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FOREWORD

By careful examination of old records and by evaluation of material gathered from many different sources, we have compiled a genealogy, which we believe is fairly accurate. Our early pioneer forefathers left few written records of their achievements. Their wills and last testaments in many cases were the only means of revealing to us their extensive family groups. Very often these records were stored away in the family attic and never read until "rediscovered" at the request of the family historian. Many such records, I am certain, have not as yet been found. Let me urge that all of us who may have such valuable documents in their possession, present them at one of our annual reunions.

Both the Speicher and the Spyker families can regard Berks County, Pennsylvania, as their ancestral home. The spelling of Speicher was changed to Spicher by some members of the family who moved to Central Pennsylvania and farther west. John Spyker, Sr., together with his sons, John, Jr., Peter, and Benjamin, arrived at Philadelphia on September 4, 1737 aboard the ship, *St. Andrew*, and subsequently settled in western Berks County. Ulrich Speicher, together with his sons, Michael and Peter, and, of course, other members of their families, whose names were not listed in the ship's register, arrived at Philadelphia on October 8, 1737 aboard the ship, *Charming Nancy*. Thus we see that both families arrived in America at about the same time. Ulrich and his family also settled in western Berks.

It has been a pleasure to trace the lineage of our family and in a sense meet our early forebears. They were pioneers in the true sense of the word. Lacking the means and privileges of an academic training, they were educated in the backwoods environment of their time. They came to Pennsylvania seeking religious, political, and economic freedom. They cleared the forest, cultivated the soil, built homes and churches and finally helped to establish a commonwealth of which we can all be proud. They came not for gold, but for freedom. In the words of the poet:

Not as the conqueror comes
They, the true-hearted came
Not with the roll of stirring drums
And the trumpet that sings of fame.

Amid the storm they sang
And the stars heard and the sea,
And the sounding aisles of the dim wood rang
To the anthem of the free.

What sought they thus afar?
Bright jewels of the mine?
The wealth of seas, the spoils of war?
They sought a faith's pure shrine.

—Hemans

History is a continuous process. No sooner it is written, then it is no longer up to date. Omissions have also been inadvertently made. Therefore, we ask your kind indulgence for mistakes that are found in this manuscript.

This history could not have been written in its present form without the early efforts of the former Secretary of the Family Reunion, Miss Susan Spicher. From the beginning of the first reunion until her death in 1950 she spent many hours in gathering the data for this record. She was continually writing to someone in the relation for more information about their family origin. She was ever on the alert to find how the different family groups were related and finally was able to trace the origin of all of them to Berks County in Pennsylvania. Through these efforts, and by her cordial greetings at family gatherings, she won the good will of the entire "freundschaft." We remember her as a friendly and sincere person, who during the greater part of her life labored under severe adversities, yet never failed to bear true Christian witness.

We also wish to express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Craig R. Spicher of Donners Grove, Illinois, for his interest in the family group by printing the family coat-of-arms. A replica of the coat-of-arms appears on the cover of this book. Every family related to the Speichers is entitled to a copy. To obtain your copy be sure to attend the annual reunion, which is always held on the second Saturday in August. This year (1961) it will be held at the North Heidelberg Church which is located between Robesonia and Bernville, Pennsylvania.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the help and encouragement of Uncle Jacob of New Castle, Delaware, who has always been ready to assist in the publication of this history in every way possible.

PAUL I. SPEICHER



OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SPEICHER CLAN

(Rear, left to right)—Leonard Z. Schott, Chaplain; Leroy J. Speicher, Treasurer; Joseph H. Schott; Harry Speicher; C. Jacob Speicher, Secretary

(Front, left to right)—Calvin Speicher; Jacob Speicher; Clarence J. Speicher, President; Paul I. Speicher, Historian

WILLIAM PENN, OUR BENEFACTOR

No history of the Speicher family or any other family of the Pennsylvania German origin would be complete without a tribute to its great benefactor, William Penn. At this point, let us recall how the countries of central Europe were devastated by the religious wars of the 16th and 17th centuries. By the close of the latter century, much of the wealth of Germany had been destroyed, its farming land made barren and its population terribly reduced.

At this critical time, William Penn visited the Rhineland provinces of Germany to secure settlers for his newly organized province of Pennsylvania. As a Quaker, he spoke to them of the doctrine of freedom of worship and the love of his fellowmen. He also spoke of fertile lands, abundance of game, and great forests where they could begin life anew with the blessings of a Provident Creator. The first group to respond to Penn's invitation was a group of Mennonites led by Francis Pastorius. They purchased land from Penn and arrived in Philadelphia in the October of 1683. In a few years they laid out the part of Philadelphia we now know as Germantown. They were farmers, weavers and manufacturers. Within a few years, their settlement was prosperous and the people were happy and contented.

Some years later a group of Palatinate Germans, who had first settled in New York State, floated their few worldly possessions down the Susquehanna River on rafts as far as Middletown. From there they moved up the Swatara Creek and finally reached western Berks County. Conrad Weiser was one of these early settlers. After 1710, nearly all the German immigrants entered Pennsylvania through the port of Philadelphia. Ulrich Speicher, our forefather, arrived in Philadelphia on the *Charming Nancy* in 1737.

William Penn, our great benefactor, was born in 1644. His father was an Admiral in the British Navy and his mother was of Dutch descent. His father had hoped that he would follow his own naval career. Early in life he came under the influence of the teachings of George Fox, the founder of the Society of Friends, more often called the Quakers. For this belief and practice he suffered many hardships. While William was still a young man, his father ordered him from home for remaining true to the new creed. After the death of his father, King Charles II offered him a grant of land in America in payment of a large debt that the King owed the elder Penn. The tract of land lay west of the Delaware River, its northern boundary was the 43 parallel of latitude. The southern boundary was uncertain for some years, but was finally fixed at latitude 39°40' and became historically famous as the Mason and Dixon line. The boundary between Pennsylvania and Delaware was established as the arc of a circle with a radius of twelve miles, with New Castle, Delaware, as its center.

During colonial times the province of Pennsylvania and the province of Delaware had the same governor, but each had its own assembly. William Penn obtained the latter by purchase from the Duke of York. As a result, the earliest history of the two provinces are closely associated with the life of the Proprietor. Penn made his first trip to his provinces in 1782 on the ship *Welcome*. He first landed on American soil at New Castle, Delaware, on October 27, 1682. A few days later he met delegates at Chester, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of establishing a permanent government for the two provinces. Significantly, the "Great Law" established freedom of religion as its first provision.

Penn remained in the province for two years and then urgent problems made his return to England necessary. Fifteen years elapsed before he could return. He again remained two years, sailing for home in 1701. He lived for 7 more years after his return, but they were years of heartache and tragedy. At one time he served nine months in a debtors' prison. In desperation he tried to resell his holdings in America to the king. Before the transaction could be completed, he died in 1718.

While his last years were tragic, his noble experiment took root and has been a haven for the oppressed for many decades. We, the descendants of those earlier pioneers, who heard the welcome invitation of William Penn to come to Pennsylvania, shall honor and revere him as long as we live in the "land of the free and the home of the brave."



Memorials of Jacob and Eva (Kreitz) Speicher in Haag Cemetery, Bernville

THE SPYKERS OF THE TULPEHOCKEN AND LEWISBURG

Peter Spyker arrived in America aboard the ship *St. Andrews* in 1737, accompanied by his parents and several brothers and sisters. Upon their arrival in Philadelphia, his father John, Sr., his brother, John, Jr., and Peter took the oath of allegiance. His brother Benjamin was under age, therefore could not be "qualified."

The Spykers, upon their arrival, settled in Western Berks County. From the fact that they were neighbors to many German settlers who had come to the Tulpehocken section by way of Schoharie, New York, it was supposed by some historians that they too had come by that route. This supposition, however, is not correct.

Soon after their arrival in America, both Peter and his brother Benjamin became leaders in the civic affairs of the colony. Benjamin was closely associated with Conrad Weiser in the defense of the Tulpehocken region during the French and Indian Wars. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War he helped to organize and train troops for active military duties. He represented Berks County in the Provincial Conference in 1776. He served as a Justice of the Peace for many years. He died in 1802. Peter also served as Justice of the Peace until his appointment as Judge of the County in 1763. As a reward for faithful service, he was appointed President Judge in 1780. He held this office until his death in 1789.

Perhaps the best known member of the Spyker family was Colonel Henry Spyker. He was a son of Judge Peter Spyker. He was in his early twenties when the Revolutionary War began. At the early age of 23 years he was appointed adjutant of a regiment in the Pennsylvania Militia. While on active duty he was appointed Colonel of the 6th Battalion.

On August 26, 1777, he was commissioned paymaster of the Berks County Militia, a position which he occupied until July 27, 1785. During this time he distributed the vast sum of £122,147 7S 6d and accounted satisfactorily for every penny. Often amid the clamoring of the poorly paid troops, he was compelled to exhaust every means of securing the necessary funds. After the war he served in the Legislature of his adopted State from 1784 to 1790.

In 1795 he erected the first brick house in Lewisburg, Union County, Pa. It is still standing at the corner of St. Catharine and Front Streets. After disposing of this mercantile business and other holdings, Colonel Henry moved to Lewisburg where he resumed his interests in business and civic affairs. He died July 1, 1817. His wife, Maria Weiser Spyker, died October 11, 1829. Both are buried in Lewisburg Cemetery.

GENEALOGY OF PETER SPEICHER

1. Peter Spyker (1711-1789) m. Margaret Seidel

- A. Philip Balsar
- B. John Peter
- C. Benjamin
- D. Elizabeth
- E. Anna Catharine
- F. Marie Barbel
- G. John Henry (Colonel Henry)
- H. George Peter
- I. Johannes

(G.) Colonel Henry Spyker (1753-1817) m. Maria Weiser

- A. John Peter
- B. Lydia
- C. Catharine
- D. John Henry
- E. Jonathan
- G. Maria Margaret
- H. Eva Elizabeth

(E.) Jonathan Spyker (1785- ?) m. Elizabeth Hosterman

- A. Israel
- B. Maria
- C. Amanda m. Levi Sterner
- D. Elizabeth
- E. Franklin
- F. Lady Ann

(E.) Franklin (1824- ?) m. Agnes Selin Davis

- A. Jonathan
- B. James
- C. Agnes
- D. Franklin
- E. George
- F. Mary Catharine
- G. Henry

(G.) Henry Eyer Selin Spyker (1865-1931)
m. Mary Miller Fairchild

- A. Maria Agnes

B. Baker Fairchild (1895-1918)
(He was killed in action in the Argonne on October
13, 1918. He was a member of Co. G, 4th Regi-
ment ,of the 3rd Division.

C. Elizabeth Fairchild m. Archibald A.
Owen

(a) Archibald (b) Henry
(Archibald A. Owen m. Glenn A. Brown)
(a) Archibald
(Henry E. S. Owen m. Polly Ann Keller)
(a) Susan



COL. HENRY SPYKER'S HOME

First Brick House built in Lewisburg, Pa. Started August 5, 1795. Corner of St.
Catherine and Front Streets, Lewisburg, Pa. Still standing.

