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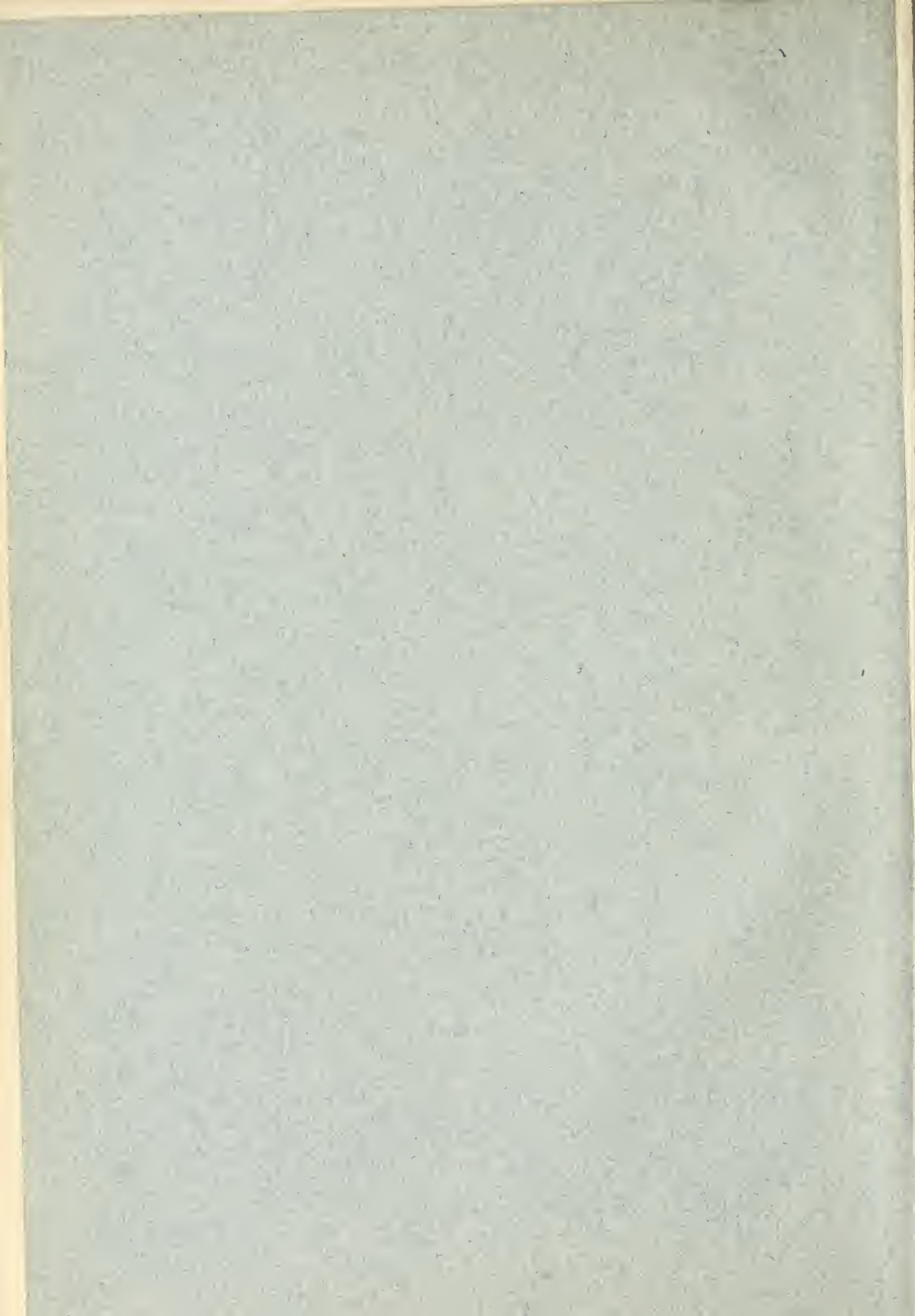






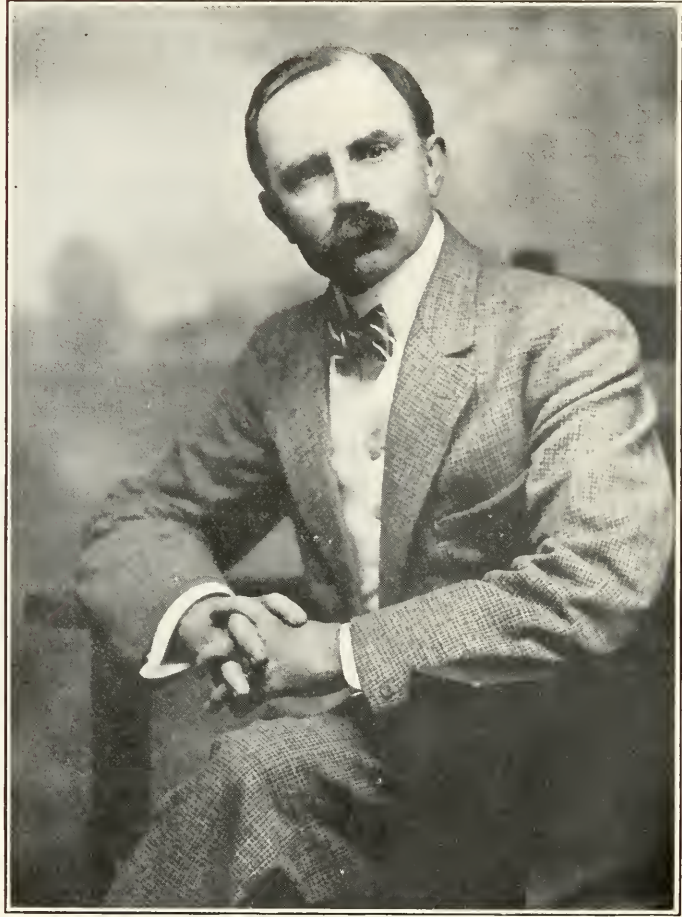
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## PREFACE.

AT A GATHERING of Shimers, held at the "Old Homestead" along the Lehigh River, in the fall of 1902, the writer was discussing with cousins from Easton and Phillipsburg the question, "What relation are we, one to another?" and, to our surprise, we learned that our grandfathers were those three good brothers, John, Joseph and Edward Shimer, sons of Jacob and Elizabeth (Beyl) Shimer, at whose old home we were picnicking that day.

This started me to "figure out" what relation every other Shimer was to me. The result is a genealogy of the Shimer family, on which I have been working for a number of years, a work which has been very fascinating, as well as interesting.

The data have been gathered from old Bible records, church records and tombstones, also from deeds, wills and other official documents, which we found in court houses, college archives and public libraries.

We, however, were surprised at the inaccuracy of statements found in some histories; for instance, we read in the "Northampton County History" that Isaac Shimer, who was a prisoner of war, died in imprisonment, January 14, 1777, yet we know that he escaped and lived to be 88 years old, and lies buried at the old Williams Township Church.

In the "History of Lehigh County," we read that John Shimer, of Shimersville, was a son of Jacob, and a grandson of Adam, who was probably a son of Daniel. The records show that he was a son of Jacob, and a grand son of Jacob, the ancestor of the Shimers of Lehigh and Northampton Counties. Adam Shimer had one son by the name of Jacob. Adam was the son of Michael, one of the "three brothers" who came to this country in 1749.

We often heard that the Shimers of Eastern Pennsylvania were descendants of "three brothers," yet records prove that the ancestor of most of the Shimers of Eastern Pennsylvania was Jacob Scheimer, who was in America many years before the "three brothers" came over. In fact, he was married the second time, and had thirteen children, some married before the "three brothers" arrived on these shores. For these reasons particular care has been taken, and a careful foundation laid to build upon.

There are two branches of the Shimer family in America. Whether they were of the same family before arriving on these shores has not as yet been determined.

The first American ancestor of the old Shimer families of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pa., and Warren County, as well as those of the "Valley of the Minisink" of New Jersey, was Jacob Scheimer. He, in all probability, came to this country between the years 1700 and 1710. By religious profession, he and his family were Lutherans.

William Ruttinghuysen, grandfather of Jacob Scheimer's wife, came from Broig, Holland. He settled in Germantown, Pa. He was the first American Mennonite Bishop and the great grandfather of the celebrated astronomer, David Rittenhouse. His name became famous on account of his having established, on the Wissahickon, the first paper mill in America. This mill supplied the paper for the first Bible printed on this continent.

He (William Ruttinghuysen) was the owner of over three hundred acres of land on the west side of Main Street, Germantown, Pa.

It is on a deed given to John Ashmead in 1728 for part of this tract of land that we see the name of Jacob Scheimer and his wife, Margaret, daughter of Heivert Papen.

The exact date of their marriage is not known, but documents prove that they were married between the years 1720 and 1722. One of these documents is a certificate on file in the Register of Wills office, and reads as follows: "These are to certify to all persons whom it may concern, that we, the here under written heirs of Heivert Papen have made up the accounts with Claus Rittinghuysen and Abraham Tunis, the executors of our fathers last will and testament, this seventeenth day of March, one thousand, seven hundred and nineteen and twenty (1719-20). They having disbursed by their accounts, one hundred and ninety-nine pounds, nineteen shillings and four pence to the bringing of us up and repairing of houses, as also, paid unto us in Bonds and Bills the sum of one hundred and four pounds and fifteen shillings. The receipt whereof, we do hereby acknowledge, and own ourselves satisfied therewith. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands the day and year above written.

GERHARD BROWNBACK,  
 JAN JANSEN,  
 GERTRUDE PAPEN,  
 MARGARET PAPEN."

Brownback and Jansen signed the above as representatives of their wives, but Gertrude and Margaret Papen being unmarried appear in their own names.

The memorandum dated 1722, found among the Rittenhouse papers, already referred to, mentions the names of Brownback, Jansen and Scheimer as representatives of the three married daughters of Heivert Papen and the names of Catherine and Christian, the two single daughters, which, in connection with the above-mentioned certificate, is presumptive evidence that they were married between the years 1720 and 1722.

These first German settlers are noted in history for their high standard of character, refinement and general thrift, having left their Fatherland not to better their worldly condition, but to secure freedom of worship in Penn's liberal province.

Jacob Scheimer was an ardent adherent of the Augsburg Confession of Faith, as his subsequent religious history shows, and, as there were no Lutheran Churches in Germantown at that time, it is possible that he was married by either the Mennonites, as her grandfather was a Mennonite Bishop, or by the Quakers.

Rev. Mann, of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, in a historical discourse, said: "Two hundred years ago the first German emigrants came to our beautiful Pennsylvania; they came as Christians, they were few in number, and being unprovided with churches, they united with the Quakers and Mennonites, and worshipped with them; but all historians agree that the Mennonites kept no records from 1710 to 1770, or they were lost."

Margaret's signature is on a deed dated October 7, 1728, also on a deed dated March 26, 1730, to William Dewees, showing that she was alive at that time; she died, however, shortly after this.

The exact date of her death and the place of interment can not be determined.

The deed, above referred to (Ashmead deed), is as follows:

This indenture made the fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight (1728). Between Jacob Scheimer of Bebbers Township in the county of Philadelphia, Yoeman, and Margaret his wife, and Gerard Brownbeck of Winesence Township in the County of Chester, Yoeman, and Mary his wife, and Christian als Styntie Papen of the same Township, Spinster. They the said Margaret, Mary and Christian being the children of Heivert Papen late of Germantown in the said County, Yoeman of the one part, and John Ashmead of Germantown, Blacksmith of the other part.

Whereas; the said Heivert Papen by force and virtue of some good Conveyance or Assurance in Law duly had and executed came in his life time lawfully seized in his demesne as of Fee of and in a certain plantation or tract of land situated in the Township of Germantown aforesaid; Beginning at a corner Black Oak Saplin by William Streper's land, etc. etc. containing by computation one hundred and fifty four acres, together with the appurtenances.

And the said Heivert Papen being so thereof seized did make his last will and testament in writing bearing date the thirtieth day of January Anno Dom. one thousand seven hundred and eight (1708), and thereby devised the said described tract of land unto his wife Elizabeth during her widowhood and the remainder over to be divided amongst his five daughters Styntie, Mary, Gertrude, Margaret and Elizabeth. In fee and died so seized thereof.

And the said Elizabeth, the mother is since died and the said Elizabeth the daughter is also departed this life, and the said Gertrude als. Katherine is intermarried with Benjamin Howel.

Now this Indenture Witnesseth; That the said Jacob Scheimer and Margaret his wife, Gerard Brownback and Mary his wife and Christian Papen, for and in consideration of the sum of fifty six pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania to them well and truly paid by the said John Ashmead, the receipt thereof they do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained, sold etc. etc. unto the said John Ashmead and his heirs and assigns.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us, John Roberts Richard Gabel and others.

Memorandum: The first day of October Anno Dom. 1728 before me Dirk Jansen one of ye Justices of the Peace of the City and County of Philadelphia came the within named Jacob Scheimer and Margaret his wife, and Gerard Brownback and Mary his wife, and Christian Papen and brought this writing indented which they respectfully acknowledge to be their Deed and desire that the same may be recorded as their Deed according to an Act of Assembly of this province in their behalf made.

And the said Margaret and Mary being of full age and secretly and apart examined and contents being to them distinctly read they willingly consented.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the day of above said.

(Signed) DIRK JANSEN.

Recorded ye 29th day of March A. D. 1734.

(*Dewees Deed*)

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Deed—March 26, 1730. Recorded April 1, 1730.

Gerard Brownback,	
Mary, his wife	
Jacob Sheymer	
Margaret, his wife	
John Jansen	To
Elizabeth, his wife	William Dewees.
Benjamin Howell	
Catherine, his wife	
Christian (als, Styntie Papen)	

Property conveyed in Deed of February 1730.

93 A, 3R, 22p—Recorded April 7, 1731.

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The children of this first marriage were  
 Abraham, who married Lena Westbrook,  
 Anthony, (No record)  
 Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Vickerson,  
 Mary, who married Michael Shoemaker,  
 Catherine, who married a Mr. Young,  
 and Sarah.

After his wife, Margaret, died, Jacob Scheimer married again. Only the Christian name of his second wife, Elizabeth, is known.

The names of Jacob Scheimer and his wife, Elizabeth, appear frequently in the old Lutheran Church book of that denomination in Lower Saucon Township, as communicants and sponsors at the baptism of infants of well known families.

The children of this marriage were Jacob, Conrad, Samuel, Edward, Peter, Isaac and John.

When and why Jacob Scheimer removed from Germantown we do not know; about 1728 we have record of his residence in Bebbers Township, County of Philadelphia, and in 1734 in Skippack, Pa. Some time after 1736 he moved to the uplands above Redington, Pa., his property extending down to the Lehigh River.

The surroundings of Jacob Scheimer were now changed: He was sixty-one years of age. He had his second wife and nine children, seven by his first wife and two by his second, when he came to settle on the banks of the Lehigh River, which became his permanent home, and where he was blessed with five more children.



His life spent in Germantown and vicinity, with its cleared and cultivated land, its population and its industries, can hardly be compared to the hardships he must have endured when he settled on the banks of the Lehigh.

William Allen and others, of Philadelphia, were granted large tracts of land; and in 1735, one hundred thousand acres in the wilderness portion of Bucks county—now Northampton—were thrown open to settlement. On August 26th, 1736, David Potts bought of William Allen 110 acres, and on April 29th, 1740, Jacob Scheimer bought of David Potts the said 110 acres, situated on the southern banks of the Lehigh River, then known as the "West Branch of the Delaware," in Bucks County, as the county of Northampton was not erected until March 11th, 1752. For many years the place was known as "Shimertown," and can be seen on the old maps of Northampton County. The place is now Redington, Pa.

Whether Jacob Scheimer lived on the land before he bought it, or whether he bought it of Potts before leaving Philadelphia County can not be determined, but from 1740 to the present day that property has been in the possession of the Shimer family.

We fear that we of the present generation can hardly realize the hardships and privations our forefathers endured in those days. A short sketch of the "Character of the pioneers," from the "History of Northampton County," will give us a faint idea of their trials.

As it was written about the men who settled in the county in 1740 to 1742, the time that Jacob Scheimer and his family settled "in the wilderness portion of Bucks County," it undoubtedly referred to him as well as others.

"It is not a little remarkable that every permanent settlement within the borders of the county, was made by people in whom a deep religious feeling was the predominating sentiment of action.

In other places—in Virginia, Maryland, and New Amsterdam—the white colonists had come into the western wilderness wholly as a matter of pecuniary profit. But here, all were earnest religionists, and subordinated all other questions to that of liberty of conscience. Of course, when they took up their home by the clear waters of the Delaware and Lehigh, they were not insensible to the prospect of worldly advantage; they foresaw that their industry and frugality would cause the fertile forest land of Penn to blossom like the rose, but after all the question of religious freedom was paramount.

The Lutherans upon the Lower Lehigh, the Menmonites, the Dunkers, Schwenkfelders and Reformed, and last but not least, the lowly Moravians, who settled at Nazareth and Bethlehem, in 1740 and 1742, each and all set up God's altar in the wilderness home, and made His worship their first duty and their chief delight.

To-day, the descendants of these steadfast pioneers are proud of that ancestry. And yet, how little do we realize the labor, privation, trials, and dangers incurred by them in laying the foundation of all the plenty, comfort, and security which we now enjoy.

It was, with those pioneers, one long attack against the obstinacy of nature,

and a continued defence against the active forces of savage hostility. When they came to make for themselves new homes in those solitudes, their journeys were accomplished in a manner very different from that of travel at the present day. Now the poorest and most ignorant emigrants who leave their European homes to settle in the western land of promise, cross the ocean in swift steamers and are from them transferred to railway trains which whirl them over mountains and rivers to the place of their destination. But when our forefathers entered these woods, no railway nor canal nor stage coach lightened the toils of their migration. There was not so much as a road over which they could travel. Those who came up by way of the lower settlements of Bucks County, passed over the Indian 'Minisink path' which reached the Lehigh at the mouth of the Saucon, while those who ascended the Perkiomen Valley (which in all probability Jacob Scheimer did), and thence crossed the ridge, had not so much as even a trail to guide them. The migratory journey was invariably a laborious one. Heads of families took the lead on foot, always with axe, and often with rifle in hand, while the more helpless ones brought up the rear.

When they reached streams of size, fords must be sought: for there were neither ferries nor bridges. At night it was but a light shelter of boughs, a bivouac fire—kindled by flint and steel—for safety against wild beasts, a slender meal from such coarse supplies as they carried with them, a few fervent words in English, or in the guttural German, thanking the Father in Heaven for all His mercies through the day, and then that profound sleep, which severe toil and clear conscience were sure to bring.

In the morning they were astir long before the first sunbeams shone through their leafy screen, and, never neglecting to thank God for protection through the night, they soon resumed their way.

Arriving at their destination, the first question which arose was that of shelter. Of this there was one universal solution—the log house. The house was built somewhat in this wise: Its walls were of notched logs, and the openings between them were filled with smaller sticks and then plastered over with clay. Its chimney was of rudely-piled stones, or of sticks, plastered on the inside with mud. Its floor was of split logs, with flat side up. Its apartments were formed by blankets suspended from above. Its doors swung on wooden hinges, and its windows, if it had any light apertures at all, were formed of paper, well saturated with grease in order to shed rain.

