still alive at that time.



*Sowerwine*.<sup>101</sup>

- (7) Margaret, b. 1763, m. John Peter Wannemacher.
- (8) Caspar, b. 1765, d. 1836, m. Anna Margareta Kepple (1769-1837).
- (9) John Daniel, b. 1770.
- (10) John Peter, b. 1773.<sup>102</sup>
- (11) John George, b. 1775, m. Sibila Sober.
- (12) Michael, b. 1778.
- (13) Maria Catherina, b. 1780.

Barbara's mother is the second wife, Christina. Both Philip and his second wife died in an Indian raid in 1781.

During the Revolutionary War, the Klingensmith's house became a "blockhouse," a kind of local fort where neighbors resorted during threatening times. It is not unlikely that the Rodabaughs took shelter at the Klingensmiths in the period when Christopher Rodabaugh met Barbara Klingensmith.<sup>103</sup>

Court records from 1803 and 1812 clearly show that seven of the children of Christopher and Barbara survived to maturity. The names of four of these, and of two additional ones who did not survive childhood, are also known from baptismal records. The baptismal records come from three lists. Before any Lutheran or Reformed ministers moved into Westmoreland County, the baptisms were performed by the schoolmaster, Balthasar Meyer, from about 1772 to 1792. Two of Christopher and Barbara's children are mentioned in the list:<sup>104</sup>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth date</u>	<u>Baptism date</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
Maria Catharine	25 July 1781	31 March 1782	Caspar and Susanna Altmann
Susanna	19 Jan 1790	26 Dec 1791	Parents

In 1784 the Lutheran Minister Anton Ulrich Lütge, who had been ordained by Balthasar Meyer, began another list of baptisms. On this list we find three more children:

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<sup>101</sup>Her birth date is a guess based on the fact that Barbara occurs after the "eldest daughter" Maria in the probate papers of her father Philip. The papers apparently list the children according to age.

<sup>102</sup>At the time of his parent's death Peter was captured by the Indians, and did not return to his family for 38 years.

<sup>103</sup>Two of Christopher and Barbara's children also married into the Klingensmith line, suggesting an ongoing friendship between the two families.

<sup>104</sup>We are giving the records as they appear in Ruff, "German Church Records," the most critical edition of these records.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth date</u>	<u>Baptism date</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
Maria	19 May 1783	20 June 1784	Philip and Barbara Klingensmith
Johannes	10 Sept 1786	15 Oct 1786	Joh. Philip & Barbara Klingelschmitt
Elisabetha	24 Feb 1785	28 Aug 1785	Peter and Maria Elisabetha Klingelschmidt

The last baptismal record is an adult baptism by the minister J. M. Steck:<sup>105</sup>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth date</u>	<u>Baptism date</u>
Samuel	19 June 1798	3 August 1815

There are three children missing from the baptismal lists: Seth, Adam and Salomie. Their approximate ages can be guessed from other data. Adam gives his age on the 1850 and 1860 Darke County, Ohio, censuses; he appears to have been born 1787/88. In confirmation of this date for Adam we note that on the 14th of November, 1803, “Adam Rudeback, minor son of Christopher Rudeback, deceased” petitions to have Henry Allshouse of Hempfield Township made his guardian since his age is now “fourteen and upward.” A parallel entry in 1803 appoints Henry Allshouse and Henry Kock as guardians of the other children (except Mary, who is already married), and they are all under fourteen, so we know that Seth and Salomie were born after 1790. The piece on Seth in the Marion County history<sup>106</sup> places Seth’s birth in 1796. Salomie married her cousin David, who, we are estimating, was born about 1790, so a birth date of about 1792/94 would be reasonable for her, and it fills in the remaining gap in the record of her mother’s childbearing years.

There are four documents from the 1780s relating to Christopher in addition to the above-mentioned land transactions on “Unity” which he purchased with his brother John. On 25 November 1782 he registered a male slave named Frank.<sup>107</sup> In 1782 he sold 350 acres of land at the headwaters of Turtle Creek, next to the land of his brother John and the land of Philip Studebaker.<sup>108</sup> On 24 April 1786 he took out a deed on land in Fayette County, so it may be that he and Barbara moved to Fayette County for a few years in the late 1780s.<sup>109</sup> The Fayette land was between the

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<sup>105</sup>Fischer, “Births—Baptisms of the First Lutheran Church,” p. 139.

<sup>106</sup>Sulgrove, *History of Indianapolis*, p. 603.

<sup>107</sup>Boucher, *Old and New Westmoreland*, Vol. I, p. 204.

<sup>108</sup>Westmoreland County Deed Book A, p. 288.

<sup>109</sup>Data taken from the patent maps for Fayette, Green and Washington Counties which are in *The Horn Papers* at the Green County Historical Society, Vol. III, Map 15. He had the land surveyed in 17 December 1787. The final patent was taken out by someone else in 1813. It is likely that the land was sold in the 1790s, since it was not mentioned in any of the

Youghiogheny River and Jacob's Creek, just south of the Westmoreland line, and was next to a parcel of land called "Petersburg" which Peter Studebaker had purchased the previous year.<sup>110</sup> In 1789 he was involved in the administration of the estate of Peter Broadsword, his sister Elizabeth's husband.<sup>111</sup>

In 1790 Christopher bought from Adam Briney 271 acres of land on Brush Creek in Hempfield Township. This purchase may mark the return of Christopher and his family to Westmoreland County. The piece of land was called "Adamsburgh." As we will see below, there was a mill on it. It was on Brush Creek, and bordered on the lands of Frederick Marchand and the millers Christopher and George Walthour. In 1791 Christian was a member of the January session of the Traverse Jury and in April he was appointed overseer of Hempfield Township.<sup>112</sup> On 11 April 1795 the *Pittsburgh Gazette* advertized that there was a letter in the Pittsburgh post office for "Christopher Rodebaugh." In 1794 and 1796 he sells pieces of the tract of land called "Unity" which he bought by patent in 1786. Also in 1796 he became involved in a suit to recover damages from the millwright Walthour for flooding part of his land with a mill dam. In 1798 he is taxed in Hempfield Township for the ownership of a grist mill. By late 1799 Christopher had died, apparently too suddenly to have made a will.<sup>113</sup>

After Christopher's death Barbara married again, to a Jacob Sowerwine. In 1815 a "Jacob Sauerwein" was baptized by the Lutheran minister J. M. Steck in the Greensburg Lutheran Church.<sup>114</sup> He was born in 1802, and his parents were Jacob and Barbara Sowerwine. So Barbara, it seems, went on to have a second family after Christopher's death. It is unknown how many children Barbara had in her second family, but since she must have been in her forties at the time of the second marriage, she must have had only one or two children. This son Jacob moved to Marion County,

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probate proceedings.

<sup>110</sup>This is probably the Peter Studebaker who is the brother of Abraham Studebaker, the husband of Christian's half-sister Magdalena Whitehead. Peter died in 1790. His death may have caused the joint enterprise of resettlement in Fayette to come to an end.

<sup>111</sup>*Old Westmoreland*, Vol. III, No. 4 (May 1983), p. 19.

<sup>112</sup>*Old Westmoreland*, Vol 11, No. 1, p. 14, No. 3, p. 20, and No. 4, p. 9.

<sup>113</sup>An 1803 court record speaks of him as having died four years before. Jacob Klingensmith and John Philip Klingensmith gave an account of their administration of Christopher's estate to the court in 1803. P. Klingensmith and Jacob Shaeffer received letters of administration in May of 1799. The event is cited in *Old Westmoreland*, Vol. VI, No. 3 (Feb. 1986), p. 61, taken from Westmoreland County Will Book 1. The Orphans Court Abstracts of Westmoreland say that almost \$1300 was distributed to his heirs.

<sup>114</sup>Ruff, "German Church Records," Vol. IV, p. 43.

Indiana, and was, along with his son Levi, associated with the Rodabaugh descendants of Regina Barbara.<sup>115</sup>

There is an interesting picture of this family in 1812/14. It concerns the 270-acre tract of land called “Adamsburgh.” At the time of Christopher’s death the land passed by law to his wife and children. The land and mill were sold to a George Painter, and he acquired legal title to the shares of Barbara and most of the children. For some reason he was not able to arrange with Adam, Samuel and Seth to acquire their interests. He sued to have the land divided so he could get clear title to his shares. A local group of landowners were convened to decide if the land could be divided without loss of value. They decided that it could not, and set a per acre price for the buyout. From the set of documents on file in Westmoreland County Court House pertaining to these transactions we learn that Barbara had died by 1813,<sup>116</sup> that Salomie was already married to her cousin David, that Elizabetha was married to Jacob Fry, that Mary (Maria) was married to Henry Willyard, and that Susanna was married to John Klingensmith. On an 1801 deed, where Barbara, having remarried to Jacob Sowerwine, bought out the land shares of Mary Willyard, the oldest of Christopher’s children (and the only one not under a guardianship), none of the other girls are described as married; the marriages of Elizabetha, Susanna, and Salomie can be dated, therefore, to the 1801-12 period.

**Elizabetha Rodabaugh** (See page 6).<sup>117</sup> She may have been one of the youngest of the siblings, perhaps born circa 1752. She married, first, Peter Broadsword. He was the son of the immigrant Matthias Broadsword (circa 1710-1796).<sup>118</sup> Matthias came to the Colonies in 1752. He married Maria Barbara (surname unknown) and had the following children:<sup>119</sup>

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<sup>115</sup>The written-to-Samuel letter collection of Robert J. Rodibaugh shows that the Rodabaughs kept track of the Sowerwines and had social and business dealings with them.

<sup>116</sup>Against this date is a fragment of an orphan’s court record from 1834 which Robert J. Rodibaugh copied in the 1960s. The son of George Painter, Michael Painter, had defaulted on payments he was making to Barbara Sowerwine for the Rodabaugh land, and was being sued. It seems to indicate that she was still living.

<sup>117</sup>Most of the information in this section is derived from Hott and Hott, “Goldner Ancestors.” Where data is from another source, that source is cited.

<sup>118</sup>The name is an Anglicization. The German source name might be rendered “Breitschwert” in modern German. The spelling variation when the name was still given its German pronunciation was immense.

<sup>119</sup>Husbands’ names from Matthias’ will, which is abstracted in the *Old Westmoreland*, Vol. IV, No. 3 (February 1984), p. 12. It is possible that these are just the names of the children living in Westmoreland County, and that there were older children who stayed in Eastern Pennsylvania. A candidate for one of these is the Anna Christina “Breidschwerd” who married Sebastian Wilfong at Host Church in Berks County in 1753.

- (1) Maria Elisabeth Broadsword, m. George Schwap.<sup>120</sup>
- (2) Catherine Broadsword.
- (3) Anna Barbara, m. John Philip Klingensmith.
- (4) Anna Maria, m. Solomon Truschel.
- (5) Peter,<sup>121</sup> d. circa 1790,<sup>122</sup> m. Elizabetha Rodabaugh circa 1778.

Matthias started out in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in Carnarvon Township. He may have been in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania in the 1760s, and probably arrived in Westmoreland County before 1779.

The son Peter may have come earlier, since Peter and Elizabetha must have married about 1778. They probably courted in Westmoreland County. Peter's 222 acre estate in South Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, was named "Long Sword." Peter and Elizabetha had the following children:<sup>123</sup>

- [69] (1) George Broadsword, b. 1779, d. 1861, m. Mary Waltz (d. 1875) circa 1807.
- [70] (2) Susanna Broadsword, b. 1780/94, m. Philip Arner circa 1801.
- [70] (3) Mary Broadsword, b. 1788, d. 1854 m. Jacob Matthias circa 1803.
- [72] (4) Peter Broadsword, b. circa 1790.

In 1829, at the time of the will, Elizabetha was still living, but was married to Daniel "Wigle." The Weigles, or Wagles, were well known in early Westmoreland circles. It seems unlikely that there were children from the second marriage.

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<sup>120</sup>Hott and Hott"Goldner Ancestors," p. 110, says that the name was "George Levass."

<sup>121</sup>Probably the name was George Peter, but since there are three generations of George Peters we will adopt the custom of Hott and Hott,"Goldner Ancestors," and call the first one Peter, the second one George, and the third one George Peter.

<sup>122</sup>A court record from 1794 describes the last three of Peter and Elizabeth's children as under fourteen. Adam Rodabaugh, Elizabeth's brother, was appointed their guardian. Only George was over fourteen, and he was less than twenty-one. It is the court record which tells us that Peter is the name of the father. The fact that Elizabeth was listed as head of the family on the 1790 census in South Huntingdon Township suggests that Peter died in 1790 or earlier.

<sup>123</sup>The names of the children are taken from the Westmoreland County Court Record X-0C-22. The two women's spouses' surnames, with spelling adjusted, are from Adam Rodabaugh's 1828 will. Birth dates are estimated from data in Hott and Hott,"Goldner Ancestors."



*The Children of Christian and Elizabeth's Son Valentine*

**Valentine Whitehead** (See page 18). The Whitehead genealogy places the birth of Valentine Jr on 29 November 1779, but his baptismal record has “early November 1778.”<sup>124</sup> He says in the 1832 court deposition relating to the suit of his uncle Adam Rodabaugh’s former slave that he lived about a mile from Adam Rodabaugh until 1801, at which time he moved to Butler County, Pennsylvania, and from there to Montgomery County, Ohio, in 1812.<sup>125</sup> He is on the 1810 census in Butler County, in Center Township, which is just north of the town of Butler. In Ohio he bought land near his uncle.<sup>126</sup> In 1829 Valentine Jr and his oldest son, Adam, were probably the Valentine and Adam Whitehead mentioned as witnesses to the Adam Rodabaugh will. Nine of the children of Valentine Jr moved to the New Paris area of Elkhart County, Indiana, between 1832 and 1836, but some Whiteheads stayed on in Montgomery County.<sup>127</sup>

Valentine Jr married Mary Kemmerer<sup>128</sup> (1780-1847) in 1800, probably in Westmoreland County. In 1855 Valentine’s cousin Adam Rodabaugh (son of Christopher) mentioned “Felty” Whitehead in a letter and said that he was almost blind. It may be that soon after this Valentine moved to Elkhart County, Indiana, where most of his children were. He died there on 22 September 1865.<sup>129</sup> Valentine and Mary had twelve children, including:<sup>130</sup>

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<sup>124</sup>Ruff, “German Church Records,” Vol. I, p. 83.