ULRICH SPEICHER

Ulrich Speicher arrived at Philadelphia on October 8, 1737, aboard the ship *Charming Nancy*. To the best of our knowledge, he was very poor and possibly became a bound servant to pay for his passage and for the passage of his family. In 1755, eighteen years after his arrival in Pennsylvania, Ulrich received a grant of land from the Proprietors. In the records of the Land Office at Harrisburg is the following entry:

“By virtue of a warrant dated the 8th day of June, 1755, to Ulrich Speiker, the above described tract of land situated in Bearn Township, Berks County, containing 193½ acres of land with allowance of 6 per cent.

Signed John Scull.”

Later this same tract was patented to Emmanuel Schlappich on August 29, 1870.

Ulrich had at least two sons of whom we have a record—Peter and Michael. Ulrich sold his property to his son Michael. The following deed is recorded in the Courthouse at Reading, Pennsylvania. It is the oldest document of the family history that we have found.

PURCHASE OF LAND AGREEMENT BETWEEN ULRICH SPEICHER AND HIS SON, MICHAEL SPEICHER

DATED APRIL 8, 1762

“KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Ulrich Speiger of Barn Township in the County of Berks and province of Pensilvania yeoman for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds lawfull money of Pensilvania to me in hand paid or condition'd to be paid by Michael Speiger of the same place, HAVE granted bargained and sold unto the said Michael Speiger my improvement, lying and being in the said Township of Barn, adjoining on the lands of Christel Hirtzberger, Adam Grim, and Valentine Himmelberger, containing about two hundred acres of land being the same more or less, whereof I do acknowledge the receipt and myself therewith fully and entirely satisfied, HAVE granted bargained sold set over and delivered, and by these presents, DO grant bargain sell set over and deliver unto the said Michael Speiger all my right and property to the said Improvement as above mentioned, together also with all and singular the buildings rights members improvements heredities and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging and the reversions and remainders thereof - -

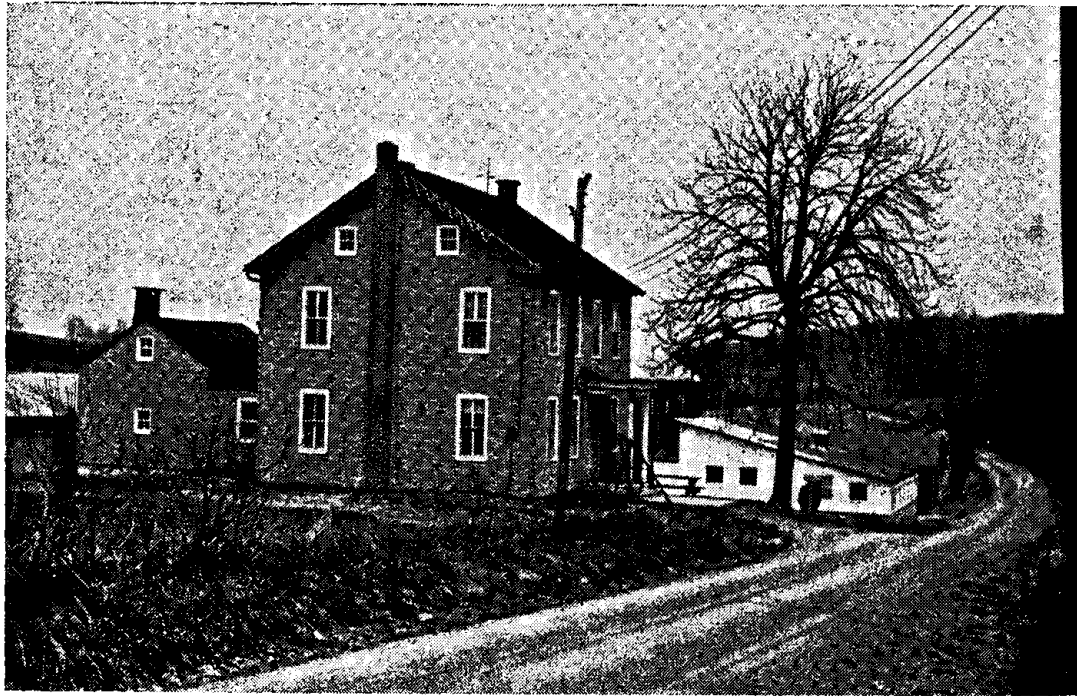
“TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE said bargained premises unto him the said Michael Speiger or his heirs and assigns to the only

proper use and behoof of him the said Michael Speiger or his heirs and assigns forever. AND I the said Ulrich Speiger for my self and my heirs executors and administrators (But reserving for my self the said Ulrich Speiger to live on the said bargained premises my natural life.) The said bargained premises unto him the said Michael Speiger or his heirs and assigns, against all an all manner of person or persons from or under me, or by me in any case shall and will for ever warrant and defend, THE HON.^{ble} PROPRIETORS OR LORDS OF THE TILL'S always excepted, by these presents

“IN WITNESS WHEREOF I the said Ulrich Speiger have hereunto set my hand and seal, dated the eighth day of Aprill Anno Domini One Thousand seven hundred and sixty two - - -

SEALED AND DELIVER'D
in the presence of us

SIGNED
Ulrich Speiger”



The Ulrich Speicher Homestead, three miles east of Bernville,
as it appears today.

MICHAEL SPEICHER

Undoubtedly Michael lived at the old homestead all his life. He had a family of seven children. We have information of each one except Anna and Michael. About the year 1800, a Michael Speicher moved into Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Some records state that he came from Berks County. If he did—and there are good reasons to think so—it reveals to us the relationship of a large family of Speichers in Somerset and adjoining counties to their kinsmen in Berks. The spirit of moving West was beginning to make men anxious

to find a still better home and greater opportunities. About this time John Peter moved to Juniata County and from there his descendants have gone to every part of the United States. Jacob died in 1823 and Christian lived at the old home. He died about 1850. Barbara was never married. She kept house for her father until his death and later for her brother Jacob. We have no record of Magdalena, although we do know that she did not marry.

WILL OF MICHAEL SPEICHER

DATED JUNE 18, 1800

(Translated from German)

In the name of God, amen. I, Michael Speicher, the elder, of the Township of Bern in the County of Berks and state of Pennsylvania, being aged and at present, thanks be to God, of good and sound memory and understanding, but having considered the mortality of man, I make herewith my last will and testament and dispose of my worldly estate in the following manner (that is to say).

My will is that after my decease my body shall be interred in a Christian-like manner and that my just debts be paid, then my will is and I do hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved son, Christian Speicher, all my land and plantation and several tracts of land adjoining each other in Bern Township aforesaid. It being the same whereon I now dwell, being the same now in his possession to hold to him the said Christian Speicher, his heirs and assigns forever. For which land or plantation my said son, Christian Speicher, shall pay the sum of six hundred pounds in good lawful gold or silver money of Pennsylvania in the following manner and to the respective persons hereafter mentioned. First he, my said son, Christian, shall pay one year after decease the sum of one hundred pounds which shall be paid in equal shares to my respective children; namely, to Barbara, Jacob, Anna, Michael, John Peter, and Magdalena. Then, after the first payment shall be paid in yearly payments to the same, the sum of thirty-three pounds and six shillings and eight pence beginning at the oldest; namely Barbara, and ending at Magdalena (always excluding my son Christian of the payment aforesaid) until the whole of said six hundred pounds are paid off in equal shares. Then further, it is my will that soon after my decease, all my moveables shall be sold by public sale by my executors hereafter nominated and mentioned and the money therefrom arising together with my outstanding debts in bonds, notes and book debts shall be equally divided in equal shares among all my children except thirty pounds which shall first be taken off by my daughter Barbara for her use.

Then further it is my will that if I should not confirm the said land or plantation by a deed (in my lifetime) to my said son, Christian Speicher, then it is my will that the same shall be confirmed to him in fee simple by my said executor or one of them or the survivors or the

survivor of them or him. And lastly I do hereby nominated and constitute my beloved son Christian Speicher and my trustworthy brother Peter Speicher or the survivors or survivor of them to be executors of this my last will and testament and do hereby empower them or the survivors or survivor of them to do all such which as executors it is necessary for them to do. And I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other wills and testaments. In witness and confirmation of this my last will and testament, I have herewith set my hand and seal this 18th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred.

Signed,
Michael Speicher, the elder

Stephan Kaufman }
Christian Stutzman } Witnesses

GENEALOGY OF MICHAEL SPEICHER

- I. Michael Speicher (? -1800)
 - A. Barbara—never married
 - B. Jacob (? -1823) married Renno
 - 1. Suzanna m. John Miller
 - 2. Jacob (1811-1881) m. Leah Stoltzfus
 - a. Nancy—never married
 - b. Leah—never married
 - c. John
 - C. Anna—no record
 - D. Michael—no record
 - E. John Peter—moved to Juniata County
 - 1. Abraham
 - 2. John
 - 3. Elizabeth
 - 4. Catharine
 - 5. Jonas
 - 6. Nancy
 - 7. Phoebe
 - 8. William
 - 9. Daniel
 - 10. Joseph
 - 11. Jacob
 - 12. Michael
 - 13. Emmanuel
 - F. Magdalena—never married
 - G. Christian—lived on the old homestead
 - 1. Henry
 - 2. John (Lebanon County)
 - 3. Catharine—married Jonas Bellman
 - 4. Sarah—married Stephan Kauffman
 - 5. Anna—married Jonas Kreitz
 - 6. Jacob

JACOB SPEICHER

(? -1823)

Jacob, son of Michael, lived on a farm in Upper Bern Township. He had two children, Suzanna and Jacob. His wife died in 1811. After the death of his wife, his sister Barbara kept house for him until his death. We assume that Jacob's daughter Suzanna lived with him until her marriage to John Miller. There is evidence that the Millers may have joined the emigrants to Juniata County. After the death of his mother, the son, Jacob, moved to Lancaster County to live with his maternal grandfather. He married Leah Stoltzfus, and their descendants constitute the Lancaster County group of the Speicher family.

WILL OF JACOB SPEICHER

DATED MARCH 9, 1822

(Translated from German)

I, the undersigned, Jacob Speicher, from Upper Bern Township, Berks County, state of Pennsylvania, I who am weak in body and feeble, but have my full understanding and sound mind and memory, and have the power to make decisions; I possess my mental faculties like my healthy years, for which I thank God heartily, and believing that all must die, make and declare this document my last will and testament, namely, first I recommend my soul to the hand of my Lord for His eternal mercy and my body to the earth, which my executors shall bury me in a Christian manner and so shall find it good.