Until this was completed, they sheltered themselves as best they could, behind trees or shelving rocks. If it was summer, and the weather was fair, this was no very serious matter; but if there came cold, drenching, and long-continued rains, we can but imagine how pitiable was the condition of these exiles. Very many, probably most of them, had been accustomed to comfortable homes.

The abundance of wild game in the woods, and particularly the great number of fish which inhabited the streams, very materially lightened the task of providing for the family.

Wild pigeons, too, at certain times in the year, were often so plentiful that a hundred times as many might be killed as were required for food. But for these two sources of supply, the struggle for existence, there and at that time, would often have seemed hopeless. As it was, the fight was a hard and stern one, and presented an almost immeasurable contrast to the ease and abundance which are now shown on every hand in the thriving towns, the handsome and substantial country homes, the full barns and granaries, and the 'cattle upon a thousand hills,' which bear evidence that the present generation in Northampton County have no practical knowledge of how their forefathers lived."

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## COPY OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JACOB SCHEIMER.

In the name of God, Amen. I Jacob Scheimer, of Lower Saucon township, in the County of Northampton, and the province of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, being sick in body, but of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following:

First:—I give my soul to my dear Redeemer and my body to be buried, and as to my worldly estate and goods, I dispose of after my debts and funeral expenses are paid, in manner following;

I give and bequeath and dispose to my dear wife Elizabeth, one feather bed and its furniture, and fifty pounds to be paid to her out of my estate and plantation on which I now live; and besides, during her remaining my widow, a room in my dwelling house, the third part of the income and profits of my plantation, aforesaid, and the keeping of a riding horse or mare there on; but if she marrieth again then her room and the use of the plantation shall cease, and for the enabling the discharge of this my will and legacies, I give and bequeath unto my sons Jacob and Conrad (subject to the payments, conditions and restrictions herein mentioned) at my decease, the house, plantation husbandry and chattels, unto me appertaining, whereon I now live and land adjoining the same; likewise all my right, title and interest, claim to a certain tract of land, situated in the Forks of Delaware in the County of Northampton, aforesaid, purchased by me of James Ecleston, as by instrument of writing more fully appears, and that the said estate and lands shall be equally divided between my two sons, Jacob and Conrad, and under the within mentioned condition, payments and restrictions, possessed and enjoyed by them, their heirs, and assigns;

Next:—I give and bequeath to my eldest son, Abraham, all my moiety right and title to a saw mill and plantation situated by the river Delaware on Bushkill Creek, about three miles above John Kools; providing he gives my executors a full discharge for all debts due or accruing on the same, as also of all claims, right or title to any other part of my estate; and in case of his refusal or non-compliance to the same, then I bequeath in lieu and instead of the said mill, one shilling sterling value, and no more of my whole estate; and to my son Anthony I give one shilling like value, and a discharge of a debt of ten pounds lately lent him, and no more of my whole estate;

Item:—I give to my daughter Elizabeth Vickerson, the sum of ten pounds, Pennsylvania currency; also to my daughter Mary Shoemaker the sum of ten pounds like currency, also I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine Young the like sum of ten pounds; and I give to my daughter Sarah the sum of ten pounds,

the which sum or legacy shall be paid by my executors unto the above named daughters, their heirs and assigns, at the expiration of nine years. And it is my will and appointment that my son Samuel shall soon after my decease be apprenticed, and by my trustees bound to a tradesman for that purpose until of age, and then I give him, to be paid out of my plantation and estate hereby willed to my sons, Jacob and Conrad, the sum of eighty-seven pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania. And I also appoint and empower my trustees, herein named, to do the same to my son Edward till of age, and then I give him also the sum of eighty-seven pounds, to be paid by my sons, Jacob and Conrad, out of the plantation; and I also hereby appoint the same to be done to my son Peter, until he comes of age of twenty-one years; and then I give and bequeath to him the sum of eighty-seven pounds, like currency and next I give and bequeath to my sons Isaac and John, each the sum of eighty-seven pounds like currency, to be paid unto them, by my sons Jacob and Conrad, when they arrive at the age of twenty years, and if there shall appear to be an overplus or surplus estate belonging to me, and not hereby bequeathed, I give and bequeath and dispose of all such to my eldest son Jacob, and in case of any of these seven children of my present wife should die during their minority, then his or their parts shall be equally divided between my surviving children by my present wife, and not otherwise.

And I also do make, nominate and appoint my son-in-law Michael Shoemaker and my beloved friend Anthony Lerch, to be trustees of this my will, and to have power of binding to trades my sons Samuel, Edward and Peter, but my dear wife to be sole guardian, and to have power to bind to trades my sons Isaac and John. And I do hereby also nominate and ordain and appoint my dear wife, and my son Jacob, and my son Conrad to be executrix and executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made, and pronounce and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, do ratify and confirm the same, this tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred and fifty-seven.

(Signed)

JACOB SCHEIMER.

Witness; Anthony Lerch.  
Jonas Jones.

(Probated Oct. 5, 1757.)

## FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF JACOB SCHEIMER, Deceased.

A PARTICULARLY interesting document is the "final settlement of the estate of Jacob Sheimer, deceased, by Rosina Sheimer and Peter Seip, administrators, May 14th, 1768." It is written on a sheet of unruled paper 13 by 24. The writing is exceptionally well executed, showing that there were some fine penmen in those days. Although the paper is 140 years old, it is still well preserved, though in pieces, as the creases have worn through. There are one or two items completely lost on account of this; the totals are put down as found, although if added it would be found incorrect on account of the items mentioned. The document is a lengthy one, still of sufficient interest to copy in full.

This document, too, shows that the will of Jacob Sheimer, the first, was carried out as directed, and, although his sons, Jacob and Conrad, were named as his executors, it fell to the lot of Rosina (Seip) Sheimer, his daughter-in-law, and her brother, Peter Seip, to finally settle the estate, as Jacob and Conrad had died.

Another fact established by this document is, that both Peter and John, sons of Jacob and Elizabeth Sheimer, died prior to 1768; that Samuel was living at that time; that Elizabeth, second wife of Jacob, was alive April 11th, 1768.

In this document, too, we see that they have dropped the letter "c" in the old name, and have spelled it Sheimer.

We note in this document that the 10 pounds willed by Jacob Sheimer, Senior, to his daughter, Mary (Scheimer) Shoemaker, was paid December, 1766, just nine years after his death, according to his request in the will.

We note, too, that Sarah Scheimer, sister of Mary, both daughters by the first wife, Margaret, was still alive on Nov. 8th, 1766, and received the 10 pounds willed her. Apparently she was still single, and between 35 and 40 years of age.

In his will he says, "it is to be paid in lawful money of Pennsylvania." A pound in those days was equivalent to \$2.66 of our present currency. We note in those days they paid in pounds, shillings and pence.

The item, "By the following irrecoverable or lost debts," shows that there were "bad debts" in those days as well as in these.

An interesting item is "Nov. 15th, 1765. By cash paid to Edward Shimer, 87 pounds." Did Rosina hand him the money on their wedding day, or was it before or after? He married Rosina in 1765.

We note, too, that the clergy were not overlooked as in 1764 and 1765 they were remembered by the estate.

We do not suppose they kept "double entry" bookkeeping, or "loose leaf" ledgers, in those days, but one thing is certain, they kept their accounts in good shape and accounted for every penny.

FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF JACOB SHEIMER, Deceased,  
By Rosina Sheimer and Peter Seip, Administrators,  
May 14th, 1768.

DR.

The account of Rosina Sheimer and Peter Seip, administrators of all and singular the goods, chattles, rights and credits, which were of Jacob Sheimer deceased, as well as of all and singular the goods, chattles, rights etc., which were of the said deceased at his death, and which came into the hands and possession of the said accountants, as of their several payments and disbursements made out of the same as follows. Viz;

Note.

The said accountants charge themselves with all and singular the goods, chattles, rights and credits which were of the said deceased and which came into the hands and possession of the said accountants specified and contained in an inventory and appraisement thereof exhibited into and remaining in the Register's Office at Easton, amounting to.....

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Item. ....	501	12	7
With what the goods and chattles sold for at vendue above the appraised value. ....	9	1	9
Item. With sundry goods sold at vendue which was taken for a debt and not put in the appraisement. ....	4	14	7
Item. With cash received of Daniel Brodhead. ....	1	10	0
With cash received of John March. ....	0	2	0
With cash received of George Sigman. ....	0	19	0
With cash received of Jacob Reich. ....	9	5	0
With cash received for interest on 2 bonds of Is. Senke. ....	5	18	8
With cash received for interest from Peter Seip. ....	18	0	0
With cash received for interest from Benjamin Todd. ....	2	19	9½
With cash received for interest from Andrew I. Lephard. ....	1	10	0
Item:—To the following sums due to the children of Jacob Sheimer, Sen. Deceased.			
Due to Isaac Sheimer and left by his father. ....	87	0	0
Due to (do) as his share of his Bro. Peter's estate. ....	11	0	0
Due to (do) as his share of his Bro. John's estate. ....	29	0	0
Due to Edward Sheimer as his share of his Bros. J. & P's. ....	58	0	0
Due to Samuel Sheimer on his brother Peter's account. ....	7	5	0
Due to Samuel Sheimer on his brother John's account. ....	29	0	0
Due to Edward Sheimer on his mother's account. ....	20	0	0
	789	18	4½

Item:—The same accountant craves allowance for their several payments and disbursements made out of the same, as per receipts. Viz:

1768 Apr. 11 By Cash paid Elizabeth Sheimer for Isaac Sheimer as per receipt. ....	18	0	0
1768 Apr. 11 By Cash paid Elizabeth Sheimer for Isaac Sheimer	10	15	0
1768 Apr. 11 By Cash paid John Moor Esq. for costs. ....	0	5	0
1765 June 22 By Cash paid John Rothrock for Tax. ....	1	0	2
1767 Mar. 18 By Cash paid Henry Lewis. ....	0	2	6
1764 Dec. 5 By Cash paid Benjamin Todd for work. ....	1	19	6

1764	Dec. 5	By Cash paid Peter Griffin for work	1	10	4
1764	Dec. 5	By Cash paid Edward Sheimer	6	2	0
1764	Dec. 5	By Cash paid George Maish	0	5	0
1764	Oct. 5	By Cash paid Christian Labach	8	8	0
1765	Feb. 1	By Cash paid William Kelly	0	10	8
1765	Feb. 1	By Cash paid Abraham Lewis	0	4	4
1766	Dec. 17	By Cash paid Philip Gross	0	2	3
1764	Nov. 22	By Cash paid Isaac Yunget	0	1	2
1767	Dec. 9	By Cash paid Rosina Sheimer	0	4	3
1764	Dec. 5	By Cash paid John Sentea	10	0	0
1764	June 5	By Cash paid Catherine Freeman	0	5	0
1766	Dec. 17	By Cash paid Mary Shoemaker	10	0	0
1766	May 10	By Cash paid Samuel Sheimer	29	0	0
1766	May 10	By Cash paid Samuel Sheimer	1	17	6
1764	Oct. 2	By Cash paid Michael Lenn	0	3	3
1765	Oct. 2	By Cash paid Joseph Richards	0	2	6
1765	June 18	By Cash paid David Bahringer	0	13	8
1764	Dec. 15	By Cash paid Blais Boyer	0	17	9
1765	June 10	By Cash paid Valintine Beidleman	15	0	0
1765	Nov. 8	By Cash paid Benedict Lutz	0	9	6
1767	Dec. 5	By Cash paid Elias Beck	0	2	6
1764	Sep. 25	By Cash paid Elias Humble	1	8	0
1766	Nov. 29	By Cash paid Elizabeth Sheimer	50	0	0
1767	Mar. 29	By Cash paid Thomas Senebuer	0	2	6
1768	Jan. 15	By Cash paid John Okely	0	17	6
1765	Nov. 27	By Cash paid Daniel Graynhaymer	2	0	0
1764	Dec. 5	By Cash paid Barbara Boshin	1	15	3
1766	Nov. 15	By Cash paid George Labach	1	0	3
1766	June 21	By Cash paid George Oar	1	13	6
1766	Nov. 25	By Cash paid Edward Hatfield	6	17	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
1766	Nov. 25	By Cash paid Sarah Hatfield	6	17	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
1766	Nov. 25	By Cash paid Samuel Ashmead	6	17	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
1766	Nov. 25	By Cash paid Samuel Ashmead	6	17	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
1764	Apr. 3	By Cash paid John Clark, Senior	5	0	0
1764	Sep. 25	By Cash paid Daniel Klist	0	5	8
1764	Mar. 15	By Cash paid Frederick Frutche	3	10	0
1764	Dec. 21	By Cash paid Benjamin Richard	0	11	8
1765	June 4	By Cash paid Mr. Hager, Minister	0	5	0
1768	Mar. 17	By Cash paid Vivian Beck	0	2	6
1765	Apr. 15	By Cash paid Peter Harple	0	13	0
1766	Nov. 29	By Cash paid Edward Beck	1	17	0
1764	Dec. 6	By Cash paid Isaac Reaser	1	11	7
1766	Nov. 29	By Cash paid Elizabeth Sheimer	50	0	0
1764	Aug. 20	By Cash paid Patrick Kelley	0	5	0
1764	Dec. 6	By Cash paid Abraham Lewis	13	5	9
1766	Nov. 10	By Cash paid Anthony (?)	0	13	6
1767	Nov. 29	By Cash paid Robert Townsend	0	13	8
1767	Mar. 26	By Cash paid Abram Edenger	0	5	1
1765	Nov. 19	By Cash paid Elizabeth Sheimer	6	0	0
1766	June 12	By Cash paid Edward Hatfield	5	0	0
1765	Nov. 15	By Cash paid Edward Sheimer	87	0	0
1765	Nov. 15	By Cash paid Edward Sheimer	10	0	0
1764	Nov. 15	By Cash paid Thomas Adams	0	9	0

1767	Feb.	25	By Cash paid Martha Lewis.....	0	2	6
1765	Oct.	5	By Cash paid Henry Unangst.....	0	11	0
1764	Dec.	5	By Cash paid Rudolph Oberly.....	1	16	0
1767	Feb.	7	By Cash paid Isaac Orndt.....	1	2	0
1764	Nov.	13	By Cash paid Jacob Steed.....	0	15	0
1764	Oct.	15	By Cash paid Isaac Mander.....	0	15	0
1764	Dec.	12	By Cash paid Philip Stuber.....	0	5	0
1764	Dec.	24	By Cash paid James Senibner.....	0	4	6
1764	Sep.	5	By Cash paid Doctor Otto.....	1	11	3
1764	Aug.	6	By Cash paid George Wiesner, Minister.....	1	12	3
1764	Aug.	2	By Cash paid Nichol Michael.....	0	7	6
1764	Sep.	5	By Cash paid Godfry Rimest.....	0	9	0
1764	Dec.	5	By Cash paid Peter Knight.....	0	1	8
1765	Feb.	1	By Cash paid Joseph Lewis.....	0	11	0
1767	June	30	By Cash paid Moses Hall.....	0	15	0
1767	June	30	By Cash paid Ramold.....	0	4	0
1764	Dec.	5	By Cash paid Benjamin Soubner.....	10	12	9
1766	Nov.	8	By Cash paid Sarah Sheiner.....	10	0	0
1764	Sep.	5	By Cash paid August Frank.....	0	0	5
1765	Nov.	30	By Cash paid Adam John.....	5	10	0
1764	Sep.	14	By Cash paid Rebecca Beek.....	0	3	6
1765	Jan.	8	By Cash paid Michael Ketterer.....	0	8	0
1764	June	16	By Cash paid Margaret Lerch.....	0	4	0
1764	Aug.	28	By Cash paid Hannah Richard.....	0	2	6
1764	Sep.	19	By Cash paid Martin Brill.....	1	11	6
1764	Dec.	6	By Cash paid Topher Johnstone.....	10	9	0
1765	Nov.	29	By Cash paid Casper Erle.....	1	0	0
1764	Dec.	20	By Cash paid George Riegel for tax.....	0	2	6
1764	Dec.	7	By Cash paid Philip Stuber.....	0	10	3
1765	Jan.	22	By Cash paid Christian Labach.....	1	8	6
1768	May	7	By Cash paid Peter Seip.....	4	13	7
1765	Mar.	26	By Cash paid Rudolph Oberly.....	3	6	0
1765	May	14	By Cash paid Rudolph Oberly.....	0	7	0
1766	May	14	By Cash paid Nichol Schull for tax.....	0	12	6
1764	July	20	By Cash paid for letters of Administration.....	0	18	6
1764	July	20	By Cash paid Conrad Hoot.....	0	7	6
1764	July	20	By Cash paid Elizabeth Sheimer for Int.....	1	4	7
1768	May	14	By Cash paid Final Settlement & Copy.....	1	5	0
1768	May	14	By Com. on lb. 548—13 4½ at 5 lb.....	27	8	8
1768	May	14	By Com. on lb. 450—14 ½ at 5 lbs.....	22	10	8½
1768	May	14	By the following debts due from sundry persons for a Stallion covering a Mare amounting to lbs. 6- 3-0, which for want of proof can not be recorded..	6	3	0
			By the following irrecoverable or lost debts,			
			Debt from John Johnston, Senior.....	3	17	9
			Debt from John Johnston, Senior.....	0	9	0
			Debt from Topher Johnston.....	4	12	0
			Debt from Peter Stiet.....	1	5	0
			Debt from George Sheive.....	0	8	0



By the following sums of money due to the children of Jacob Sheimer, Senior, deceased,

Due to Isaac Sheimer left by his father.....	87	0	0
Due to Isaac Sheimer as his share of Peter's estate.....	11	0	0
Due to Isaac Sheimer as his share of John's estate.....	29	0	0
Due Edward Sheimer as his share of his brother's estate.....	58	0	0
Due Samuel Sheimer as his share of Peter's estate.....	7	5	0
Due Samuel Sheimer as his share of John's estate.....	29	0	0
Due Edward Sheimer on his mother's account.....	20	0	0
Balance due by the said Accountants.....	28	9	2 $\frac{3}{4}$

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To balance due by said Accountants.....	28	9	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
To Cash received from Christipher Kutz.....	0	12	8

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By Cash paid John Oberly.....	1	13	6
By Cash paid Rudolph Oberly.....	9	11	6
By Cash paid George Golkowsky.....	0	11	6
By Cash paid Elizabeth Sheimer for Isaac.....	10	0	0
By Cash paid petition for Guardian for the children.....	0	5	9
By Cash paid for an Order of Guardianship.....	0	12	6
By Cash paid Samuel Sheimer.....	7	5	0

Northampton County S. S.

On the 14th day of May Anno 1768 personally appeared the above named Rosina Sheimer and Peter Seip, and being duely sworn did declare and say that the above and within contains a true and just account of their administration of the estate of the said Jacob Sheimer, deceased, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

LEWIS GORDON.