<sup>125</sup>Chancery Court records of Montgomery County, Ohio, Volume B, p. 420, on microfilm roll 49.

<sup>126</sup>He appears on the same 1816 tax list with Adam Rodabaugh, Powell, *Early Ohio Tax Records*, p. 272, and on the 1820 Federal Census for Madison Township, Montgomery County, Ohio, he is only four names from Adam Rodabaugh’s entry. There is in Montgomery County Land Records Office (roll D2, p. 325) a record of Adam selling the southwest quarter of section 12 in Madison Township to Valentine on 20 January 1817. This is part of the land that Adam bought in 1805.

<sup>127</sup>An 1851 landowner map of Montgomery County shows a “D. Whitehead” living on the land Valentine bought from Adam in 1817.

<sup>128</sup>Adam Rodabaugh’s will spells the name “Kemrie.” Kemrie is also the form by which she is known to her descendants. Mary’s dates are from Croy, Correspondence.

<sup>129</sup>*Pictorial and Biographical Memoirs of Elkhart County*, p. 426 and 641, tells about the move. There is some confusion in this account of the various Valentine Whiteheads. Valentine’s death date is from the Croy, Correspondence.

<sup>130</sup>Names of spouses and life dates are derived, unless otherwise cited, from a list in Croy, Correspondence, or from the Whitehead Cemetery of Elkhart County, Indiana, where Valentine Jr and many of his children are buried. (There is a misleading plaque beside his

- (1) Elizabeth Whitehead, b. 1801, m. Mr. Smith, d. 1859.
- (2) Adam Whitehead, b. 1803, m. Susan (1802-1876), d. 1880.
- (3) Susan Whitehead, b. 1804, m. Steven Ulery, d. 1843.
- (4) John Whitehead, b. 1806, m. Elizabeth Andrews (1808-1855) in 1829, d. 1843.
- (5) Esther Whitehead, b. 1808, m. Jacob Stutzman (1808-1843) in 1827, d. 1843.
- (6) Samuel Whitehead, b. 1810, m. Sarah Frantz (1808-1886), d. 1874.<sup>131</sup>
- (7) Peter Whitehead, b. 1815, m. Margaret Anderson (1813-1868) in 1832, d. 1895.
- (8) Lewis Whitehead, b. 1818, m. Rebecca Wagner (1817-1893), d. 1895.
- (9) David Whitehead, b. 1820, m. Mary A. Wolfe (1825-1888)<sup>132</sup>, d. 1894.
- (10) Valentine Whitehead III, b. 1821, m. Margaret Lentz<sup>133</sup> (b. 1822) in 1840, d. 1851.
- (11) Mary Whitehead, b. 1824 in Montgomery County, Ohio, m. Solomon Conrad (1825-1882) in 1844, d. 1886.<sup>134</sup>
- (12) Margaret Whitehead, b. 1826, m. Adam Lentz in 1843, d. 1844.

**Mary Whitehead** (See page 18). Mary and her sister Barbara Whitehead married into a family well-known in Westmoreland County history. The father of their spouses was Rev. John W. Weber. Here is how he is described in a Westmoreland history:<sup>135</sup>

[Rev. Weber] was born in Fehvingen, in the Province of Wittgenstein, Germany, March 5, 1735. He received his earlier education in Westphalia, Germany, and later took a course of theological studies in Stockholm, Sweden. In 1762 he left his native land and migrated to the United States, settling in New Jersey.... A little later we find him in Pennsylvania, where he had charge of Reformed churches in Northampton

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grave which suggests that he immigrated from England in 1796. It was erected by his decendants in 1939.) Dorothy Croy attributes her information to the Montgomery County court records and to Mearl Whitehead of Goshen, Indiana.

<sup>131</sup>Taken in part from *History of Elkhart County*, p. 1025, under the entry of their son “Daniel J. Whitehead.”

<sup>132</sup>David was living on Valentine Jr’s Ohio land in 1851. The dates for he and his spouse are from stones in the Ft. McKinley Cemetery. Mary’s last name is taken from Drury, *History of the City of Dayton*, vol. II, p. 1048. David is the ancestor of Dorothy Croy (Croy, Correspondence).

<sup>133</sup>Valentine’s wife is called “Elizabeth” on p. 1026 of the *History of Elkhart County*.

<sup>134</sup>Information from the “David Conrad” entry in *Pictorial and Biographical Memoirs of Elkhart*, pp. 641-2.

<sup>135</sup>Boucher, *Old and New Westmoreland*, Vol. IV, p. 274.



County of what was then the Colony of Pennsylvania.... [Rev. Weber came to Westmoreland County and] preached at Harold and Brush Creek, in Hempfield Township, at Kintighs, in Mount Pleasant Township, at the Ridge, in Unity Township, and he was the founder of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church at Sixth and Smithfield streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His pastorate over these churches extended for a period of more than thirty-three years. On his arrival he had to find a home in a rude lug cabin, but eventually he purchased a farm on Sewickley Creek.... His death occurred on this place in July, 1816.

Rev. Weber married Maria Agnes Born in 1767, and, after she died in 1784, he married Anna Maria Robinson. He kept a journal in which he recorded the birth of each of his children. Here are the children, taken from the journal list (the first eight are from Maria Born):

- (1) John Weber, b. 1768.
- (2) Maria Catharina Weber, b. 1770.
- (3) Elinora Philippina Weber, b. 1772.
- (4) John William Weber, b. 1774, d. 1828, m. Anna Mary Ankeny (1787-1855).<sup>136</sup>
- (5) Elizabeth Weber, b. 1776.
- (6) *Abraham Weber, b. 1779, m. Barbara Whitehead.*
- (7) *Jacob Weber, b. 1781, m. Mary Whitehead.*
- (8) John Nicholas Weber, b. 1784.
- (9) Maria Magdaline Weber, b. 1785.
- (10) David Weber, b. 1787.
- (11) Daniel Weber, b. 1789.
- (12) Hanna Weber, b. 1791.
- (13) Anna Margaretha Weber, b. 1793.
- (14) Catharina Weber, b. 1795.
- (15) Adam Weber, b. 1797.
- (16) Susanna Weber, b. 1799.
- (17) Christina Weber, b. 1802.
- (18) Daniel Louis Weber, b. 1804.

Mary Whitehead probably married Jacob Weber about 1804. I don't have a complete list of children, but the following are recorded in Rev. Weber's baptismal records:

- (1) David Weber, b. 1805.<sup>137</sup>
- (2) Margaretha Weber, b. 1806.
- (3) Jacob Weber, b. 1807.

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<sup>136</sup>Spouse and dates taken from Boucher, *Old and New Westmoreland*, Vol. IV, pp. 370ff, the entry on "Jacob G. Weaver."

<sup>137</sup>Valentine and Sophia Maria, Mary's parents, are the godparents.

- (4) Maria Weber, b. 1808.
- (5) Johann Wilhelm, b. 1811.<sup>138</sup>

The Webers appear to have Anglicized their name to Weaver early in the nineteenth century.

**Barbara Whitehead** (See page 18). Barbara was born 21 February 1784.<sup>139</sup> She married Abraham Weber, the sixth child of Rev. John W. Weber. Again, all I have on Abraham and Barbara's family are the baptismal records: they may have had more children than the records imply. Their children:

- (1) Wilhelm Weber, b. 1802.<sup>140</sup>
- (2) Jacob Weber, b. 1804.<sup>141</sup>

In 1801 Abraham and Barbara were the godparents for Barbara's sister, Elizabetha Milliron, so Abraham and Barbara were probably married in 1801 or earlier. Valentine Whitehead's 1817 will seems to imply that Barbara had already died. An "Abraham Weaver," perhaps Barbara's widower or their son, married Elizabeth Walter in 1833.<sup>142</sup>

**Susan Whitehead** (See page 18). From her father's will we know that Susan Whitehead married Daniel Linsenbigler. Daniel is the son of Daniel Linsenebler Sr. Daniel Sr was born about 1750 (d. before 1825) in New Hanover Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and married Maria Agatha (surname unknown). They had ten children:<sup>143</sup>

- (1) Johann Ludwig Linsenbigler, b. 1770, m. Elizabeth.
- (2) Anna Catharine Linsenbigler, b. 1772, m. Peter Liebengath in 1792.
- (3) *Daniel Linsenbigler Jr, b. 10 February 1775, d. before 1825, m. Susanna Whitehead.*<sup>144</sup>

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<sup>138</sup>The grandfather Rev. John W. Weber was the godfather.

<sup>139</sup>Ruff, "German Church Records," Vol. I, p. 92.

<sup>140</sup>Valentine and Sophia Maria, Barbara's parents, are the godparents.

<sup>141</sup>Probably named after Abraham's brother, who was the godfather.

<sup>142</sup>Fischer, *Marriage and Death Notices*, p. 145.

<sup>143</sup>Information in this section is taken from the McMurray, "McMurray Genealogy."

<sup>144</sup>From the fact that Daniel, but not Susanna, is mentioned in her father Valentine's 1817 will, it might be assumed that she was deceased. However, information from Ruth Murrya (Murray, Correspondence) indicates that Susan died in 1851. Susanna's death is given in Vital Statistics of Westmoreland County as 27 Dec 1851, aged 78 years. She is listed as

- (4) Johann Linsenbigler, b. 177, m. Maria Wegley (b. 1780).
- (5) John Jacob Linsenbigler b. 1779, m. Elizabeth.
- (6) Heinrich Linsenbigler, b. 1782, d. 1782.
- (7) Elizabeth Linsenbigler, b. 1783, m. Michael Weigel in 1804.
- (8) Heinrich Linsenbigler, b. 1786, m. Elizabeth.
- (9) Magdalene Linsenbigler, b. 1788, m. Jacob Strohman in 1808.
- (10) Maria Christina Linsenbigler, b. 1790.

Daniel Jr was a soldier in the War of 1812. We know of six children of Daniel and Susan, three from baptismal records, and three from Westmoreland County Orphans Court records:

- (1) Esther Linsenbigler, b. 1797.
- (2) Elizabeth Linsenbigler, b. 1799, m. Achison McMurray (1789-1869).
- (3) Sarah Linsenbigler, b. 1801.
- (4) Catharine Linsenbigler.
- (5) Louis Linsenbigler.
- (6) David Linsenbigler.

**Elizabetha Whitehead** (See page 18). Elizabetha married John Milliron (b. circa 1763, d. 1808).<sup>145</sup> John was the sixth child of Jacob and Anna Ottilia Milliron. Jacob and Anna's children were:

- (1) John Jacob Milliron, b. circa 1753.<sup>146</sup>
- (2) John Philip Milliron, b. circa 1755, d. circa 1837, m. Anna Maria Barbara Altman.
- (3) Eva Milliron, b. circa 1757, m. Peter Waltz.
- (4) Anna Elizabeth Milliron, b. 1759, d. 1841, m. John Nicholas Long Jr (b. 1754) in 1779.
- (5) John Nicholas Milliron, b. circa 1761, m. Susanna.
- (6) *John Milliron, b. circa 1763, d. 1808, m. Elizabetha Whitehead (d. 1840).*
- (7) Mary Milliron, b. circa 1765.

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<sup>145</sup>Information in this section is taken almost exclusively from Winkler, “Milliron-Millison Family History.” None of the wills mention the first name of Elizabetha's husband, so the identification of her Milliron husband with John Milliron is not absolutely certain. However, Peter Whitehead, Elizabeth's brother, became the guardian for most of John and Elizabetha's underage children after John died. In 1801 Abraham Weber, who married Barbara Whitehead, Elizabeth's sister, was the godfather for John and Elizabeth Milliron's daughter “Catharina” (in the John W. Weber baptismal records). It seems unlikely that Elizabeth's husband could have been any other Milliron but this one.

<sup>146</sup>He probably died young, since he is not in the 1784 will of his father.

- (8) Jacob Milliron, b. circa 1767, m. Anna Maria Daubenspeck.
- (9) Catherine Milliron, b. circa 1769, d. circa 1856, m. Henry Beighley.
- (10) Catherout Milliron, m. Andrew Barnes.
- (11) Susanna Milliron, b. circa 1772, m. Peter Beighley.
- (12) John Anthony Milliron, b. 1774, d. 1808, m. Susanna Long.

The name Milliron, by the way, is an Anglicization of the original name, which was Muhleisen (it means mill-iron). Some of the Milliron descendants have sound-Anglicized the name as Millison.

John and Elizabetha lived in Hempfield Township of Westmoreland County, near New Stanton, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of eight children:

- (1) Maria Magdalena Milliron, b. 1794, d. 1869, m. Leonard Assire (1788-1857). They moved to Mechanic Township, Holmes County, Ohio about 1830.
- (2) Susanna Milliron, b. circa 1795, m. Henry Assire (b. 1796). They also moved to Mechanic Township, Holmes County, Ohio, then to Indiana, possibly near South Bend, about 1830.
- (3) John Milliron, b. 1798, d. young.
- (4) Elizabeth Milliron, b. 1800, m. John Welsh.
- (5) Catherine Milliron, b. 1801, d. 1864, m. Peter Krebs (b. 1803). Moved to Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in 1825.
- (6) Daniel Milliron, b. 1803, d. 1878, m. Catherine Krebs (1805-1872). Also moved to Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in 1825.
- (7) David Milliron, b. 1806, d. 1873, m. Hannah (1804-1886). Remained in Westmoreland County.
- (8) John Milliron, b. 1808, d. 1888, m. Maria Kepple (1805-1895).<sup>147</sup> Remained in Westmoreland County.

Elizabeth made out her will in 1840,<sup>148</sup> and her estate was probated in 1841.

**Magdalena Whitehead** (See page 18). Magdalena was born on 20 February 1782.<sup>149</sup> She was still living at the time her father made out his will in 1817. There she is called “Martha Smith.”

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<sup>147</sup>Maria’s last name taken from the family sheets acquired from Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer.

<sup>148</sup>Her will is in Westmoreland County Will Book 3, p. 24.

<sup>149</sup>Ruff, “German Church Records,” Vol. I, p. 83.

She may have married Simon Schmidt (Smith).<sup>150</sup> According to the early baptismal records of Westmoreland County, Simon was the son of Philip and Catharina Schmidt, and was born 13 May 1778. In the later baptismal records of John W. Weber we find that Simon and Magdalena Schmidt were the parents of:

- (1) Jacob Schmidt, b. 1803.
- (2) Christina Schmidt, b. 1804.
- (3) Elizabetha Schmidt, b. 1806.

