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IN THE FAMILY ROOM

(A conversation on Jacob Berkheiser. This very long but informative.)

RICK: I nearly forgotten about this as I've been busy with other things, but there's this property deed that I purchased on Ebay a couple of years ago. It mentions a Jacob Berkheiser and since there's one in your line this might be of interest to you.

The deed is an 11 by 17 inch page that was apparently cut out of an old deed book. Dated March 10, 1895. It really doesn't mention much by way of vitals except it has Robert Wilson vs. William Mackey and Jacob Berkheiser. The thing that gets me is the township of Loyalsock. Is there such a place in Pennsylvania? Those of you that live in PA, would any of you know?

BRENDA PHILLIPS: Loyalsock Township is in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. It is near Williamsport. Hope that helps!

RICK: Thanks! That solves the other two words I couldn't make out. Bought the thing on Ebay for \$9.95. If I can't find its proper home, I was thinking of having it mounted somehow to preserve it.

rick: Loyalsock township is part of Williamsport Pa which is a few miles south of Trout Run Pa. Loyalsock, is named after the Creek of the same name as is Trout run named after a creek of the same name. They both enter the upper west branch of the Susquehanna River. Geography helps in this region because Lumber and timber were very big industries.

TOM: One of my Great Uncles was named Jacob Berkheiser, and he is mentioned in the History of Cogan House Township, he built the largest barn in Lycoming, County, near Williamsport. It's just north of Williamsport.

He was a brother to my Great Grandfather, John Berkheiser, who lived in Trevorton, Pa., in the heart of the coal region.

He had a couple of sons, one of which moved to the state of Indiana, and then into Michigan, as far as I can

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remember.

They were involved in the birch bark industry, boiling it, and making it into something medicinal.

I have the book the History of Cogan House Township, now out of print.

I remember going to a house in Trout Run, Pa., just north on route 15 from Williamsport, and I was only about 6-years-old, and I recently went back to Trout Run, went up to that house in the small development, and asked the current owner if he knew if his house at one time was owned by a Jacob Berkheiser.

He got the funniest look on his face, and told me to come in. He took me upstairs and showed me the inside walls of the house, as they had been removed, and he was remodeling it.

In almost all of the walls, all on 16-inch centers, it said in writing, this house built by Jacob Berkheiser.

I also went to the cemetery in Trout Run, Pa., and there are a lot of Berkheisers buried there, although I don't know the relationship of them. But, one thing I know for a certainty, they are all related to me. But, unfortunately, they are all dead now.

One of Jacob's sons Lester Berkheiser had a son, and I delved into it, and found that he now had a different name, as he was adopted by his Grandfather on his mother's side, and the name was Golder. His son's name was Deemer Golder, and he recently died. Although I did have the opportunity to meet his daughter, and she didn't even know that she was a relative to the Berkheisers.

Well, I guess I've rambled long enough, so I'll run. Don't mind if you send this to other Berkheisers, or any that is interested in this genealogy.

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(A little while later in the evening, Tom followed up with his lineage connecting Jacob Berkheiser.)

G/G/G/G

1/1 Christoph Berkhaus Born? Died 1801 (1st Wife) Anna Marie (probably maiden name, Reitz) (2nd Wife)

Gertrout Lahr married 2/14/1795

Twin 2/1 Johannes Geroche Berkhaus born 4/15/1797-BP 6/11/1797 Married Lythia (Lydia) ?

3/1 Elisabeth born 11/24/1819, BP 12/19/1819 (sponsors Georg and Elizabeth Muller) (sponsors Georg and Lydia Berkhaus

3/2 Georg Berkhaus 4/8/1821 (sponsors Frederich and Catherine Kehler)

3/3 Catherine Berkhaus 9/22/1823, BP 10/13/1823 (sponsors Lehnert and Catherine Kauffman)

3/4 Sara Berkhaus born 3/28/1825, BP 4/24/1825 (sponsors Joseph and Sara Hoch)

3/5 Lythia (Lydia) Berkhaus Born 11/22/1827-(sponsors Jacob and Hanna Bercjhaus)

3/6 Johann Born 8/9/1828, Bp 9/6/1829 (sponsors Daniel and Anna Maria Kauffman)

3/7 Wilhelm Berkhaus Born 6/16/1831 (sponsors Samuel and Elizabeth Geist)

