

## TSCHUDY

The origin of the name is German. It is also found spelled Tschudi, Tschuti, Tshop, Shubby, Shudig, and in other ways as in this quotation from Volume 3, page 87 of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. "One of the families of the old German Reformed Church at Frankford was Sirach Tschudi a scion of an old Swiss Family of distinguished parentage. His name is recorded in the register of the church as among the original contributors to the erection the building in 1750. His surname was changed by dropping the useless 'T'. The name later became Chudi, Chudy, and Judy. His death was recorded by the name Cerick Judy." Tschudy translated from Swiss to English means "Judge".

The Baltimore branch of the Tschudy family undoubtedly begins with Weinbert (Wimbert) who arrived at Philadelphia on board the ship "Queen of Denmark", George Parrish, Master, from Rotterdam via Cowes, England, on October 4, 1751 and /or Weinbert who also arrived (or arrived again) on the ship "Phoenix" Captain Reuben Honor, Master, also from Rotterdam via Cowes on November 22, 1752. These voyages may represent one or two return trips to and from Germany if in fact the Wimberts who arrived in 1751 and 1752 are the same person as the Wimbert who married in 1730.

Other Tschudy's that came to America are:

Jacob on the ship "Anna" arrived September 28, 1749

Johannes on the ship "Crown" arrived August 30, 1749

Martin on the ship "Snow Enterprise" arrived December 6, 1738

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Nicholas on the ship "Sally" arrived November 23, 1767

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Relationships if any to Wimbert have not been established. All the persons above signed their own names on the required oaths of allegiance. Weinbert Tschoudee signed his oath in Baltimore on April 10, 1760. Another Wimbert, born in 1710 married in the German Reformed Church in Philadelphia in 1730. Wimbert joined the Methodist Church in Baltimore on May 24, 1780 and he died on August 6, 1786. Other Tschudy's who were married at the German Reformed Church in Philadelphia were Sirach, on February 2, 1785; Barbara, on June 10, 1788; Elizabeth on April 29, 1783; Frederick on July 18, 1783; Martin on September 9, 1777 and Nancy on November 8, 1785. Wimbert Tschudy may have been the brother of Nicholas Tschudy who was one of the outstanding persons listed in the records of the "Old Zion" Reformed Church in Baltimore. "Old Zion" was the predecessor of the Otterbein Church built in 1785 at Sharp and Conway Streets. It is the oldest Church in Baltimore.

Wimbert Tschudy may have been the brother (or some other relative) of Nicholas Tschudy who was one of the outstanding persons listed in the records of the "Old Zion" church in Philadelphia. Nicholas married Barbara Burren in that church on August 1, 1773 and he died May 25, 1810. Nicholas' obituary states that he was long an inhabitant of Baltimore. It was reported on June 7, 1810 from Hanover, Pennsylvania on the 25th ult he died leaving an aged widow. His wife Barbara was his executrix. His heirs included Elizabeth, Maria, Ruth and Jacob Mohler, which

indicates the relationship to Wimbert's son-in-law.

Son Wimbert, born 1754, was the adjutant of the 35th Regiment, Queen Anne's County, in September 24, 1810. (Reference: British Invasion of Maryland 1812 by William H. Marina, pages 464,465). Wimbert Jr. was still living in Queen Anne County in 1828.

Samuel Tschudy served as a private in Captain Sterret's Company, First Baltimore Hussars. David Tschudy served as a private in Captain Shryock's Company 24th Regiment, in Washington County. David and Samuels relationship if any has not been established.

Wimbert Sr. owned all the land between the present Walbrook Junction and Forest Park Avenue which includes the large residential development of Windsor Hills a section of Leakin Park and Dickeyville. He evidently purchased the first mill, built in 1719 by Peter Bond, son-in-law of 1672 settler Peter Gwinn in the mid 18th century. The mill powered by the waters of Gwynn's Falls was first operated as a grist mill and later as a paper mill with a partner named James Gary. Wimbert was described as a Swiss mill owner who built a stone house and mill on the banks of what is now known as Gwynn's Falls. His tract of land allegedly was a part of a larger tract owned by Charles Carroll the Barrister. The Baltimore City directory places Wimbert there in 1803 and 1804. The ruins of the mill were still standing in 1937. The foundations of the family burial plot could still be found in 1960. It lay on a hill south of Wetheredsville Road once named Tschudy's Mill Road. A weeping willow tombstone marked the grave of Wimbert Jr's wife Mary Magdalene. Daughter Mary Barbara's tombstone reads: "died September 29, 1820, aged 44 years". There is a photograph of Wimbert's tombstone in Koskoski's "Economic History of Dickeyville" in the Maryland Room of the Pratt Library. "Recollections of an "Old Itinerant" by Henry Smith "tells" of visiting the family in 1806 by the "Falls". They joined the Methodist Movement in 1780 and were noted for their piety.

Elizabeth Tschudy Mohler was administrator with her brother Martin (born December 11, 1740) of their father's estate on November 7, 1786. Her own will was recorded in Orphans Court on April 18, 1788. Martin had earlier received a tract of land called "Slye's Adventure" which he patented in 1799. Martin is also listed as a baker on Brandy Alley in the Baltimore City directory of 1807. Wimbert Sr. was born circa 1719 and died August 6, 1786 wed circa 1739.

Issue: Martin born 12/11/1740 wed (?)

:Elizabeth born 3/17/1743 wed (4/4/1768) Jacob Mohler.

:Wimbert born circa 1754 ? wed (?)

:Mary Barbara born 1776 died 9/29/1820 was the daughter of Martin or Wimbert above.

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