

Lutz

The origin of the name is German. It denotes a descendant of Luizo, a pet form of names beginning with Leute (people) or Leut (bold), Leut (gard) and Leut (win) or one who came from Lutz (small place) in Germany.

Apparently two persons with the names Caspar Lutz came to America in the eighteenth century and definitely lived in separate townships of Lancaster County from 1771. Both had similar circumstances regarding arrival in Philadelphia, their occupation as farmers and the property they owned. It is not determined which one is the ancestor of the wife of Peter Mohler (born April 7, 1773) who wed Barbara Lutz (born 1782) circa 1801. (He was aged about 28 and she was aged about 19.

They had 10 children. The first recorded issue was Jacob born 1802 followed by Anna 1812; Edward 1814; Cora 1822; Isaac 1823; Mary 1826; Barbara 1830. Sons Alonzo, Peter and Wimbert were probably born between 1802 and 1814 at the usual two year intervals in those times. Alonzo and Peter both died in 1829 and Wimbert's date of death has not been found.)

As Barbara's background has not been firmly established, however family tradition has it that her father or grandfather was the Caspar Lutz who served in the Revolutionary War. Volume VII of the fifth series of the Pennsylvania Archives records "I do hereby certify that John and Barnotman and Caspar and George Lutz did duly attend muster in the years 1777, 1778 and 1779 as privates in my Company." Conrad Karrer, Captain Lancaster County May 14, 1781. Captain Karrer was Commander of the third Battalion Lancaster County Militia per page 352, volume V, Sixth series Pennsylvania Archives. Frank Larsh Mohler Sr. based his membership in The Sons of The American Revolution on this lineage. His niece Mabel Mohler Gardiner inherited the silver snuff box inscribed Caspar Lutz which was a memento of his Revolutionary service.

Two persons with the name Caspar Lutz came to America in the 18th Century. They are found in two separate townships. It has not been determined which one was the ancestor of the wife of Peter Mohler. The information for each is as follows: Caspar Lutz is listed as a Palatine aboard the ship "Thistle" (John Wilson, Commander) which sailed from Rotterdam, in the Netherlands by way of Plymouth, England to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He arrived on September 19, 1738 and took the Oaths of Government as required of German aliens who arrived in William Penn's commonwealth, a colony in the British Empire. He evidently signed his own name as there is no symbol (x) on the printed copy of the original list of subscribers as is indicated for the known illiterate immigrants.

Another Caspar Lutz (or the same one forementioned who was entering the country for the second time) is listed as a Palatine aboard the ship "Windsor" (John Good, Master) from Rotterdam via Cowes, England to Philadelphia. He arrived on September 26, 1753 (15 years after the above) and did take the usual qualifications. He also apparently signed his own name. Johann George Lutz was also in board the "Windsor" (Reference: Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Vol. I pages 221, 223, 224, 555, 557, 558.) Both listings would be for males aged at

least 16 years as this was the criteria for limiting the number of persons on the passenger lists. Thus the Caspar who arrived in 1738 was born in 1722 (-) and the other Caspar was born in 1737 (-).

The Caspar listed on the tax rolls of Cocalico township in the northeast corner of Lancaster County is recorded in Vol. XVII, third series of the Pennsylvania Archives as follows: on page 46 in 1771 he owned 200 acres, 3 horses, 3 cattle and was taxed 1 pd. On page 267 in 1772 he owned 150 acres, 2 horses, 3 cattle and 18 sheep. On page 578 in 1799 he owned 100 acres, 6 horses and 14 cattle. On page 867 in 1782 he owned 160 acres, 4 horses, 7 cattle, tax 9 pounds.

The other Caspar owned property in Mannor township for which he was taxed as follows

- :page 112 1771 100a 2 horses 2 cattle, tax 2 shillings
- : page 173 1772 70a 2 horses 2 cattle, tax 9 shillings
- : page 401 1773 175a 2 horses 2 cattle, tax 12 shillings
- : page 536 1779 90a 2 horses 2 cattle tax ?
- : page 744 1782 80a 2 horses 3 cattle, tax 11 pounds 10 shillings.