(Lewis Gordon was the first lawyer of Easton.)

## ABRAHAM SHIMER.

(The first Shimer born in America.)

**A** BRAHAM-PAPEN-SCHEIMER, son of Jacob and Margaret Scheimer, Jacob's first wife, and as far as we know the first American born Shimer, was born at Skippack, Pa. His boyhood days were spent at Skippack and "Shimertown," now known as Redington, Pa.

In 1749, he married Lena Westbrook, who was born, October 15th, 1727, a daughter of Anthony Westbrook, of a representative family in Minisiuk Township, and a large land proprietor.

The following record of the marriage is found in the Machackemeck (Port Jervis, New York), and Minisink Church in the quaint manner of the times. It is in the original Dutch and in the handwriting of the pastor, Rev. Johannes Casparus Freyenmoet: "Married—1749, Abram Chambers (Scheimer), young man, born at Skippack, to Lena Westbrook, born at Neshotack, and both dwelling at Minisink. Married the 3rd of March by me J. C. Freyenmoet."

They were blessed with one son, Jacob, born February 23rd, 1752; and three daughters: Hester, born December 15th, 1754; Maria, born November 26th, 1756; Elizabeth, born January 28th, 1759.

Abraham Scheimer was an early settler in the valley of the Minisink of historic name. He probably reached the Minisink by the Old Mine Road, originally an Indian trail, but constructed and used by a company of miners from Holland as early as 1650, extending from Kingston on the Hudson, in close connection, by bridle paths with Depui's settlement, in the Minisink, to the Delaware Water Gap; thence to Nazareth; to the Bethlehem lane over the Lehigh to Irish's stone quarry. It was one of the earliest roads, of that extent, on the continent, and was the avenue of communication between the Delaware and Hudson Rivers. The Surveyor General of 1730 speaks of the valley as being already thickly settled, and of their admiration for a grove of apple trees, far exceeding in size any near Philadelphia. This may have been no small inducement, even then, to the young pioneer from Skippack, as it became his permanent home in 1749, when he married Lena Westbrook.

On the death of his father in 1757, he inherited a large tract of land, with a saw mill, located on the Delaware River, at Bushkill Creek, about 20 miles above Stroudsburg, Pa.

In the will of his father the place is located at a point, "three miles above John Cools," now called Bushkill. Mr. Peter A. Shimer, of Easton, Pa., visited the spot in 1898 and met there an old lady of eighty years of age, who showed him

the spot where the saw mill had stood and said that John Cool was her grandfather, but that his right name was Coolbaugh; however, he was always known by his neighbors as John Cool.

How long Abraham Scheimer lived here we do not know, but we find him, in 1750, located in New Jersey, opposite Milford, Pa. Here he erected a flouring mill, which had also a saw mill in connection, located on Shiner's Creek, about the same time he erected the first two-story house built in the township. Here he lived at the time of the Indian troubles, 1777, and he acquired a great reputation as a hunter and Indian fighter.

It is said that he had to kill so many Indians that his memory was not strong enough to keep the count, so he fell to keeping a tally of notches on his rifle-stock.

A fireside tale in the family, is found in "Historical Collections" of New Jersey, as communicated to the compiler by Hon. Isaac Bonnell, a grandson: "The savages, one morning, crossed the Delaware in a canoe, while it was yet quite dark, and came to a house, not more than eight rods from where the Captain (Shimer) lived, in which lived a family named Jobes. They tomahawked the three brothers and took the women prisoners, then crossed the creek, went to the house of the Captain, before he was up, and gave their savage yell. He sprang from his bed, armed his slaves, four or five in number, with axes and such other weapons as could be found and ordered them to keep the Indians out of the house.

He then seized his trusty rifle and went aloft, where he rolled a feather bed up before the window, covering all but one pane of glass, through which he shot and laid one of the red skins out, cold and stiff. The bullets from the guns of the savages passed through his whiskers; and he said 'That's d—d close shooting.' The balls of the Indians made many marks in the ceiling and beams. The firing of the Captain's rifle alarmed the militia, which was quartered a mile or two above, and when they arrived, the Indians had started to leave with their prisoners, a few women and one of the Captain's slaves. They were pursued so closely, that they fled, leaving their prisoners; but they still lay around in hiding, determined to kill the Captain, if possible. One morning (I have often heard my grandmother relate), he was pursued by the Indians, but the dog caught one of the Indians, while he was climbing a fence. The Captain escaped, but another Indian shot the dog. I do not think that dog was ever recorded in history." The bullet holes are still seen in the house, and the pane of glass remained in the window until the summer of 1842, when the house was repaired. It is still in the possession of his descendants.

At one time he left home, with his dog, on one of his hunting trips. At evening he selected an overhanging rock under which to spend the night, built a fire to keep wild beasts away, ate his lunch, smoked his pipe and then lay down for the night with his gun by his side and his dog at his feet. He rested well until toward morning, when he was awakened by the snarling of the dog. He found his fire out and his dog crawling closely up to him. He noticed gravel and small stones occasionally rolling over the edge of the rock and the dog, in alarm, was always getting closer and closer to his side. He knew some wild beast must

be near, so he took his gun and, bending carefully forward, looked up through the darkness. There he saw two fiery balls looking down at him. He aimed coolly and fired, and down rolled a large panther. His night's rest, however, was finished.

He was always on the lookout for Indians. One day he was in the woods when, all at once, he heard the Indians yell, and he knew they were coming toward him. On this occasion his life was saved by a prostrate hollow tree into which he crawled just in time, for one of the savages passed over the tree in which he lay hidden.

He always said that the Indians could, on a number of occasions have killed him, but, for some reason, they wanted to capture him alive, whether for torture or for some other purpose he never knew.

On his last hunting trip he shot a deer, a large buck. He took out his knife to bleed him, but, as he was about to use it the deer plunged and, with his prongs, hooked and tore an artery in his arm. He fainted with loss of blood and, when found, was so weakened that he never recovered.

Abraham Scheimer was an expert rifleman and hunter, and was Captain of the 3rd Battalion, New Jersey Militia, Army of the Revolution.

On January 10th, 1774, Abraham Shimer bought of Samuel Brinek, four tracts of land lying at Mashepackunt, township of Mantague, New Jersey, for which he paid 673 lbs. proclamation money. The deed is written on parchment, and is recorded in Newton, New Jersey, Book "B" of Deeds, Vols. 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, and 50.

While on an automobile trip, in June, 1908, Mr. Joseph P. Shimer and wife, of Allentown, and the writer and wife, visited this old homestead. Time has wrought many changes in the past 150 years at the old place. About the only thing that remains of the "original homestead" is the well, with its old oaken, iron-bound bucket. The well is 45 feet deep to the water, and the stones around the top of the well are heavily moss-covered, as well as the shingled roof which covers it. The water is the "purest and sweetest that nature can yield," and was greatly enjoyed by the party, who could not refrain from referring to the "Old Oaken Bucket" and remarking that Jacob Shimer, the only son of Abraham, could well say with the author of that well known song:

"That moss-covered bucket I hailed as a treasure,  
For often at noon, when returned from the field,  
I found it a source of an exquisite pleasure,  
The purest and sweetest that nature can yield.  
How ardent I seized it with hands that were glowing,  
And quick to the white pebbled bottom it fell  
Then soon, with the emblem of truth overflowing,  
And dripping with coolness it rose from the well."

Near the well, is the rock back of which Abraham Scheimer is said to have hidden while shooting Indians.

All that remains of the old building is the frame, or shell, as it has been remodeled, and additions built to it. The building with its large porches, which have

recently been built, has been converted into a summer boarding house and is known as "Shady Glen." The proprietress, Mrs. W. G. Brown, in showing us through the house pointed with a show of pride the old fireplace with the original iron crane from which the pot was hung. Another feature of interest was the bedroom doors. They are heavy, paneled on both sides, and have heavy brass knobs, heavy locks and large keys.

The name "Shady Glen" is well chosen as the house is situated in a glen, and is surrounded on all sides by large shade trees.



At the old homestead of Captain Abraham Shimer, in the Valley of the Minisink, now Montague, N. Y. This well was dug, as far as we could learn by the Captain, when he built his house, 1750, the first two-story dwelling in the township.

At one time the Shimers owned large tracts of land in Mantague Township, and reared large families, principally girls; to-day there are but few, in fact, very few Shimer families in that vicinity.

There is no stone marking the last resting place of Abraham Scheimer, and the place of interment is not positively known, but old residents of that neighborhood say that he is buried in the burying ground connected with the old "Yellow Church" (Dutch Reformed Church, of Minisink, now Montague) a short distance below Brick House Hotel. This old burying ground was abandoned by this church organization when the present site for said church was secured in 1828.

## ANTHONY SHIMER.

**A**NTHONY SHIMER was the second son of Jacob and Margaret Scheimer. He was born between the years 1722 and 30. As yet we have no record of his descendants. His name is mentioned in his stepbrother Conrad's will, at which time he must have been about 35 years old. We find the name of Anthony Shimer as a Captain of the Sixth Battalion under Col. Jacob Stroud, 1777.

## JACOB SHIMER.

**J**ACOB SHIMER, the eldest son of Jacob Scheimer and Elizabeth, his second wife, was born in Skippack, Pa., June 4th, 1734. He married Rosina Seip, June 13th, 1758. She was born September 7th, 1739, in Michelstadt, Odenwald, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, being according to her granddaughter, Mrs. Michael Butz, of Easton, Pa., "of good breeding and well-to-do."

In the spring of 1751, Rosina's eldest brother, Melchior Seip, emigrated and landed in Philadelphia, September 14th, 1751. He settled in the eastern part of what is now Weissenberg Township, Northampton Co., Pa. Among the families that organized the congregation of the Ziegel or Macungie Church, one of the oldest churches in the county, was that of Melchior Seip.

Soon after Melchior Seip emigrated, his father died, and the widow, with her adult son, Peter, her 13-year-old daughter, Rosina, and 11-year-old son, Jacob, followed her son, Melchior, to America. The widowed mother took sick, died and was buried at sea, when within six weeks of their place of destination, the bereaved family landing in Philadelphia, September 22nd, 1752. Peter Seip, with his sister, Rosina, and brother, Jacob, settled where subsequently Seipsville, Northampton County, Pa., was founded.

It is said that Rosina, when she saw the body of her dead mother dropped over the side of the ship into the sea, was so despondent that she attempted to jump in after her. The Captain, however, pulled her back and took her into his cabin and there prayed with her and in every way tried to console her. Many years after when she would relate the incident to her grandchildren the thought of it would bring tears to her eyes.

During the Indian massacre of 1755-56 in and around Northampton County, Jacob Shimer enlisted as a soldier under Captain Jacob Arndt, receiving as pay for his services 13 lbs. 6s. He was named in his father's will as one of the executors.

He occupied the old homestead, at Shimertown, now Redington, Pa. He died according to tradition of smallpox in 1764, at the early age of 30, intestate. His tombstone is the oldest and most interesting in the old Saucon graveyard; it reads as follows:

DER TOD IST MIR ZU GLICK GEWORDEN ICH WOHN AN EINEM  
BESSERN ORTE.

HIER LICHT EIN JACOB PILGERMAN AUS SCHEUMMERS STAMMEER HER  
KAM UND RUHET NUN IN JESU SCHOS VON CREUTZ UND PLAG ISS  
ER JETZ LOS.

DER SEELIGE JACOB SCHEUMMER IST GEBOHREN DEM 4TEN JUNIUS  
ANNO 1734 UND VON DER ZEITLICHEN WELT ABGEFORDERT WORDEN DEN  
6 JUNIUS ANNO 1764 IST ALT WORDEN 29 JAHR 11 MONAT 3  
WOCHEN UND 3 TAG.



GRAVE OF JACOB SHIMER.

The larger stone marks the last resting place of Jacob Shimer who was born at Skippack, Pa., June 4th, 1734. He was the first son of Jacob and Elizabeth Scheimer. The stone itself shows the wear of time and is fast falling to pieces. The letters look as if they had been cut in with a jackknife. The grave is at the upper end of the old burying ground at the Lower Saucon Church, Northampton County, Pa.

The smaller stone is nearly crumbled to pieces. There is no inscriptions left to tell who rests beneath the mound but we have all reasons to believe that it marks the last resting place of Jacob Scheimer, the father of Jacob, the first Shimer to come to America.

The children of this marriage were Peter, born January 20th, 1760; Samuel, born December 5th, 1762; and John, born April 4th, 1764.

Peter married Anna Maria Lerch; his second wife was the widow of Philip Lerch, nee Elizabeth Kratzer. Samuel married Elizabeth Schuelpp (Shilp), April 24th, 1791. John married Salome Von Buskirk.

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## CONRAD SHIMER.

CONRAD SHEIMER, the second son of Jacob and Elizabeth Scheimer, was born about 1736. He is named in his father's will as one of the executors, with his elder brother, Jacob, but he died single, December, 1760, leaving that which his father had left him to Jacob. It appears that the sons of "old Jacob" did not marry young. Conrad was between 24 and 25 when he died, single; his brother, Jacob, was at least 25 when he "took unto himself" Rosina Seip; and Edward was 24 when he was married.

### COPY OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CONRAD SHIMER.

In the name of God, Amen. I Conrad Shimer of Lower Saucon Township in the county of Northampton and Province of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, being sick in body, but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following;

First—I give my soul to my dear Redeemer and my body to be buried and as to my worldly estate and goods I dispose of after my debts and funeral charges are paid, in manner following;

In order to discharge my legacies hereinafter mentioned I do give and bequeath unto my brother Jacob Shimer after my death all my whole estate whatsoever, both real and personal given and bequeathed to me by my father, Jacob Shimer's last will and testament.

I will and bequeath unto my four brothers Samuel, Edward, Isaac and John Shimer the sum of 10 pounds unto each of them to be paid in manner following; that is to say, the sum of ten pounds to my brother Samuel on the 27th, day of May next.

Item—The sum of ten pounds to my brother Edward when he arrives to the age of twenty one years

Item—the sum of ten pounds to my brother Isaac and the sum of ten pounds to my brother John to be paid to each of them on the first day of October which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four.

Item—the sum of ten pounds to my brother Anthony Shimer to be paid to him on the 27th day of May next.

Item—I give and bequeath unto my sister Mary Shoemaker and Catharine Young each the sum of four pounds to be paid the 27th day of November ensuing.

And I do also hereby nominate or design and appoint my brother Jacob Shimer to be the executor of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made and pronounce, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal to ratify and confirm the same this third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty, in the thirty third of His Majesty's reign.

(Signed) His  
CONRAD (X) SHIMER  
Mark.

Witnessed.

Benjamin Scrivener.

John Jones.

Proved 17th day of December, 1760

Remaining on file in the Register's Office at Easton in the County of Northampton, Pennsylvania.

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## SAMUEL SHIMER.

SAMUEL SHIMER, the third son of Jacob and Elizabeth Scheimer, was born about 1738. As yet we have not found any of his descendants, if he had any. His name is mentioned in his brother Conrad's will in 1760. In the "final settlement" of his father's estate, his name is mentioned as receiving money in 1766.

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## EDWARD SHIMER.

EDWARD SHIMER, the fourth son of Jacob and Elizabeth Scheimer, was born February 28, 1741, at "Shimertown," now known as Redington, Pa.

(On the old maps of Northampton County it is spelled Shimertown but on the patent granting lands to Edward Shimer it is spelled Shimerton.) In 1765 he married Rosina (Seip) Shimer, the widow of his brother, Jacob. She was at this time a young widow of 26, with three children and a large estate to look after, as her husband, Jacob, had been the sole executor of his father's estate; Conrad, the other executor named, having died and left all to him.

Edward was a young man of 24 when he married Rosina, and had by this time come into possession of the money which his father had willed him. Besides, by marrying Rosina he became possessor of a large portion of the "original estate," as his father had willed his plantation to Jacob and Conrad.

According to records he bought in 1767 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a tract of land of 186 acres. In 1775 he built a large stone house, still standing and well preserved, on the "old plantation."

In 1789 he bought 26 acres 80 perches of land from his stepsons, Samuel and John. By this time he must have owned several hundred acres of land as, according to his deed, he owned land before he purchased the 186 acres in 1767.

In those days all young men had to learn a trade. Edward learned to be a saddler, but we have no records to show that he ever followed his trade. He was a good Lutheran, a patriot, and a member of the Revolutionary Committee of Safety, of Northampton County, and Captain in the First Battalion from Northampton County under Col. Geo. Hubner, 1777.

We find among the "Taxables in Northampton County" in 1780, the name of Edward Shimer, and the assessed value of his property is 1207 lbs., which is far above the average; in fact there were but 25 taxable inhabitants in the entire county who were rated higher.

There is an interesting story told about Edward Shimer. In his early life before he was married, he traveled South in the fall and negotiated for a farm with the expectation of settling there the following spring. After returning home, winter set in and grew very cold so that the Lehigh River froze to a great depth, making excellent skating, of which Edward was very fond. Being an excellent skater he undertook racing and kept it up a considerable time. This proved too violent exercise for him. He was afterwards taken ill and suffered severely from the effects of this illness, till some time in the following July. He was left a cripple ever after, suffering in his leg from lameness and eruptions below the knee. This misfortune caused him to abandon his settling in the South. He was afterwards obliged to use a staff or cane in walking. He purchased one with a silver head. It was too gay for him, yet the cane suited him so well that he removed the silver head and replaced it with a round, wooden one and used the cane to the day of his death. He resolved to make a souvenir of it, and requested that after his death it should be given to his oldest son; so John received it and to his dying day, which was when he was 86 years of age, he used it from the time of rising in the morning till lying down to rest at night. After his death it fell into the hands of William, the oldest son of John, and he used it till his death; now it has come to Milton, the oldest son of William, with the understanding that it is to go to Stanley, his only son. The cane is still (1908) well preserved.

For nearly one hundred years Edward and Rosina have now been resting side by side in their old home orchard under large slabs covered with German inscriptions, in a wall-enclosed private burial ground.