**Catherine Whitehead** (See page 18). Catherine married John Potts, a son of John Potts (1752-1837) and Christina Portzer (1759-1830).<sup>151</sup> The elder John Potts had the following family:

- (1) Maria Eva Potts, b. 1785, d. 1840, m. John George Kepple (1779-1840).
- (2) *John Potts Jr, m. Catherine Whitehead.*
- (3) Daniel Potts, b. 1789, d. 1861.
- (4) Christiana Potts, b. 1790.
- (5) Michael Potts.
- (6) Jacob Potts.
- (7) Samuel Potts, d. 1866.
- (8) Gabriel Potts, b. 1798, d. 1881.
- (9) Christian Potts, b. 1800, d. 1879.
- (10) George Potts, b. 1804, d. 1879.

John and Catherine lived in Washington Township, Westmoreland County. Later they moved to Porter Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. They had the following children:

- (1) George Potts, b. 1810.
- (2) Samuel Potts, b. 1812, m. Margaret Gourley.
- (3) Sarah Salomie Potts, b. 1814.
- (4) Lydia Potts, b. 1816.

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<sup>150</sup>In McMurray, "McMurray Genealogy," the name of Simon is pencilled in, and a death date of 5 June 1859 is given for Magdalena. I do not know the source for this information.

<sup>151</sup>Boucher, *Old and New Westmoreland*, Vol. III, p. 393, in the entry for "Benjamin M. Blose," gives John as the first name for Potts (in the wills referencing Catherine only her married surname of Potts is given). The same entry also gives the names for the siblings and children of John Potts. The information in the lists below for the children of John Potts Sr and John Potts Jr are taken from the genealogy by Wilson, "The Potts Family." The genealogy seems to know of two children of John Potts Sr not mentioned in the Blose entry. Also, Wilson, "The Potts Family," gives two wives for John Jr: Catherine Whitehead and Catherine Wisecope. I am assuming that these are the same person, since the two last names are just different ways of Anglicizing the German name "Weisskopf."

- (5) Christina Potts, b. 1818.
- (6) Maria Catherina Potts, b. 1820, d. 1884, m. John Smith (1816-1875).
- (7) Daniel Potts, b. 1822, d. 1884, m. Rosanna Steinmetz (1823-1913).
- (8) Mary Potts, b. 1824.
- (9) Adaline Potts, b. 1828, d. 1904.
- (10) John M. Potts, b. 1829, m. Margaret Jane (surname unknown, b. 1833).
- (11) Tieney Potts, b. 1831.
- (12) Rachel Potts, b. 1832.
- (13) David Potts, b. 1834.

**Sarah Whitehead** (See page 18). Sarah was born on 31 March 1794.<sup>152</sup> On her father's will in 1817 she is called "Sarah Hill," and it is implied that she was still living. On her uncle Adam Rodabaugh's 1828 will she is called by her nickname "Sally." Other than this, nothing is known about her.

**Christianna Whitehead** (See page 18). No further information.

**Christopher Whitehead** (See page 18). Christopher may have been born in 1776. He is reported to have died on 1 March 1840, and to have married a Susanna.<sup>153</sup>

**Peter Whitehead** (See page 18). Peter was born on 24 February 1796.<sup>154</sup> He passed his life on his parents' Westmoreland County homestead,<sup>155</sup> and died on 6 May 1867 or 6 May 1872.<sup>156</sup> He was a member of the Brush Creek Reformed Church.<sup>157</sup> Peter was a Democrat, and served a term as county commissioner.

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<sup>152</sup>Ruff, "German Church Records," Vol. II, p. 182.

<sup>153</sup>This information is taken from the list of Valentine Whitehead's children in McMurray, "McMurray Genealogy." I do not know what primary source this is based on.

<sup>154</sup>Except where otherwise cited, information for Peter is taken from Boucher, *Old and New Westmoreland*, Vol. IV, p. 1100, in the section on "Howard W. Whitehead." Peter's birth date is from Ruff, "German Church Records," Vol. II, p. 188.

<sup>155</sup>In Westmoreland County Deed Book 14, p. 260, his parents give him the family farm in North Huntingdon Township on 18 January 1821 for "\$100 and affection."

<sup>156</sup>This second date is given in the entry for his son in Wiley, *Biographical and Historical Cyclopedia*, p. 416.

<sup>157</sup>Albert, *History of Westmoreland County*, pp. 242 and 530, discusses his role as a trustee in the church.

He married Barbara Highberger (b. 1794, d. 1834, m. 1813) and Catherine Highberger (d. 1870, m. 12 Jan 1837), the daughters of Daniel Highberger. The children were all from his first marriage. Peter and Barbara's children:<sup>158</sup>

- (1) Elizabeth Whitehead, b. 6 Mar 1815, m. Henry Brenneman (b. 8 Jan 1811, d. 25 Dec 1861) on 8 Feb 1833.
- (2) Maria Whitehead, b. 20 Sep 1816, m. Henry Buchman on 30 May 1837 (b. 9 May 1806, d. 29 Apr 1887), d. 1 Oct 1897.
- (3) Simon Whitehead, b. 1 Apr 1818, d. 10 Apr 1901.
- (4) Louis Whitehead, b. 13 Feb 1820, m. Hannah Painter (b. 25 Sep 1823, d. 25 Apr 1852) on 7 Dec 1843, d. 13 Oct 1849.
- (5) Anna Catherine Whitehead, b. 10 Dec 1821, m. Henry P. Kifer (b. ca. 1820, d. after 1880) on 15 May 1849, d. after 1880.
- (6) John Andrew Whitehead, b. 21 Jun 1823, m. Lydia Lowina Shearer (b. 6 Jan 1829, d. 12 Jan 1905) on 24 Apr 1851, d. 26 Aug 1885.
- (7) Margaretha Whitehead, b. 24 Nov. 1824, m. Peter Cort (b. ca. 1820, d. after 1880) on 14 Mar 1844, d. bef. 1870.
- (8) Lucinda Whitehead, b. 18 Feb 1826, m. Simon Fiscus (b. ca. 1820) on 30 Nov 1848.
- (9) Sarah Whitehead, b. 3 Dec 1827, m. Joseph M. Miller (b. 4 Nov 1825) on 14 Jun 1849.
- (10) Peter Whitehead, b. 21 Jul 1830, m. Sarah Eisaman (b. 5 Oct 1834, d. 29 Jun 1910) on 10 Nov 1853, d. 14 Feb 1908.
- (11) Rachael Jane Whitehead, b. 3 Aug 1832, m. Philip P. Gongaware (b. 20 Feb 1829, d. 21 Feb 1918) on 25 Nov 1852, d. 17 Sep 1893.

Peter seems to have been a stable, well-respected member of the clan of Westmoreland siblings and cousins. His name often appears on legal documents relating to the family at large.

#### *The Children of Christian and Elizabeth's Daughter Magdalena*

Magdalena, the girl born to Stoffel Weisskopf and Elizabeth, married Abraham Studebaker. At least one record implies that Abraham and Magdalena had fourteen children. The Studebaker family history has found eleven with some certainty, and has reconstructed another two from circumstantial evidence. Ten of these are mentioned in Adam Rodabaugh's 1829 will.<sup>159</sup>

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<sup>158</sup>I have drawn the information about Peter and Barbara's children from a family register format list prepared by Kay Rybak, sent to me in August, 2005. Kay's list contains meticulous documentation for each person and date, so I won't repeat the documentation here.

<sup>159</sup>All of the information in this section, unless otherwise cited, is drawn from Studebaker Family Association, *Studebaker Family*, pp. 155-59. The sources are carefully listed in this

**David Studebaker** (See page 20). This David may be a son of Abraham Studebaker's brother Peter. Making him the oldest son of Abraham and Magdalena is a guess based on fairly thin evidence. There is a grave marker for a 12-year old David Studebaker who died in Rich Hill, Pennsylvania, in 1777. The story that has come down in Rich Hill is that the boy buried under the stone was from a passing wagon train, and that he died of illness.

**John Studebaker** (See page 20). He appears on the 1790 census in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. After 1809/10 he is in Darke County, Ohio. He may have married Mary Armstrong and had the following children:

- (1) Abraham Studebaker, b. circa 1791.
- (2) David Studebaker, b. circa 1793.

He was born circa 1769, and died in 1814.

**Elizabeth Studebaker** (See page 20). Elizabeth was born circa 1772. She married about 1789 to Martin Funk (1762-1838), who was from Frederick County, Maryland. She died in Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1822. The following children were born to Martin and Elizabeth:

- (1) John Studabaker Funk, b. 1790.
- (2) Mary Funk, b. 1792.
- (3) Jacob Funk, b. 1795.
- (4) Catharine Funk, b. 1798.
- (5) Barbara Funk, b. 1801, m. Joseph Micklethwait.

**Jacob Studebaker** (See page 20). He was probably born circa 1775. The Studebaker genealogy has little information on him. He appears in the 1790 census in Westmoreland County living with two females, perhaps a wife and daughter. However, since he is not mentioned in his uncle Adam's will, it seems likely that he may have died before 1829 and left no living progeny.

**Susannah Studebaker** (See page 20). Born circa 1777, she married John Miller, who died circa 1810, then remarried in 1813 to Conrad Kreitz. She was in the Allen County, Indiana (Adams Township) census in 1850, and died in 1852. The children:

- (1) Elizabeth Miller, b. circa 1795, m. Phillip Hartzell.
- (2) Jacob Miller, b. circa 1798.
- (3) David W. Miller, b. 1803, d. 1851, m. Rachel Townsend (his first cousin by Susannah's sister Barbara).

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work, so I omit them here. In the discussion of these children I will omit the specific dates, and use only years, since the specific dates are readily available in *Studebaker Family*.



- (4) John Miller, b. circa 1805.
- (5) Abraham Miller, b. 1808, m. Ann Tilberry.
- (6) Mary "Polly" Kreitz, b. 1814, m. John McIntosh.

**Mary Stuebaker** (See page 20). She married Samuel McDowell (1770-1847). Their children:

- (1) James McDowell, m. Nancy Money.
- (2) John S. McDowell, b. circa 1801, d. circa 1843, m. Elizabeth Bone (or Bowen), Rachel Ann Miller and Margaret DeHays.
- (3) William McDowell, b. 1803, d. 1862, m. Rebecca Miller.
- (4) Polly McDowell.

Mary was born circa 1778, and died in 1853.

**Catherine Stuebaker** (See page 20). Catherine was born circa 1779. She married David Miller of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in 1799. After 1812 she was in Neave Township, Darke County, Ohio. Children:

- (1) John Miller, b. 1800, d. 1847, m. Mary Biddle.
- (2) Sarah Miller, b. 1803, d. 1864, m. William Vance.
- (3) Samuel Miller, b. 1805, m. Nancy Howell.
- (4) Rachel Miller, b. circa 1810/15, m. Martin Rhine.
- (5) Daniel Miller, b. 1811, d. 1881, m. Elizabeth Daugherty.
- (6) Levi Miller, b. circa 1820/25. His wife was Mary.

**Christena Stuebaker** (See page 20). Born in 1781, she married Abraham Miller, apparently not a close relative of her sister Catherine Miller's husband. They had twelve children:

- (1) Adam Miller, b. 1799, d. 1865, m. Eliza Simison.
- (2) Nancy Miller, b. 1801, d. 1887, m. Ormon Perring.
- (3) Rebecca Miller, b. 1804, d. 1888, m. William Thompson and William Bays.
- (4) David Miller, b. circa 1808, m. Harriet Burford.
- (5) Daniel Miller, b. 1810, d. 1864, m. a woman whose surname was Blossom, then Eleanor Graves.
- (6) Susanna Miller, b. circa 1811, m. William Nevios.
- (7) Mary "Polly" Miller, b. 1813, d. 1885, m. Conklin Masterson.
- (8) William Miller, b. circa 1816, d. 1851.
- (9) Joseph Miller, b. 1818, d. 1895, m. Elizabeth Emily Stines.
- (10) Benjamin Miller, b. 1821, d. 1906.
- (11) Barbara Miller, b. 1822, d. 1906, m. Thomas Potts Stines.
- (12) James Miller, b. circa 1825.

**Abraham Studebaker** (See page 20). He was born in 1785. Abraham Jr had two families. He first married Mary Townsend (1786-1826) in 1806 and had the first seven children listed below. In 1829 he married Elizabeth Lightcap (1805-1868) from Butler County, Ohio, widow of a Hardman, and had a second family. Although he lived most of his adult life in Darke County, he established many of his children on lands in Wells County, Indiana (near Bluffton). Abraham was a Methodist. He died in 1852.

- (1) William Studabaker, b. 1807, d. 1883, m. Sarah A. Thompson.
- (2) Elizabeth Studabaker, b. circa 1808, d. circa 1858, m. Thomas Thompson.
- (3) Mary Studabaker, b. circa 1809, m. Martin Earhart and Zacharia Brandon.
- (4) David E. Studabaker, b. 1814, d. 1882, m. Maria Folkert and Mary Jane Culbertson.<sup>160</sup>
- (5) John Studabaker, b. 1817, d. 1912, m. Rebecca Angel.
- (6) Abraham Studabaker, b. circa 1819, d. 1854, m. Mary J. Calderman.
- (7) Margaret Studabaker, b. 1821, d. 1860, m. William Dougherty.
- (8) Peter Studabaker, b. 1833, d. 1888, m. Sarah Morgan.
- (9) George W. Studabaker, b. 1835, d. 1906, m. Elizabeth Griffis.
- (10) Daniel Studabaker, b. circa 1838, d. 1924, m. Mary.
- (11) Catharine Jane Studabaker, b. circa 1840, m. E. A. McClure.
- (12) Sarah Ann Studabaker, b. 1842, m. John Adams.<sup>161</sup>

**Barbara Studebaker** (See page 20). She was probably born in 1788. Joseph Townsend (circa 1775-circa 1875) and Barbara were married in 1806. They lived in Darke County until 1827, then moved to Allen County, Indiana, Adams Township. Among the children are several unknown sons and daughters born before 1820, two of whom may have been a James and a Margaret. The following are two of the children whose names are known:

- (1) Rachel Townsend, b. 1808, d. 1870, m. David Miller (a first cousin by Rachel's aunt Susanna).
- (2) Minerva Townsend.