G/G/G

TWIN 2/3 Johann (Jacob) Berkhauser Born 3/25/1799, died 1844 (sponsors Jacob Reitz and Georg Pfeiffer)

Christoph's 1st wife was probably a Reitz Married Hannah Herb (D/O Johathan Herb)

3/1 Rebecca Berkhaus Born 9/10/1823, Died 1/29/1876 Married Peter Snyder, (St. Paul's Evan. Church, Eldred Township, Schuylkill County)

3/2 Isaac Berkheiser Born 10/16/1825, Died 1870 at the hands of the Mollies. (sponsors Samuel and Elizabeth Herb) Married Elizabeth Haupt born 5 of 1835, Died 7/16/1900 (D/O George Haupt, Jr, and Sarah Oberdorf)

3/3 Elizabeth Berkhaus born 4/14/1827, BP 6/17/1827 (sponsors Lehnert and Catherine Kauffman)

G/G 3/4 Daniel Berkhaus Born 8/13/1828, Died 9/2/1901 Married Lydia Derr, Born 1/?/1839, Died ???

3/5 Johannes Berkhaus Born 2/25/1834, (sponsors Charles Rothermel and Polly Adams)

3/6 David Berkhaus Born 3/3/1836, BP3/8/1836 (sponsor Peter Forsch)

3/7 Lydia Berkhaus Born 4/13/1839 (sponsors Jacob and Catherine Herb)

3/8 Harriet Berkhaus (???) (???)

3/9 (Daughter) Unknown?

2/4 Mary Magdalena Berkhaus born 2/10/1801, Died ???

2/5 John Berkhaus

(in his will, Jacob Berkhaus, 2/3, lists his daughters as "Judy, Peggy, Elizabeth and Harriet" ----Judy and Peggy must refer to Rebecca, 3/1, and (Daughter, 3/8 above)

G/G 3/4 Daniel Berkheiser was a son of Jacob Berkhaus 2/3 (Christopher Berkhaus

1/1) and Hannah Herb. Hannah was the daughter of Jonathan Herb. Daniel Berkheiser was born on August 13, 1828 and died on September 2, 1901. He was married to Lydia Derr. Daniel and Lydia were the parents of Eight children, but only five of their children survived. We assume that the Other three children died as infants or at a young age. Daniel and Lydia were Living in Trevorton, Pa., at the time of the 1880 U.S. census, and they spent the remainder of their lives there.

G/Grand 4/1 John Berkheiser, Born 1861, died 1926 Married Ida Reeder, born 1858, died 1926 (buried in the Irish Valley Methodist) Shamokin, Pa.

Grandfather 5/1 Calvin Berkheiser, Shamokin, Pa. Married Florence Rhoads

5/2 John Regil Berkheiser, Shamokin, Pa.

5/3 Ralph Berkheiser, Frackville, Pa.

5/4 Carrie Berkheiser, Sunbury, Pa.

4/2 Jacob Berkheiser, Trout Run, Pa.

4/3 Sarah Berkheiser

4/4 Daniel Berkheiser

4/5 Mary Jane Berkheiser, Born 9/25/1878, Died 2/17/1911 Trevorton, Pa., Married Samuel Greager, 4/26/1866 Died 2/16/1929

(Lydia [Derr] Berkheiser was born in January of 1839). (Daniel, the father, Mary Jane and Samuel Greager are all buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, Trevorton, Pa.)

-Additional Children of John and Ida (Reeder) Berkheiser-

Herbert E. Berkheiser 1886-1891

Austin V. K. Berkheiser 1889-1891

Katie Berkheiser, December 1894-9/8/1896

(These three children are buried with their parents in the Methodist Church Cemetery, Irish Valley, Pa., Northumberland County, Pa).

5/1 Calvin Berkheiser was a son of John 4/1 (Daniel 3/4, Jacob 2/3 and Christopher 1/1 and Ida Reeder, Calvin was married To Florence Rhoads.

Calvin and Florence (Rhoads) Berkheiser's children were:

6/1 Robert Allan Berkheiser (Shamokin, Pa.)

Married Martha Clark (Paxinos, Pa.)

6/2 Bernice Berkheiser (Emmaus, Pa.)

Married Bland Reeder

6/3 Madaline "Maggie" Berkheiser (Allentown, Pa.)

Married Paul Schrawder (Sunneyside, Pa.)

6/4 Louise Berkheiser (Orfield, Pa.)

Married Leon Knerr, (Shamokin, Pa.)

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