Following are the inscriptions on the slabs of Edward and Rosina Scheimer:

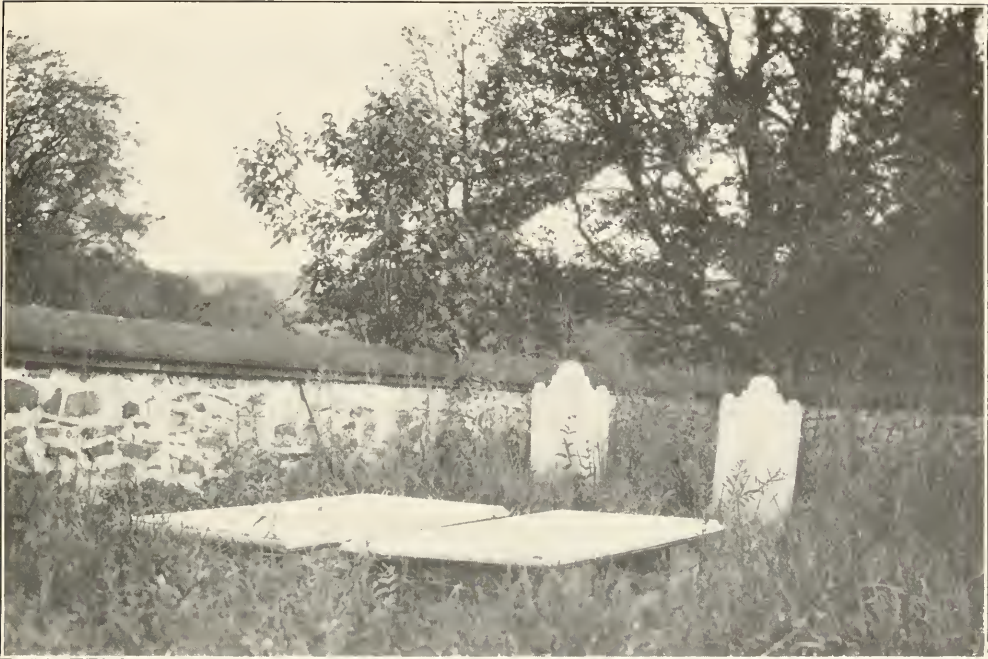
Hier ruhet in Gott  
EDWARD SCHEIMER

Er erblickte das licht dieser welt 1741 den 28 Feb. Er endigte seine pilgrimschaft auf erden als aeltester in der Evangelisch Lutherischen Gemeinde in Lower Saucon den 16 Feb. 1815 nachdem er dieselble gebracht auf 74 Jahre. Sein leichnam ward unter beglitung einer zahlreichen menge leichen-begleiter der erde ubergeben bey welcher gelegenheit eine eindruckliche rede gehalten wurden ueber 2 Tim. 4:—7, 8. "Ich habe einen guten kamft gekaempft, hinfort ist mir bey gelegt die crone der Gerechtigkeit."

Translated this would read :

Here rests in God  
EDWARD SCHEIMER

He saw the light of this world in 1741, the 28th of Feb. He ended his pilgrimage on earth as elder in the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Lower Saucon on the 16th of Feb., 1815, after he had brought the same to 74 years. His body accompanied by many mourners, was given back to earth, on which occasion an impressive sermon was preached on 2 Tim. 4:—7, 8. "I have fought a good fight, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."



This is a corner of the wall-enclosed private burying plot on the farm of B. Franklin Shimer (the original farm bought 1740). Here for nearly one hundred years Edward and Rosina Shimer have been resting side by side in their old home orchard under large marble slabs covered with German inscriptions. This plot stands about one hundred yards from the old stone house built by Edward Shimer in 1775 and is still well preserved.

Hier ruhet in Gott  
ROSINA SCHEIMER

geboren Scip. Gebohren den 7ten, September 1739. Als Evangelischen Lutherischen confession war sie verehlicht gewesen einmal mit Jacob Scheimer in welcher ehre sie mit 3 kindern gesegnet ward, 3 sohne, nach dessen tode verehlichte sie sich wiederum mit Edward Scheimer und zeugten 3 sohn and 1 tochter, 1 sohn entschlafen, sie erlebte 7 kinder and 54 enkel entschlief in einen alter von 83 jahren. Gepredigt bey ihrer Beerdigung uber 2 Timoth 4:—7, 8.

The children of this marriage were Jacob, born Jan. 1, 1767; Isaac, born May 6, 1769; Abraham, born April 7, 1774, died in infancy; Susanna, born Feb. 22, 1776. Jacob married, April, 1791, Elizabeth Beyl (sisters). Isaac married, 1796, Susanna Beyl (sisters). Susanna married, first James Bingham, and secondly Dr. Peter Von Steuben.

Following is a copy of the deed referred to in reference to 186 acres of land bought of the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

The Supreme Executive Council of the  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

To all to whom these presents shall come:—

Greetings.

Know ye that in the consideration of the sum of thirty-four pounds twelve shillings lawful money paid by Edward Shimer into the Receiver General's Office of the Commonwealth, there is granted by the said Commonwealth to the said Edward Shimer, a certain tract of land called "Shimerton" situated in Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County. Beginning at a chestnut tree on the banks of the west branch of the Delaware, thence by other lands of said Shimer south forty nine degrees, east 340 perches to a white Oak, thence by land of John Oberly south  $22\frac{1}{2}$  perches to a Black Oak, and south 39 degrees east  $35\frac{1}{2}$  perches to a stone, thence by land of Benedict Lutz south 41 degrees west 47 perches to a stone, thence by land of Peter McKnight north 49 degrees west 190 perches to a stone and south 15 degrees west 45 perches to a stone, thence by land of Jacob Bush, north 86 degrees west  $53\frac{3}{4}$  perches to a stone, thence by land of Matthias Gettart, north 4 degrees west 134 perches to a stone and north 49 degrees west  $107\frac{1}{2}$  perches to a Hazel tree by said river thence down the same 61 perches to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and eighty-six acres, and allowance of  $6\frac{7}{8}$  for roads etc., with the appurtenances (which said tract was surveyed in pursuance of an application No. 2490 entered the 10th of April 1767 by the said Edward Shimer for whom a warrent of acceptance issued the 29th of April 1788) To have and to hold the said tract, a parcel of land with the appurtenances unto the said Edward Shimer and his heirs, to the use of him the said Edward Shimer his heirs and assigns for ever, free and clear of all restrictions and reservations as to mines, royalties quit rents or other wise excepting and reserving only the fifth part of all gold and silver ore for the use of the Commonwealth, to be delivered at the pit's mouth, clear of all charges.

In witness whereof the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esq. Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council hath hereto set his hand and caused the State Seal to be hereto affixed in Council the third day of May, in the year of our Lord, 1788 and of the Commonwealth the Twelfth.

Attest:—

Charles Biddle, Sec.

Enrolled in the Roll Office  
for the State of Pennsylvania  
in Patent Book No. 13 page 96  
May 5th, 1788.

An account of the steps by which the early settlers obtained the right, title and possession of their lands, may not be uninteresting. Having cast about for any unoccupied land that pleased his fancy the colonist made application to the rulers of the province of Pennsylvania for a warrant for the survey of the land selected, paying at the same time a certain per cent. of the purchase money. The

prices of the land varied at times. Thus between the years 1744 and 1758 the price per hundred acres was fifteen pounds ten shillings, or forty-one dollars and thirty-three cents, or forty-one cents per acre. About 1762 and 1763, the time of the Indian troubles, the price sank to nine pounds, or twenty-four dollars. In 1765 it rose to its former price of fifteen pounds ten shillings, at which figure it remained but for a short time. In July, 1765, the price fell again to five pounds sterling, or twenty-two dollars and twenty-two cents at which price it was sold till after the close of the Revolutionary war and the return of peace in 1784.

After taking out the warrant the settler had a presumptive title to the land which he secured by paying a portion of the purchase money down as already stated. The warrant in reality was only an instrument giving the surveyor-general of the province authority to survey a tract of land corresponding in quantity to what was asked for in the settler's application. The survey was then made, generally a few months after the issuing of the warrant and a return made to the land office, with a draft attached. Then at the convenience of the colonist, sometimes not for many years after the first steps were taken, the settler paid the balance of the purchase money, and received from the proprietaries of the province a deed-patent for the land surveyed for him. The full title to their lands was thus often not secured by the early settlers till after the lapse of twenty or twenty-five years, from the time when they first settled.

The following agreement of John Shimer, son of Jacob and Rosina Shimer, and stepson of Edward, the ancestor of the Shimer families of Lehigh County, Pa., is both interesting and unique:

#### Agreement

John Seip Shimer

to

Edward Shimer

for his one half part of 125 acres of land, more or less. To all people, unto whom these presents shall come. John Shimer of Springfield Township in the County of Bucks and State of Penna., Wheelwright, (son of Jacob Shimer late of Lower Saucon Township in the county of Northampton, in the said State, Yeoman, Deceased) Sendeth Greetings, Whereas, he the said Jacob Shimer, in his life time and at the time of his death by some good conveyance and assurance in the Law by him duly had and executed, became lawfully seized and possessed of and in a certain plantation and tract of land, situated, lying and being in Lower Saucon Township aforesaid, containing about Two-hundred and fifty acres (be the same more or less), and the said Jacob Shimer, being so thereof seized and possessed on aforesaid, died intestate, leaving issue (to wit) a widow and three sons; Viz. Peter, Samuel and John, party hereto, and whereas the said Peter, as eldest son, took two shares or parts of the land of his deceased father, by means whereof there remained, or is supposed to remain, about one hundred and twenty-five acres, be the same more or less, to be divided amongst said deceased's two younger sons, Samuel and the first above named John Shimer. Now know ye that I, the said John Shimer, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and seventy-five pounds (\$466.66) lawful money of Pennsylvania in gold and silver

coin unto me in hand well and truly paid, or insured to be paid, by Edward Shimer of Lower Saucon, aforesaid, Yeoman, at and before the sealing and delivering of these presents, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge etc. etc. In witness whereof the said John Shimer hath hereunto set his hand and seal the twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

(Signed) JOHN SHIMER.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of John Heller and Robert Traill.

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## PETER SHIMER.

PETER SHIMER, the fifth son of Jacob and Elizabeth Scheimer, was born between 1741 and 1749. His name is mentioned in his father's will, and instructions are given to the trustees to apprentice him to some tradesman for the purpose of learning a trade. His name is not mentioned in his brother Conrad's will, and as his brother mentioned all the others, it is inferred that he must have died prior to that date, namely, 1760. In the "final settlement" of his father's estate, dated 1768, mention is made of his portion of the estate being divided between his two brothers, Samuel and Isaac.

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## ISAAC SHIMER.

ISAAC SHIMER, the sixth son of Jacob and Elizabeth Scheimer, was born August 6th, 1749, at "Shimerton," now Redington, Pa. In 1776 at the age of 27, he joined Washington's army enlisting in Colonel Baxter's battalion, under Captain John Arndt, of the "Flying Camp." He was one of the "boys of the Forks of the Delaware." From the "History of Northampton County" we read the following in reference to the men of the "Flying Camp:"

"Towards the formation of the 'Flying camp' the quota of men to be furnished by Northampton County, was three hundred and forty-six. There was no hesitation in the business of recruiting these; for the patriotic spirit, which had already kindled, became intensified four fold when the announcement at last came that Congress had, on the Fourth of July, snapped asunder the last bond which held Pennsylvania a colony of the crown of England, and the people felt that they were no longer subjects, but citizens, clothed with the attribute of self-government.

Recruits came in freely to the Northampton battalion of Colonel Baxter. So rapidly had the recruiting progressed, since the Act of the fourth of July became known, that, early in August, the Northampton troops joined Washington's army on Long Island. In the battle which occurred there, on the 27th of the month,

and which resulted so disastrously to the Americans, THE BOYS FROM THE FORKS OF THE DELAWARE BEHAVED MOST GALLANTLY AND SUFFERED SEVERE LOSS."

In a journal kept at Bethlehem, in those days, we find the following:—"September 2-6. In these days, parties of militia on their return from New York, passes, bringing the intelligence that a battalion from the county had suffered



Tombstone of Isaac Shimer, in the cemetery at the old Williams Township Church, Northampton County, Pa. There are a number of Shimers buried in the cemetery

severely at the engagement with the British, on Long Island, on the 27th of August last, having left most of its men either dead or wounded." At the Fort Washington fight, November 16th, 1776, their list of casualties was still greater.

Following are the names and rank of those killed or taken at Fort Washington, November 16th, 1776: 1st Lieut., Joseph Martin; 3rd Lieut., Isaac Shimer; Drummer, John Arndt, Sr.; Fifer, Henry Allshouse; Privates, John Wolf, Christian Rodt, and many others are mentioned.

There is no doubt but that the sons of Jacob Scheimer were loyal patriots. Isaac was a 3rd Lieutenant when captured in the battle of Fort Washington; whether he was elected to that position before leaving Easton, or whether promoted for bravery at the battle of Long Island, we do not know.

Of the battle of Long Island a writer has said, "The battle of Long Island was the Thermopylae of the Revolution and the Pennsylvania Germans were the Spartans." Isaac Shimer survived the battle of Long Island, but was made a prisoner at Fort Washington. It is said that he was confined on an island, but escaped by swimming though discovered and fired upon while in the water.

After his service of seven years in the army he returned to Williams township, where he became one of the most prominent men of his day, in all that country. For 27 years he was Justice of the Peace; he was a sober, upright and industrious man. At his funeral, which was a very large one, there was a big feast, as was the custom of that time. He was 88 years old when he died. On his tombstone, which is in the cemetery of the Williams Township Church, is the following:

Zum andenken

an

Isaac Scheimer

ein held von 76 war geboren den 6th August 1749 and starb den 10th April 1838.  
Alt worden 88 jahre 8 monate and 4 tage.

Wohl zu thun und treu zu sein fuhret uns zum Himmel ein.

He was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Gertart, who died without issue. His second wife was Elizabeth Kichline. The children of this marriage were Jacob, born September 16, 1783; Elizabeth; Nancy; Susan, born April 23, 1788; Pollie (Mary), born Feb. 29, 1792; and Sarah, born June 21, 1794.

Jacob married Hettie Breinig; Elizabeth married Frederick Hartman; Nancy married Jacob Carpenter; Pollie married Joseph Carpenter, brother of Frederick; Susan married Christian Laubach, and Sarah married John Knoble.

## JOHN SHIMER.

JOHN SHIMER, the seventh son of Jacob and Elizabeth Scheimer, and thirteenth child of Jacob, was born at "Shimerton" about 1751. His father was at this time over 70 years of age. In his father's will specific instructions are given that his wife, Elizabeth, is to be sole guardian and have power to apprentice his son, John. His name is mentioned in his brother Conrad's will in 1760. He died, however, before 1768, as his portion of his father's estate was given to Edward, Samuel and Isaac, as per "final settlement of the estate of Jacob Scheimer, deceased, May 14th, 1768."

With the will of Jacob Scheimer in which he mentions his children by name as well as states "by my present wife," showing that he was twice married, and with the "final settlement of the estate of Jacob Scheimer" we feel confident that



we have a foundation laid that can not be disputed; besides, we know the last resting places of three of his sons by his second wife, Elizabeth. Jacob, the first son, lies buried at Lower Saucon Church; Edward, in the private burying plot at Redington; and Isaac, at Williams Township Church.

There is no doubt that the sons of Jacob Scheimer were loyal patriots. Abraham, his first born, by his first wife, Margaret, was a Captain of the 3rd Battalion New Jersey Militia, Army of the Revolution. Anthony, second son, was a Captain of the 6th Battalion under Col. Jacob Stroud, 1777. Jacob, his first son by the second wife, Elizabeth, was a soldier during the time of the Indian massacres; Isaac was a Lieutenant in Colonel Baxter's battalion of the "flying camp," and Edward was a member of the "Committee of Safety" of Northampton County, and Captain in the first Battalion from Northampton County under Col. Geo. Hubner.



The "Old Homestead" built by Edward Shimer in 1775.

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SHIMER REUNION, SEPTEMBER 3rd 1906, OAKLAND PARK, PA

## REUNIONS.

**M**OST beginnings are small and this is true of the Shimer Reunions. It may, perhaps, be said that these had their beginning in those little picnics of a few congenial families at the oldest Shimer homestead of all, that one built in 1775 by Edward Shimer on the uplands above Redington, Pa. The first of these was held in 1898 and those who were there had no thought of anything so ambitious as a "reunion." They went to enjoy a day's outing, to see the old place and to pay their respects to Mr. B. Franklin Shimer, since deceased, who was then the bright and active owner.

After visiting the old stone house and wall-enclosed graveyard in the orchard where Edward and Rosina Shimer have been resting these many years, the party carried their lunch baskets down to the glen and placed them near the spring.

Mr. Shimer acted as guide, and pointed out the place where, according to tradition, "the Indinas used to polish their gun barrels." There were two parallel grooves upon a large rock, which was about two feet from the edge of the brook, with a strip of sand between. There were some present who were somewhat skeptical about the "gun barrel" part of the story, as it would be much easier to believe that here the Indians ground those stone tomahawks sometimes found in the nearby fields, for the convenient proximity of water, sand and the grooves in the rock suggested this most naturally.

The glen and brook, with narrow meadow and ancient trees, were very picturesque. Here, too, were seen the sites of an old dam and linseed mill, a side industry of the Shimers of long ago.

Some excellent photographs were taken of groups in those old surroundings, which the possessors value more highly from year to year, especially since some of the older ones then present, have been gathered to their fathers.

The lunch at the spring was, as always, very good, and the afternoon passed all too quickly. The older ones talked of old times, while the younger ones romped around and waded in the brook.

There were a number of those little Shimer picnics in the years that followed, sometimes at Redington and sometimes at the other old homestead, built by Jacob Shimer, son of Edward and Rosina Shimer, in 1801, which somehow seemed much nearer to us, probably, because those who were born and reared there were our grandfathers whom we knew in the flesh. It is a grand old place.

In those days, more than a hundred years ago, the fathers built great houses of stone, simple and effective in architecture, surrounded by trees and gardens, in the midst of their broad acres. In them they reared large families of sturdy sons and daughters. Though Jacob Shimer was a farmer, and there was none

better, there are many things which indicate that this old home was one of peculiar refinement. This we safely infer from the gentle and lovable character of all those reared there. This is also shown by a remark of "Auntie Butz," Jacob Shimer's only daughter, Elizabeth, who once said, "I had seven brothers and never had an unkind word from one of them."



A gathering of Shimers, August 13th, 1898, at the old original "Shimer plantation" bought 1740. This was one of the first Shimer gatherings, and as we contemplate the scene, the happy faces and sylvan surroundings, we think of Longfellow's:

Pleasant it was, when woods were green  
 And winds were soft and low,  
 To lie amid some sylvan scene,  
 Where, the long drooping boughs between,  
 Shadows dark and sunlight sheen  
 Alternate come and go ;

Or where the denser grove receives  
 No sunlight from above,  
 But the dark foliage interweaves  
 In one unbroken roof of leaves,  
 Underneath whose sloping eaves  
 The shadows hardly move

The Shimer picnics seemed to be getting larger from year to year, and, in 1905, at this old homestead, an organization was effected by the election of the following officers: President, Allen R. Shimer, of Bethlehem, Pa.; Vice-President, Porter W. Shimer, of Easton, Pa.; Secretary, Howard E. Shimer, of Nazareth, Pa.; and Treasurer, Stewart A. Shimer, of Bethlehem, Pa. From this on the



A gathering of Shimers, 1902, at one of the "Old Shimer Homesteads," Dry Land, Northampton County, Pa., situated about three miles below Bethlehem; built by Jacob Scip Shimer, 1801. This picture was taken after the gathering had listened to the reading of the will of Jacob Scheimer (1st), the ancestor of the Shimer family in America, and the singing of the hymns, "America" and "Blest be the tie that binds." It was at this meeting that the question was asked, "What relation am I to you?" the starting point of this work.

larger reunions began, thus far held at Oakland Park, a place appropriate in a way, for it lies in the midst of the many hundred acres owned by the Shimers there in early times. It is hoped, however, that these reunions may remain simple and unostentatious, with unbounded self respect, as befits the character of the family, for in this way only can the interest be kept perennial.