She died about 1875.

**Peter Studebaker** (See page 20). Born circa 1790. Peter married Mary Jane Simison (b. 1796) in 1821. They met in Greenville, Ohio, near Fort Recovery. Peter died in 1840. Their children:

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<sup>160</sup>She and David were foster parents of the famous Annie Oakley.

<sup>161</sup>There appears to be a contradiction on p. 157 of Studebaker Family Association, *Studebaker Family*. In one place two more children are listed for the first marriage, Jane in 1810 and Samuel in 1812, but they are left out of the other enumerations on the same page.

- (1) Abram Studebaker, b. 1822, d. 1824.
- (2) Rachel Studebaker, b. 1824, d. 1829.
- (3) David E. Studebaker, b. 1827, d. 1904, m. Harriet Evans and Jennie Phelps.
- (4) Elizabeth Studebaker, b. 1829, d. 1901, m. Amos Curry.
- (5) John Studebaker, b. 1832, d. 1851.
- (6) Catharine Studebaker, b. 1834, d. 1913, m. David W. Champer.
- (7) Abram Studebaker, b. 1837, d. 1906, m. Maria Stoops and Sarah Catherine McConkey.

**David Studebaker** (See page 20). Born circa 1794. He died in the War of 1812, on a scouting mission near Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**Polly Studebaker** (See page 20). She was born about 1798, and died in 1830. She may have married Jeremiah Masterson.

### *The Children of Christian and Elizabeth's Son John*

**Adam Rodabaugh** (See page 22). John's first child, Adam, was born in 1776. The similarity in the names of John's brother Adam, who was described above, John's son Adam, and John's nephew Adam, who will be discussed in the next section, has caused quite a bit of confusion. This Adam, John's son, married Catherine Runny (b. 1776 also) in Westmoreland County, and had nine children. They appear to have come to the farm area around Dayton, Ohio (Montgomery County) in 1812, by which time half of the children had been born.<sup>162</sup> Prior to his move, Adam lived with his uncle Adam (until 1800), and in Butler County, Pennsylvania (1800-1812). Once in Montgomery County, Ohio, Adam bought part of a section of land in what is now Harrison Township from his uncle Adam in 1817.<sup>163</sup> He appears to be residing on this land in the 1820-40 censuses.<sup>164</sup> Adam

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<sup>162</sup>The 1812 date, and the stay in Butler County, Pennsylvania, is based on the date given in a Montgomery County Chancery Court deposition from 1832 (Volume B, p. 420, on microfilm roll 49 at the Montgomery County Court House). In the deposition Adam dates his move to Butler County to 1801, but the 1800 census has him already living in Butler County. The 1810 census shows him in Center Township of Butler County, with a male child 10-15 years old, a male child under 10, and three girls under 10.

<sup>163</sup>Range 6, Township 2, Section 7. Although this is (today) in a different township from his uncle Adam's holdings, the land is in fact contiguous to the uncle's land in Madison Township.

<sup>164</sup>Although the censuses place him in Dayton Township, he was probably residing in the sections of Dayton Township which became Harrison Township.

died in Montgomery County on 7 September 1845, his wife on 29 March 1846.<sup>165</sup> The names of some of his children became associated with neighboring Miami County. About half of his children went on west to Jefferson County, Iowa, after his death. His will was drafted while he was sick on 29 June 1845 and was filed for probate on 16 September 1845.<sup>166</sup>

There is a genealogy which follows Adam's children in great detail.<sup>167</sup> The children are:

- (1) Elisabeth Rodabaugh, b. circa 1799 in Pennsylvania, d. before 1845, m. Nathan Farmer.<sup>168</sup>
- (2) John Rodabaugh, b. 1801 in Pennsylvania, d. 1863, Iowa. Mentally retarded.<sup>169</sup>
- (3) Lydia Rodabaugh, 27 January 1803 in Pennsylvania, d. 7 January 1891, m. to Abraham Miller (1802-1876) on 17 February 1825.<sup>170</sup>
- (4) Daniel Rodabaugh, b. 4 March 1804 in Pennsylvania, d. 7 January 1866 in Iowa, m. to Mary Kinsey in 1833, then Isabelle Beam in 1862.
- (5) Susannah A. Rodabaugh, b. 1808 in Pennsylvania, d. 18 June 1886 in Iowa, m. Daniel Haney.
- (6) Salomie Rodabaugh, b. circa 1812 in Pennsylvania, d. 23 May 1853 in Montgomery County, Ohio, m. Daniel Frantz.
- (7) Christian/Christopher Rodabaugh, b. circa 1813 in Ohio, d. 11 January 1845 in Iowa,

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<sup>165</sup>Brien, "Cemetery Records of Montgomery County," Vol. I, p. 126.

<sup>166</sup>Montgomery County Will Book D, p. 255.

<sup>167</sup>Moore, "Rodabaugh-Rodibaugh Genealogy." Information on them in the list of children, unless otherwise specified, is drawn from this genealogy. If they are listed as being in Iowa at the time of death, they were in the vicinity of Jefferson County. The genealogical work of Sherri Richardson (Correspondence) also follows this line.

<sup>168</sup>The 1800 Butler County census shows Adam having only a male child. The 1810 census shows no girl over 9, and a boy over 10. Either both of these censuses are wrong, or the birth order and birth dates of Elisabeth and John have been reversed.

<sup>169</sup>His father in his will set aside the income from 240 acres in Iowa for his maintenance (looked after by his brothers Daniel and Joseph in Iowa). The 1810 census for Butler County, Pennsylvania, which shows the father Adam with a boy in the 10-15 age bracket, suggests that John's date of birth may have been 1800.

<sup>170</sup>In a letter written in 1968 to Robert J. Rodibaugh, Mrs. Earl Landes tells about Lydia's family, and the places and dates are taken from this letter. Abraham Miller was a deacon in the Upper Twin Church of the Brethren in Preble County, Ohio, according to Garst, *History of the Church of the Brethren*.

- m. Susannah Eikenbarger.<sup>171</sup>
- (8) Abraham Rodabaugh, b. 16 April 1816 in Montgomery County, Ohio, d. 29 April 1886 in Iowa, m. Catherine Kinzey.
  - (9) Joseph Hiram Rodabaugh, b. 16 March 1818 in Montgomery County, Ohio, d. 22 November 1912 in California, m. Catherine Eichelbarger.

Many of the children of Adam belonged to the Dunker church, even after the move to Iowa.

**Christian Rodabaugh** (See page 22). John's son Christian probably married a Catharine in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, circa 1809. Christian and Catharine would then be the ones who appear on the 1810 Westmoreland County census with one daughter in the household. Catharine died in June 1825. Christian married Susanna Fiscus in 1826.<sup>172</sup> He apparently lived out his life in Westmoreland County, and died on 3 April 1853 at age 73 when struck by a railroad car at "Radebaugh's Station" (on his property).<sup>173</sup> Susanna must have died before 1850, since she is not

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<sup>171</sup>Sherri Richardson (Correspondence) has listings of this Christian's descendants.

<sup>172</sup>From the *Greensburg Gazette*, according to *Old Westmoreland*, Vol. III, No. 3 (Feb 1983), p. 51. Trevor Carlson, Edmonton, Alberta (treverdcarlson@shaw.ca) reports in some 2003 correspondence that Susanna Fiscus was the daughter of Carl (Charles) Fiscus and his wife Zerua. Charles, he says, appeared on both the 1790 and 1800 Census of Unity Twp, Westmoreland Co, along with his brothers John and Abraham, and his father Garrett, who died in 1797. John Fiscus was in Westmoreland Co. in 1790, but moved to Crawford County before 1800. Abraham moved to Armstrong County between 1800 and 1810. Susannah appears in the IGI, where it is stated that Carl is her father and she was born 11 Jul 1800 in Westmoreland County. Several siblings are mentioned in the IGI, most of them corroborated by baptismal extractions from St. John's Lutheran and Reformed Churches of Mount Pleasant Twp, Westmoreland Co., though she is not. Charles (Carl) died sometime between 1803 and 1810, as he is absent in the 1810 and subsequent census, and his last child, a daughter, was born in 1803 according to the International Genealogical Index. The family disappears entirely during the 1810 and 1820 census, so it would appear that his wife remarried, and the children were raised by a stepfather, and likely still lived in Unity Twp, Westmoreland County. Two of his sons (John and Benjamin) reappear in the 1830 Census in that location, and no other Fiscus families remained after 1800, so it is reasonable to assume that Susannah would be his daughter, if she married there in 1826.

<sup>173</sup>Westmoreland County Death Certificate. A 1949 history of Westmoreland (bibliographic reference not known) describes the coming of railroad to Radebaugh Station. On 5 July 1852 the railroad was finished from Pittsburgh to Radebaugh Station, and daily service was inaugurated. To bring the line on to Greensburg it was necessary to dig the Radebaugh Tunnel. The line to Greensburg was completed on 29 November 1852, and in the next month a regular service was started between Philadelphia to Pittsburgh via Greensburg. Lewis Rodabaugh (Correspondence) visited some of Christian's descendants in 1932, and

mentioned on the death certificate or in the 1850 census. I have a family record sheet on Christian which has been prepared by one of his descendants.<sup>174</sup> Here are Christian's children (all spelled "Rudebaugh" on the family record sheet, since many of his children adopted this spelling).<sup>175</sup>

- (1) John Rodabaugh, b. circa 1812, m. Maria (b. 1812), d. bef. 1866.<sup>176</sup>
- (2) Lewis Rodabaugh, b. 1815, d. 6 May 1872 in Westmoreland County, m. Sarah Van Dyke (1819-1894) in 1849.<sup>177</sup>
- (3) Mary Rodabaugh, d. before 1853, m. Simeon Smith.
- (4) Elizabeth Rodabaugh, m. James McKissick on 3 March 1843.<sup>178</sup>
- (5) Catherine Rodabaugh, m. George Allshouse.

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was told that his railroad death was not an accident. Apparently Christian had tried every way he knew how to stop the railroad from being built through his land. When the day came for the first locomotive to traverse his property, he stood on the track and dared the train to run over him. It did. An interesting story, whether it is true or not.

<sup>174</sup>Sheila Larson, 1263 BelleVue Drive, Dekalb, IL 60115. In the notes of Agnes Tomichek in the Westmoreland County Historical Society there is a description of a probate record, Book 8PN, p. 57, which lists the names of the children and many of the spouses. All lived in Westmoreland County in 1853 except Elizabeth and Susan. Elizabeth was in Ohio, Susan's residence was unknown.

<sup>175</sup>The birth dates for Mary and the children born after her are probably from Christian's entry in the 1850 census.

<sup>176</sup>Genealogical data on John is based on the identification of Christian's son John with the John and Mariah living in Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County, on the 1860 federal census (The John and Maria on the 1850 census of this township may be the same couple, but family names and birthdates do not correspond very well). By 1860 the Hempfield Township John and Mariah had four children: Mary (b. ca 1846), Susan (b. ca 1848), Harriet (b. ca. 1852), and John (b. ca 1855). The daughter Susan is the "Susan Randabaugh" in the *History of Westmoreland County*, Vol. II, p. 554 (1906), who married John George Heasley (b. 24 Jul 1846) and who had 12 children before she died in 1891. The marriage record of John "Heisly" and Susan Rodabaugh in 1866 says that her father John was already deceased. Brenda Troy Miklish of Greensburg, PA, provided information about Susan and her connection to her father John.

<sup>177</sup>Sarah's birth and death dates are from her tombstone in Harrold Cemetery in Westmoreland County. Her marriage date is from Fischer "Marriage and Death Notices", Vol. I, p. 112. The 1860 census would seem to indicate a birth date for Sarah circa 1832, however.

<sup>178</sup>Marriage date from Fischer, "Marriage and Death Notices," Vol. I, p. 141.

- (6) Maria Rodabaugh, b. 14 July 1832, m. Theophilus Bigelow on 27 March 1852.<sup>179</sup>
- (7) Hester/Esther Rodabaugh, b. 1833, m. Levi Cline on 18 November 1852.<sup>180</sup>
- (8) Paul Rodabaugh, b. 16 May 1831,<sup>181</sup> d. 4 November 1909 in Bureau County, Illinois, m. Caroline Leasure on 26 February 1852.<sup>182</sup>
- (9) Susan Rodabaugh, b. circa 1838.
- (10) Joshua Rodabaugh, b. circa 1840.
- (11) Ruah Rodabaugh, b. circa 1842, m. Adam Gosser.
- (12) Sophia Rodabaugh, b. circa 1843, m. William Armstrong.<sup>183</sup>
- (13) Margaret Rodabaugh, b. 28 August 1846, d. 10 April 1928 in Kane Co, Illinois, m. Oliver Spake.<sup>184</sup>

**Daniel Rodabaugh** (See page 22). John's son Daniel is the Daniel Rodabaugh who is the progenitor of an extensive Rodabaugh genealogy.<sup>185</sup> Daniel married Elizabeth Meyers. The couple probably lived in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, until about 1820, then moved to Columbiana County, Ohio, on the Pennsylvania border. In Westmoreland County there are several records which mention a Daniel and Elizabeth Rodabaugh. They are on the 1810 census with three children already born, living in North Huntingdon Township, near to Daniel's brother Christian, his uncle Adam and his father John. As late as 1821 they are still in North Huntingdon Township, selling land to Daniel's brother-in-law Martin Funk.<sup>186</sup> Later in the same year there is a transaction between the same parties, but Daniel is said to be from Columbiana County, Ohio.<sup>187</sup>

After a stay of about ten years in Columbiana County, Daniel and Elizabeth removed to Hancock County in northwestern Ohio. Most of his children were born in Westmoreland County,

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<sup>179</sup>Marriage date from Fischer, "Marriage and Death Notices," Vol. I, p. 212.

<sup>180</sup>Marriage date from Fischer, "Marriage and Death Notices," Vol. I, p. 216.

<sup>181</sup>Date conflicts with the 1850 census entry, where his age extrapolates to an 1834 date.

<sup>182</sup>Marriage date from Fischer, "Marriage and Death Notices," Vol. I, p. 113.

<sup>183</sup>Information on Sophia from Juanita Ralston, jralston@ma.rr.com. Juanita is compiling information on this branch of Christian Rodabaugh's family.

<sup>184</sup>The ancestor of Joyce Roehlk (Correspondence).