My worldly possessions, which consist of a farm in Upper Bern Township which contains twenty-one acres, more or less, and different things, also set my will that my farm shall be operated by the executors, which I hereby appoint until my son Jacob shall become twenty-one years of age. After that, my son and my daughter, Susanna, will select three honest neighbors and these neighbors shall appraise this land or obligations of its value, and then my son shall pay half to my daughter. In case Susanna will not accept this appraisement in this manner, my daughter shall buy the farm and pay half to my son. In case none of the children can accept, the executors must sell my property and divide it equally. Further, it is my will that my personal property shall be sold at public sale, except my books which shall be given by my executors to my children. My clothing shall be given to my son and the clothing of my wife, who died previously, shall be given to my daughter. And my son shall have a list. The articles in the drawers shall not be sold. To my sister Barbara I give twenty-five pounds, for services she rendered many years.

And finally I name my brother, Christian Speicher, and my brother-in-law, John Renno, as the executors of this my last will and

testament, and I give the power to said Christian Speicher and John Renno at the same time to be legal guardians to take care of the fortunes and persons of my two children. If one should die, the other shall take over the responsibility and in case both die, the Orphans Court shall name another executor.

And I declare once more that this covenant to which I have added my signature will be my last will and testament, and I have added this seal to confirm it as necessary. This document is executed in Upper Bern Township on the ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two and undersigned and sealed and declared as my last will and testament.

In presence of us:
Stephan Kaufman
Philip Filbert

Signed,
Jacob Speicher

GENEALOGY OF JACOB SPEICHER (? -1823)

- I. Jacob m. Renno
 - A. Suzanna m. John Miller
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - B. Jacob (1811-1881) moved to Lancaster County at age 12.
Married Leah Stoltzfus
 - 1. Nancy
 - 2. Leah
 - 3. John
 - a. Nancy
 - b. Jacob } twins. Never married, lived together at
 - c. Leah } the old homestead.
 - d. Christian
 - e. John (1876-1955) m. Katie Petersheim
(1876-1959)
 - (1) Lizzie m. Solomon Beyler
 - (a) John
 - (b) Abner
 - (c) Levi
 - (d) Katie
 - (e) Christian
 - (f) Anna
 - (2) Christian m. Mary L. Stoltzfus
 - (3) Leah) twin sister of Jacob
 - (4) Jacob) m. Katie Glick
 - (a) Susan
 - (b) Aaron
 - (c) John
 - (d) Emma
 - (e) Jacob

- (5) Katie m. Aaron Glick
 - (a) Nancy
- (6) John m. Miriam Zug
 - (a) Katie
 - (b) Rachel
 - (c) Elizabeth
 - (d) Anna
- f. Betsy m. Christian Petersheim
 - (1) Annie m. Josiah Stoltzfus
 - (a) Jonas
 - (b) Elizabeth
 - (c) Emma
 - (d) Lydia Ann

**JOHN PETER SPEICHER
(1773-1826)**

John Peter Speicher moved to Juniata County soon after the close of the Revolutionary War. His family was one of about ten families which left Berks County at that time to migrate westward with the hope of finding a new home and new opportunities. Stephan Kauffman and his family were in this group of emigrants, but soon returned to Berks County. Names of other families that migrated are: Kauffman, Maust, Miller, Sieber, and Renno.

John settled near Thompsettown where he raised a family of 13 children. After his death the children changed the spelling of Speicher to "Spicher." He died in 1826 at the age of 53 years. His widow Magdalene survived him by almost 40 years. Both are buried in the Lost Creek Mennonite Cemetery at Oakland Mills.

**GENEALOGY OF JOHN PETER SPEICHER
(1773-1826)**

1. John Peter m. Magdalene
Moved to Juniata County.
 - (A.) Abraham m. Salome Yoder
 1. Christian m. Barbara Yoder
 2. Salome m. Moses E. Yoder
 3. Elizabeth m. Joel Hostetter
 4. Fannie m. John Yoder
 5. Leah m. Joseph Hostetter
 6. Susan m. Christian Zook
 7. Joel m. Barbara Hostetter
 - (B.) John (C.) Elizabeth (D.) Catharine (E.) Jonas (F.) Nancy
 - (G.) Phoebe (H.) William (I.) Daniel m. Sarah Ickes
 1. Amanda m. David Dimm
 2. Rebecca
 3. Edward m. Mary Kline
 4. Frank m. Naomi Craig

5. Mary Ann
6. William m. Clarissa Varnes
7. Samuel m. Alice Aucker
8. David m. Emma Dimm
9. Jerome

- (J.) Joseph m. Barbara Leiter
1. Mary Magdalene m. Cyrus Feree
 2. William m. Sarah Bowers
 3. Ann m. William Feree
 4. Samuel m. Ann Mary Feree
 5. John m. Mary Hollenbach
 6. Joseph m. Mary Lose

- (K.) Jacob m. Susan Hack
1. Harvey
 2. Jennie
 3. Ida
 4. Otis

- (L.) Michael m. Catharine Hoffman
1. John m. Julia Korman
 2. Isaac m. Rachel Roop
 3. Eliza m. John Benner
 4. Catharine
 5. Michael m. Catharine Stine
 6. Sarah m. William Snyder

- (M.) Emmanuel m. Mary Landis
1. Ellen
 2. Annie m. Menno Graybill



Barner's Church near Liverpool, Pa., where the Speicher Reunion was held in 1956.

GENEALOGY OF ABRAHAM SPEICHER

1. Abraham m. Salome Yoder
 - A. Christian m. Barbara Yoder
 1. Samuel
 2. Abraham m. Catharine B. Yoder
 - (a) Barbara (b) Lizzie (c) Emma (d) Christian
 - (e) Alpha (f) Catharine (g) Salome (h) Abraham
 - (i) Dena
 3. Michael m. Mary Hostetter
 - (a) Lena m. Isaac Yoder (b) Noah (c) Barbara
 - (d) Michael
 4. Yost
 5. Mary m. Solomon Y. Hostetter
 - (a) Solomon (b) Dorothy (c) Benjamin (d) Samuel
 - (e) Ruth (f) Christian (g) Esslie (h) Jefferson
 - (i) Barbara (j) Salome
 6. Daniel
 7. Manuel m. Catharine E. Zook
 - (a) Child died in infancy
 - (b) Joseph m. Mattie Sharp
 1. Jacob 2. Melchon 3. Veronica 4. Henry
 5. Naomi Magdalena
 - (c) Elizabeth m. Paul Parker
 1. John 2. Catharine
 - (d) Mary Jane m. Joe Messick
 1. Kathleen 2. Joseph
 - (e) Jacob m. Nyla Jones
 1. Manuel 2. Michael
 - B. Salome m. Moses E. Yoder
 1. Abraham
 - C. Elizabeth m. Joel Hostetter
 1. Leah 2. John 3. Lydia 4. Jonas 5. Steven
 - D. Fannie m. John Yoder
 1. Abraham 2. Sarah 3. Enos 4. Seth
 - E. Leah m. Joseph Hostetter
 1. Nancy 2. Rebecca 3. Michael 4. Mary 5. Emmanuel
 - F. Susan m. Christian Zook
 1. Anna m. Samuel King 2. Lizzie 3. Mary
 - G. Joel m. Barbara Hostetter
 1. Nancy 2. Michael 3. Lizzie 4. Mary

GENEALOGY OF DANIEL SPEICHER
(1811-1879)

1. Daniel m. Sarah Ickes
 - A. Amanda m. David Dimm
 1. Laura m. Parke Brubaker
 - a. Arlene m. Leonard Peterson
 2. Myrtle m. John Lilly
 3. Charles m. Della Helbert
 - B. Rebecca
 - C. Edward m. Mary Kline
 1. Susanna
 2. Nettie m. Frank Gilotte
 3. Esther
 4. Samuel m. Estella Burns
 5. Georgiana m. Donald Byrnes
 - a. Joan b. Dona c. James
 - D. Frank m. Naomi Craig
 1. Margaret m. William Schettler
 2. Craig m. Ruth Marshall
 - a. Marie Isabelle m. Phillip H. Beatty
 1. Lora Jean 2. Craig 3. David Raymond
 - b. Ruth Jean m. R. W. Eickenmeyer
 1. Sue Ann 2. Carol Lee 3. Joan Marie
 3. Therese
 4. Charles
 - E. Mary Ann
 - F. William m. Clarissa Varnes
 1. Maud 2. Oscar
 - a. Frances
 - G. Samuel m. Alice Aucker
 1. Myrtle m. Walter Frontz
 - a. Harold b. Doris c. John Walter
 2. Mary m. William Crawford
 - a. Robert b. Alice c. William d. Donald e. Dorothy
 3. Clair m. Sarah Rowland
 - a. Geraldine b. Helen
 4. Helen m. Clayton Poff
 - a. Frederick
 - H. David m. Emma Dimm
 1. Edna m. George Reynolds
 - a. Frederick b. Rudolph c. Armond d. Kenneth e. Evelyn
 2. Marjorie m. Ray Schreffler
 3. Ruth m. George Shelley
 - a. Robert b. Pauline c. Richard

4. Chester m. Nora Cox
 - a. Mildred Sara m. William Richard Farrell
 1. Alice Ellen 2. Richard Cleveland
 - b. Stella Leona m. John Nicholar Greb
 - c. Marlin Earl m. Eva Louise Mork
 1. Ardith Jean 2. Sharon Louise 3. Marlin Craig
 4. Wayne Earl 5. Ronald Eugene
 - d. Nora Arlene m. Arthur Peter Mork
 1. Judith Marie 2. JoAnn Arlene 3. Dianna Mae
 4. Doris Ellen 5. David Arthur
 - e. Ralph David m. Arlette Ann Johnson
 1. Jeffrey 2. Vicki Lynn
5. Charles m. Florence Pearl Rankin
 - a. Clement Rankin m. Freida Douglas
 - b. Rodney Charles m. Hildegard Gehlen
 1. Charlene 2. Gail 3. Darrell 4. Charles William
 5. Lynn
 - c. Fern Elizabeth m. John Flannigan
 1. Honnie 2. Patrick
 - d. George Louis m. Jean Laverne Colby
 1. Cheryl 2. Marcia
 - e. Robert Wayne m. June
 - f. Richard William m. Emily Wright
 1. Georgeann 2. Corrine

I. Jerome

**GENEALOGY OF JOSEPH SPEICHER
(1806-1878)**

- I Joseph m. Barbara Leiter

Joseph also married Barbara Leiter, cousin to his first wife. They had no children.