A gathering of Shimers, 1905, at the "Old Shimer Homestead," Dry Land, Northampton County, Pa. At this old "homestead" the Shimers held their gatherings for a number of years. It was at this gathering, that the "Shimer Reunion Association" was formed by the election of the following officers: President, ALLEN R. SHIMER, Bethlehem, Pa.; Vice-President, PORTER W. SHIMER, Easton, Pa.; Secretary, HOWARD E. SHIMER, Nazareth, Pa.; Treasurer, STEWART A. SHIMER, Bethlehem, Pa.

The writer wishing to have the views of others on the question of these reunions, corresponded with Edgar Dubs Shimer, of New York, asking for his impression of the reunion held in 1907. Following is his reply:

Dear Cousin Allen:

You ask me to give you my impression of the Shimer Reunion held in August, 1907, at Oakland Park, near Easton, Penna. Allow me to reply that the varied experiences of that day rise vividly in my memory at the slightest suggestion and give me a thrill of pleasurable emotion.

In the first place the great natural beauty of the grove attracted me. As we wandered down the winding aisles in the shadow of this aged wood toward the booth in which we finally gathered, it seemed as though we were entering one of God's first temples. The heart could not resist the sacred influence of the grandeur, strength and grace of the venerable columns, the gray old barked trunks that stretched high up to heaven massy and tall and dark, swaying their verdant

tops to the breeze. It was a happy thought to select such a simple, charming and accessible spot for the friendly intercourse, the jolly companionship and the intimate communion of a family gathering.

The sight of familiar and half forgotten faces, the warm hand-clasp, the hearty voice of welcome from the buoyant and the sturdy, and the gentler tones of loved ones plainly aging, soon focused all thought and feeling on the purely human aspect of life. Long buried memories were resurrected, and the tide of sentiment ran strong. Humor and pathos took the stage by turns. Laughter was intermingled with tears. Yet at all times there was song in the air, and the



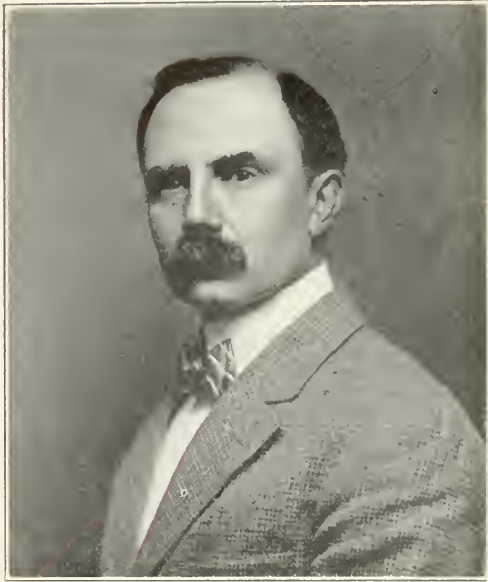
OFFICERS OF THE SHIMER REUNION ASSOCIATION, 1905.

dominant note was joyous and hopeful. Who ever saw a Shimer that was not fundamentally a creature of joy and of hope and, I may add, of affection?

The size of the company astonished me, especially in view of the sudden vexatious postponement of the meeting set for a previous day, but made impossible because of unpropitious weather. It was a magnificent demonstration of loyalty to an idea, namely, that blood is after all thicker than water.

The cynic of the outer world may say with a sneer, "Go to strangers for money, to your friends for advice, and to your relatives for nothing." The testimony of the Shimers, so far as my experience and observation are of value, runs counter to any such dictum.

The very spirit that promotes and successfully perpetuates such annual reunions repudiates utter selfishness and fosters a Christian altruism which blossoms in family life for fuller fruitage in the larger life of the state. This is the



President, ALLEN R. SHIMER



Vice President, PORTER W. SHIMER.



Secretary, HOWARD E. SHIMER.



Treasurer, JOSEPH P. SHIMER.

OFFICERS OF THE SHIMER REUNION ASSOCIATION. 1906-1909.



rich heritage of the Teuton, and if for no other reason than this every Shimer should be proud of his Teutonic lineage.

Differences no doubt exist among the members of our family, in common with all other families, but underlying all these there is a community of sentiment that makes for solidarity. This fact impressed me profoundly as the evidences of its truth poured in upon me from all directions, and I gloried in the consciousness of the supreme power that comes to the individual self from the feeling that there is a larger self beside him, that of the family, to give him moral support.

Mere pride of birth is vanity, but the consciousness of being one of a family possessed of noble ideals and worthy ambitions, clearly held in view and persistently striven after, is far from vain. It calls for all that is good in its possessor, and tends to establish a pride in family of which no one needs be ashamed. This is the deepest and most abiding impression made upon me at the Shimer Reunion of 1907.

Let us say with St. Paul, in all humility of spirit, "I magnify my office." In other words, let us say with proper grace and becoming modesty, but with the firmness of a well ordered pride born of a full conviction, "I am a Shimer, therefore— —."

You may remember that I played upon the letters of the name by making them stand in their order for a series of qualities; as sober, honest, industrious, manly, energetic and reliable; or sincere, honorable, indefatigable, masterful, exemplary and reasonable; or, social, hearty, intelligent, moral, emotional and religious. Now riddle me this riddle in acrostic. What should a Shimer be?

Social as becomes a man;  
Honest through and through;  
Instant always in his plan;  
Masterful to do;  
Exemplary as he can;  
Righteous, just and true.

Last but not least by any means, my dear Allen, I was strongly impressed with the feeling that we all owe you a debt of gratitude for the energy with which you have labored to unify the sentiment that unmistakably pervades the Shimer family, and to provide fitting opportunity for the proper expression and consequent strengthening of that sentiment. May you keep the fire constantly burning on your altar, and may the fragrance of the incense thrown upon it permeate our entire kith and kin.

So may we all for many a year  
Have memories in mind  
In which bright glories shall appear  
Mementos fitly shrined;  
Endearments of reunion cheer,  
Rewards for love of kind.

Whatever else we may do, let us continue to cherish the spirit of family fellowship.

Yours affectionately,

EDGAR DUBS SHIMER.



(Standing) PETER A. SHIMER, Easton, Pa.; PORTER W. SHIMER, Easton, Pa.; EDGAR C. SHIMER, Allentown, Pa.; J. MYRON SHIMER, Allentown, Pa.; EDGAR DUBS SHIMER, Jamaica, L. I.; JOHN N. M. SHIMER, Philadelphia, Pa.; MILTON J. SHIMER, Bethlehem, Pa.

(Seated) DR. WILLIAM SHIMER, Philadelphia, Pa.; MRS. W. SHIMER (wife), Philadelphia, Pa.; JACOB T. SHIMER, Bethlehem, Pa.; LLEWELLYN S. SHIMER, Shimersville, Pa.

## REGISTER.

The following have attended these reunions, as per the register:

- Mr. and Mrs. Alexander S. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.
- Mr. and Mrs. Hiram S. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.
- Madelenie D. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.
- Harriet M. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.
- Martha G. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.
- Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn S. Shimer, Shimersville, Pa.
- Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Shimer, Nazareth, Pa.
- Harry W. Shimer, Alliance, Pa.
- Mrs. C. S. Shimer, Macungie, Pa.
- Katie L. Shimer, Macungie, Pa.

George Gerhard, Macungie, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hart, Allentown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.  
Bessie A. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.  
Frances K. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.  
Mr. G. F. Egner, Allentown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hartzel, Allentown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob T. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Bessie U. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Ralph W. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
J. Manton Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Russell M. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Ruth M. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Stanley R. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Dr. J. G. Mensch, Pennsburg, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Shimer, Riegelsville, Pa.  
Florence L. Shimer, Riegelsville, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Riegel, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Marion E. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Stanley D. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Irwin H. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mary E. Shimer, Freemansburg, Pa.  
Elsie Shimer, Freemansburg, Pa.  
Robert Shimer, Freemansburg, Pa.  
Emma Shimer, Freemansburg, Pa.  
Mrs. Elmira D. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.  
Carrie E. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.  
Mrs. Ida R. Laudemberger, Freemansburg, Pa.  
Margarite S. Laudemberger, Freemansburg, Pa.  
Evelyn Laudemberger, Freemansburg, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Shimer, Jamaica, N. Y.  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Porter W. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Katharine Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
W. Robert Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Edward B. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Margaret Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shimer, Tatamy, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shimer, Stockertown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Messinger, Tatamy, Pa.  
Mrs. Kate M. Stauffer, Easton, Pa.  
Mrs. A. Eliza Werkheiser, Easton, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Shimer, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Florence Shimer, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Helen Shimer, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvin Shimer, Martin's Creek, Pa.  
Hervey W. Shimer, Martin's Creek, Pa.  
Chester E. Shimer, Martin's Creek, Pa.  
Flora V. Shimer, Martin's Creek, Pa.  
Blanch Shimer, Martin's Creek, Pa.  
Hilma K. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Carl W. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Frank G. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. George D. Shimer, Bangor, Pa.  
Kathryn and Sarah Shimer, Bangor, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Weller, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Essie R. Weller, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Mrs. Hiram K. Bachman, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Isabella Morrison, South Easton, Pa.  
Mrs. Thomas D. King, Easton, Pa.  
Lillian King, Easton, Pa.  
Mrs. Kate Shimer, Milton, Pa.  
Elizabeth Shimer, Milton, Pa.  
Miriam C. Shimer, Milton, Pa.  
Mrs. L. A. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Stewart A. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Dr. and Mrs. Frank A. Garis, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Dorothy F. Garis, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Abraham A. Shimer, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Mr. Charles A. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Buss, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Russell S. Buss, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Elsie C. Buss, Catasauqua, Pa.  
Mrs. Lizzie Kern, Martin's Creek, Pa.  
Mrs. Lydia Z. Feit, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Mrs. Maggie Carhart, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Mrs. Lillie Gruver, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Susan Carhart, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Fritts, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Mrs. Anna M. Dewalt, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mrs. John J. Riegel, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mrs. Thomas G. Riegel, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mrs. Emma Herring, Bethlehem, Pa.

Mary and Cora Herring, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. John N. M. Shimer, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clement R. H. Cunningham, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mrs. Herbert M. Shimer, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mildred F. Shimer, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mr. August L. Von Steuben, Allentown, Pa.  
Mrs. Frank Wind, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mrs. Martin Frankenfield, Allentown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Levers, Washington, D. C.  
May Adele Levers, Washington, D. C.  
Mrs. Owen Hess, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mrs. Allen F. Jacoby, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Titus Shimer, Riegelsville, N. J.  
Titus A. Shimer, Riegelsville, N. J.  
Mabel Shimer, Riegelsville, N. J.  
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Shimer, Stockertown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wheitzel, Tatamy, Pa.  
Charles Whitesell, Tatamy, Pa.  
Steward Whitesell, Tatamy, Pa.  
John Whitesell, Tatamy, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Erwin B. Shimer, Stockertown, Pa.  
Charles E. Shimer, Tatamy, Pa.  
Dr. Floyd A. Shimer, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Benjamin M. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Emily F. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Mrs. Matilda B. Chidsey, Easton, Pa.  
Mrs. Jacob S. Butz, Easton, Pa.  
Elizabeth S. Butz, Easton, Pa.  
Charles M. Butz, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Butz, Easton, Pa.  
Samuel Butz, Easton, Pa.  
Mary Elizabeth Butz, Easton, Pa.  
Mrs. Eloise B. Donnelly, Easton, Pa.  
Charles Donnelly, Easton, Pa.  
Richard Donnelly, Easton, Pa.  
Arthur Donnelly, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ott, Easton, Pa.  
Alberta M. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Harry M. Hare, Easton, Pa.  
R. Henry Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Anna Belle White, Easton, Pa.  
Lidia M. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
John M. Shimer, Jr., Easton, Pa.

- Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Weidknecht, Easton, Pa.  
Mrs. Mary Martha Webster, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Mrs. S. Leidy Shimer, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Mr. and Mrs. William S. Shimer, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Isaac S. Shimer, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Mr. Abraham Shimer Knecht, Easton, Pa.  
Mrs. Lydia E. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shawde, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Lincoln Serfass, Easton, Pa.  
Frederick A. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Nathan G. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Dr. and Mrs. Sterling D. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Alice Lydia Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Luther Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Hazel G. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Pearl L. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Ethel M. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Ernest G. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Jannette L. Shimer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Shimer, Nazareth, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. William K. Shimer, Nazareth, Pa.  
Mrs. Kate E. Weaver, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mrs. Alice Stephens, Coopersburg, Pa.  
Mrs. Emma Ruch, Hellertown, Pa.  
Mabel Ruch, Hellertown, Pa.  
Kathryn Ruch, Hellertown, Pa.  
Mrs. Frank E. Barron, Alpha, N. J.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Fackenthal, Riegelsville, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Allen S. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.  
J. Myron Shimer, Allentown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Flickinger and baby,<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>Allentown, Pa.  
William S. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shimer, Hellertown,<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Messinger, Tatamy,<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>Pa.  
Mrs. William S. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Riegel, Easton, Pa.  
Mabel E. Snyder, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mrs. George S. Seaman, Leesport, Pa.  
Dr. and Mrs. William S. Shimer, Philadelphia, Pa.  
David F. Persel, New Village, N. J.  
Mary Pursel, New Village, N. J.  
Elizabeth M. Pursel, New Village, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Kemerer, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Jacob G. Kemerer, Bethlehem, Pa.

- Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kleppinger, Allentown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Erdman, Steinsburg, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Pretz, Allentown, Pa.  
Joseph R. Weber, Lower Saucon, Pa.  
Mrs. Hannah C. Newhard, Allentown, Pa.  
Mrs. A. Depue Roseberry, Belvidere, N. J.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Keys, Jr., Dairy, Pa.  
Mrs. Harvey A. Hess, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mrs. Granville Haas, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Mrs. C. B. Shimer, Covington, Ky.  
Mrs. Elsie Knecht Young, Easton, Pa.  
Jennie B. Hulshizer, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. Wm. Harry Baker, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Annie S. Feit, Easton, Pa.  
Susie A. Feit, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Abraham S. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Mrs. Clarence T. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mechling, Wingohocking Heights, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mr. B. F. Mechling, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew R. Zeiner, Easton, Pa., R. F. D., No. 6.  
Frederick A. Zeiner, Easton, Pa., R. F. D., No. 6.  
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin B. Shimer, Tatamy, Pa.  
Charles J. Shimer, Tatamy, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lovene A. Shimer, Easton, Pa., R. F. D., No. 2.  
Elsie B. Shimer, Easton, Pa., R. F. D., No. 2.  
Henry P. Shimer, Newtown Square, Delaware Co., Pa.  
Mrs. Susanna Harlan, No. 111 W. 5th st., Erie, Pa.  
Mrs. Catharine S. Apple, Hellertown, Pa.  
Stanley G. Shimer, Middletown, N. Y.  
Bessie W. Shimer, Middletown, N. Y.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen Shimer, Hellertown, Pa., R. F. D., No. 1.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reichards, Springtown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Shimer, Hellertown, Pa.  
Sterling W. Shimer, Hellertown, Pa., R. F. D., No. 1.  
W. F. Pursel, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mary C. Schenck, New York City, N. Y.  
Elizabeth E. Shimer, Macungie, Pa.  
Sharp Shimer, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Mrs. Elemina S. Shimer, Allentown, Pa.  
Chester E. Shimer, Martin's Creek, Pa.  
Lizzie S. Messinger, Tatamy, Pa.  
Carrie M. Messinger, Tatamy, Pa.  
Grace A. Messinger, Tatamy, Pa.

Frank B. Ruch, Bingen, Pa.  
Rev. A. P. Pflueger, Ringtown, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Fannie M. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Mrs. Amanda P. Shimer, South Easton, Pa.  
Cora Shimer, South Easton, Pa.  
Elsie Shimer, South Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Shimer, South Easton, Pa.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Ward, Newark, N. J.  
Mrs. Orpha M. Renner, Nazareth, Pa.  
Marcus L. Ward, Newark, N. J.  
Mrs. Anna W. Lerch, Freemansburg, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Shimer, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mutchler, Easton, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Shimer, Phillipsburg, N. J.  
Sterling A. Shimer, Phillipsburg, N. J.



## JOHN CONRAD SHYMER.

JOHN CONRAD SHIMER (Shymer) came to these shores in 1732, with his wife, Anna Margaret, and daughter, Maria. They came on the ship "Johnson of London" which sailed from Rotterdam, September 19, 1732.

Conrad Shimer, as he was known, settled in Vincent Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, where he acquired considerable property and was a prominent citizen.

As he had but the one child, a daughter, Maria, his branch of the Shimer family became extinct. Maria married a Mr. Shunk, of whom Governor Francis R. Shunk, of Pennsylvania, 1845-48, was a descendant.

In the "Trappe Church Book" of Trappe, Pa., are the following entries: Herleman, Johann Conrad, son of Sebastian and Maria Magdalena; born, September 29, 1742; baptized, October 17, 1742. Sponsors, John Conrad Scheimer and wife Anna Maria.

Schunck, Anna Margaretha, daughter of Simon and Anna Magdalena; born, April 2, 1749; Baptized May 1, 1749. Sponsor Conrad Scheimer's wife Anna Margaretha.

Following is his will:

In the name of God, Amen. I, Conrad Shymer of Vincent Township, Chester County and State of Pennsylvania being sick in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following viz;

First; I give and bequeath to Anna Margaret Shymer my beloved wife this my place or plantation whereon I now live to have and to hold the same with all the movables in her possession during her life. And to keep with her Charles Guss, Junior, for him to farm this place during her life and to receive for his trouble the one third part of the income of the place and after her death he the said Charles Guss, Junior, shall be the only one heir of this place and moveables.

Secondly; I give and bequeath to my grandchildren Isaac and Peter Shunk my place in Pikeland Township to be equally between them divided and each of them to give of their one half of that place to my grand child Conrad Shunk one hundred pounds lawfull money of Pennsylvania in the following manner, viz; namely twenty-five pounds per year. And the payments to begin at the time they get possession.

Thirdly; I give and bequeath and ordain to be given out of my estate to the Protestant Lutheran Church in Pikeland Township this side of French Creek, two hundred pounds, lawfull money of Pennsylvania.

Fourthly; Isaac Shunk and Anna Margaret Shymer whom I hereby constitute make and ordain my executors shall sell and cause to be sold after my death my place in Vincent Township whereon George Snyder now lives as also my right over place in Philadelphia County.

Fifthly; The above named executors shall lawfully gather and recover all moneys to me due by either bonds, notes or book accounts and distribute or divide it all equally among my six grand-children in equal shares, but yet so that the above said Isaac, Peter and Conrad Shunk draw the above mentioned shares first before such common and general distribution take place.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty. 1780

Signed sealed and published and  
declared by the said Conrad  
Shymer as his last will and  
testament in presence of us.

JOHN HAUSE  
JOHN MYERS

CONRAD SHYMER (Seal)

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## FREDERICK, DANIEL AND MICHAEL SHIMER, "The Three Brothers."