<sup>185</sup>Pister, *Rodabaugh Family Genealogy*. There are over a thousand descendants listed in the Pister genealogy.

<sup>186</sup>Westmoreland County Land Book 14, p. 208.

<sup>187</sup>Westmoreland County Land Book 14, p. 348. The treatment of Daniel in his father's October 1822 will also suggests that he had already left Westmoreland County.

Pennsylvania, and the last ones in Columbiana County, Ohio, but all the children who survived childhood finished their lives in Hancock County, Ohio. Daniel's family probably did not go to Hancock County directly from Columbiana County, however. They owned land in Montgomery County,<sup>188</sup> and probably left Montgomery County for Hancock County with a group of Brethren who made the move together.

I have taken Elizabeth Meyers' last name from some correspondence.<sup>189</sup> The exact documentation on her surname is unclear. Daniel and Elizabeth's children:<sup>190</sup>

- (1) John Rodabaugh, b. about 1805, d. circa 1845, m. Elizabeth Bushong.
- (2) Mahlon Rodabaugh, d. young in Pennsylvania.
- (3) Anna Hanna Rodabaugh, b. 1807, d. 1838, m. John Thomas Bushong in 1832 in Columbiana County, Ohio.
- (4) Susanna Rodabaugh, b. 1808, d. 1882, m. Jacob Bushong in 1836 and Richard Sims in 1839.<sup>191</sup>
- (5) Abraham Rodabaugh, b. 1810, d. 1888, m. Margaret Hull in 1841.
- (6) Simon Rodabaugh, b. 1814, d. 1888, m. Isabell Woods in 1839.
- (7) Daniel Rodabaugh, d. young.
- (8) Jacob Rodabaugh, d. young.
- (9) Lydia Rodabaugh, b. 1829 in Ohio, d. 1883, m. Jacob King.
- (10) Jonas Rodabaugh, b. 1831 in Ohio, d. 1900, m. Catherine Helms in 1857.

It is not known if the list is complete, or if all are in exact chronological order. Unless otherwise stated, they were born in Westmoreland County.

Daniel and Elizabeth had strong Dunker connections in Hancock County, Ohio, but the relationship to the pacifist German Baptist Church may have begun earlier. During the War of 1812 a Daniel Rodabaugh of Westmoreland County, surely the Daniel we are discussing, appears to have

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<sup>188</sup>The Montgomery County land records show Daniel purchasing the NE quarter of Section 3, Township 2, Range 6 (159 acres) from Warren Menzer on 6 December 1831, and selling the same land to Elias Taylor on 15 January 1833. This land is in Harrison Township, about three miles from the lands of his brother Adam and his uncle Adam.

<sup>189</sup>Pister, Correspondence.

<sup>190</sup>Pister, *Rodabaugh Family Genealogy*.

<sup>191</sup>Evidence of Susanna's earliest marriage was supplied by Gloria Bushong in 2011 correspondence.



gone to some lengths to avoid military service.<sup>192</sup> If this is evidence of a pacifist commitment on the part of Daniel, it is the only documentary indication we have of Dunker connections for the descendants of the immigrant Christian while still in Pennsylvania, though intermarriage in Pennsylvania with the Studebakers also suggests Dunker associations before the Ohio period.

**David Rodabaugh** (See page 22). David married his first cousin Salomie, the daughter of Christopher. They moved to Ohio, showing up there no later than 1816.<sup>193</sup> In the 1820 census David and Salomie appear next to David's brother Adam. David and Salomie have five children at the time, four girls and one boy. One of the girls is over ten, but all of the other children alive in 1820 were born in the 1810-20 decade.

A county book on Elkhart County, Indiana,<sup>194</sup> provides another glimpse of this couple. It implies that David bought land in Montgomery County from the government when he first arrived, cleared the land, then sold it in 1831 to buy other government land in Elkhart County. He and Salomie became the parents of thirteen children, seven of whom survived childhood:<sup>195</sup>

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<sup>192</sup>I have a copy of handwritten statement (written with a phonetic spelling which betrays an underlying German speaker) descended in the family of Daniel which reads:

I do hereby certify that Dannel Rodabaugh is unfit for Militia duty and that he wase tride at General Cord Mershel and wase discharget and I do hareby tischarge him of all Militia Rank, Westmoreland County, Hempfilt Township.

Giveng under My Hand

this 27 day of July 1814

Joseph Byerly Capt

February the 6th, 1812, received of Daniel Rudebaugh four Dollars of Muster fine for the year 1811 as Exempt

Rec'd by me, Henry Brenneman Collector

<sup>193</sup>They probably came in the immigration with his uncle Adam. In Powell, *Early Ohio Tax Records*, David is listed with his brother Adam and Uncle Adam in Dayton Township of Montgomery County in 1816. *Pictorial and Biographical Memoirs of Elkhart* places the date of David's immigration from Pennsylvania to Montgomery County in 1812.

<sup>194</sup>*Pictorial and Biographical Memoirs of Elkhart*, p. 114-15.

<sup>195</sup>The list is taken from *Pictorial and Biographical Memoirs of Elkhart*. It appears that the list is in birth order. Marriage dates and spouses for Susan, Eliza, Isaac and Mary Ann

- (1) Adam Rodabaugh, d. young.
- (2) Leah Rodabaugh, m. Philip Schwartzel (d. before 1833) in 1829, d. before 1883.<sup>196</sup>
- (3) Samuel Rodabaugh, b. 1815, m. Anne Bowman (1815-1861) in 1839,<sup>197</sup> d. 1875.<sup>198</sup>
- (4) Lavina Rodabaugh, d. young.
- (5) David Rodabaugh, b. 1819 in Montgomery County, Ohio, m. 1842 to Martha J. Shaw (1823-1852) and Rebecca Baringer (b. 1829), d. after 1893.<sup>199</sup>
- (6) Susan Rodabaugh, b. 1821 in Montgomery County, Ohio, m. George P. Rowell of Goshen, Indiana, in 1839, d. after 1893.<sup>200</sup>
- (7) John Rodabaugh, d. young.
- (8) Lydia Rodabaugh, d. young.
- (9) Isaac Rodabaugh, b. circa 1827, m. Catharine Haney in 1849, d. before 1893.
- (10) Mary A. Rodabaugh, m. William E. Curl in 1847 and David Mathews in 1848, d. before 1893.
- (11) Catherine Rodabaugh, b. circa 1833, m. John H. Violett in 1852, d. before 1893.<sup>201</sup>
- (12) Abner Rodabaugh, d. young.
- (13) Eliza Rodabaugh, m. John Berwell Butler of Jackson Township in 1847, d. after 1893.

The absence of David and Salomie from their uncle Adam's will is puzzling. As mentioned

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are taken from the dates in Murray, "Elkhart County." Circa dates are from the Elkhart 1850 census.

<sup>196</sup>The Montgomery County, Ohio, marriage records tell of the marriage of a Leah Rodabaugh to Philip Schwartzel in 1829. That this Leah is David's daughter is indicated by a court record from October of 1833 where a David Rodabaugh becomes the guardian of Susanna "Swatzel," age 3 (Bowers and Short, *Gateway to the West*, Vol. 2, p. 210). Susanna is presumably David's granddaughter, and she became David's ward after her father's death. Did her mother also die? The *Pictorial and Biographical Memoirs of Elkhart* say that David and Salomie reared seven of their thirteen children. But there are eight who married. So it could be that Leah died as a teenager, and so was not counted, even though she was married and had a child.

<sup>197</sup>Adele Corbin, Correspondence. Marriage date derived from St. Joseph County, Indiana, marriage records.

<sup>198</sup>*History of Elkhart County*, p. 962. Don Bowman, Correspondence, indicates that Samuel and Anna are buried in the Baintertown Cemetery near Goshen, Indiana.

<sup>199</sup>Deahl, *History and Biographical Record of Elkhart*, pp. 725-26.

<sup>200</sup>*Pictorial and Biographical Memoirs of Elkhart*, p. 564.

<sup>201</sup>*History of Elkhart County*, p. 974.

above, a possible explanation is that they were in Montgomery County with uncle Adam in the last decade of his life, and may have been provided for through their business relationships with him.

David died on 4 December 1844, and Salomie died in 1869. In an 1857 letter to his uncle Samuel, David Jr, the son of David and Salomie, mentions that Salomie is living with her youngest daughter.<sup>202</sup> David and Salomie were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. David and Salomie are buried in the Baintertown Cemetery in Goshen, Indiana.

**Susanna Rodabaugh** (See page 22). The spinster sister Susanna was in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, at least until 1822, and perhaps longer. She was deeded land there by her father John in 1817,<sup>203</sup> and John's 1822 will seems to indicate that she was still in the area. It would be reasonable to suppose that she stayed there for the rest of her life. She may have died in 1829.<sup>204</sup>

**Lydia Rodabaugh** (See page 22). John's daughter Lydia married Martin Funk on 22 August 1816, in Westmoreland County.<sup>205</sup> Martin was from a large family of Funks who came to Westmoreland County from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His father was Christian Funk (d. 1835), who married Anna Shank, Martin's mother, and a Magdalena. Martin and Lydia were still in North Huntingdon Township of Westmoreland County for the 1830 census, but had moved to Hancock County, Ohio, by about 1835, and ended up in Van Buren County, Michigan, by 1850.<sup>206</sup>

Lydia and Martin were the parents of:

- (1) John Funk, b. 1817, d. 1884, m. Christena Yeider (1822-1893) in 1845.
- (2) Christian Funk, b. 1820, d. 1897, m. Mary Jane Gallagher (b. 1836) in 1853.
- (3) David Funk, b. 1824, d. 1900, m. Maria Tracht (b. 1829).
- (4) Mary Ann Funk, b. 1826, d. 1901, m. David Houdeshell (1823-1895) in 1846.
- (5) Daniel Funk, b. 1831, d. 1904, m. Hester Ann Yeider (1823-1911) in 1850.
- (6) Mahlon Funk, b. 1834, d. 1909, m. Sarah Thomas (1840-1877) in 1857 and afterward Florence Davids (1863-1933).

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<sup>202</sup>Rodibaugh, Collection of Correspondence.

<sup>203</sup>Westmoreland County Deed Book 17, p. 258.

<sup>204</sup>She is not mentioned in her uncle Adam Rodabaugh's will. I believe that the 1829 probate documents for a Susanna Rodabaugh, which mention Christian Rodabaugh (her brother) and Martin Funk (her brother-in-law) pertain to this Susanna. If so, she died in the summer of 1829.

<sup>205</sup>Information in this paragraph on Martin's marriage and his parents is from the Fretz genealogy which I received from Gail Knapp.

<sup>206</sup>Gail Knapp, Correspondence.

All of the children and their families, except Mary Ann and David Houdeshell, moved, along with the parents Martin and Lydia, to Michigan. Lydia died on 5 August 1859 in Bangor, Michigan, and is buried there in Monk Cemetery, in Van Buren County, but Martin died in 1862 on a trip to Ohio, and is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery in Hancock County, Ohio.

Lydia and Martin and some of their children were Dunkers.

**John Rodabaugh** (See page 22). The first mention of John that I am aware of is in the 1820 census for North Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He is living beside his father and brother-in-law Martin Funk. He appears to be already married, and his (first) wife, judging from this and later census figures, must have been born between 1793 and 1800. He is listed in the 1830 census of the same township with thirteen children, eight males and five females! John Jr gets the award for being the most prolific parent among all of Christian and Elizabeth's grandchildren.

John, in fact, married three times,<sup>207</sup> and had more than nineteen children who lived to be adults.<sup>208</sup> He died in 1869. The name of his last wife was Harriet Lewis Miller. She was born circa 1823, and died after John.<sup>209</sup> The name of his middle wife is Elizabeth Pepper. The first wife was Anna Stoner, who died about 1835.<sup>210</sup>

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<sup>207</sup>Documents in File No. 73 of the Westmoreland Prothonotary Court generated by the probate of John's will tell about him having three wives. The second wife "died without issue."

<sup>208</sup>A sheriff's summons issued at the time John's land was sold after his death speaks about the division of the proceeds from the land into nineteen equal parts (Prothonotary Court Record No. 108, May Term 1873). Since John's will (Westmoreland County Will Book 5, p. 239) does not mention all of the children, this summons and other probate documents are the only known source for the complete set of names. Ardis Tatar, in a letter to Kathryn Rybak (Rybak, Correspondence), implies that John may have had twenty-five children in all.

<sup>209</sup>There are a series of Prothonotary Court records (e.g., Continuance Docket 31:313, No. 15, August Term 1864) which indicate that between 1862 and 1864 John carried forward a divorce proceeding against "Hannah Rodabaugh" (presumably his last wife Harriet) which may have only been formalized after John's death.

<sup>210</sup>Albert, *History of Westmoreland County*, p. 686, says that the Stoners came to East Huntingdon Township in 1799, and that the daughter Anna married John Rodabaugh. Judging from Anna's placement in the list of the Stoner children, Anna would have been born about 1800, placing her in the right age bracket to be the first wife of John Jr. There isn't any other John Rodabaugh in the extended family whose spouse is unknown, so it is reasonable to assume Anna married *this* John Rodabaugh, and not one of the other Johns. There is, moreover, an interesting 1875 record in the Westmoreland County Deed Book 85, p. 238, in

Here is a list of the nineteen children of John who grew to be adults, and who shared in the distribution of his estate in the 1870s.<sup>211</sup> The list is in probable birth order. The children beginning with Mary Ellen are the children of the third wife Harriet. The children up through Simon Peter are Anna Stoner's children.

- (1) John Rodabaugh, b. 1818, d. 1889, m. Maria (1822-1901) before 1843.<sup>212</sup>
- (2) Christian Rodabaugh, b. circa 1819/20, m. Maria circa 1851.
- (3) Leah Rodabaugh, b. circa 1821, m. Washington Cox circa 1839/40.
- (4) Elizabeth Rodabaugh, d. 12 Nov 1844, m. Joseph King.<sup>213</sup>
- (5) David Rodabaugh, b. 1822, d. 1899, m. Ann Magdalena Herman (b. circa 1822).<sup>214</sup>

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which a Christian R. Mumaw, resident of Kansas, sells his share of a piece of land he had inherited from his grandfather John Rodabaugh by using an Adam Stoner (the son of John Stoner who is the brother of Anna) as an attorney. The 1873 summons listing John Rodabaugh's children mentions, moreover, this same Christian R. Mumaw as one of the interested parties in the sale of John's land: Christian Mumaw's mother, Sarah Jane (Rodabaugh) Mumaw, had already died in 1873, so her children inherited her portion and were explicitly listed in the summons. What we have here is probably a case of Christian Mumaw using a cousin of his to sell the land. (There were Mumaws who were neighbors of the Stoners in East Huntingdon Township, and it may be one of these that Sarah Jane married.) An additional piece of evidence that this is the John that married Anna Stoner: Anna's brothers gave depositions at the time of John Rodabaugh's probate (Westmoreland Prothonotary Court, File No. 73). Although the ascription of Anna Stoner as the first wife rests on circumstantial evidence, it is a fairly strong set of circumstances, and will be treated as sufficient evidence in this work.