 - A. Mary Magdalene m. Cyrus Ferree
 1. Ella Jane m. James Stailey
 - a. Mary Elizabeth m. Clyde Bridge
 - b. Huldah m. George Birch
 1. Ella m. Lou Henry
 - a. Cheryl b. George c. Louis
 - c. infant
 - B. William m. Sarah Bowers
 1. Elmer m. Emma Kerstetter (also married Bessie Watts)
 - a. Walter
 1. Leon 2. Beulah 3. Ruby 4. Jay 5. Earl 6. Donald
 7. Gloria 8. Walter 9. Alvin 10. Paul (killed in 1944, a V.F.W. Post at Elizabethville is named after him)
 11. Bruce 12. Abel 13. Royce 14. Mollie 15. infant
 16. Larry

- b. Elva
 - c. Jay
 - d. Sara)
 - e. Earl) twins
 - f. Stanley
2. Joseph m. Sallie Kiester (also m. Eva Stroup)
 - a. Erma m. Frank Knour
 1. Herman 2. Ruth
 - b. Lola
 3. Jacob m. Elizabeth Zellers (also m. Mary Crowe)
 - a. William
 - b. Russell m. Margaret C. Ambrose
 1. Ursula m. Donald Harris
 - a. D. Herbert
 2. Nancy m. Frank F. Miller
 3. Charlotte
 - c. Zellers
 - d. Ruth m. Lane Ambrose Welshons
 1. Helen m. Alex Clark
 - a. Kathy b. Thomas
 2. Mae m. Thomas Lehman
 - a. James b. Julie
 3. Norman
 - e. Charles
 - f. Harry m. Elizabeth Adams
 1. Ronald m. Peggy Shepler
 - g. Roy
 4. William
 5. Wesley m. Lillie Kerstetter (also m. Carrie Zellers)
 - a. Marion m. Roy Zink
 - b. Grace m. Cyril Boyer
 - c. George m. Mary Sweigart
 - d. Margaret m. Ray Schaeffer
 1. Judy
- C. Ann m. William Ferree
1. Alice m. William Thomas
 - a. Lucy b. Eugene
 2. Newton
 3. Infant
 4. Ida m. Robert James) twins
 - a. Hilda b. Laurin c. Melva
 5. Katie m. William Moyer
 - a. Ruth
 6. William

7. Joseph m. Ruth Sharp
 - a. Charles b. Park c. Emmet d. Miles e. Victor
 - f. Dorothy g. Barbara h. Glenn i. Thelma j. Ruby
 - k. Harry
 8. Ardella m. Claude Bailey
 9. Forrest m. Margaret Antes
 - a. Mae b. Ralph c. Frances d. Beryl
- D. Samuel m. Ann Mary Ferree
1. Joseph m. Ellen Barner
 - a. Samuel b. Henry c. Annie d. Charles e. Ruth f. Ralph
 - g. Paul h. King Barner i. Infant j. Florence m. Andrew Kovatch
 2. Amison m. Martha Lyter
 - a. SUSAN—SECRETARY OF THE REUNION FOR
MANY YEARS (1894-1950)
 - b. Grace
 - c. Dora
 3. Samuel m. Jennie Stroup
 - a. Bertha b. Helen c. Esther d. Anne e. Ethel f. Fern
 - g. Minnie h. Samuel, Jr.
 4. Kate m. Blake Diehl
 - a. Raymond
 5. Ellen
 6. Harry Howard
 7. Annie
 8. David
- E. John m. Mary Hollenbach
1. Edward m. Millie Barner
 - a. Maynard b. Eldon
 2. Ida m. Willis Lester
 - a. William Long m. Susan Lyter
 1. Margaret m. Robert Smeltzer
 - a. William
 2. Roy m. Maxine Foose
 - a. Kenneth b. Kathleen
 3. Julia m. Fred Zaring
 - a. Sharon b. Mary Louise
 4. Blanche m. Robert Wallis
 - a. Carolyn b. Robert c. Kasandra d. Edwin
 5. Mildred m. Dale Murphy
 6. Isabelle m. Harold Cameron
 7. Truman m. JoAnn Super
 - a. Duke
 8. Carol
 9. Palmer
 10. Susan

3. John m. Katie Erlenmeyer
 - a. Clarence b. Lee c. Kathryn d. Lloyd e. Mary
 4. Annie m. Charles Barner
 - a. Helen b. Albert c. Infant
 5. Joseph m. Carrie Moretz
 - a. Ray b. Fern c. Evaline d. Charles e. Glenn
 6. Albert m. Camilla Switzer
 - a. Winfield b. Mary c. Clara d. David
 7. Ardella m. Horace Sheaffer
 - a. Ray b. Paul c. Edward d. Charles e. John f. Mary
 - g. Horace, Jr. — killed in W.W. II
 8. David
- F. Joseph m. Mary Lose
1. Milton
 2. Leonard m. Mary Sheldon
 - a. Carl b. Elmer c. Lettie d. Roy e. Earl f. Harold
 3. Curtis m. Louise Barlage
 - a. Mabel
 4. Robert m. Rose Hepler
 - a. Gladys b. Edward c. Gertrude d. Dale
 5. Lottie
 6. May m. Wallace Ewing
 - a. Edna b. Charles c. Alma d. James e. Alta f. Delbert
 - g. Cecil
 7. Harley m. Orvilla Swatlander
 - a. Opal b. Delbert c. Evelyn d. Esther
 8. Melvin m. Clara Berry
 - a. Melvin, Jr. b. Marjory c. Cleo
 9. Wallace m. Zoe Miller
 - a. Harvey
 10. Alta m. Ray Evans
 - a. Warren b. Richard c. Ray, Jr. d. Phyllis
 11. Earl m. Ethel Beverly
 - a. Hubert b. Violet c. Russel d. Ruby e. Nelson
 - f. Mary Ann g. Nevin h. Dean i. Carrie j. Robert
 - k. Lorean l. Francis

GENEALOGY OF MICHAEL SPEICHER
(1807-1884)

1. Michael m. Catharine Hoffman
 - A. John (1831-1909) m. Julia Korman
 1. James m. Anna Colyer
 - a. James b. Gladys c. Freda d. Grace
 2. Charles m. Amanda Chandler
 - a. Bernice b. Frederick c. George d. Carrie e. Vera
 - f. Beatrice g. John h. Norma Esther
 - j. Nondas Hester
 - i. Norman Chester
 3. Sidney m. Robert Zerby
 - a. Charles b. Marion
 4. Korman m. Catharine Griesharer
 - a. William m. Ruth Arnsthal
 - b. Catharine m. Warren Patterson
 - c. Margaret m. Gerald Ebery
 5. Carrie m. William Hockenberry
 - a. Louise
 6. Calvin m. Rebecca Heckman
- B. Isaac m. Rachel Roop
 1. Thomas m. Maude Boyne
 - a. John m. Pauline Cheske
 1. Angeline m. Steve Tackis
 - b. Blanche m. Frank Belz
 - c. Naomi m. Herman Cooper
 - d. Ruth m. Ray Frackleton
 2. Maggie m. George Redden
 - a. Eva m. Delbert Preston
 - b. Verna m. Arthur Shumaker
 - c. Rachel m. Edward Weber
 - d. Mary m. Edward Andrews
 - e. Lorene m. Kenneth Roderick
 - f. George m. Anna Vetter
 - g. William m. Dorothy Baade
 - h. Leona m. Harry Schaaf
 - i. Charlotte m. Daniel Eaton
 3. Ard Lecke m. Boletta Metzger
 - a. Elmer b. Margaret
 4. Winifred m. Charles Sweetwood
 - a. Clifford b. Alta c. Lola
 5. William m. Elizabeth Harne
 - a. Elizabeth b. Mildred
- C. Eliza m. John Benner
- D. Catharine

- E. Michael m. Catharine Stine
 - 1. Boyd m. Emma Tressler
 - a. Harold
Boyd also m. Lula Osmar
 - b. Edgar c. Russell d. Boyd, Jr.
- F. Sarah Ann m. William Snyder
 - 1. Agnes m. James Osman
 - a. Harry)
 - b. Carrie) twins
 - c. Ben Franklin d. William
 - 2. Anna m. Jeremiah Shunk
 - a. Effie b. Verna c. Anna d. Melvin
 - 3. William m. Myrtle Garis
 - a. Sarah b. Grace c. William d. Miles e. Helen
 - 4. Charles Emmet
 - 5. Martha m. Clinton Markel
 - a. Marion m. Clair Johnson
 - b. Ida m. Raymond Sutter
 - c. Florence m. John Woomer (also m. William Eckley)
 - d. Kathryn m. Harry Sheaffer
 - e. Helen m. Harold Frazier
 - f. Ethel m. Wilber Hoover
 - g. Willa m. Herman Spicer
 - h. Harold m. Lois Vonada
 - i. Ralph m. Lucille Sutter
 - 6. Cora Ellen m. David Grove
 - a. Esther b. Roy
 - 7. Mabel m. Walter Erdley
 - a. Margaret b. William c. Truman

GENEALOGY OF EMMANUEL SPEICHER

- I. Emmanuel m. Mary Landis
 - A. Ellen died in infancy
 - B. Annie m. Menno Graybill
 - 1. Floyd m. Hetty Burkhart
 - a. infant
 - b. Ella m. John Harry
 - 2. Norman m. Bessie Whissler
 - a. Howard b. Dorothy c. Mildred
 - 3. Chester m. Blanche Bushong
 - a. John b. Allen c. Robert
 - 4. Esther

CHRISTIAN SPEICHER

Christian was one of the sons of Michael Speicher. We do not know the year of his birth nor the year of his death, but believe that he died about the year 1850. With his uncle, Peter, he was named co-executor of his father's will. Later he was named co-executor of his brother Jacob's will. Before Jacob's will could be fully executed, Mr. Renno, the other co-executor, died, so that the final disposition of the estate was made by Christian. We believe he spent his entire life at the old homestead in Bern Township. He was perhaps the last of the family to be buried on the family plot. The title of the farm passed from the Speicher family in 1870.

Christian was the father of six children: Henry, John, Catharine, Sarah, Anna and Jacob. Three Speicher children married three Bellman children. Henry married Sallie Bellman, the daughter of Jonas Bellman. They had eight children. The mother died when the youngest son, Henry, was an infant.

John married Catharine Bellman. Soon after their marriage, they moved to Lebanon County. They reared a large family. Many of their descendants still live in Lebanon County. One of the children was Mrs. Amanda Schott who helped promote the Speicher Reunion in its early years.

Catharine, the oldest daughter of Christian, married Jonas Bellman. We know of only two children of this family: Elias and Saul. No record is available of any grandchildren.

Sarah married Stephan Kauffman. As previously mentioned, they joined the emigrants to Juniata County, but returned shortly thereafter. The Kauffmans had only one daughter, Zeria. She married William Zerby.

Anna, the youngest of the daughters, married Jonas Kreitz. They reared a large family and many of their descendants still live in their native county of Berks.