**F**REDERICK, Daniel and Michael Shimer came to America in 1749. They sailed on ship "Edenburg" starting from Rotterdam, September 15, 1749.

They settled in Northern Maryland, and Chester and Bedford Counties, Pa. Frederick Shimer married Mary Magdelane ; her Christian name only is known. They settled in Chester County, Pa. Their union was blessed with eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, Conrad, Daniel, Bartholomew, Michael, Frederick, John and Peter, Elizabeth, Catharine, Mary and Barbara.

Those early settlers had "troubles of their own," and we find unscrupulous agents took advantage of them, just the same as they do to-day. The following account gives us some ideas of what they had to contend with, while trying to secure their homes:

In 1773 Andrew Allen, merchant of Philadelphia, made an agreement with certain German emigrants who arrived at Philadelphia to sell them farms. The said Andrew Allen being the nominal possessor of Pikeland, Chester County, Pa. The real owner of Pikeland was, however, a London merchant by the name of Samuel Hoare. Allen being a nominal possessor by virtue of a mortgage given the said Hoare.

Allen was a great society man, president of one of the Fox Hunting Clubs, of Philadelphia, and a spendthrift generally. These German emigrants purchased their farms and paid for same on the installment plan, paying the installments on their property from time to time, but neglected the back searches to the titles of the property.

Allen became a member of the Continental Congress during the Revolution. When Lord Howe got to Trenton, Allen turned traitor and fled from the country, and never paid off the mortgage.

There were 113 emigrants who took up the land in Pikeland Township on the installment principle. After the Revolution the Sheriff of Chester County sold out all these emigrants, rendering them homeless and also sold the St. Peter's

Lutheran Church, which was on the Pikeland property and which was built by the emigrants. This was a widespread disaster. Some of the families managed to raise a little money to pay part on their property, and the balance was mortgaged. Among these was Frederick Shimer, whose will was probated September 19, 1807, which reads as follows:

COPY OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT  
OF FREDERICK SHIMER.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Frederick Shimer of Pikeland Township, Chester County and State of Pennsylvania, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound disposing mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (to-wit)

First; I order my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. (Item) I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Magdelane, the one half of all the profits of produce of my plantation of whatever may be raised thereon during her natural life and the two back rooms in my dwelling house belowstairs and the small back room on the second story with the privilege of cellar, garret and entry with free egress and regress to and from the same as she may choose, to have a sufficient quantity of fire wood cut and drawn home to the house and cut short suitable for the fire place, two cows and a heifer of her choice of two of my best hogs and the privilege of choosing and keeping two forever after during her life and as much of my kitchen and room furniture as she may choose to keep during her life.

(Item) I give and bequeath to my eldest son Conrad, two hundred pounds. My best horse and a good bridle and saddle.

(Item) I give and bequeath to my son Daniel, a feather bed, bedstead and bedding, and twenty-five pounds.

(Item) I order my executor and it is my will that they sell all my real and all my personal estate not already disposed of within one year after my wife decease and put to use the one eleventh part thereof on good security and pay the interest arising therefrom to my son Bartholomew yearly and every year during his natural life and at his decease to be equally divided among his heirs.

(Item) I give and bequeath all the remaining part of my estate to my children hereafter mentioned, to wit, my sons, Conrad, Daniel, Michael, Frederick, John and Peter, and daughters Elizabeth, Catherine, Mary and Barbary, to be equally divided between them share and share alike. Except my son Michael who is to pay all his just debts to my executors that he may owe to me at my decease and have fifty pounds less than any of my last above mentioned children.

And lastly I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary Magdale executrix and my son Conrad and my son-in-law George Young, executors of this my last will and testament, giving to them or either of them full power in or about the same, hereby revoking and disannulling all other former will or wills by me made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will.

In witness whereof the said Frederick Shimer hereto set his hand and seal this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven. (1807)

Executed by the said  
Frederick Shimer, as his  
last will in the presence of  
Peter Hartman      Sep. 19, 1807.  
Samuel Rees  
Tho. Bodley

FREDERICK SHIMER (Seal)

In looking over the "History of Chester County" we find in 1771, the name of Frederick Shimer contributing one pound towards building a new church in Pikeland Township, St. Peter's Lutheran. The original subscription paper being written in German, his name is spelled "Scheimer."

His descendants live principally in Philadelphia, Chester, Bedford and Blair Counties.

Daniel Shimer settled in Northern Maryland, just across the line of what was at that time Bedford County, Pa. He was a blacksmith by trade. He had five children, three sons and two daughters, Jacob, James, Ezekeal, Susanna and Elizabeth. A number of his descendants migrated to the far west.

The genealogy in tabulated form will appear in later issue.

Michael Shimer married a Miss Ash, daughter of Adam Esch, of Coventry, Chester County, Pa. He settled on a tract of 270 acres of land along the Schuylkill River in Vincent Township, Chester County, Pa., now the site of Spring City. He died young leaving one son, Adam, and three daughters. One married Jacob Keller, another married Henry Hipple, and the third married a Mr. Sypherd.

The genealogy in tabulated form will appear in later issue.

More of these "three brothers," and of their descendants will appear in our next editions.

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#### DESCENDANTS OF

### FREDERICK SHIMER AND MARY MAGDELANE —?

**A**LTHOUGH Frederick Shimer had seven sons and four daughters and nearly fifty grandchildren, there is to-day, as far as we know, but one (1) great-great grandchild bearing the name of Shimer, and that a girl, Miss Mildred F. Shimer, daughter of Herbert M. and Ellen J. Shimer, of Philadelphia, Pa.

In the seventh generation there is not a boy, as far as we know, bearing the name of Shimer, a direct descendant of Frederick Shimer, who came to these shores in 1749.

This branch of the Shimer family is fast becoming extinct, as far as the name goes. There are still many, very many, descendants of Frederick Shimer, but they are not known by the name of Shimer.

According to his will, Frederick and Mary Magdelane Shimer had seven sons and four daughters, Conrad, Daniel, Bartholomew, Michael, Frederick, John Peter, Elizabeth, Catherine, Mary and Barbary.

CONRAD: As yet we have no record of his descendants.

DANIEL: Died single.

BARTHOLOMEW: As yet we have no record of his descendants

MICHAEL: As yet we have no record of his descendants.

FREDERICK: We have no record of whom he married, but he had one son, John, and two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth.

MARY died single.

ELIZABETH married a Mr. Kaufman; issue, one daughter, Laura, who married Edward Hunter.

JOHN married Emily Dusseaux; issue, three sons, John N. M., Henry P., and Samuel M., and three daughters, Margaret, Susan and Harriett.

Harriett married Henry Crigamire; issue, one son and five daughters. Sarah Crigamire married John DeHaven; Emily Crigamire married Samuel Young; Josephine Crigamire married Wm. M. Gamble; Benjamin Crigamire married Mary Jane Carcy; Mary Ella Crigamire married Wm. Edward Barnando; Ida Crigamire married Samuel Smith.

Margaret married George W. Anderson; issue, one son, L. Brooke Anderson, and five daughters; Bertha married Peter M. Melady; Emily married Isaac DeHaven; Susan married James Simcox; Lerenna and Elizabeth.

Susan Shimer married Philander Harlan; no issue.

John N. M. Shimer married Elizabeth C. Mercer; issue, one son, Herbert M., who married Ellen J. Funston; issue, one daughter, Mildred F.; and one daughter, Irene D., who married Clement R. H. Cunningham.

Henry P. Shimer married Phoebe Laveroy; issue, one son, Edward P., who married Leona Bardsley; and one daughter, Lucy E.

Samuel M. Shimer married Harriet Thomas; issue, one daughter, Olive T.

JOHN: We have no record of whom he married; he had one son, Anthony, who married and had a daughter.

PETER married Rebecca Fickes; issue, four sons and four daughters, Isaac, Peter, Frederick, Daniel, Hannah, Susan, Rebecca and Rachael.

ISAAC died at the age of about 80, a bachelor.

PETER had a son, Irwin, and a daughter, Libbie, who married Albert Ott.

FREDERICK married Esther Wisel; issue, four sons and two daughters. Isaac P. Shimer married Julia A. Staut; issue, one son, Robert; John W. Shimer married Clara Wertz;

issue, one son, Harry; Alexander K. Shimer married Sarah Barkley; issue, two sons, Warren and John, and seven daughters: Clara; Frances, who married David Pringle; Adaline, who married Harry Mauk; Virginia, who married Charles Snowberger; Martha, who married Charles Ream; Mary, who married Frank Taylor; and Esther, who married Frank Litzman.

Austin Shimer married Miss Amanda Domer; issue, David, who married Florence LaParte; Myrtle and Roy.

Emma Shimer married Thomas Miller; issue, Maggie; Annie, who married Wm. Davis, and E. May, who married E. O. Bonebrake.

Mary Ellen Shimer married George Hammer; issue, one son, R. Ross Hammer.

DANIEL we have no record.

HANNAH married John Weiant.

SUSAN married John Fickes; issue, one daughter, Mandila, who married George Sauer.

REBECCA married Weimer Reininger; no issue.

RACHAEL married Simon Keller.

ELIZABETH married John Clower.

CATHERINE married George Young.

MARY married William Dyer.

BARBARY married John Patchell.

DESCENDANTS OF  
JACOB SCHEIMER (the First)  
AND  
MARGARET (PAPEN) SCHEIMER (1st wife)





DESCENDANTS OF  
 JACOB SCHEIMER AND MARGARET PAPER (1ST WIFE).  
 Born, 1679; Died, 1757.

2ND GENERATION.	3RD GENERATION.	4TH GENERATION.
		Abraham Shimer, Triphena Benjamin (1st), Elizabeth Everitt (2nd), Mrs. Fredenberg (3rd).
		Jacob Shimer, Sarah Westbrook.
		Isaac Shimer, Elizabeth Wood (1st), Mrs. Catherine VanGordon
		Joseph Shimer, Katharine Kortright.
		Neltje Shimer, Peter Ketell.
	Jacob Shimer, Phebe Wallen.	Magdalen Shimer, James Wainwright.
		Esther Shimer, Wilhemus VanAuken, Jermiah Wainwright.
		Mary Shimer, Benjamin Hornbeck.
		Susan Shimer, Cornelius Brink.
		Elizabeth Shimer, Jacob Westbrook.
		Lydia Shimer, Peter Westbrook.
		Margaret Shimer, James Aegar.
		Abraham Westbrook, Jacob Westbrook, Esther Westbrook.
		(No issue.)
		Joseph Bonnell, Jacob Bonnell, Miss Holbert.
		Lena Bonnell, John LaForge.
		Catharine Bonnell.
		Phebe Bonnell, Thomas Kelsv.
		Isaac Bonnell, Rosanna Brink.
ABRAHAM SHIMER, LENA WESTBROOK.		
	Hester Shimer, Johannes J. Westbrook.	
	Maria Shimer, Manuel VanEtten.	
	Elizabeth Shimer, James Bonnell.	
ANTHONY SHIMER.	(No record.)	
ELIZABETH SHIMER, MR. VICKERSON.	(No record.)	
MARY SHIMER, MICHAEL SHOEMAKER.	(No record.)	
CATHARINE SHIMER, MR. YOUNG.	(No record.)	
SARAH SHIMER.	(No record.)	



DESCENDANTS OF  
ABRAHAM SHIMER.

4TH GENERATION.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.
	Roger Shimer, Adelaide Conkling.	Egbert Shimer, Anna Shimer, Emma Shimer, Ella Shimer.
	Lavinia C. Shimer, William C. Rose.	William Rose, Lyman Rose, Charles Rose, Mary Ann Rose, Adelaide Rose, Isabella Rose.
TRIPHENA BENJAMIN (1st wife).	Amy Maria Shimer, Benjamin Westbrook.	Chauncey Westbrook, Frances Westbrook.
	Phebe Shimer, Alexander Harvey.	Abraham Harvey, Layman Harvey.
	Parthena Shimer, Ira Philips.	Abraham Philips, Irving Philips, William Philips, Ellen Philips, Annie Philips.
	Aurelia Shimer, Abraham Stanton.	Etting Stanton, Abraham Stanton, William Stanton, Dewitt Stanton, Gertrude Stanton.
	Triphena Shimer	(No record.)
	Jane Shimer.	(No record.)
ELIZABETH EVERETT (2nd wife).	Eliza Shimer, Moses Van Inwegen.	Moses VanInwegen, William VanInwegen, Clarence VanInwegen, Wellington VanInwegen, George VanInwegen, Elmer VanInwegen, Charles VanInwegen.
	George Shimer, Catharine Bevans.	Abraham Shimer, Cora Shimer, Fannie Shimer.
MRS. FREDENBERG (Catharine VanAuker), (3d wife).	Gilbert DeLafayette Shimer.	
	Abraham H. Shimer.	
	Wallace J. Shimer.	
	Sarah Jane Shimer, A. Pallet.	
	Malvina Shimer.	



4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.

6TH GENERATION.

7TH GENERATION.

JOSEPH SHIMER,  
MARTHA CUDDEBACK,

ELIZABETH THOMAS  
(2nd).

ISAAC SHIMER,  
AUGUSTA POST.

ABRAHAM SHIMER,  
ADELINE CUDDEBACK,

JENNY KELLY (2nd).

JACOB SHIMER,  
ANNA BEVANS.

MARY SHIMER,  
PETER SWARTOUT.

MARGARET SHIMER,  
JOEL SWARTOUT

PIEBE SHIMER,  
A. HOLBERT.

JANE SHIMER.

Cornelius Shimer.

Geo. Albert Shimer,  
Mary P. Van Etten.

Electus Shimer,  
Susanna Cole.

Thomas Shimer.

Joseph Shimer,  
Mary Bosler.

Mary Shimer,  
Thomas V. Cole.

Caroline Shimer,  
George Martin.

William Shimer.

Frank Shimer,  
Sarah Goodale.

Evi Shimer,  
Susan A. Donaldson.

Jemima Shimer,  
W. E. Scott.

Flora Shimer,  
Geo. M. Wells.

Jacob S. Swartout,  
Alice Swartout.

Jacob Swartout,  
Isaac Swartout,  
Augusta Swartout,  
Jemima Swartout.

(No issue.)

(No issue.)

(No issue, killed in battle.)

Albert Shimer,  
Irwin Shimer,  
Lizzie Shimer.

(No issue.)

Eston Shimer,  
Mary Shimer.

Charles E. Shimer,  
Sarah Shimer.

Minnie Shimer.

Frank Scott,  
Adaline Scott.

DESCENDANTS OF  
JACOB SHIMER AND SARAH WESTBROOK.



4TH GEN.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
	JACOB SHIMER, ELIZABETH C. RELYEA.	Eva Shimer, W. G. Wells.  Chloe A. Shimer, George E. Ace.	
		William A. Shimer, Neva M. Shaw.	
		Lazel R. Shimer, Sophia McKinney.	Edward J. Shimer.
		Arthur L. Shimer, Julia Johnson.	
		Samuel B. Shimer, Maggie Sloan.	
	ISAAC K. SHIMER, HATTIE E. WALWORTH.	Katie C. Shimer, James McKinney.	Sarah H. McKinney
		Bush E. Shimer, Jessie Farrand.	
		Lulu E. Shimer, Monroe Kilbourn.	
		Mann C. Shimer.	
		Ruth E. Shimer.	
		William J. B. Shimer.	
		Lester E. Butts, Janette Turnbull.	
	EMLEY C. SHIMER, SAMUEL S. BUTTS.	Lulu E. Butts.	

DESCENDANTS OF  
ISAAC SHIMER AND MRS. CATHARINE VAN GORDON.





4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.

6TH GENERATION.

7TH GENERATION.

JACOB SHIMER,  
RACHEL GORDON.

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NELTJE SHIMER,  
MR. KELLAM.

(No record.)

LENA SHIMER,  
DANIEL POOL.

(No record.)

DESCENDANTS OF  
JOSEPH SHIMER AND KATHARINE KORTRIGHT.



DESCENDANTS OF  
JACOB SHIMER AND RACHEL GORDON.

5TH GEN.

## 6TH GENERATION.

THOMAS S. SHIMER,  
FRANCES A. LORD.

JOHN SHIMER,  
ANN J. DRUMMOND

ELIJAH G. SHIMER,  
MARGARET OWENS.

MARGARET SHIMER.

## 7TH GENERATION.

John D. Shimer,  
Willard Shimer,  
Florence A. Shimer,  
Lillie F. Shimer,  
Marvin L. Shimer,  
Minnie Shimer,  
Thomas Shimer,  
Charles R. Shimer,  
James H. Shimer.

Thomas Shimer,  
Minnie W. John.

Mary Shimer,  
John Allen.

Hattie Shimer,  
Charles McCann.

Augusta Shimer,  
John Anderson.

S. Mortimer Shimer,  
Hattie E. Wiggins.

(No issue.)

## 8TH GENERATION.

Fred Shimer,  
Harold Shimer,  
Ruth Shimer,  
Olive Shimer.

(No issue.)

Edna Anderson,  
May Anderson,  
Augusta Anderson.

Bessie W. Shimer,  
Alma E. Shimer,  
Stanley G. Shimer.



DESCENDANTS OF  
JACOB SCHEIMER  
AND  
ELIZABETH (?) SCHEIMER (2nd wife).



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DESCENDANTS OF  
JOHN LERCH SHIMER AND SUSANNA SCHWEITZLER.

4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
PETER SHIMER, ELIZABETH CALVIN.	Sarah J. Shimer, Thomas K. Egbert.	
	Robert B. Shimer.	
	Jacob C. Shimer.	John Shimer.
JOHN N. SHIMER, ELIZA A. CARPENTER.	Sabilla Shimer, —?— Blum.	Warren Blum Shimer, Julia Leidy.
	William Edward Shimer.	
	Mary Martha Shimer, Dr. John Sharp. (1st husband.)	Rev. Robert W. Sharp, Nellie Hopkins.
	William H. Webster. (2nd husband.)	Howard S. Webster, Leretta McKean.
		Lizzie C. Webster, Paul Hartman.
ROBERT K. SHIMER, MARY A. CARPENTER.		Fannie Webster, Edward Simmons.
		Mary E. Shimer, Elmer Ott.
	John M. Shimer, Mary E. Henry.	Alberta M. Shimer, Harry M. Hare.
		R. Henry Shimer, Anna Belle White.
		Emma S. Shimer.
		Lida M. Shimer.
		John M. Shimer, Jr.
	Annie Shimer, George J. Shipman.	(No issue.)
ISAAC SHIMER, CATHERINE BAKER.	Mary Elizabeth Shimer, William F. Baker.	Wm. Harry Baker.
WILLIAM B. SHIMER, MARY M. SHARP.	William S. Shimer, Lizzie Pursell.	Isaac S. Shimer.
	John M. R. Shimer, Sallie Stevison.	Lizzie Shimer.
SAMUEL LEIDY SHIMER, ELIZABETH ROSEBERRY.	Flora Shimer, F. P. Haggerty.	Leidy S. Haggerty, Estella Haggerty, Donal Haggerty, Revier Haggerty.
MARY SHIMER, JOHN SMITH.	(No issue.)	