<sup>211</sup>The main body of work in putting together this list and uncovering the needed documentation was performed by Kathryn Rybak (Rybak, Correspondence). Unless otherwise mentioned, the dates and spouse names are from either the 1850, 1860, 1870 or 1880 censuses, or from gravestones in Westmoreland County. In some cases the names of the spouses are derived from the Prothonotary Court records (File No. 73). Some specific dates are from newspaper reports sent to me by Al Smith.

<sup>212</sup>In December 2006 Linda McCalmont, 101 Lighthouse St Erie, PA 16507, linda.mccalmont@pnc.com, sent me a family listing for the descendants of Samuel Cox Rodebaugh, one of John and Maria's children.

<sup>213</sup>Death date and husband's first name from her 4-line obituary in *The Westmoreland Intelligencer and Greensburg Sentinel*, Vol. 11, No. 19, (Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Friday, Nov. 29, 1844, p. 3, col. 6).

<sup>214</sup>Al Smith, Correspondence, is a descendant of David and has more information on this line.

- (6) Mary Rodabaugh, b. 1823/26, d. 1848, m. George Swab (1813-1907).<sup>215</sup>
- (7) Jacob Rodabaugh, b. 1825/26, m. Mary Anna, d. before 1869.
- (8) Daniel Rodabaugh, b. 1827, m. Nancy Clark (1832-1909), d. 1891.<sup>216</sup>
- (9) Samuel Rodabaugh, b. 1828, m. Sarah (b. circa 1831) before 1851, d. after 1900.
- (10) Joseph Rodabaugh, b. circa 1831, d. 23 Nov 1864, m. Elizabeth Baughman (b. circa 1837) circa 1856.
- (11) Sarah Jane Rodabaugh, b. circa 1832/33, m. Abraham Ruth Mumaw (b. circa 1834, d. circa 1873/77) before 1853, d. 1860/68.
- (12) Simon Peter Rodabaugh, b. 1833, d. 1869, m. Lousia Irene Scott (1829-1868) in Missouri in 1853.<sup>217</sup>
- (13) Mary Ellen Rodabaugh, b. 14 Aug 1846, d. 31 Dec 1918, m. Robert Dermore (b. 16 Sep 1820, d. 5 May 1909) on 3 May 1867.<sup>218</sup>
- (14) Alexander Rodabaugh, b. ca 1837, d. 25 May 1923,<sup>219</sup> m. Mary Warren (b. 5 Aug 1850, d. 7 Feb 1895) before 1868, then Florence Bell on 20 Apr 1897.<sup>220</sup> Alexander

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<sup>215</sup>*Centennial Biographical History of Hancock County*, in the entry for Samuel Swab on p. 400-1, gives the first name of Mary's husband, and the dates for both of them. Mary's stone in Huffman Cemetery has 1823 for her birth date, but the *Centennial Biographical History* has 1826.

<sup>216</sup>Information on Daniel Rodabaugh from obituaries in the *McKeesport Daily News* sent to me by Al Smith.

<sup>217</sup>The dates for Simon Peter are based on an identification between this child of John Jr and a Simon Peter who was the ancestor of Charles McKenzie. The ancestor of Charles McKenzie was born in Pennsylvania, but married and raised his family in Alexandria, Missouri (McKenzie, Correspondence). Simon Peter and his sister Sarah Jane Mumaw were together in Greeley, Anderson County, Kansas, in the 1860 census. This Kansas Simon Peter is clearly the ancestor of Charles McKenzie (the children's names and birthplaces correspond, for example), and at the same time is surely the brother of Sarah Jane Mumaw, so the identification must hold.

<sup>218</sup>Information on Mary Ellen and Robert from a genealogy compiled by Mertice Brocker in 1986. Robert was a preacher and he and Mary Ellen had three children, Isaac Dermore (m. Martha Carrol), John William Dermore (m. Annie Delby), and Rebecca Jane Dermore, m. Nicholas Brocker). Part of the genealogy was sent to me by Bill Striker, Seattle, WA, in 2012.

<sup>219</sup>Dates from Alexander's obituary in the *Republican Standard and Westmoreland Journal*, Irwin, PA, Vol. XXXXIII, No. 9, Friday, May 25, 1923, Page 10, column 2.

<sup>220</sup>Second marriage recorded in Fischer, "8736 Marriages," Vol. 2, p. 262.

- had 14 children.<sup>221</sup>
- (15) William Harrison Rodabaugh, b. circa 1850, m. Sophia Miller (b. circa 1851, d. 17 March 1932) in 1874,<sup>222</sup> d. 28 June 1891.<sup>223</sup>
  - (16) Albert Rodabaugh, b. 1853, d. 1902, m. Emaline (b. circa 1863) before 1883.<sup>224</sup>
  - (17) Henry Rodabaugh, b. 16 Apr 1857, d. 24 Feb 1937, m. Sarah J. Baughman 27 Feb 1887.<sup>225</sup>
  - (18) Malinda Jane Rodabaugh, b. 1856, m. Nelson Horning (b. circa 1846) before 1873.
  - (19) Harriet Anne Rodabaugh, b. circa 1860, m. Zachariah Henry (b. circa 1852).

*The Children of Christian and Elizabeth's Son Christopher*

**Mary Rodabaugh** (See page 27). Christopher's daughter Mary, born in 1783, married Henry Willyard<sup>226</sup> (b. circa 1770, d. 1836) before 1801,<sup>227</sup> and immigrated to Kentucky after 1803. Henry was probably the son of Frederick and Magdalena Willyard.

Henry and Mary had seven children. With the possible exception of the oldest, they were born in Kentucky. They were:<sup>228</sup>

- (1) George Willyard, b. circa 1803, m. Polly Haycraft in Kentucky in 1824.
- (2) Samuel Willyard, b. 8 January 1805 in Hardin, Kentucky, d. 12 November 1883 in

<sup>221</sup>A list of Alexander's children is found in a copy of *Pilgrim's Progress* owned by one of his descendants. Karen Kirkpatrick, Correspondence.

<sup>222</sup>Marriage recorded in Fischer, "8736 Marriages," Vol. 2, p. 262.

<sup>223</sup>Hempfield Township, Vol. VI, "Brush Creek Cemetery, Chronological, Official Records, Copied 28 April 1977" by Rob Myers.

<sup>224</sup>Death date from Ardis Tatar, Correspondence. Ginger Rodabaugh, Correspondence, has more information on this line.

<sup>225</sup>Barbara Jane Smith, Correspondence, has more information on this line.

<sup>226</sup>The name is spelled in various ways (e.g., Wilgard, Wilyard). I have adopted the spelling used in the one line of descent known to me.

<sup>227</sup>Her name is Willyard on an 1801 deed where she sells her portion of her father's inheritance to her mother.

<sup>228</sup>The information in this list has been supplied by a descendant of Samuel (Ferrin, Correspondence).

- Texas, m. Susan Cash in 1827.
- (3) Louisa Willyard, b. 8 January 1805.
  - (4) Elijah Willyard, b. 15 November 1807, d. 25 December 1880, m. Margaret Morrison in 1834.
  - (5) Henry Willyard, b. circa 1810, d. 5 April 1863 in Illinois, m. Eliza Cash.
  - (6) Elizabeth Willyard, b. circa 1807, m. Moses Klinglesmith in 1835.
  - (7) John Willyard, b. circa 1814, m. Susan Hicks in 1839.

**Elizabeth Rodabaugh** (See page 27). Elizabeth (born ca 1794) married Jacob Fry (1776-19 December 1848)<sup>229</sup> before 1812 and remained in Franklin Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

There are several Jacob Frys in Westmoreland. It is possible to identify which one married Elizabeth by working backward from a known son. Three letters, which were written 1854-57, have survived.<sup>230</sup> They were written by Josiah Fry to his first cousin Simon Rodabaugh, the son of Elizabeth's brother Samuel. From the probate records in Westmoreland County it is clear that Josiah's father Jacob was the one living in Salem Township at the time of his death in 1848.<sup>231</sup> It is not certain who Jacob's parents were, but it is possible that he is the son named Jacob in the large family of John Henry Fry (1732-1819).<sup>232</sup>

This Jacob Fry could be the one who took over unpatented land in Hempfield Township in 1812.<sup>233</sup> In 1831 Jacob was given power of attorney by his wife Elizabeth's cousin Elizabeth Milliron to collect her inheritance from her uncle Adam Rodabaugh's will, so Jacob may have traveled to Ohio about this time.

From the letters of Josiah we learn that, in addition to Josiah, Hetty, John and Gabriel also seem to be in the family. What is probably a full list of the children is included in the probate

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<sup>229</sup>Jacob's name is taken from the Westmoreland County court records generated when land left by her father Christopher was sold after 1811 (e.g. Partition and Orphan's Court 4, p. 337). His dates are from Fischer, "Marriage and Death Notices," p. 33.

<sup>230</sup>Rodibaugh, Collection of Correspondence.

<sup>231</sup>Will Book 3, p. 62 (reprinted in *Old Westmoreland*, Vol IV, No 3, p. 17), mentions letters granted to John Larimer and Josiah Fry, with Gabriel Fry and Jacob Linsenbegler as sureties.

<sup>232</sup>John Henry Fry is discussed in Frye, "Heritage of John Fry."

<sup>233</sup>Westmoreland County Deed Book 9, p. 48. The land adjoined that of Tobias Painter.



papers, however.<sup>234</sup> The children:

- (1) Jacob Fry, m. Polly, lived in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.
- (2) Ann Fry, m. Michael Potzer, lived in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.
- (3) Gabriel Fry, b. circa 1815, m. Hannah.<sup>235</sup>
- (4) John Fry, m. Catherine, moved to Ohio.
- (5) Samuel Fry, b. circa 1821, m. Susanna (b. circa 1827).<sup>236</sup>
- (6) Josiah Fry, m. Isabella Kline (b. circa 1829) in 1849, d. 1859.<sup>237</sup>
- (7) Esther Fry, m. Peter Shoemaker, moved to Kansas.<sup>238</sup>

Elizabeth died in 1849.<sup>239</sup>

The letters of Josiah Fry mentioned above show that he was an innkeeper in Newlonsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1854.<sup>240</sup> Josiah complains of having to be an innkeeper, insisting that he was keeping on with the job only because of his poor health. He inquires “whether there would be a good place for a store or Confectionary and Drugist” in Indiana, and speculates that he might soon move.

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<sup>234</sup>The list below is taken from Westmoreland County Deed Book 32, p. 579, in a release dated 1 April 1851.

<sup>235</sup>Dates from the 1850 Federal Census for Franklin Township, Westmoreland County.

<sup>236</sup>Dates from 1850 Franklin Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, census. Lyman deCamp (LdeCamp@comcast.net) is researching Samuel’s family. Samuel is the ancestor of Lyman’s wife. Samuel and Susan moved to Penn Twp, Allegheny County, and lived there until after 1880. Their children were still living there after 1900.

<sup>237</sup>The marriage is recorded in Westmoreland County (*Old Westmoreland*, Vol. 10, No. 1, p. 27, an article on “Marriages by Rev. Jonas Mechling, 1848-51”). Letters of administration were granted for Josiah’s estate to his brother Gabriel on 11 November 1859 (*Old Westmoreland*, Vol. 11, No. 1, p. 11). On 16 November 1865 Gabriel, as administrator of Josiah’s estate, sells the 20 acres with sawmill which Josiah had purchased in 1859 (Westmoreland County Deed Books 42, p. 531, and 54, p. 442). Isabella’s dates are from the 1860 census. I wonder if the “Mrs. Isabella Fry” of Flagler, Kitcarson County, Colorado, who subscribed to the *Ligonier Echo* in th 1890s might be this Isabella (*Old Westmoreland*, Vol. 7, No. 1, p. 37).

<sup>238</sup>She is called by her nickname “Hetty” in all documents except a deed in Westmoreland County Deed Book 32, p. 336. Her move to Kansas is known from Josiah’s letter.

<sup>239</sup>Death information from the *Greensburg Gazette* according to the Moore genealogy.

<sup>240</sup>The 1850 census shows that Josiah’s brother Gabriel may have kept the public house before Josiah. In 1860 Gabriel describes himself as a carpenter.

In 1857 he is in the dry goods and grocery business, and making trips to Philadelphia to purchase stock. The store may have been an adjunct business to the inn mentioned a few years earlier. Josiah was an ardent Democrat, and not shy in his letters to mention his political beliefs, even though he was not sure where his cousins stood on political matters.

**Adam Rodabaugh** (See page 27). The oldest son of Christopher who lived to maturity was Adam. There is no record I know of which shows that Adam bought any land in Westmoreland County, though there is a record from 1814 which reveals Adam selling his share of his father's estate.<sup>241</sup> Adam left Westmoreland County about this time for the Ohio frontier.

The first mention of Adam in Montgomery County, Ohio, is in March of 1814.<sup>242</sup> He is taxed in Montgomery County 1816.<sup>243</sup> A few years later he is enumerated in Randolph Township in the 1820 census. It shows that he was already married. His wife is Anna Catherine Pitsenbarger.<sup>244</sup> There is no way of knowing exactly when (or how) Adam and Anna Catherine met and married, but a marriage date of 1815 is probably close to the mark. The father of Anna Catherine is Jacob Pitsenbarger Sr, who married Margaret Butcher/Boucher (b. 1769, d. 1848) in 1792 in Virginia.<sup>245</sup> Jacob died in 1840 in Darke County; both he and his wife are buried there. His children were:<sup>246</sup>

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<sup>241</sup>Westmoreland County Deed Book 10, p. 478.