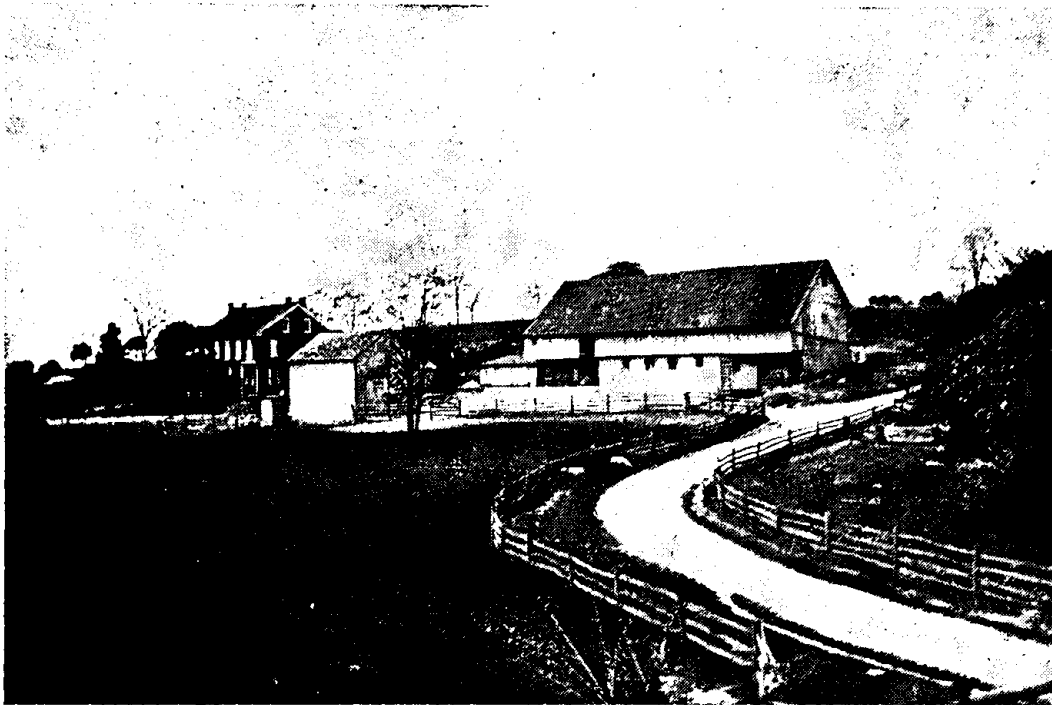
Jacob, the last named of the children of Christian, was not necessarily the youngest. He was named executor of his father's will. During the process of executing the will, the ancestral home was sold (1870) to Emmanuel Schlappich. Shortly afterwards he bought a farm in North Heidelberg Township. Jacob had two sons, Henry and Jacob. The former married Sara Marks and the latter, Themson Roether. Henry had two daughters, but only one grew to maturity.

Jacob, the other son, had a family of eight children. He first lived on a farm near Robeson, Pennsylvania, but later bought a farm in North Heidelberg, where he lived until 1895. During that year he retired and moved to Robeson where he lived until his death in 1927. The names of his children are: Matthias, Lillie, Charles, Allison, Anna, Ella, Themson and Jacob. The last named Jacob has lived in New Castle, Delaware, for the past 50 years.

**GENEALOGY OF JOHN SPEICHER
(1811-1898)**

- I. John m. Catharine Bellman
 - A. Hetty m. Isaac Kreitz
 - 1. Ida
 - 2. Morris m. Annie Lengel
 - a. Albert m. Elizabeth Longaderver
(1) Albert, Jr. — died at Iwo Jima (During W. W. II)
 - b. Lamon m. Margaret Price
 - c. Warren m. Irma Greth
(1) Morris (2) Nancy
 - d. Mary
 - 3. Katie m. Morris Moyer
 - 4. Howard m. Laura Rhine
 - a. Stella m. Calvin Leiss
 - b. Herbert c. Edward d. Margaret e. Bessie f. Mabel
 - 5. Levi m. Bessie Lengel
 - a. Phoebe
 - B. Jonathan m. Annie Turbin
 - 1. John m. Rebecca Hapley
 - a. Mabel b. Harry c. Bertha
 - 2. William
 - a. Ruth
 - 3. Elizabeth m. Eli Miller
 - a. Mamie m. Ellsworth Light
(1) Grace (2) Mark (3) David
 - b. David m. Kathryn Horn
 - c. Jonas m. Ann Hauer
 - d. Miles m. Olivia Codden
(1) Garry (2) Larry (3) Linda
 - e. Paul m. Noami Miller
 - f. Pearl m. Morris Miller
 - g. Rudolph
 - h. Sara
 - i. Ella
 - 4. Mary m. John Boyer
 - a. Fanny b. John c. Earl d. Prosper e. Mamie
 - 5. Katie m. Simon Behney
 - a. Carrie
 - 6. Jennie m. David Ensminger
 - a. Henry
 - 7. Emma m. George Lutz
 - a. Mary b. Andrew c. Rose
 - 8. Annie m. Daniel Brunner
 - a. Charles b. Mary

9. Ella m. Arthur Yeager
 - a. Harvey
 10. Noah
 11. Lydia
 - 12 Sallie
- C. Lavina m. Levi Fidler
1. Alice
 2. Katie
 3. Irwin m. Mamie Miller
 - a. Elizabeth m. Francis Coles
- D. Peter



Homestead of Amanda (Speicher) Schott and her husband Leonard Schott, Cornwall Township, Lebanon County.

- E. Amanda m. Leonard Schott
1. Katie
 2. Joseph m. Edna Smith
 - a. Henry
 - b. Joseph m. Betty Dougherty
 - (1) Joseph (2) Robert (3) Nancy
 - c. Sara m. Paul Fisher
 - (1) Paul (2) Mina
 3. Leonard, Jr., m. Ada Horst—Also m. Carrie Bachman
 - a. Frances m. George Yeager

- b. Leonard, III, m. Catharine McMinn
 - (1) Margaret (2) Leonard Frank
 - c. Kathryn
- F. John m. Elmira Minnich
 - 1. George 2. Milton 3. John 4. Tressa m. Jerome Bensing
 - 5. Vallie m. Edward Groff
 - a. Minnie b. Floyd c. Edward d. John e. Roy
 - 6. Harry m. Mary Kohr
 - a. William b. John c. Charles d. Naomi e. Lydia f. Elsie
 - g. Dora h. Blanche i. Lila
- G. Otto m. Sarah Shenk
 - 1. Sadie m. Harvey Steckbeck
 - a. Otto m. Mabel Nye
- H. Katie m. Henry Heagy
 - 1. Infant
- I. Elizabeth m. Isaac Kreitz
 - (Elizabeth, sister of Hetty, was Isaac's second wife)
- J. Christian m. Sarah Speicher
 - 1. James m. Ida Ebersole
 - a. Morris m. Sallie Kemp
 - b. Laura m. Herbert Phillips
 - c. Essie m. William Boyer
 - d. George m. May Miller
 - e. Amelia m. Clarence Klapper
 - 2. George m. Helena Long
 - a. Ralph m. Margie Zarwig
 - b. Miles m. Lottie Dietzler
 - c. Esther m. Harry Zimmerman
 - e. Margaret
 - f. Mary
 - 3. Harry m. Annie Fossel
 - a. Verna
 - (Harry also married Rosa Lengel)
 - b. Helen m. Lawrence Keeney
 - 4. Katie
- K. Mary m. William Peiffer
 - 1. William 2. Samuel 3. John
- L. Noah
- M. James
- N. Sallie

**GENEALOGY OF ANNA SPEICHER
(1815-1880)**

I. Anna m. Jonas Kreitz

A. Daniel m. Harriet Naftzinger

1. William Henry m. Katie Moyer

a. Annie Elizabeth m. William Blatt

(1) Florence m. George Stewart

a. Jane

(2) Stella m. Clarence Werley

a. Robert

(3) Helen m. Stuart Firing

(4) Frank m.

a. Joan b. Patricia

(5) Charles m.

a. Ronald

b. Walter m. Gertrude Hartz

(1) Stanley m. Mary Moyer

a. Stanley, Jr., b. Irwin

c. Paul m. Gladys Showaker

(1) Virginia (2) Paul (3) Donald

c. Jennie m. Charles Bixler

(1) Ralph m. Marie Sanders

a. Ralph, Jr.

(2) Leroy m. Anna Menche

a. Donald b. Lucretia

d. Ida m. Jacob Harding

(1) Ella m. Leon Weller

(2) Pauline m. William Firing

e. Katie m. Pierce Hettinger

(1) Fern m. Clarence Ohmacht

a. Randolph b. Scott

f. Ella m. John Hettinger

(1) Helen m. William Zimmerly

a. David b. Anita

(2) Samuel m. Kathryn Shoenberger

a. George b. Gary c. Glenn

(3) John m. Doris Reichert

a. Jeffrey

g. William m. Clara Stamm

(1) Charles m. Evelyn Klatz

a. William

(2) Carl m. Jane Redcay

a. Gregory

(3) Miles m. Miriam Hartung

- h. Raymond m. Mary Holtzman
 - (1) Gladys m. Ralph Fisher
 - a. Bonnie b. JoAnne
 - (2) Betty m. William Halbeisen
 - a. Barbara b. Bonnie
 - (3) Mary Ann m. Phillip Ferraro
 - a. Raymond b. Ronald
 - (4) Jacqueline m. Carl Binkley
- 2. Thomas
- 3. Samuel
- 4. Katie
- 5. Ida
- 6. Sallie
- B. Jacob m. Catharine Shalter
 - 1. Mamie m. Harry Leese
 - 2. Charles
 - 3. Earl m. Mabel Wike
 - a. Catharine b. Helen c. Charles d. Earl e. Jean f. Marie
 - 4. Stella m. Adam Riegel
 - a. Leroy
 - 5. Everett
 - 6. Mary m. Ralph Strickler
 - a. Margarite b. Leroy
- C. George
- D. Harrison
- E. Jonathan
- F. Emma
- G. Sarah m. Strauss

**GENEALOGY OF SARAH SPEICHER
(1808-1862)**

- I. Sarah m. Stephan Kauffman
 - A. Zeria m. William Zerby
 - 1. Henry m. Esther Groff
 - 2. Rebecca
 - a. Louis Potteiger
 - 3. Thomas m. Annie Long
 - a. Earl m. Florence Hollenbach
 - 4. Annie m. Harvey Bright
 - a. James (minister) m. Ester Burns
 - (1) James (2) Phyllis

- b. Edgar m. Laura Straus
 - (1) Stewart (2) Doris
- c. Clarence m. Naomi Hill
 - (1) John
- d. Vernon m. Helen Davis
 - (1) Dorothy m. John Ravert
 - a. John b. Thomas
 - (2) Vernon, Jr., m. Patricia Gerhart
 - a. David b. Susan
 - (3) Donald m. Julia Schaeffer
 - a. Ann Marie
 - (4) Randall m. Jean Schaeffer
 - a. Cathy Ann
 - (5) Robert
- e. Pearl m. Eli Manbeck
 - (1) Mildred (2) Robert (3) Janet
- f. Willis
- g. Ralph