5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
	William L. Shimer, Elizabeth Heller.	Alfred L. Shimer, Edna Knecht.
		B. Luther Shimer, Lena Guertin.
		Ira Shimer, Lillian Danbrook.
	Abraham Shimer Clara A. Boyer.	Mary C. Shimer, Robert B. Keys.
		David G. Shimer, Laura Fatzinger.
		Noah A. Shimer.
ELIZABETH SHIMER, AUGUST B. SHIMER.		Clara E. Shimer, Jacob Grinn.
	Susanna M. Shimer	Aaron B. Shimer.
		Sterling D. Shimer, Anna E. Callahan.
	Nathan G. Shimer, Lydia E. Boyer.	Theodosia Shimer, George Shawde.
		Evangaline Shimer, A. Lincoln Serfass.
		Frederick A. Shimer, Emma H. Minnick.
		Nathan G. Shimer, Jr.
	Stephen Oberly, Aaron Oberly, Margaret Oberly, John Leidy Oberly.	
		Anna E. Oberly.
	Edwin Oberly, Sarah Ann Feit (1st wife).	Albert D. Oberly, Ira A. Oberly, Franklin Oberly.
CATHARINE SHIMER, JOHN S. OBERLY.		Lila M. Oberly, Minnie C. Oberly, John S. Oberly, Robert Oberly.
	Henrietta Shimer (2nd wife).	
	Clara Oberly, Oliver Jones.	Harry Jones, Charles Jones.
	Jacob L. Grim, Ella J. Foegel.	Annie S. Grim, Mary A. Grim, Lillie A. Grim.
SUSANNA SHIMER, NATHAN GRIM.	Catharine Grim, Robert Weaver.	
	Abraham S. Grim, Isabella Schnuman.	Nathan Grim, Harry Grim.
	Shimer B. Hillman, Hannah Curry.	
JULIA A. SHIMER, RICHARD E. HILLMAN.	Emma M. Hillman.	



4TH GEN.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION
	Susanna Knecht. (Died in infancy.)		
	Elizabeth Knecht, Isaac Stover.	William Henry Stover, Jacob Stover, Isaac Stover, Harry Stover, Anna Maria Stover, Frederica Amelia Stover, Elizabeth Stover, Catharine Stover, Amelia Stover.	
	Anna Knecht, Jacob Stauffer.	William H. Stauffer, David Stauffer, Jacob K. Stauffer, Abraham Stauffer Isaac Stauffer.	
	William S. Knecht, Mary Lawall.	Peter L. Knecht, William T. Knecht.	
	Mary Catharine Knecht, Stout Stover.	Cyrus Stover, Abraham Stover, Isaac Stover.	
	Frederica Knecht, Darius Dreher.	Stewart M. Dreher, Mary Dreher.	
	Abraham S. Knecht, Mrs. Annie L. McKeen (nee Adler).	Nellie Knecht, Florence Knecht, Perla May Knecht.	
	Isaac S. Knecht, Elizabeth Gernet	Jacob G. Knecht, Annie Knecht.	

DESCENDANTS OF  
MARY SHIMER AND JACOB KNECHT.



4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.

6TH GENERATION.

7TH GENERATION.

Thomas Leidy,  
Hannah Schaffer.

John Leidy,  
Sarah Heckman.

Eliza Leidy,  
Levi Lynn.

Anna Maria Leidy,  
William B. Kemmerer.

Samuel A. Leidy,  
Mary Ann Truckemiller.

Elizabeth Leidy,  
Charles Kemmerer.

DESCENDANTS OF  
ELIZABETH SHIMER AND SAMUEL LEIDY.





4TH GEN.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
		Freeman T. Weaver, Ellen Ruch.	
		William M. Weaver, Amelia Lerch.	
		Emeline M. Weaver, Herman Buss.	
	Peter Weaver, Mary Ann Freeman.	Anna C. Weaver, Martin L. Lerch.	
		Araminda Weaver, Jonathan Beidleman.	
		Hiram O. Weaver, Ellen Dorney.	
		Pius B. Weaver.	
		Elenina Weaver, George S. Riegel.	
		Isadorah Weaver.	
		Theodora Weaver.	
		Titus W. Weaver, Minerva Person.	
		Louisa R. Weaver, Jacob T. Shimer.	
	Samuel S. Weaver Sarah Ann Oberly.	Milton S. Weaver, Emma Boyer.	
		Robert N. Weaver, Ida Fellencer.	
		Irwin Weaver.	
		Sarah Anna Weaver, Rev. Stewart U. Mittman.	
		Ida U. Weaver, Isaac P. Coplin.	
	William Weaver (Died in infancy).		
		Emma C. Weaver.	
	Tobias Weaver, Louisa Hess.	Cyrus O. Weaver, Emma L. Wagner.	
		Rev. Charles B. Weaver, Mary Person.	
		Elenora Jones, Robert Jones, Tobias Jones, George Jones, Alfred B. Jones, Charles M. Jones, Victor S. Jones, Henrietta L. Jones, Ann E. L. Jones, Emma C. Jones, Mary D. Jones.	
	Mary Weaver, George Jones.		
	Benjamin Weaver.		

DESCENDANTS OF  
ANNA SHIMER AND TOBIAS WEAVER.



4TH GEN.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
	Eliza Weaver, Samuel K. Riegel.		
	Rosetta Weaver, Thomas Kichline.	John Kichline.	
		Peter Weber.	
		Julias Weber, Miss Unganst.	
	Jeremiah Weber, Lucy Lawalt.	Susanna Weber, B. Franklin Shimer.	
		Emma Weber.	
		Ellen Weber.	
		Orlando B. Fackenthall, Sarah J. Eakin.	
	Maria A. Weaver, Michael Fackenthall.	Joseph D. Fackenthall, Mary C. Shelly.	
		Reuben W. Fackenthall, Lizzie Sterner.	
		Mercena A. Weber, Frank H. Reigel.	
	August S. Weber, Anna Maria Fuhr (1st), Ellen C. Lerch (2nd).	Daniel N. Weber, Alvesta Wagner (1st), Louisa Riegel (2nd).	
		Carrie Weber, Preston Laury.	
	Joseph R. Weber, Catharine Beidelman.	Howard Weber, Miss Durns.	
	Peter Weber.		
	Susanna B. Weaver.		

DESCENDANTS OF  
ROSINA SHIMER AND JOSEPH WEAVER.



4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.

6TH GENERATION.

7TH GENERATION.

Justina Shimer,  
Philip Bitcer.

Peter Shimer,  
Susan Steltz.

Annie Shimer,  
Henry Wyand.

David Shimer.

Sarah Ann Shimer,  
Rev. Stetzel.

Jonathan Stetzel.

DESCENDANTS OF  
SAMUEL SHIMER AND SUSAN HEINBACH.



4TH GEN.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
		Milton Shimer, Otelia Odenwelder.	(No issue.)
	SAMUEL C. SHIMER HENRIETTA YOUNG (1st), JULIA ANN MEYERS (2nd).	Laura Shimer, William Cortright.	
		Minnie C. Shimer.	(No issue.)
	DIANNA SHIMER.	(No issue.)	
	ASHER D. SHIMER, MARIA RIEGEL.	Clayton L. Shimer, Carrie Levers.	Emlie Shimer, Ruth Shimer, Conrad Shimer, Laura Shimer, Henry Shimer.
		Ella T. Shimer, Milton J. Person.	(No issue.)
		Charles Broadhead.	
	CAMILLA M. SHIMER, CHARLES BROADHEAD.	Kate Broadhead, Warren Wilber.	(No issue.)
		Albert Broadhead	

DESCENDANTS OF  
CONRAD SHIMER AND CATHARINE QUIER.





4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.

6TH GENERATION.

7TH GENERATION.

Oliver S. Brown.

Clara S. Brown.

ROBERT S. BROWN,  
CAROLINE M. GRIMAlfred Brown,  
Amanda E. Person.

Mary E. Brown.

Flora S. Brown,  
Henry Joseph Brown.ELIZA S. BROWN,  
PETER WYCOFF.

(No issue.)

DESCENDANTS OF  
SUSANNA SHIMER AND WILLIAM BROWN.



4TH GEN.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.	
DESCENDANTS OF AUGUST B. SHIMER AND ELIZABETH SHIMER.	WILLIAM L. SHIMER, ELIZABETH HELLER.	Alfred L. Shimer, Edna Knecht.	William K. Shimer, Mae L. Bossard.	
		B. Luther Shimer, Lena Guertin.	Hazel Shimer, Pearl Shimer, Ethel Shimer, Ernest G. Shimer, Janette L. Shimer.	
		Ira Shimer, Lillian Danbrook.	Lenore D. Shimer.	
	ABRAHAM S. SHIMER. CLARA A. BOYER	Mary C. Shimer, Robert B. Keys, Jr.		
		David G. Shimer, Laura Fatzinger.	(No issue.)	
		Noah A. Shimer.		
		Clara E. Shimer, Jacob Grinn.	Margaret Grinn, Peter S. Grinn, Jacob Grinn, Nathan J. Grinn.	
		Aaron B. Shimer.		
	SUSANNA M. SHIMER. (Died single.)		Sterling D. Shimer, Anna E. Callahan.	Alice L. Shimer.
	NATHAN G. SHIMER, LYDIA E. BOYER.		Theodosia Shimer, George E. Shawde.	
		Evangaline Shimer, A. Lincoln Serfass.		
		Frederick A. Shimer, Emma H. Minnick.		
		Nathan G. Shimer, Jr.		



DESCENDANTS OF  
 JACOB B. SHIMER AND MARY MOHR.

4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
DAVID SHIMER.		
NATHAN SHIMER.		
	Peter Shimer.	(No issue.)
JOHN SHIMER, NANCY CAMPBELL.	Mary Shimer.	(No issue.)
	Edward J. Shimer, Mary A. Shimer.	Charles Edward Shimer.
MARY SHIMER, DR. KUGLER.		
	Lyman Shimer, Annie Keiffer.	
	Polly Shimer, John Clark.	Grace Clark, Pearl Clark.
	David Shimer, Emma Goodlander.	Irean Shimer.
		Roy Shimer.
WILLIAM SHIMER, NANCY ROOT (1st wife),	Jacob Shimer, Matilda Dunkleberg.	Mason Shimer.
MARY ZACHERIAH (2d wife).		Mabel Shimer.
		Alton Shimer.
		Bernice Shimer.
	Selina Shimer, Charles Kolb.	Oram Kolb.
	Ella Shimer, Edward Kolb.	
	Amelia Shimer, Albert Frantz	



DESCENDANTS OF  
 CHARLES B. SHIMER AND ANNA SCHANTZ.

4TH GEN

5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
ELVINA SHIMER, HENRY RIEGEL.	Edwin Riegel, Maria Kemmerer.	Preston Riegel.
	Sabilla Riegel, Wm. F. Biery (1st), Oscar Troxel (2nd).	Meda Biery. Mabel Troxel, Henry Troxel.
		Minnie Shimer, Milton Moyer.
	Oliver Shimer, Caroline Singmaster.	Lizzie Shimer.
FRANKLIN S. SHIMER, SARAH ANN SHIFFERT (1st) TILLIE GERNET (2nd).	Emma Shimer, Jonas Gerhard.	Sadie Shimer, — DeLong.
		Harry Gerhard, George Gerhard, Ella M. Gerhard.
	Katie Shimer.	
	Charles Shimer, Gertrude	Franklin Shimer.
	Edgar C. Shimer, Nora A. Lichtenwalter.	Bessie A. Shimer.
EDWARD S. SHIMER, ANNA CATHARINE KRAMER	Alice M. Shimer, Dr. J. D. Christman.	Frances K. Shimer. Edward W. Christman, Florence M. Christman
CHARLES S. SHIMER, REBECCA HILLEGAS.	Cornelia Shimer, Joseph H. Hart.	
	Dr. William Shimer, E. B. Brill.	
DR. JACOB S. SHIMER, CAROLINE SMITH.	Ida Shimer, Dr. W. N. Thompson.	Margretta Thompson, Irene Thompson.
	Carrie Shimer. Mamie Shimer. Irene Shimer.	
	Annie W. Shimer.	(No issue.)
HIRAM S. SHIMER, S. EMMA WITTMAN.	Joseph P. Shimer, Martha L. Dutt (1st), Mellie G. Dutt (2nd).	Madeleine D. Shimer, Harriet M. Shimer, Martha G. Shimer.
ALEXANDER S. SHIMER, LIZZIE E. BIBER.	Laura Shimer.	(No issue.)
SARAH A. SHIMER, GIDEON F. EGNER.	Minnie E. Egner. Annie J. Egner, George W. Hartzel, Jr.	(No issue.)
	Howard E. Shimer, Lucile Miller.	
LLEWELLYN S. SHIMER, CLARA V. EVERHART.	Harry W. Shimer.	
DAVID S. SHIMER.		





4TH GEN.

## 5TH GENERATION.

## 6TH GENERATION.

## 7TH GENERATION.

MARY A. SHIMER,  
ANTHONY MECHLING.

William H. Mechling,  
Sallie J. Schreiber.

Benjamin S. Mechling.  
Carrie K. Kershaw.

Edward A. Mechling.

Benjamin F. Mechling,  
Emma Dodd (1st),  
(No issue.)  
Grace C. Hubbs (2nd).

Grace Mechling.

B. Franklin Mechling.

W. Hubbs Mechling.

Mabel Mechling,  
Daniel Heintzleman.

Edgar L. Mechling.

Anthony W. Mechling,  
Clara Artman.

Barton M. Kleppinger,  
Estella Casper.

Sallie A. Mechling,  
Amandus S. Kleppinger.

G. Byron Kleppinger,  
Elizabeth Haldeman.

Hiram S. Mechling.

(No issue.)

J. Myron Shimer.

Clarence D. Shimer,  
Mabel Masters.

WILLIAM S. SHIMER,  
HANNAH SCHANTZ.

Allen S. Shimer,  
Rosa Druckenmiller.

Walter A. S. Shimer,  
Bertha May Reeser.

E. Mabel Shimer,  
Michael A. Knittle.

Laura L. Shimer.

Harry H. Shimer.

William S. Shimer.

William S. Shimer.

John F. Shimer,  
Grace Barnes.

M. Margaret Shimer

REUBEN S. SHIMER,  
ELEMINA M. SEAGER.

George R. Shimer.

(No issue.)

Mary A. Shimer.

(No issue.)

Henry S. Shimer.

DESCENDANTS OF  
JOHN B. SHIMER AND LYDIA SCHANTZ.



4TH GEN.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
DESCENDANTS OF MARY SHIMER AND JACOB GRIM.	NATHAN GRIM, SUSANNA SHIMER.	Jacob L. Grim, Ellen J. Foegel.	Annic S Grim, Albert Kemmerer
	MARIA GRIM, REV. JOSHUA YEAGER.	Catharine Grim, Rev. Robert Weaver	Mary A Grim, Harry Smith.
	CAROLINE GRIM, GEN'L ROBERT S. BROWN.	Abraham S. Grim Isabella Schnurman	Lillie A Grim.
		Robert Yeager Matilda Deily.	Nathan Grim, Henry Grim.
		Amanda Yeager, Annie Yeager, Dr. Theodore Yeager	
		Oliver S. Brown, Clara S. Brown, Mary E. Brown.	
		Dr Alfred Brown, Amanda E. Person.	
		Flora S. Brown, Harry Joseph Brown.	



DESCENDANTS OF  
 ELIZABETH SHIMER AND JACOB APPLE.

4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
MARY ANN APPLE, JESSIE WEAVER.	(No issue.)	
ISABELLA APPLE, DR. PETER BREINIG	Mary Ann Breinig.	
	Veleria Apple, Rev. Asher Phleger.	William Phleger, Charles Phleger, Luther Phleger, George Phleger.
JACOB A. APPLE, CATHARINE SCHWEITZER	Alice Apple, Solomon Stevens.	John A. Stevens.
	Emma Apple, Frank Ruch.	Mabel Ruch, Katie Ruch.
SARAH ANN APPLE, EDWARD OVERPECK.	Ellen Overpeck, Teresa Overpeck, Oliver Overpeck.	
ELIZABETH APPLE, ABRAHAM BOYER.	Jacob Boyer.	Harry Boyer, May Boyer.



DESCENDANTS OF  
 JOHN B. SHIMER AND MARY SCHWITZIER.

4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
ELIZABETH SHIMER, JOHN L. RIEGEL.	Mary E. Riegel, Dr. Whitfeld Drake.	Benjamin I. Drake, Lillie Fenner.
	Benjamin Riegel, Nettie DeWitt.	Howard Riegel, Perla K. Knecht.
	Eliza C. Riegel.	Benjamin D. Riegel, Leila E. Edmonston.
	Sarah J. Riegel, B. Frank Fackenthal, Jr.	(Died single.)
	Anna M. Riegel.	(Died single.)
	Milton J. Shimer, Georgia A. Bixler.	Marion E. Shimer, William J. Thompson.
WILLIAM SHIMER, SUSAN L. HECKMAN.	Irwin H. Shimer, Amanda Hoffman.	Edna E. Shimer, Alvin Sterner.
	Ida R. Shimer, John A. Laudemberger.	Stanley D. Shimer, Hattie Stroman.
	Mary E. Shimer, George Cranford.	Elsie Shimer, Robert Shimer.
	Alabama Shimer, Benjamin F. Boyer.	Evelyn Landemberger.
GEORGE SHIMER, MARY BECKER.	John Shimer. Jane Shimer. Clara Shimer, Clarence K. Binder.	Ernest Landemberger, Henrietta Smith.
	Lillie Shimer, Joseph Reed.	Marguerite Landemberger.
	Charles Shimer, Julia Collins.	Jennie Boyer, Dr. Paul McCrea.
SAMUEL SHIMER, MARIA McSWAIN.	Ella Shimer, Emma Shimer.	Ralph Boyer, Louise N. Groves.
		Charles Boyer, Anna W. DeRousse.
		(Died single.)
		(Died single.)
		Shimer Reed, Josephine Reed.





## 5TH GENERATION.

MARY ANN SHIMER,  
CHRISTIAN T. ROTH.

JAMES O. SHIMER,  
ELMIRA D. DUBS.

SARAH J. SHIMER,  
DR. JAMES G. MENSCH.

JACOB T. SHIMER,  
ANNA E. REISS (1st wife),

LOUISA R. WEAVER (2nd  
wife).

ROBERT A. SHIMER  
SABILLA BAKER.

## 6TH GENERATION.

Gilvin T. Roth,  
Rosa L. Moser.

Emily S. Roth,  
Rev. Geo. S. Seaman.

John S. Roth,  
Nevada E. Reece.

Mary E. Roth,  
Robert L. Hubbard.

Alice D. Shimer,  
Henry J. Pretz.

Edgar Dubs Shimer,  
Mary C. Hannum.

Louise E. Shimer,  
John L. Hogan.

Anna M. Shimer.  
Carrie E. Shimer.