<sup>242</sup>Montgomery County land records shows a deed from William King to Adam Rodabaugh for the SW quarter of Section 34, Township 5, Range 5. The uncle Adam had purchased the SW quarter in 1805. There is a constant problem separating the Adams (even the fact that a Catherine is mentioned as his wife when he sold this land is no help—both of the Adam cousins married a Catherine!). However, the location of the Randolph Township land next to that of Jacob Pitsenbarger and the distribution of the childrens' ages in the censuses both seem to certify that it was Christopher's son Adam who was living there.

Adam sold the share of his father's estate on 16 February, and inserts his name in a land warrant in Ohio by the 5th of March. Does this bracket his travel down the Ohio River? Three weeks seems about right.

<sup>243</sup>Powell, *Early Ohio Tax Records*, p. 274, shows an Adam Rodabaugh living in Randolph Township.

<sup>244</sup>Anna's brother Jacob is enumerated next to Adam and Anna Catherine on the 1820 census.

<sup>245</sup>Data on the Pitsenbargers is from Montgomery County marriage records and from Coody, Correspondence, and Schaefer, Correspondence.

<sup>246</sup>Some data on the dates is from Garchow, Correspondence. Except for the addition of Sarah, I have taken the list from Jacob's will. Some Pitsenbarger researchers add other names to the list.

- (1) *Anna Catharine Pitsenbarger, b. 1794, d. after 1870, m. Adam Rodabaugh*
- (2) Anna Phoebe Pitsenbarger, m. Daniel Fetters in 1817, d. before 1837.
- (3) Barbara Pitsenbarger, b. 1796, d. 1820, m. John Cox circa 1819.
- (4) Betsy Pitsenbarger, m. Adam Slonecker in 1821.
- (5) Jacob Asbury Pitsenberger Jr, b. 1802, d. 1878, m. Susannah Miller in 1825, Christina Troop in 1861.
- (6) Sarah Pitsenbarger, b. 1805, m. John Hennen and James Kinney in 1838.
- (7) Henry Pitsenbarger, b. 1805, m. Elizabeth Miller in 1828.
- (8) John D. Pitsenbarger, b. circa 1809, m. Sarah Pitsenbarger in 1834, d. 1863.
- (9) Margaret Pitsenbarger, d. 1865, m. Jacob Metzger in 1827.
- (10) Jonathan B. Pitsenbarger, b. 1812, d. 1886, m. Anna Mary Pitsenbarger in 1839.

The known children of Adam and Anna Catherine are:<sup>247</sup>

- (1) Margaret Rodabaugh, b. circa 1816, m. George Andrews (d. 1854) in 1841, d. 1904.<sup>248</sup>
- (2) Barbary Rodabaugh, b. circa 1818/19, d. 1860/63.<sup>249</sup>
- (3) Jacob Rodabaugh, b. circa 1820, m. Luvina Wimmer before 1853.<sup>250</sup>

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<sup>247</sup>The names of the children are known from two sources. The younger children appear on the 1850 and 1860 censuses. The surviving children at the time of Adam's death are listed in the probate records for Adam at the Darke County Court House. The dates for the children and their spouses are taken from census data unless otherwise noted.

<sup>248</sup>Marriage record in Brien, "Register of Marriage Certificates," p. 5. Margaret's life dates are cited in Indiana WPA, "Index to Death Records," in the Jay County section. George's death date is from an 1855 letter of Adam Rodabaugh to his brother Samuel (Rodibaugh, Collection).

<sup>249</sup>Death date based on the fact that she is in the 1860 census, but does not appear in the probate records of 1863.

<sup>250</sup>Luvina's surname on her son's death certificate is "Whinser." Jacob Rodabaugh and Luvina Wimmer are the ancestors of the author. Jacob probably married Luvina in Indiana (she was born there), and they presumably had their only child, Abraham, while living in Indiana. In 1867 Jacob, Luvina, and the 13-year old Abraham moved from the vicinity of the Painter Creek Church of the Brethren in Darke County, Ohio, to Phelps County, Missouri, with a group of Dunkers which included Jacob's sister Anna Catherine Lair. Abraham married Sarah Lucinda Coleman there in 1874. Abraham and Sarah moved to St. Clair County, Missouri, about 1887, where Abraham became a minister of the local Dunker Church (Brush Creek Church of the Brethren). My grandfather, William Henry Rodabaugh, was Abraham's third child. William married Lena Leota Jordan in 1905. In 1919 William and Lena transferred their family to the Nebraska Sandhills, near Thedford. My mother,

- (4) Solomon Rodabaugh, b. 1824, d. 1907, m. Tryphenia (1825-1909) circa 1851.<sup>251</sup>
- (5) Elizabeth Rodabaugh, b. circa 1827, m. Joseph Taylor (b. circa 1815, d. 1893) in 1849.<sup>252</sup>
- (6) Henry Rodabaugh, b. circa 1833, d. 1866, unmarried.<sup>253</sup>
- (7) Simeon Rodabaugh, b. 1836/37, m. Lucinda Straiter in 1858.<sup>254</sup>
- (8) Anna Catherine Rodabaugh, b. 1839, d. 1916, m. David Lair in 1860.

Adam and Anna Catherine and their growing family are still on the Montgomery County farm in the 1830 and 1840 censuses. A comparison of the number and age distributions of the household in the 1820-40 censuses with the list of known children suggests that we may not have the names of all of the children. But it is probable, given the completeness of the probate records, that we have at least the names of all the children who had families of their own. If there were other children, they probably did not survive childhood.

In 1839 Adam and Anna Catherine began to sell their Montgomery County land. On 13 August 1842 Adam purchased 160 acres in Darke County, Van Buren Township,<sup>255</sup> and probably moved the family there within the year. Adam and Anna Catherine Rodabaugh lived in Van Buren Township for the rest of their lives. In 1855-58 Adam wrote three letters to his brother Samuel in Marion County, Indiana, which describe his and Anna Catherine's living conditions.<sup>256</sup> Anna Catherine died after 1870, and Adam died about 1865. At least one of their sons, and perhaps Adam and Anna Catherine themselves, were Dunkers, and were associated with the Painter Creek Church of the Brethren in Darke County.

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Willie Enid ("Billie"), was their fifth child. Billie married Omer Kem Luther (1890-1989), and has lived on a farm outside of Broken Bow, Nebraska, since the early 1940s. I am the only child of Omer and Billie, born in 1946. A fuller discussion of Adam's family and his descendants is contained in the monograph "Abraham Rodabaugh: Ancestors and Descendants," available from the author.

<sup>251</sup>Their life dates are on their stones in West Branch Cemetery in Darke County. The marriage date is inferred from the birth date of the oldest child.

<sup>252</sup>"Darke County, Ohio, Marriages" cites their marriage.

<sup>253</sup>He apparently died soon after his father. His probate record (but no will) is in the Darke County Court House.

<sup>254</sup>The marriage date is from "Darke County, Ohio, Marriages." An index to these marriages listed Linda's name as "Smith" and has led to some confusion.

<sup>255</sup>Darke County Deed Book N-1, p. 337. The land is the SE quarter of Section 23, Township 9, Range 3E. They paid \$1000 to Jacob and Susanne Spittler for the land.

<sup>256</sup>Rodibaugh, Collection.

**Susannah Rodabaugh** (See page 27). Susannah was born 19 January 1790.<sup>257</sup> Susannah married her first cousin John Klingensmith before 1812. John was born on 10 October 1779.<sup>258</sup> His parents were John Jacob and Margaret Anna Klingensmith.<sup>259</sup> John Jacob and Margaret Anna had the following children:<sup>260</sup>

- (1) *John Klingensmith, b. 1779, m. Susannah Rodabaugh.*
- (2) John George Klingensmith, b. 1781, d. 1856, m. Savilla Sober.
- (3) Catherine Klingensmith, b. 1783, d. 1858, m. Henry Cline.
- (4) Anna Maria Klingensmith, b. 1785, d. 1882, m. John Artman.

John Jacob Klingensmith married again, and one of his children from the second family also married into Christopher Rodabaugh's family (See page 68).

John and Susannah and Susanna's brothers Seth and Samuel moved to the vicinity of Indianapolis, Indiana, perhaps directly from Westmoreland County. Seth and Samuel arrived in Indiana in 1829. John and Susannah probably arrived in Indiana in the 1829-32 period, settling near New Augusta station. The Hopewell Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized at Susannah and John Klingensmith's home in 1836.<sup>261</sup> Their children were:<sup>262</sup>

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<sup>257</sup>The date is from the baptismal register cited earlier. Her tombstone has 4 November 1788 for her birth date.

<sup>258</sup>Dates from Geisert, Correspondence. The date is computed from dates on his gravestone at Salem Lutheran Cemetery. The death dates for John and Susanna given later in this entry are also from the tombstones.

<sup>259</sup>John Jacob Klingensmith, as we noted earlier when discussing Regina Barbara Klingensmith, was a child of Philip Klingensmith. So John Jacob and Regina Barbara, providing that the surmise that Barbara Rodabaugh was Philip Klingensmith's daughter, were full brother and sister.

<sup>260</sup>Geisert, Correspondence.

<sup>261</sup>Information in this paragraph is taken from Sulgrove, *History of Indianapolis*, p. 601. The Hopewell (now Salem) Lutheran Church records contain detailed information on some of the descendants of Susannah and Samuel and also of Jacob Sourwine, their half brother.

<sup>262</sup>Names and birth dates are taken from the Marion County, Indiana, federal censuses, from Geisert, Correspondence, from an informal 12-page history of the Klingensmith family done by someone who had interviewed the younger members (exact author unknown), from a package of Marion County, Indiana, marriage, birth and death extractions from the Patrick Henry Sullivan Foundation, and from Rodabaugh, Correspondence.

- (1) Jacob Klingensmith, b. 1809, d. 1876, m. Barbara Coble (1818-1900) in 1835.
- (2) John Klingensmith, b. 1812, d. 1894, m. Mary Ann Steelsmith in 1838.
- (3) Samuel Klingensmith, b. 1813, d. 1884, m. Pricilla Allshouse and Catherine Wagle (1826-1910).
- (4) Michael Klingensmith, b. 1814, d. 1843, m. Lucy Isgrig<sup>263</sup> in 1840.
- (5) Esther Klingensmith, b. 1816, d. 1844, m. Joseph Reveal in 1840.
- (6) Elizabeth Klingensmith, b. 1817, d. 1901, m. Barnabas Cline in 1838.
- (7) Seth Klingensmith, m. Sarah Steelsmith in 1843.
- (8) Solemy Klingensmith, m. Adam Metzker.
- (9) Susan Klingensmith, b. 1823, d. after 1900, never married.
- (10) Adam Klingensmith, b. circa 1825, m. Elizabeth Coble in 1857.
- (11) Barbary Klingensmith, b. 1825, d. 1887, never married.
- (12) Noah Klingensmith, b. 1826, d. 1869, never married.
- (13) Mary Klingensmith, b. 1832, d. 1917, m. Reuben Hamilton.
- (14) George R. Klingensmith, b. 1836, d. 1907.
- (15) Christian Klingensmith, m. Laura Patten.

John Klingensmith died on 23 February 1850, Susannah on 30 September 1852. They are buried in the Salem Lutheran Cemetery near New Augusta, Indiana.

**Salomie Rodabaugh** (See page 27). Salomie was born about 1792, married her first cousin David, and died in 1869. Her family is described above under the section on David on 53. In the Westmoreland Orphan Court affidavit filed by her widowed mother, Salomie is called “Sarah.”

**Seth Rodabaugh** (See page 27). Seth was born about 1796, reared by his uncle Adam, and came with him to Montgomery County, Ohio. While still in Westmoreland County in 1811, having reached the age of majority, he chose as his guardian David Marchand.<sup>264</sup> He was married on 9 July 1817 to Mary Hollingsworth (b. 9 September 1799, d. 7 January 1885<sup>265</sup>) while residing in Montgomery County. Mary was the daughter of Joseph Hollingsworth (1777-1848) and Sallie Cox. Joseph and Sallie had the following children:<sup>266</sup>

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<sup>263</sup>This is the name in the 12-page Klingensmith family history mentioned in the note above. It seems likely, however, that this may be the “McHale” Klingensmith who married Lucy G. Stephens in 1840 in the list of Marion County marriages.

<sup>264</sup>Westmoreland County Administraton Docket A, p. 138.

<sup>265</sup>Dates from her tombstone in the cemetery of the North Liberty Church (information from Rodibaugh, Correspondence).

<sup>266</sup>This list is taken from Stewart, *Descendants of Valentine Hollingsworth*.

- (1) *Mary Hollingsworth, b. 1799, m. Seth Rodabaugh (b. circa 1796) in 1817.*
- (2) George Hollingsworth, b. 1801, d. 1860, m. Jane Davison.
- (3) Lydia Hollingsworth, b. 1803, d. 1871, m. Aaron Gullifer.
- (4) Jonathan Hollingsworth, b. 1805, m. Susan Bodkin and Catherine Allright.
- (5) Ira Hollingsworth, b. 1808, d. 1874, m. Deborah Bennett.
- (6) Asa Hollingsworth, b. 1810, d. 1872, m. Susan Bennett.
- (7) Jeremiah Hollingsworth, b. 1812, d. 1876, m. Elizabeth Pollard.
- (8) Eliza Hollingsworth, b. 1817, m. Austin Guthrie.
- (9) Kuhn Hollingsworth, b. 1819, m. Lydia Asborn.
- (10) Dan Hollingsworth, b. 1821, m. Emily Pollard.

In 1818 Seth purchased federal government land in Indiana,<sup>267</sup> and sometime after moved to Randolph County, Indiana, then in 1823-25 to Pike Township, Marion County, Indiana. He remained in Marion County for twenty years, then moved on west (but his wife and most of his children stayed behind in Indiana), and supposedly died in a war in Kansas. He had six daughters and two sons.<sup>268</sup> I have no definitive list of his children, but I would guess some of his children to be:<sup>269</sup>

- (1) Marchant Rodabaugh, b. circa 1815, m. Sarah Reid (b. circa 1823) in 1839.<sup>270</sup>
- (2) Sarah Rodabaugh, m. James Harbert in 1834.
- (3) Ann Rodabaugh, m. Henry Pollard in 1839.
- (4) Adam Rodabaugh, b. circa 1825, m. Phebe Bowers (b. circa 1822-25) in 1843.<sup>271</sup>

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<sup>267</sup>*Early Ohio Settlers*, p. 277, shows him buying land in Section 10, Township 18, Range 13. The Marion County land is mentioned in Sulgrove's history, p. 64. It was in Pike Township, Township 16N, Range 2E, section 1.