**GENEALOGY OF HENRY SPEICHER
(1811-1900)**

- I. Henry m. Sallie Bellman
 - A. Abraham m. Ella Fenner
 - 1. Howard m. Lena Meisner
 - 2. Rose m. Robert Dochter
 - a. Robert
 - 3. William m. Carrie Sanders
 - a. Viola
 - 4. James m. Mary Clark
 - a. Earl m.
 - 1. Lorraine
 - 5. Ida m. John Card
 - a. Stella m. George Lloyd
 - b. Alvin m. Lorraine Pears
 - 1. Sanford 2. Joyce 3. Joseph 4. Doris
 - 5. Charles m. Evelyn Wolf
 - (a) George (b) James
 - 6. Maude m. Oliver English
 - a. Lucille m. Arnold Andrews
 - (1) Madeline (2) Carl
 - b. Mildred m. Wilbur Hockman
 - (1) Grant
 - 7. Herman m. Susan Burgett
 - a. Imogene m. Elwin Kelly
 - (1) James

- 8. Jacob m. Etta Long
- 9. Nellie m. George Winters
- 10. Carl m. Maude Hummel
- 11. Josephine m. Harry Love
 - a. Helen b. Doris

B. Moses (1843-1865) was killed in the battle of Gettysburg

C. Elizabeth m. William Gable

- 1. Ida m. George Heckman
 - a. Charles m. Kathryn
 - b. George m. Stella Fisher
 - c. Aaron
 - d. William
 - e. Laura
 - f. Mamie

D. Rebecca m. John Boehringer

- 1. Bessie m. Earl Parks
 - a. Rebecca m. Harry Umstead
 - (1) Susan (2) Henry
- 2. Bertha m. Charles Stork
 - (a.) Bessie (b.) Alma (c.) Blanche (d.) Harry
 - (e.) Carrie m. Solomon Leshner
 - (1) John (2) Charles
 - (3) Betty (4) Rebecca
 - (f.) Edward m. Florence Sweigart
 - (1) Donald (2) Glen (3) Edward, Jr.
- 3. Charles m. Emma Hornberger
 - a. John m. Mary Redcay
 - (1) John, Jr., m. Alice Eisenhower
 - (2) Charles
- 4. William m. Blanche Bickham
 - a. Virginia
- 5. Luther m. Mary Erb
 - a. Rebecca m. Luther Horning
 - (1) Luther
 - b. Mildred m. Paul Fake
 - (1) Mary
 - c. Kathryn m. John Wagner
 - (1) Jack
- 6. Minnie m. Frank Fichthorn
 - a. Charles m. Carrie Stauffer
 - 1. Mark 2. Frederick
- 7. John

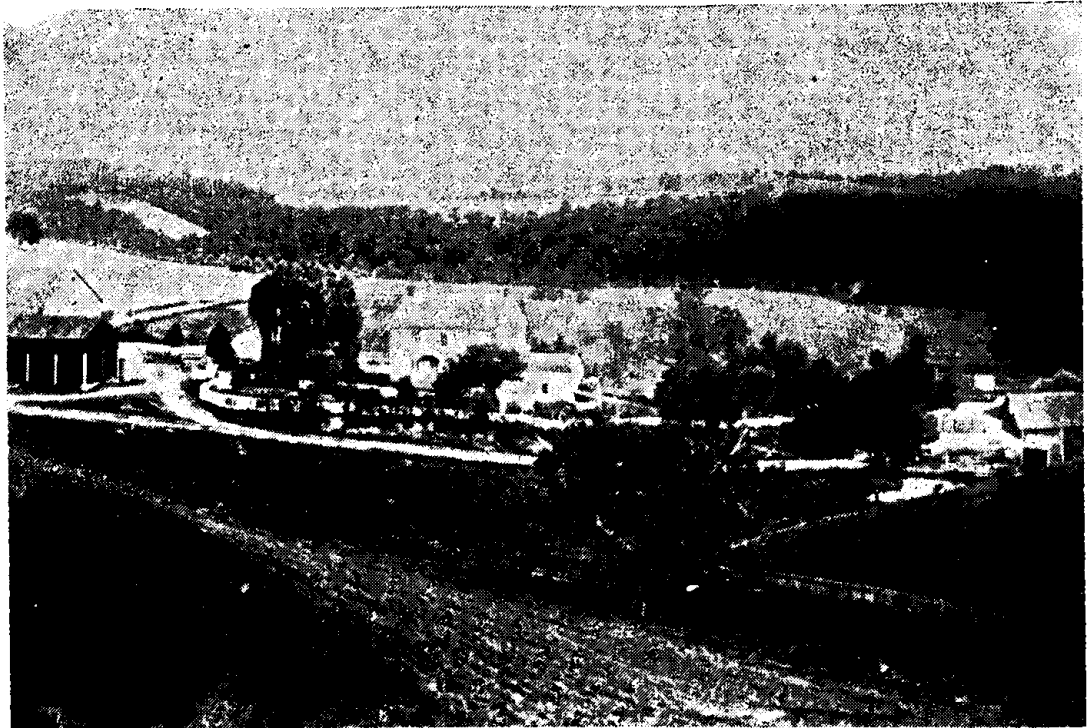
E. Isaac—reared by grandfather

- F. Franklin—reared by grandfather
- G. Wellington
- H. Henry (1855-1941) m. Agnes Heverling—was reared by his
uncle, John Speicher
 - 1. Mamie m. Albert Beachler
 - a. Horace
 - b. Eugene m. Ina Killian
 - (1) Lyle (2) Walter (3) James
 - 2. Luther
 - 3. Walter
 - 4. Sadie
 - 5. Clarence (PRESIDENT OF FAMILY REUNION 1955
TO PRESENT TIME) m. Kathryn Meunch
 - a. Major Henry O. m. Geraldine Sternberger
(Veteran of W. W. II—Presently in country's service)
 - (1) Carl (2) Henry
 - b. Marion Elizabeth m. Robert Crist
 - (1) Infant (2) Deborah (3) Susan
 - c. Kathryn m. Richard Lissak
 - d. William

**GENEALOGY OF JACOB SPEICHER
(1804-1895)**

- I. Jacob m. Eva Kreitz
 - A. Henry (Civil War Veteran)—167th Volunteers
 - 1. Infant
 - 2. Sallie m. Henry Berger
 - a. Walter m. Helen Williams (also m. Margaret
Kemmerer)
 - B. Jacob K. (1838-1927) m. Themson Roether (1842-1918)
 - 1. Mathias m. Elizabeth Bennetch
 - a. William
 - b. Beulah m. Artemus Rhoads
 - (1) Miriam m. Andrew Baer
 - a. Patricia b. Frederick
 - (2) Paul m. Sara Gross
 - (3) Arlene m. Theodore Ziegler
 - a. Theodore, Jr.
 - (4) Ruth m. Albert Angstadt (Albert was killed at
Iwo Jima)—W. W. II)

- a. Carol Ann b. Sandra Lee c. Cheryl
- (5) Arthur
- (6) Betty Ann m. Silas Rohrbach
 - a. Eugene b. Ruth Ann c. Richard d. Linda
- c. Paul I. (FAMILY HISTORIAN) m. Elda Graeff
 - (1) Infant
 - Paul also m. Myrtle I. Steckle
 - (2) Mary Louise m. Ernst Hartline
 - a. Jane Elizabeth
 - (3) Elizabeth Rose m. Darwin Glick
 - (4) Barbara Jean
- d. Mabel m. Howard Eiceman
 - (1) Elizabeth m. Irwin Putt
 - a. Gloria m. Robert Buchter
 - (1) Karen (2) Kerry
 - b. Lois
 - (1) Keith (2) Dale
 - (2) Kathryn, died in infancy
 - (3) Harold m. Theresa Arvat
 - a. Gail b. Garry
 - (4) Ruth m. Earl Yost
 - (5) Anita
- e. Elda m. Walter Leisey
- f. Urna m. Carl Conz
 - (1) Infant



Homestead of Jacob K. Speicher in North Heidelberg Township, Berks County, Photographed about 1887.

2. Lillie m. John J. Ruth
 - a. Lillie
3. Charles George m. Lillie Gruber
 - a. Calvin m. Katie Blatt
 - (1) Leroy m. Arlene Labe
 - a. David b. Allen c. Susan
 - (2) Clayton m. Ruth Strickler
 - a. Audrey b. Doris
 - (3) Walter m. Ruth Kalbach
 - a. Barry b. Dennis c. Stanley
 - (4) Helen m. John Webber
 - a. Doyle b. Dianne
 - (5) Charles, Jr., m. Ruth Kissling
 - a. Ann Marie b. June Eileen
 - (6) Mabel m. George Mountz
 - (7) Catharine
 - (8) Samuel m. Elva Ohlinger
 - a. Ronald
 - (9) Margaret m. Harold Heister
 - a. Mary Ann b. Luke c. Betty Ann
 - (10) Carl m. Sara Reifsnyder (Carl died on Oct. 24, 1960)
 - a. Glenn b. Gail c. Joan d. Faye
 - (11) Emily m. Ray Miller
 - a. Brenda
 - (12) Norman
 - (13) Arlene m. Robert Brown
 - b. Jennie m. Clayton Davis
 - (1) Lillie m. Earl Henne
 - a. Lillian m. William Renshaw
 - (1) Terry (2) Eliane (3) Earl (4) Gloria
 - (5) Clayton (6) Patrick (7) Michael
 - (8) William (9) Kathy
 - b. Joyce m. Richard Hassler
 - (1) Scott (2) Sandra
 - c. Patricia m. Richard Stetzler
 - (1) Carol Jean
 - (2) Helen m. Vernon Bright
 - a. Dorothy m. John H. Ravert
 - (1) John (2) Thomas
 - b. Vernon m. Patricia Gerhart
 - (1) David (2) Susanne
 - c. Donald m. Julia Schaeffer
 - (1) Ann

- d. Randall m. Jean Schaeffer
 - (1) Catherine
 - e. Robert
- (3) Raymond m. Martha Werner
 - (1) Joanna (2) Brenda (3) Roger
- (4) Dorothy m. Carmello Lombo
 - (1) Janet (2) Rose Ann
- c. Harry m. Elsie Zechman
 - (1) Earl m. Myrle Showers
 - a. Donald m. Marcha Fry
 - (1) Gordon (2) Scott Michael
 - b. Marvin m. Shirley Degler
 - (1) Terry (2) Bobby
 - c. Harold m. Gladys Kantner
 - (2) John m. Amelia Riegel
 - a. Glenn b. Kenneth c. Nevin
 - (3) Paul m. Margaret Showers
 - a. Nancy Louise m. Robert Balthaser
 - (1) Rick Robert
 - b. Rodney c. Brian
 - (Harry also married May Stump)
 - (4) James m. Myrtle Savdridge
 - (5) Marion m. Monroe Frey
 - a. Richard b. Linda
 - (6) Robert (1927-1952) m. Marjorie Matz
 - (Robert was killed in action in Korea)
 - (7) Harry, Jr., m. Phyllis Schoener
 - a. Shirley
 - (8) Vernon m. Anna Mae Bond
 - a. Sandra b. Sally c. Sherry Lee
 - (9) Gerald m. Carole Weirich
 - (10) Lois Ida
- d. Florence
- e. Jacob (SECRETARY OF REUNION)
 - m. Jeanette Labe
 - (1) Jane
- 4. Allison m. Katie Reifsnyder
 - a. George J. m. Mabel Kauffman
 - (1) Infant
 - George also married Mary Kissling
 - (2) Nevin m. Christine Page
 - a. Karen b. Dennis
 - b. Themson m. Raymond Davis
 - c. Edwin m. Luella Kramer
 - (1) Mildred m. Charles Bender
 - a. Patricia b. Robert c. Frederick