William H. Shimer,  
Johanna Schaeffer.

Ursula V. Shimer.

Allen R. Shimer.  
Ella M. Mensch.

Frederick H. Shimer,  
Clara Getz.

Harry D. Shimer,  
Emma Kattenbach.

Floyd B. Shimer,  
Mary McGough.  
Clarence T. Shimer,  
Anna Weiss.

Bessie U. Shimer.  
Ralph W. Shimer.

Florence L. Shimer.

## 7TH GENERATION.

Louisa M. Roth,  
William Roth.

Edith M. Seaman,  
Elizabeth Seaman,  
Paul T. Seaman,  
E. Anna Seaman.

Marjorie Roth,  
Gilvin Roth.

Mary E. Hubbard,  
Catharina Hubbard,  
Emily Hubbard.

Edgar S. Pretz,  
Harold W. Pretz.

Mabelle H. Shimer,  
Dr. O. E. Wasgatt.

Maude C. Shimer,  
Dr. J. C. Wharton.

John L. Hogan, Jr.

(Died single.)

Annie E. Shimer,  
Mary Shimer,  
Johanna Shimer.

(Died in infancy.)

J. Manton Shimer,  
Russell M. Shimer,  
Ruth M. Shimer,  
Stanley R. Shimer.

V. Kenneth Shimer.

Leo I. Shimer,  
Verne Shimer,  
Lester Shimer.

Richard W. Shimer.







4TH GEN.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION
	SABINA S. SHIMER, SAMUEL MESSINGER.	James E. Messinger, Emma Messinger.	Ella Messinger, Cora Messinger.
		Geo. Frank Messinger, Clara Reinheimer.	Edward R. Messinger, George S. Messinger, Liza S. Messinger, Carrie M. Messinger, Rosa A. Messinger, James F. Messinger.
		Charles S. Messinger, Amelia Messinger.	Orpha C. Messinger, Clara D. Messinger, Victor S. Messinger, Ammon A. Messinger, Joyce C. Messinger, Anson C. Messinger, Andella A. Messinger, Melvin A. Messinger, Claude O. Messinger.
		Hannah C. Messinger, William H. Stauffer.	
		Ella C. Schall, Adam Zimmerman.	Webster W. Zimmerman, Clyde C. Zimmerman, Krause S. Zimmerman, Schall D. Zimmerman.
	MARIA SHIMER, JACOB SCHALL.	Mary J. Schall, Benjamin Zimmerman.	Flossie P. Zimmerman, Raymond P. Zimmerman.
		Elizabeth Schall, James George (1st), Quintus Fehnel (2d).	
		Emma Schall, Elmer Berlin.	Mamie George, Porter George.
	ELIZABETH SHIMER.	(No issue).	
		Benjamin F. Shimer, Jennie Messinger.	Floyd A. Shimer, Mary S. Shimer, Edward F. Shimer, Carrie E. Shimer, Anna M. Shimer, Lena M. Shimer, Benjamin M. Shimer, Jr., Emily F. Shimer.
		Charles E. Shimer, Julia A. Hahn (1st),	Emma S. Shimer, Daniel Wheitzel.
	FRANK L. SHIMER, SABINA BABP.	Saline Anglemeyer (2nd).	Milton S. Shimer, Eliza Anglemeyer.
		Hannah Shimer, Martin Ackerman (1st), Abraham Walters (2nd).	Frank B. Shimer, Ella Prantz.
		Erwin B. Shimer, Carrie Messinger.	Anna Shimer, Steward Young.
		Josephine Shimer, Edward Weaver.	Lovene A. Shimer, Nettie Stauffer.
		Lovene A. Shimer.	Harrison Ackerman, Abraham Walters, Helen Walters.
	REUBEN L. SHIMER, SUSAN SHIMER.	J. Edward Shimer, Adella F. Fenstermacher.	Ella A. Shimer.
		Porter W. Shimer, Elizabeth Sandt.	Carrie Weaver, Alfred Weaver, Frank Weaver.
		George A. Shimer.	(No issue.)
	PETER A. SHIMER, ELLEN WERKHEISER.	Martha J. Shimer.	(No issue.)
		Preston C. Shimer, Grace Dietrich.	Mary E. Shimer, Alfred Shimer, Emily Shimer, Preston Shimer.
		Mary C. Shimer.	(No issue.)
	ELIZA A. SHIMER, WILLIAM WERKHEISER.	Rosa A. Werkheiser, Dr. Wm. Seibert.	Annie Seibert, Margaret Seibert.
	MARY SHIMER, SAMUEL LERCH.	Ellen Lerch, Hannah Lerch, Lovene Lerch.	



4TH GEN.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC SHIMER AND KATE APPLE.	ELIZABETH SHIMER, HENRY ERDMAN.	George A. Erdman, Cora Reichard.	Wm. Henry Erdman, Valeria Erdman.
		Oliver H. Erdman, Alvesta Kemmerer.	Oliver Erdman, Viola Erdman, Quinie Erdman.
			Dr. W. E. Apple, Minnie Frey.
		Dr. Ammon A. Apple, Ella Taylor.	Dr. Clarence E. Apple, Emma Crowe.
	LEVINA SHIMER, WILLIAM APPLE.}	Frank Apple, Eliza F. Hess.	Abbot A. Apple, Blanch E. Apple, Mildred M. Apple, Clyde M. Apple, Marion Apple, Miles E. Apple, Norman F. Apple, Kathryn L. Apple.
		Dr. William S. Apple, May E. Rogers.	(No issue.)
		Milton S. Apple, Amelia Apple, Mary A. Apple.	
	MARY SHIMER.	(No issue.)	





4TH GEN.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
			Letitia Barnes, James K. Bowen.
		Avon Barnes, Annie Washburn.	
		Laura Brown.	Marion Barnes.
	MARY SHIMER, DR. JAMES P. BARNES.	Grace Barnes, John Shimer.	Margaret Shimer.
		Jacob Barnes. Catherine K. Hume.	Douglas H. Barnes, Harold S. Barnes.
		Lena Barnes.	
		Dr. Howard S. Seip, Annie E. Anewalt.	Theodore A. Seip, Hilda Seip.
	EMMA SHIMER, THEODORE L. SEIP, LL.D.	Frank M. Seip, Elizabeth Francis.	Margaret Seip.
		Annie E. Seip.	

DESCENDANTS OF  
JACOB SHIMER AND FAYETTA KECK.



4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.

6TH GENERATION.

7TH GENERATION.

MARY A. BUTZ.

(No issue.)

ELIZA BUTZ.

(No issue.)

JACOB S. BUTZ,  
ADELIA BIXLER.

Charles M. Butz,  
Elizabeth S. Butz,  
Eloise D. Butz,  
Lewis Butz.

DAVID BUTZ.

(No issue.)

CHARLES BUTZ.

(No issue.)

MATILDA BUTZ,  
HENRY R. CHIDSEY.

(No issue.)

SAMUEL BUTZ.

EDWARD M. BUTZ,  
ANNA GEARY.

Edward M. Butz, Jr.

DESCENDANTS OF  
ELIZABETH SHIMER AND MICHAEL BUTZ.



4TH GEN.

## 5TH GENERATION.

## 6TH GENERATION.

## 7TH GENERATION.

ELIZABETH SHIMER.

(No issue.)

MARY SHIMER,  
DAVID MONTGOMERY  
(1st husband),

Annie R. Montgomery.

(No issue.)

JOHN B. CHIDDIX  
(2nd husband).Tillie A. Chiddix,  
John C. Chiddix.

John F. Shimer.

Anna M. Shimer.

JOHN K. SHIMER,  
ALICE L. NEAL.

Earl L. Shimer.

Otto N. Shimer.

Floy B. Shimer.

SAMUEL K. SHIMER.

ELIZA SHIMER,  
CLARK BUNTIN.Samuel R. Buntin,  
Anna E. Buntin.DESCENDANTS OF  
SAMUEL SHIMER AND ANNA KUHNS.



4TH GEN	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM SHIMER AND MARGARETTA JOHNSTON.	SAMUEL J. SHIMER, CATHARINE A. STOUT.	Elmer S. Shimer, Retta S. Lawson.	Elizabeth Shimer, Samuel J. Shimer, Harold L. Shimer.
		Mary Shimer, William Heinen.	William S. Heinen, Henry S. Heinen, George S. Heinen, Lewis S. Heinen, Catharine S. Heinen.
		George S. Shimer, Libbie Moore.	Miriam C. Shimer, Florence E. Shimer, George E. Shimer.
		Stewart A. Shimer, Lillie M. Shafer.	Catharine L. Shimer.
		Esther Shimer, Dr. Frank A. Garis.	Dorothy F. Garis.
	GEORGE J. SHIMER, LENNIE APPLGATE	Margaretta Shimer, Richard Mathieson	George Mathieson.
		Charles A. Shimer.	
		Abraham Shimer, Grace Bitler.	Johnston B. Shimer.





## 5TH GENERATION.

## 6TH GENERATION.

## 7TH GENERATION.

ISAAC SHIMER,  
HANNAH WEAVER.

Henrietta Shimer,  
Ervine Oberly.

Lillie M. Oberly,  
Minnie C. Oberly,  
John S. Oberly,  
Robert S. Oberly.

Robert M. Shimer.

(No issue.)

William A. Shimer.

(No issue.)

Elemina Shimer,  
Robert Weatherston.

Robert S. Weatherston,  
Jennie Weatherston.

Annie C. Shimer,  
Peter Rothrock.

Carrie J. Rothrock,  
Harry Rothrock,  
Robert Rothrock,  
Hattie Rothrock.

Hannah C. Shimer,  
Ephraim Newhard.

Mary Shimer,  
Edward Shimer.

Charles E. Shimer.

Ida J. Shimer.

James O. Shimer.

Clayton M. Shimer,  
Laura Reichard.

Hannah C. Shimer,  
Esther M. Shimer,  
Mary E. Shimer.

SYLVANAS SHIMER.

(No issue.)

Annie C. Buss,  
Jacob S. Lawell.

Herman Buss,  
Emeline Weaver (1st),  
Ida Worman (2nd).

Lizzie Buss,  
Peter Kern.

Oliver Buss.

(No issue.)

SARAH SHIMER,  
JACOB BUSS.

George I. Buss,  
Melisa Frankenfield.

Milton M. Buss,  
Maranda Ernst.

Robert C. Buss,  
Emma Hickson.

William S. Buss,  
Isabella Zellner.



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5TH GENERATION.

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7TH GENERATION.

DESCENDANTS OF  
JESSIE SHIMER AND CATHARINE LUTZ.

MATILDA SHIMER,  
BENJAMIN LERCH.

Ellen Lerch,  
August S. Weber.

Isabella J. Lerch,  
John J. Reigle.

Samantha Lerch,  
Samuel Roth.

Reuben S. Lerch,  
Adelia Ruch.

Anna M. Lerch,  
Edward Dewalt.

Mercenia A. Weber,  
Frank Reigle.

Daniel N. Weber,  
Alvesta Wagner (1st),  
Louisa Riegler (2nd).

Ivan Roth,  
Preston B. Roth.

Preston Lerch,  
Ella M. Lerch.

Florence Dewalt.



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DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS SHIMER AND SUSAN LUTZ.	B. FRANKLIN SHIMER, SUSANNA WEBER.	Maud Shimer, Thomas Kichline.	Roy Kichline, Elwood Kichline, Rhonal Kichline, Marian Kichline.
		Hamilton Shimer, Bertha Hinline.	Esther Shimer, Ruth Shimer, Miriam Shimer, Evelyn Shimer, Thomas F. Shimer.
		Edith Shimer, Harry Nolf.	
		Ella W. Shimer.	
	DR. REUBEN L. SHIMER, ELIZABETH REILY.	(No issue.)	
	ANNA MARLA SHIMER, PETER RICHARD.	(No issue.)	
	CECILLIA SHIMER.	(No issue.)	



4TH GEN.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
DESCENDANTS OF LYDIA SHIMER AND DAVID BOYER.	GEORGE BOYER, ANNIE C. BOYER.	Virginia Hulsizer, Gernar Weller.	
		Lydia Hulsizer, Jacob Feit.	
	SUSAN BOYER, ANDREW HULSIZER.	G. Freeman Hulsizer.	
		Margaret Hulsizer, Lomerson Carhart.	
		Lizzie B. Hulsizer, Stewart Fritts.	
	KATE BOYER, ABSOLURA PERSEL.		
	SARAH BOYER, WILLIAM WELLER.		
	MARY BOYER, ROBERT SMITH.		
	LYDIA BOYER, CASTNER.		
	EMILY BOYER, SAMUEL CRIVILING.		
	ELIZABETH BOYER, JOHN FRENCH.		
JANE BOYER, SAMUEL HARVER (1st), HORACE HARVEY (2nd).			





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DESCENDANTS OF SARAH SHIMER AND JOHN P. LUTZ.	SARAH SHIMER, THOMAS G. RIEGEL.	Jacob Riegel, Sue Landis.	
		Cyrus Riegel.	(No issue.)
		Lavin Riegel, Mary Schwartz.	
		John J. Riegel, Isabella Lerch.	
		Emma Riegel, Reuben Herring.	Thomas F. Herring, Carrie Herring, Sarah Herring, Mary Herring, Laura Herring, Cora Herring, Ellen Herring.
		Laura Riegel, George Weisel.	Harvey Weisel.
		Mary Reigel, Joseph Hawk.	Mira Hawk, Warren Hawk.
		Sabylla Reigel, L. A. Bixler.	Raymond Bixler, Lynda Bixler, Wilbert Bixler.
		George Reigel, Mary Fehnel.	Esther Fehnel.
		Louisa Riegel, Thomas Wintz.	



DESCENDANTS OF  
CAROLINE M. VON STEUBEN AND GEORGE REICH.

4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.

6TH GENERATION.

7TH GENERATION.

HENERETTE REICH.

ISAAC REICH.

MARY ANN REICH.

SUSANNA REICH.

ELIZA ANN REICH.

MARTIN REICH

ANNA MARIA REICH,  
MILTON BERGER.

GEORGE REICH.

CAROLINE REICH.



4TH GEN.

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7TH GENERATION.

ROBERT YOST,  
CLARISA GEISINGER.

JOHN YOST,  
MARY REICHARD.

DR. MARTIN YOST,  
AMANDA GABLE (1st),  
MRS. JULIA HEINNON (2d)

EDMOND YOST,  
AMANDA SWARTZ.

MARIA YOST,  
EPIRAIM BERGER.

MATILDA YOST,  
JOSEPH BACHMAN.

SALLIE ANN YOST,  
SOLOMON UEBEROTH.

AMANDA YOST,  
EDWIN MORITZ.

MARY YOST,  
HENRY SELLERS.

DESCENDANTS OF  
MARIA VON STEUBEN AND JOHN YOST.



4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.

6TH GENERATION.

7TH GENERATION.

ROSETTA VON STUBEN.

(No issue.)

SABINA VON STUBEN.

(No issue.)

EDWARD VON STUBEN,  
ELENORA OBERLY.

CECILLA VON STEUBEN,  
JOSEPH MARSIL.

SIMON VON STEUBEN,  
ELIZA KOEHLER.

HENERETTA VON STEUBEN,  
JACOB JACOBY.

HANNAH VON STEUBEN,  
DAVID SHORTZ.

ELIZABETH VON STEUBEN,  
OWEN F. HESS.

SALLIE ANN VON STEUBEN,  
MARTIN FRANKENFIELD.

PETER VON STEUBEN,  
SABINA MICHLER.

ANTONETTE VON STEUBEN,  
FRANK WINDT.

AUGUST L. VON STEUBEN,  
AMANDA LAWELL.

SAVANAH L. VON STEUBEN,  
JAMES KEIM.

THEODORE VON STEUBEN.

LLIZETTA VON STEUBEN.

ROSANNAH VON STEUBEN,  
THEODORE LEVERS.

DESCENDANTS OF  
AUGUST L. VON STEUBEN AND HANNAH DREISBACH (1ST WIFE).





4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.

6TH GENERATION.

7TH GENERATION.

ADAM F. SHIMER

(No issue.)

ELIZA E. SHIMER.

(No issue.)

ALICE SHIMER,  
MICHAEL MURPHY.

Mary Murphy,  
Hannah Murphy,  
Charles Murphy,  
Rebecca Murphy.

ANNIE M. SHIMER.

DESCENDANTS OF  
FRANKLIN SHIMER AND REBECCA ENSLEY.



4TH GEN.

5TH GENERATION.

6TH GENERATION.

7TH GENERATION.

DESCENDANTS OF  
CHARLES SHIMER AND MARY WAGNER.

JAMES W. SHIMER,  
SOPHIA CRAWFORD.

Howard Shimer.

Arthur J. Shimer,  
Ada Case.

Sterling A. Shimer.

Chester Shimer.

Laura Shimer,  
Raymond Mutchler.

Ruth V. Mutchler.

Mamie Shimer.

Raymond Shimer.

Mary Bachman.

EMMA SHIMER,  
HIRAM K. BACHMAN.

Annie Bachman.

Floyd Bachman.



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DESCENDANTS OF ANNA MATILDA SHIMER AND JOSEPH RICHARDS.	MILTON RICHARDS.		
	CLAYTON RICHARDS.		



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HENRIETTA SHIMER,  
JAMES SCHOOP.

Annie Schoop,  
Grace Schoop.

ELIZA SHIMER,  
THOMAS D. KING.

Lillian King.

ISAAC SHIMER,  
MARY E. CRESSMAN.

Harry Shimer,  
Bertha Johnson.

TITUS SHIMER.  
CAROLINE KING.

John Shimer,  
Robert Shimer,  
Titus Shimer,  
Clara Shimer,  
Mabel Shimer,  
Susan Shimer.

John Shimer.

JEROME SHIMER,  
MARY BACHMAN.

Estella Shimer.

DESCENDANTS OF  
WILLIAM SHIMER AND SUSAN SEIFFERT (1ST WIFE).





4TH GEN.	5TH GENERATION.	6TH GENERATION.	7TH GENERATION.
DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM SHIMER AND ELIZABETH SLOYER (2ND WIFE).	WILLIAM SHIMER, AMANDA PIERSON.	Erwin Shimer, Cora Shimer.	
		William Shimer, Mary Mullen.	
		Elsie Shimer.	
		W. Allen Shimer, Gertie Hinkel.	
		Kate Shimer, Lloyd Reichard.	Albert Richards, Elmer Richards.
	MARTIN SHIMER, MARY BARRON.	John Shimer, Stella Weber.	Sterling Shimer.
		Howard Shimer, Wilmer Shimer, Annie Shimer, Sallie Shimer, Elmer Shimer Monford Shimer.	
		Lizzie Shimer.	
	CHARLES F. SHIMER, SARAH SEIFERT.	Isabella Shimer, Raymond Morrison.	
	MILTON SHIMER, HARRIET McELROY.	Fannie M. Shimer.	
MARY SHIMER, ADDISON GRUBE.	Alten Grube, Eva Grube.		
ANNIE SHIMER, ANDREW R. ZEINER.	Frederick Zeiner.		

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