<sup>268</sup>Information on Seth is from Sulgrove's *History of Indianapolis*, p. 602-3. Sulgrove mentions that the youngest daughter married a Laycock.

<sup>269</sup>These guesses are based on the presence of these Rodabaughs in Marion County, Indiana, and/or their marriages in that county at about the right time. Two girls may still be missing. Adam and Marchant I have placed as Seth's children because of the possibility that Seth named them after his step parents, Adam Rodabaugh and Susanna Marchand. There are also records for the marriages of a Joseph (to Anna Harbert, 1845) and Seth (to Martha Todd, 1846) who may also be sons, though this would contradict the Sulgrove statement that there were six girls and two boys.

<sup>270</sup>Birth dates from the 1850 Pike Township, Marion County, Indiana, census. Marriage date from Marion County records.

<sup>271</sup>Birth dates from the 1850 Pike Township, Marion County, Indiana, census. Marriage date from Marion County records.

- (5) Elizabeth Rodabaugh, b. 1829, d. 1902, m. John Laycock in 1847.<sup>272</sup>
- (6) Jane Rodabaugh, m. Joseph Cooper in 1849.

**Samuel Rodabaugh** (See page 27). Samuel, born 19 June 1798, married his first cousin Sarah Klingensmith. Sarah was born in 1802, and her parents were John Jacob Klingensmith and Elizabeth Gongaware.<sup>273</sup> John Jacob, as we noted above (65), married a Margaret Anna first, and had a family which included Sarah Klingensmith's brother John. John Jacob then married Elizabeth Gongaware, and had the following children:<sup>274</sup>

- (1) Michael Klingensmith, b. 1790, d. 1866, m. Anna Margareta Klingensmith about 1820.
- (2) John Jacob Klingensmith, b. 1791, m. Catherine.
- (3) Samuel A. Klingensmith, b. 1792, d. 1855, m. Catherine Margaret Gongaware about 1814.
- (4) Susanna Klingensmith, b. 1794, d. 1868, m. Andrew Klingensmith.
- (5) Joseph Klingensmith, b. 1800, d. 1868, m. Esther Sauerwine.
- (6) *Sarah Klingensmith, b. 1802, m. Samuel Rodabaugh (b. 1798).*

Samuel and Sarah Rodabaugh were part of the Salem Lutheran Church in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.<sup>275</sup> They and four of their children came to Pike Township, Marion County, Indiana, in 1829. They passed down the Ohio River on a flatboat to Cincinnati, then finished their journey by wagon.<sup>276</sup> Here are the children:<sup>277</sup>

- (1) Simon Rodabaugh, b. 1822, m. Lurana Needham in 1858 (b. circa 1828).
- (2) Anna Rodabaugh, b. 1824, d. 1900, m. Jacob Meyer in 1844.
- (3) Elizabeth Rodabaugh, b. 1826, d. 1902, m. John Kissel in 1856.

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<sup>272</sup>Elizabeth's dates from her stone in the cemetery of the North Liberty Church.

<sup>273</sup>Sarah's birth date computed from census.

<sup>274</sup>Geisert, Correspondence.

<sup>275</sup>They are recorded as communicants by the minister, J. M. Steck, on 4 September 1814.

<sup>276</sup>This information about Samuel is in Sulgrove, *History of Indianapolis*, pp. 602-11.

<sup>277</sup>Taken from the 1850 and 1860 Pike Township, Marion County, Indiana, federal censuses, from the various indexes to Marion County, Indiana, records done by the Indiana WPA, and from Rodabaugh, Correspondence, the latter drawing on information from a family Bible and Lutheran cemetery records.



- (4) Jacob B. Rodabaugh, b. circa 1829, d. circa 1862 in California.<sup>278</sup>
- (5) Christopher Rodabaugh, b. 1834, d. 1901. Mentally retarded.
- (6) Amy Rodabaugh, b. 1836, d. 1912, m. Francis Mathis in 1860.
- (7) Joseph Rodabaugh, b. 1841, d. 1924, m. Barbara Hessong in 1864.

Samuel appears died after 1858, since his brother was addressing letters to him on that date. Sarah was still living in 1883.<sup>279</sup>

*The Children of Christian and Elizabeth's Daughter Elizabeth*

**George Broadsword** (See page 33).<sup>280</sup> George, born in Westmoreland county on 15 June 1779, moved to Trumbull County (later Mahoning County), Ohio, about 1804. He married Mary Waltz on 21 December 1808. Mary's parents were Peter Waltz (1749-1832) and Eva Milliron (1763-1823).<sup>281</sup> Peter and Eva had the following children:<sup>282</sup>

- (1) Anna Catherine, b. 1787.
- (2) *Anna Maria, b. 1791, m. George Broadsword.*

The Waltz family had come to the same general region of Ohio about 1800. George and Mary were the parents of fourteen children. In probable order they are:

- (1) George Peter Broadsword, b. 1808, d. 1880, m. Elizabeth Schafer (1807-1865), lived in Medina County, Ohio.
- (2) Betsey Broadsword, b. 1808/16, d. 1898, of unsound mind.
- (3) Eliza Broadsword, b. 1807/17, d. 1901, of unsound mind.
- (4) Daniel Broadsword, b. 1822, of unsound mind.
- (5) Abigail Broadsword, b. 1818, m. John Allen Jr (b. circa 1812) in 1843, lived eventually in Columbiana County, Ohio.

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<sup>278</sup>Rodibaugh, Collection, contains copies of letters which Jacob wrote to his family on his way to and during his stay at the California gold fields.

<sup>279</sup>Sulgrove, *History of Indianapolis*, written in 1883, states that she was still living, age 81.

<sup>280</sup>Information on George Broadsword and family, unless otherwise cited is from Hott and Hott, "Goldner Ancestors."

<sup>281</sup>In 1773 Peter had married a woman surnamed Moon. Eva was his second wife. For a list of Eva's kin, See page 39.

<sup>282</sup>List from Ruff, "German Church Records," Vol. I, pp. 57, 142. There could have been other children.

- (6) John Broadsword, b. 1820, m. Mary (b. circa 1822), lived in Putnam County, Ohio, later in Doniphan County, Kansas.
- (7) David Broadsword, b. 1822, died young.
- (8) Anthony Broadsword, b. 1823/27, d. 1914.
- (9) Mary Broadsword, b. 1827, m. Homer A. Winans (b. circa 1821) in 1846.
- (10) Matthias Broadsword, b. 1828/30, d. 1912, m. Susan Ellen Goodwin.
- (11) Rachel Broadsword, m. David Waggoner in 1841.
- (12) Charlotte Broadsword, b. 1832, m. Simon Rhodes (b. circa 1828).
- (13) Lucy Ann Broadsword, m. Robert R. Parker, lived in Wood County, Ohio.
- (14) Levi Broadsword, b. 1836, m. Survilla, lived in Donough County, Ohio.

George died 25 November 1861. Mary was listed as “insane” in the last decade of her life. She died in 1875. They are buried in Trumbull County.

**Susanna Broadsword** (See page 33). A Westmoreland deed tells us that Susanna married Philip Arner.<sup>283</sup> Philip was the son of Henrich (Henry) Arner and Catherine Daubenspeck.<sup>284</sup> Philip and Susanna appear to have left Westmoreland County for Trumbull County (later Mahoning County), Ohio, along with Susanna’s brother George. Their first child was probably:

- (1) Catharina, b. 15 July 1802, d. 9 August 1802.<sup>285</sup>

**Mary Broadsword** (See page 33). On a quit claim deed from Westmoreland County<sup>286</sup> we learn that Mary was the wife of Jacob Matthias. Mary is not called Mary, but “Mattellane.” This must be either a mispronunciation, misspelling, or a poor transcription of “Magdalene,” a logical second name for someone from the Pennsylvania Dutch culture named “Mary.” That Mary’s name was really Mary Magdelene is important in identifying her husband in the Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, records, since there were two persons named Jacob Matthias born in Westmoreland

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<sup>283</sup>Westmoreland County Deed Book 11, p. 109. The name Arner is spelled in different ways (e.g. Aarner).

<sup>284</sup>In the baptismal record for Philip and Susanna’s first child the godparents are Henrich and Catharina Arner. Henrich appears as head of a family in the 1800 census of Westmoreland County, Hempfield Township. Anne Arner, Correspondence, has fuller information on Philip and his family.

<sup>285</sup>In the baptismal records of John W. Weber (Ruff, *German Church Records*, Vol. II, p. 230).

<sup>286</sup>A transcription of this deed in Broadsword notes at the Westmoreland County Historical Library (Deed Book 11, p. 109). In this 1815 record three of the children, George Broadsword, Mary Matthias and Susanna Arner, signed the deed in Ellsworth in Trumbull County, Ohio.

County in 1781, one to Daniel and Catharine (Yount) Matthias, and one to George and Magdalena Matthias (George was perhaps a brother to Daniel). The son of Daniel and Catharine, however, is said to have married a woman named Magdalena who was born in Pennsylvania on 28 December 1788.<sup>287</sup> The age of this Magdalena is right, if indeed Mary is next in age to the Peter Broadsword, the youngest of the siblings, who was born in 1791, to be the same person as Mary (Magdalene?) Broadsword.<sup>288</sup> Mary's husband Jacob, then, is probably the son of Daniel and Catharine Matthias.

The family of Daniel Matthias came to Hempfield Township in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, about 1770. Daniel (circa 1750-1829) and Catharina had the following children:<sup>289</sup>

- (1) Magdalena, b. 1772, m. John Secrest circa 1794.
- (2) Daniel Jr, b. 1775, d. 1859, m. Julian Seanor (Zehner).
- (3) John George, b. 1777.
- (4) *Jacob, b. 30 September 1781, d. 12 December 1860, m. Mary Magdalena Broadsword (1788-1854).*
- (5) Catharina, b. 1787.

Jacob and Mary Magdalene Matthias married about 1803 in Westmoreland County. They and their first child moved to Stark County, Ohio, Nimishillen Township, in 1806, along with Jacob's father's family and his brother Daniel Jr. Jacob and Mary Magdalene had the following children:<sup>290</sup>

- (1) Elisabeth Matthias, b. 1804, m. John Thomas in 1829.
- (2) Catherine Matthias, b. circa 1807, m. John Smith (circa 1803-1858)
- (3) Jacob Matthias Jr.
- (4) Paul Matthias, b. circa 1809, d. 1864, m. Barbara (b. circa 1813).

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<sup>287</sup>This data on the Matthias families is from *Matthias Milestones*.

<sup>288</sup>The only problem in this scenario is that the three Broadsword children selling the land mentioned in note 285 above seem to be from Trumbull County, Ohio, while the Jacob who was the son of Daniel Matthias was in Stark County, Ohio, at this time. This is not an insuperable problem, however. Ellsworth is actually in the southwest corner Mahoning County, which later was divided from Turnbull, and Jacob was living in the northeast corner of the contiguous Stark County. Jacob was not living above ten miles from Ellsworth, and could easily have gone to his brother George's place in Mahoning County to execute the deed.

<sup>289</sup>Information in this and the following list is taken from Seale, *Mat(t)hias Milestones*.

<sup>290</sup>I have regularized the spellings to Matthias. It appears that the children and their descendants did not all adopt the same spelling.

- (5) Mary Matthias, b. 1815, d. 1858, m. Michael Saner (Seanor? d. 1845) in 1840.
- (6) John Matthias, m. Keziah Gilbert (b. circa 1827, d. before 1860) circa 1854. She was the granddaughter of John's uncle, Daniel Matthias Jr.

According to her gravestone in Stark County, Mary Broadsword Matthias died on 15 November 1854.

**Peter Broadsword** (See page 33). Not much is known about the youngest son. He was probably born near the time that his father died. In 1815 his brother and sisters granted to him a quit claim for the Westmoreland land which his father had patented, so Peter presumably stayed on the home place in Westmoreland County and continued to farm after his siblings moved to Ohio. Daniel and Elizabeth Wible, Peter's mother and her second husband, sold land in South Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, to Peter in 1824.<sup>291</sup> A Peter Broadsword in Lucas County, Ohio, who may be the same person, says that he was born in Pennsylvania about 1790/91.<sup>292</sup>

### *Back to the Dunker Question*

I posed the question above as to when and whether Christian Rodabaugh became a Dunker. I speculated that the immigration pattern might raise suspicions that he could have belonged to the church before he came to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. But the appearance of his name as a sponsor on the Lutheran/Reformed baptismal roles, and the names of his son Christopher's children on the roles, argues against it. However, we note that for some reason Christian's son Christopher stopped baptizing his children, as he might have done if he acquired Brethren sympathies. The last three children fail to appear on the baptismal roles at the time of their birth: we know that this is more than a case of lost records, since one of them, Samuel, was later baptized by the Lutherans when he was an adult. Christopher appears to have joined Peter Studebaker, a known Dunker, in move to Fayette County between 1786 and 1790, and the last infant baptism of one of Christopher's children, that of Susanna in 1790, could be termed "desultory," since no godparents were listed. If there was a time, then, that the family turned to the Dunker faith, it may have been the 1790s. Before this time there was little Brethren presence in Westmoreland County. Christian died in 1778/79, however, so the question remains whether he himself was a Dunker. His solo pioneering in Westmoreland does not seem like the move of a mainline Dunker. But there are provable Dunkers in the lines of five of Christian and Elizabeth's six children. Christian and Elizabeth's son Adam was probably a Dunker, and included the church in his will. In John's line, especially through Daniel, are numerous Brethren. In Christopher's line there are many connections to the church. Margaret Whitehead married into the Studebakers, a stalwart line of Dunkers. And Valentine Whitehead's children were Dunkers.

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<sup>291</sup>Westmoreland County Deed Book 15, p. 528.

<sup>292</sup>Census listing cited in Hott and Hott, "Goldner Ancestors."

My best guess at this point is that Dunker beliefs began to penetrate Christian and Elizabeth's family about 1790, after the arrival of the Studebakers and an active Dunker church into Westmoreland County. The practice of the Dunker faith does not seem to have persevered with the ones who remained behind in Westmoreland, but the ones who immigrated to Ohio tended to move in and into Dunker circles.

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