- (2) Emma m. John Essig
 - a. Dennis
- (3) Fern m. Wm. Klopp
- (4) Russell m. Elizabeth Jordan
- d. Charles m. Irene Hain
 - (1) Elaine (2) Thelma
- 5. Annie m. Calvin Reifsnyder
 - a. John m. Elsie Davies
 - (1) John m. Betty Adams
 - a. Joyce b. John
 - b. Frederick (1894-1918)—killed in W.W. I, was buried
in France
 - c. Ira m. Naomi Zellers
 - (1) Sherwood (2) Terry Lee
 - d. Calvin, Jr.
 - e. Herbert m. Helen Kreider
 - (1) Lucille
 - f. Clarence m. Esther Schuler
 - (1) Robert
 - Clarence also m. Lilian Schroeder
 - (2) Ann Marie (3) John
 - g. Ellis m. Arlene Fitterling
 - (1) Janet m. Jay Fisher
 - (2) Infant
 - h. Emily m. Charles Hiester
 - (1) Frederick (2) Glenwood (3) Annette
 - (4) Frances m. John Weitzel
 - (5) Virginia m. Charles McCane
 - a. Michael
- 6. Elmira m. Calvin Heister
 - a. Edna m. Edwin O'Brien
 - b. Themson
 - c. Earl m. Annie Heffner
 - (1) Harold m. Margaret Speicher
 - a. Mary b. Luke
 - (2) Shirley m. Carl Schatz, Jr.
 - a. Jess b. Susan c. Gregg
 - (3) Infant (4) Richard m. Susan Spangler
 - a. Scott b. Stephen
 - d. Elsie m. Robert Moyer
 - e. Lillie m. John Remp
 - f. Margaret m. Charles Loose
 - g. Geneva m. Calvin Stout
 - (1) Calvin m. Shirley Sensenig
 - a. Calvin, Jr. b. Branda Sue
 - (2) Kenneth m. Jean Hassler
 - a. Kathy Joe b. Edward Lee c. Kenneth Lee

- (3) Brian m. Ardell Wenrich
 - a. Kim b. Kerry
- (4) Curtis
- (5) Geneva
- (6) Sandra
- h. Calvin m. Frances Zimmerman
 - (1) Larry
- i. Kathryn m. Clarence Hertzog
 - (1) Marsha m. Frank Knerr, Jr.
 - (2) David
- 7. Themson m. Charles Machmer
 - a. Infant
 - b. Stanley
 - c. Russell m. Bertha Requea
 - d. Henry
- 8. Jacob m. Bertha Hammell (1879-1951)
 - a. Henry (1911-1946) m. Lorraine Moore
 - (1) Linda (2) Henry

PETER SPEICHER

Peter was one of the two sons of Ulrich Speicher. The descendants of both brothers are quite numerous in Berks County, while many others have moved to different counties of Pennsylvania and to other states of the Union. Many still live in the vicinity of the old Speicher homestead. Both brothers were born in the old country and must have been quite young on their arrival at Philadelphia.



Picnic Grounds at Barner's Church, scene of Spiecher Reunions

Peter was named an executor of the will of his brother, Michael. We have no record of his children. We are reasonably sure, however, that the Christian named in the following genealogy was his grandson. The evidence, however, is verbal, but reliable. My uncle, Charles G. Speicher, stated at different times that his grandfather and the grandfather of Isaac Speicher were second cousins.

A study of the genealogy of Peter and Michael will confirm this fact and thus definitely establish Christian as a grandson of Peter.

GENEALOGY OF PETER SPEICHER

I. Children of Peter are unknown but we believe that Christian was his grandson.

A. Christian (1794-1893) m. Elizabeth Mitchell

1. William m. Angelina Stoudt

a. William m. Kathryn Moser

(1) Mary m. Arlando Steely

(a) Helen

(b) Catharine

(2) Charles m. Gertrude Baldwin

(a) Carolyn

(b) Gertrude

(c) Daniel

(d) Olive

(3) Peter m. Edna Block

(a) Hattie

(b) Catharine

(c) Paul

(d) Kenneth

(4) Harry

(5) Sallie

(6) Helen

(7) Roy

(8) Anna

b. Mary Ann m. D. S. Holtzman

c. Emma m. Daniel Horst

d. Amelia m. Darius Strauss

e. Isaac m. Candis Reifsnyder

(1) William m. Stella Reigel

(a) LeRoy m. Marie Yoh

1. Kenneth

2. Deanne

(b) John m. Ruth Knoll

1. Scott Lee

2. Cathie Lynn

- (c) Elwood m. Verna Becker
 - 1. Barbara)
 - 2. Beverly) twins
 - f. Amenden m. Adeline Neiswender
 - (1) Guy
 - (2) Paul
 - (3) Luella
 - g. Morris m. Maggie Werner
 - (1) Ammon m. Naomi Schaeffer
 - (a) John m. Cilely Nichols
 - 1. Hilda
 - 2. Jennie
 - (2) Alvin m. Elizabeth Mattes
 - (a) Donald
 - (b) Charles
 - (c) Shirley
 - (d) Mary
 - (e) Allie
 - (f) De Haven
 - (3) Paul m. Charlotte Goddard
 - (a) Robert
- 2. Elias
 - a. Levi
 - b. Elias
 - c. Isabella
 - d. Rebecca
 - e. Cyrus m. Mary Ann Smith
 - (1) Walter
 - (2) Hilda
 - (3) Mary
 - (4) Charles m. Eva Drupp
 - (a) Beulah
 - (b) Edna
 - (c) Ella
 - (d) Mary m. Howard Miller
 - 1. Charles
 - 2. Minnie
 - 3. Pearl
 - 4. Anna
 - 5. Helen
 - 6. Mary
 - (e) Cyrus m. Erma Welder
 - 1. June
 - 2. Richard

- 3. Shirley
- 4. David
- 3. Samuel
- 4. Michael m. Mary Focht (Civil War Veteran—
149th Volunteers)
 - a. Kate m. Frank Moffet
 - b. Alice m. Charles Dautrich
 - c. Irvin m. Sallie Kiebach
 - d. Neonia m. Thomas Trupp
 - e. Annie m. Thomas Lutz
 - f. Howard died in infancy
- 5. Adam—killed in Civil War
- 6. John (1820-1872)m. Henrietta Himmelreich
 - a. Kate
 - b. Amanda
 - c. Charles (Rev.) m. Ada Oldt
 - (1) Cora
 - (2) John m. Mary Stanton
 - (a) Frances
 - (b) John m. Elizabeth Barr
 - 1. Mary Elizabeth
 - 2. Ann Barr
 - 3. John Jeremiah
 - (3) C. Wesley m. Hester Hughes
 - (a) Margaret m. Solon Rhodes, Jr.
 - 1. Solon
 - 2. Jeffries
 - (b) Ruth m. Harry Spatz
 - 1. Margaret Jane
 - 2. Frederick
 - (c) Charles W. m. Gladys Bush
 - 1. Sheryl
 - 2. Charles W.
 - (4) Mae m. Walter Frundt
 - (a) Marjorie m. Harold Moyer
 - 1. Ann Louise
 - (5) Ada m. Daniel Thomas (she also married
Harry Nelson)
 - (a) Richard
 - d. Jacob Wilson
- 7. Aaron
- 8. Daniel

THE SPEICHER-GIBSON LINE

I. Benjamin Speicher

A. Agnes m. William S. Gibson

1. Annie m. William P. Haag

(a) Stephen m. Mamie E. Shalters

(1) Elsie m. Aaron Henry

(a) Donald m. Joan Hunter

1. Michael

2. Joanne

Elaine also m. Clarence Shenk

b. Edwin m. Katharine E. Rolland

(1) Dorothy m. Marvin Hoster, Jr.

(a) Marvin III

(2) Evelyn m. Kenneth W. Kohl

(3) Edwin Jr. m. Ruth Bonsell

(a) Edwin Thomas

(b) Suellen

(c) Karen Marie

2. Charles

3. William

4. Martin



North Heidelberg (U. C. of C.) Church where the 1961 Speicher Reunion was held.

REUNION SONG

From over the ocean with fervent devotion
The Speicher people came.
They came not here for wealth nor health,
And they came not here for fame.
This land of the free beyond the dark sea
Our brave forefathers sought.
May we today, brave as they
Cherish what we are taught.

CHORUS

Now a mighty chorus,
Sing it every man,
Loudly lift your voices
Speicher (Spicher) clan.

With doctors and teachers and lawyers and preachers
And farmers by the score,
Our clan has doubled and increased
Till we number ten thousand or more.
These men who feared God and tilled the sod
Helped make our history too.
Loyal were they in the fray
To the red, white and blue.

What our future may be no human can see,
We'll trust The Guiding Hand.
Meet every year to spread good cheer,
Gather from near and far off strand.
So let us unite and always delight
To grasp a kinsman's hand,
And as we grow learn to know
Speichers from afar off strand.

—Susan Spicher

REPORT OF THE FIRST ANNUAL SPICHER REUNION—1929

From various standpoints the First Annual Reunion of the Spicher clan was held at Millersburg Ferry on Saturday, June 22, 1929, and was a decided success. The day dawned beautifully fresh and clear, the first requisite for a successful outdoor meeting. From ten o'clock until late afternoon, car after car found its way down Hunters Lane to the beautiful grove along the Susquehanna River. Here were assembled relatives and descendants of the Spichers from Tampa, Florida, to Nappanee, Indiana. Pennsylvania, however, contributed the greatest number, having representatives from the following counties: Perry, Juniata, Snyder, Dauphin, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Union, Mifflin, Lebanon, Lycoming, Centre, Cambria and Philadelphia.

All newcomers were immediately greeted and "tagged." After this process there was much handshaking and greeting. By one o'clock, tables were had and everybody, without calling a halt in the joviality partook long and heartily of the rat of the land. Our president's wife, Mrs. E. E. Spicher, of Harrisburg, proved herself an excellent coffeemaker. Mr. David E. Spicher of Thompsontown, Pa., parcelled out the fatted calf, killed in honor of the occasion. He (Mr. Spicher and not the fatted calf) is over seventy-five years old.

During the dinner hour, Mr. H. Eyer Spyker and daughter Elizabeth of Lewisburg, Pa., dropped in. On account of business duties, he was unable to stay longer than a few minutes, but his enthusiasm and knowledge of the origin and branching of the various Spichers was a great inspiration and encouragement.