Caspar appears in two records of the Pennsylvania Archives as follows: page 1098 Vol. II fifth series "This is to satisfy Caspar Lutz that Christian Keller has Faith full Servet (served) his Tower (tour) of Two Months Tuty (duty) in Lancaster Garrison under me." Henry Kuster, Captain, November 5, 1778. (Kuster was Commander of 3rd Co., 3rd Battalion of Lancaster County Militia per Vol. VII as above pages 234,235,271,273, 1094 and 1098.):page 306 "Received 10th day of March 1778 of John Jones the sum of 10 pounds tax for the part of the estate of Michael Wittman which the said John Jones rented of Colonel George Stuart, agent of Lancaster County." Signed; Caspar Lutz, Collector, 21st March 1779. One other Caspar is listed as a private in Captain John Miller's 3rd Co. of militia of York County from 1778 to 1780 on page 699 Vol. II of the sixth series Pa. Arch. George Lutz (relationship undetermined) was on the payroll of Lieut. Charles Barnetz (Barnotman) from March 8 to May 8, 1782 in York County. He is listed again as a private in the 6th class of the 4th Co., 4th Battalion of Lancaster County militia made up of men aged 18 to 53 years under the command of Captain Bernhart Mann (Barnotman). As of May 25, 1782 George is also listed as one of the soldiers who received depreciation pay as a private in the York County militia of the Continental Line (no date recorded). Refs: Pa. Arch. Vol II page 658, Vol. IV page 472, Vol V pages 197,343,366 and 381. He marched with several classes of militia companies from Captain Weidner's Co. on August 11, 1780; was called aboard on Oct. 8th, 1793 from Captain Cunningham's Co. 3rd Regt. Lancaster County was enrolled in the 3rd Co. 2nd Bn. Lancaster County in the spring and fall of 1796 and 1797 commanded by Lt. Colonel Wilder Bevins. There are several records of service in 1814 which are not recorded here. Cocalico Township is near the city of Lancaster and Manor Township is near York County. Census records of Lancaster County, Pa. for 1790 includes these members:

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128	Christian	2	-	1	-	do.
128	John	1	3	3	-	do.
128	Caspar	1	-	3	-	Manor
141	Caspar	1	1	1	-	do
141.	Caspar Jr.	1	-	3	-	do.
141	George	2	-	4		

Volume 3 of the Pennsylvania German Society contains births and baptisms at Trinity Lutheran church in Lancaster city. Barbara born 1782 was not found in those records and so far her parents are not known.

Summary: Caspar I arrived in 1738 aged 16 (+) thus born 1722 (-). If he was the Cocalico taxpayer and he was aged at least 49 years in 1771 and at least 60 in 1782. If he was the private in Karrer's Co. he would be aged 55 in 1777 and 57 in 1779. Revolutionary soldiers served between the ages of 18 and 53. He would then be aged 68 in the census of 1790. He would have been aged 36, 38, 40 and 46 when his issue by Eva was born. If he was the Manor taxpayer he would have been of the same ages in the taxable years. Caspar II arrived in 1753 aged 16 + thus born in 1737 -. If he was the Manor taxpayer he was at least 34 in 1771 and 45 in 1782 and would have been the same ages if he were the Cocalico taxpayer. He would have been aged only 40+ if he served in Karrer's Co. in 1777 and 42(+) in 1779. He was only about 21 when his son George was born in 1758 and about 31 when his son Johann Caspar was born in 1768. His age for the 1790 census was 53. Therefore it is more likely that Caspar II was the grandfather of Barbara the wife of Jacob Mohler and his son Johann Caspar was her father. Manor Township is probably the area Barbara's forebears came from.

References for the birth dates of Jacob and Barbara's children is the 1850 census of Baltimore City provided to this writer by Brent Glad through Mrs. Elizabeth Landis Carson. Other references are included in the text. May 1st 1999.