After dinner, a short program, including a business meeting, was held as follows:

Singing, "America"	Group
Scripture Lesson	Group
Prayer	President
Remarks on the founding of the Reunion	President
Short speeches	Various members of the clan
Recitation	Pauline Shelley, Thompsontown, Pa.
Recitation	Beulah Comfort, Sunbury, Pa.
Recitation	Anna Boyer, Selinsgrove, Pa.
Report on work done towards the first reunion, progress made, outlook for the future	Secretary

Election of officers as follows:

E. E. Spicher, President—Harrisburg, Pa.
Susan A. Spicher, Secretary—Liverpool, Pa.
John C. Spicher, Treasurer—Liverpool, Pa.
Mrs. Joseph Spicher, Asst. Sec.—Millersburg, Pa.
Mrs. Joseph Spicher, Chorister—Millersburg, Pa.

Sport Committee:

Joseph Spicher, Millersburg, Pa.

Joseph Ferree, Lykens, Pa.

William C. Long, Liverpool, Pa.

The time and place set for the next meeting was the fourth Saturday of June at Millersburg Ferry, 1930.

Singing Group

Offering

Adjournment

President, E. E. Spicher

Secretary, Susan Spicher

REPORT OF SECOND MEETING

1930

The Second Annual Reunion of the Spicher clan was held at Millersburg Ferry, June 23, 1930. The day was ideal and the spirit of the assembly very good. Taking all in all, it was a red letter day for the Spichers. After partaking of a hearty dinner, the group assembled for a short program and business meeting. The meeting began at 1:45 p.m. and the following program was rendered:

Singing, "America" Group

Scripture and Prayer Rev. Samuel Leiter, Cocola

Short address Pres. E. E. Spicher, Harrisburg

Recitation Mary Sheaffer, Liverpool, Pa.

Betty Billow, Millersburg, Pa.

Report by the Secretary on the work done toward this reunion

and a few suggestions for future reunions. . . Sec. Susan Spicher,

Liverpool, Pa.

Short speeches by various members of the group

Mr. James Spicher, Altoona, Pa.

Mrs. James Spicher, Altoona, Pa.

Mr. A. G. Spicher, Liverpool, Pa.

Mr. Horace Sheaffer, Liverpool, Pa.

Mr. James P. Spicher, Lebanon, Pa.

Mr. David Spicher, Thompsontown, Pa.

Dialog Dorothy and Mildred Graybill, Bareville

Presentation of gifts to various members as follows:

Box of Hershey Kisses to oldest married couple

Mr. and Mrs. Menno Graybill, Bareville, Pa.

Rolling pin to most recently married couple

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Matter, Millersburg, Pa.

Ball to youngest child—Mildred Long

Daughter of W. C. Long and wife, Liverpool, Pa.

Bud vases to oldest woman present

Mrs. Menno Graybill—age 70 years

Shaving cream to oldest man present

Mr. Menno Graybill—age 72 years

Ruler to tallest man

Mr. Jay L. Spicher, Millersburg, Pa.

Rubber heels to shortest person over eighteen years

Miss Dora Spicher, Liverpool, Pa.

Tape measure to farthest comer

Mr. Jacob O. Spicher, Latrobe, Pa.

Box of clothes pins to largest family represented

Mr. Samuel Spicher, Thompsettown, Pa.

Reading Dora Spicher, Liverpool

Financial Report

Election of officers

Pres.—E. E. Spicher, Harrisburg, Pa.

Vice Pres.—George R. Spicher, Lebanon, Pa.

Secretary—Susan A. Spicher, Liverpool, Pa.

Asst. Sec.—Jay L. Spicher, Millersburg, Pa.

Treasurer—John C. Spicher, Liverpool, Pa.

Committee to report on births and deaths:

Joseph Spicher, Williamsport, Pa.

Mrs. Horace Sheaffer, Liverpool, Pa.

George P. Spicher, Lebanon, Pa.

Time and place agreed upon for the next meeting was Millersburg Ferry, third Saturday in July, 1931.

Singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Group

Adjournment

After the meeting, a group picture was taken and the rest of the day was spent in greetings and conversation.

About five o'clock Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Deihl, son Raymond and Mrs. Jessie Walters arrived from Akron, Ohio, having motored from Akron that day.

Offering of \$15.25.

President, E. E. Spicher

Secretary, Susan Spicher

SPEICHER SPICHER SPYKER MEMORIAL



Erected in memory of our pioneer forefathers Ulrich Speicher and Peter Spyker and their descendants, who migrated from South Germany to Berks County in the year 1737.

Ulrich Speicher arrived in Philadelphia aboard the "Charming Nancy" Oct. 8, 1737, and settled near Bernville. He had two sons, Michael and Peter.

Peter Spyker arrived in Philadelphia aboard the "St. Andrew" Sept. 6, 1737, and settled near Stouchsburg. His son, Henry, was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War.

By their courage and sacrifices they helped to lay the foundations of our great and beloved nation.

Speicher Family Association
Paul I. Speicher, Historian

Dedicated August 12, 1961

(Erected in the Cemetery of the North Heidelberg Church)

THIRTEENTH REUNION—1941

The 13th Annual Spicher Reunion met at Millersburg Ferry on Saturday, August 2, 1941. The weather was ideal. At 1:30 p.m. the group assembled for a program and business meeting.

Call to Order and Greetings from the President.

Reunion songs by the Group, Vernon Bright, Jr., leading with an accordion; Mrs. Paul I. Speicher, directing.

Scripture—II Cor. Chapter 6, and prayer, Leonard Schott.

Minutes of past meeting were read and approved.

The following Time and Place Committee was named:

Calvin Speicher, George P. Speicher, Maria Spyker.

Nominating Committee:

Clyde Bridge, Harry I. Speicher, Stephen Haag.

Duet, "I've Been Drafted," by Kovatch Sisters.

Recitations by smaller children—Mary Lou Speicher, Elizabeth Speicher and Joyce Henne.

Music by the Sheaffers—Mrs. Charles Shaeffer, John and Horace Sheaffer, Jr.

Pennsylvania Dutch Reading—Lillian Henne.

Singing—America the Beautiful—group.

Address—Dr. Earl Speicher, Ashland, Wisconsin

Dr. Speicher spoke of barriers that have been broken down which have made it possible for the world to become a neighborhood. So many groups have made up our national life. The finest things of each group should be translated into our economic life. Each should strive to retain the most splendid things characteristic of the group. Lack of proper distribution is the cause of much of our unhappiness and not lack of production.

We may be united physically but not spiritually or economically. Christianity can unite us in these two fields.

The Historian's report included the reading of a letter from Verena Spycher-Geiser, Langenthal, Switzerland. In it she expressed the hope of some day visiting America. She spoke of having located some papers which might help establish some facts about the early Speichers, but they are in German script and will need a reader of German script to be of value. The person possessing the papers is Mrs. Henry Berger, Bernville, Pa. She also reported 8 births, 3 deaths, and 8 marriages. Also the names and addresses of 6 members of the clan who are in army camps were reported.

Following this, a moment of silence was observed for those who have died since the 1940 meeting.

Following this, the group sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." There was a bouquet presented in memory of the departed ones.

Report by the Secretary. She reported having received an announcement of a daughter, Brigitta, born to Max Geisers, sending "Best wishes for a happy reunion." She brought a motion to send the Geisers a card of congratulations. The motion was carried and Mrs. C. C. Bridge of Philadelphia was instructed to act as sender. A set of precepts which seemed appropriate for the Speichers was read as suggested by the sender, Craig Spicher, Chicago. He also expressed his disappointment at not being able to attend the meeting. A letter from Ray Speicher, New York, was read and advised the sending of a set of drawings from which a die for jewelry is to be made. Unfortunately, the plans did not arrive. Later, the President appointed a committee consisting of the Secretary and Miss Maria Spyker to act on this matter so as to not hold back the work until the 1942 meeting.

The following were named to lift the offering:

J. H. Schott, Raymond Davis, Earl Speicher, Vernon Bright.

An offering of \$29.36 was received.

Recitation—Isabelle Long.

Accordion Selection—Vernon Bright, Jr.

Treasurer's Report—All bills were paid with a very little balance in the treasury. The expenses exceed their usual amount because of the purchase and printing of 1200 cards of invitation and the quilt for the Craig Spichers.

The Time and Place Committee recommended having the next meeting at Millersburg Ferry the first Saturday in August, 1942. It is also planned to hold the 1943 Reunion at Bernville and reservations were planned for by having Mr. Calvin Speicher, Robesonia, act as our representative and spokesman.

The Nominating Committee also recommended the retaining of all former officers and also that their salaries be "doubled." All reports were accepted by the group by a unanimous vote.

A brief report on the quilt for Craig Spichers was given by Mrs. Paul I. Speicher.

We feel that special mention should be given concerning the grandchildren of Daniel Spicher of Thompsontown. All east of the Mississippi were present.

President—Paul I. Speicher

Secretary—Susan Spicher

COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1960 REUNION

North Heidelberg, Pa.
August 13, 1960

The Annual Speicher Reunion was held at the North Heidelberg Church on above date.

The program was opened by Pres. Clarence J. Speicher.

Opening Song—"My Country 'Tis of Thee," accompanied by Mrs. Bessie Greisemer.

Devotions by Chaplain Leonard Schott—Psalm 33, the first 11 verses, and prayer.

Two Vocal Solos by Mrs. John I. Speicher, Wernersville.

Magic Tricks by Ronald McCaully.

Musical number by Ann Marie Speicher and Sandra Fox.

Maj. Henry Speicher of the USAF stationed in Alaska gave a short talk on Alaska.

Offering by Henry and David Speicher.

Communications were read by Secretary.

The Treasurer reported Balance of \$25.32

Interest .67

Collection 56.85

Total \$82.84

Time and Place committee suggested North Heidelberg Church for the 1961 reunion on the 2nd Saturday of August (Aug. 12, 1961), and that the 1962 reunion be held at Liverpool, Pa., if arrangements can be made. Charles G. Speicher, Chairman. Mrs. Paul I. Speicher moved to accept the report and motion carried.

Nomination Committee—Russell Speicher, Chairman, reported as follows:

President—Clarence J. Speicher
Vice President—Charles G. Speicher
Vice President—John I. Speicher
Secretary—C. Jacob Speicher
Treasurer—Leroy J. Speicher
Chaplain—Leonard Z. Schott
Historian—Paul I. Speicher

Paul I. Speicher moved to accept this report. Motion carried.

Historian Paul I. Speicher reported as follows:

1—That Jacob H. Speicher offered his Cemetery lot at North Heidelberg Church to the Clan for the erection of a Speicher Memorial.

Paul I. Speicher moved that the generous offers be accepted for the use of the plot and that the Secretary be instructed to send a letter to the Clan members to solicit funds for the Memorial. Motion seconded by Russell Speicher. Approved.