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I am seeking all genealogical and biographical details for the family documented below including their ancestors, children, and grandchildren and the spouses thereof, including the full names of those spouses' parents. All additions and corrections within this scope, however speculative, will be greatly appreciated.

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### **Christopher Smith [Schmidt] of Upper Mount Bethel, Northampton County, Pennsylvania**

Francis Marion and Alice Amelia (Miner) Streeter built the Streeter Farm in the Town of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York about 1875. Since before the memory of anyone alive, there was an ancient German Bible here at the farm. Unfortunately, this Bible, which was printed in 1594, contained no family record and was sold to an antique dealer in the 1980s. My subsequent conversations with other descendants of Alice (Miner) Streeter's parents, Aiden<sup>7</sup> and Susan A. (Smith) Miner, indicated that it was "The Miner Bible."

Aiden Miner's ancestry in New England is well-documented; he was not of German descent. It was apparent that the German Bible did not come from Aiden's side of the family. From Susan (Smith) Miner's death certificate I had her birth date, birth place, and the full names of her parents; they had the decidedly English-sounding names of Henry and Sarah (Emery) Smith. It was not until November 1998, in response to an Internet genealogy list posting, that Louise Bement informed me that Susan A. (Smith) Miner had been baptized as Susanna, the daughter of Henry Schmidt and Sara Emerich [Emmerich]. *Smith* was originally *Schmidt* and *Emery* was originally *Emmerich*. The descendants of Alice (Miner) Streeter had no awareness that her maternal ancestry was German. Perhaps people preferred not to mention their German ancestry after World War I broke out.

Fortunately, many old letters and other documents remain at the Streeter Farm that provided invaluable clues to the ancestry of Susan A. (Smith) Miner. That so much has survived can be attributed to the fact that no other family has ever lived at here. Susan came to the Streeter Farm late in life and died here; there can be no doubt that the ancient German Bible belonged to her.

Late in 2001, I was extremely fortunate to make contact with Mike Bartholomew via the Internet. His research on the Emmerich family provided invaluable information and leads towards learning the origins of both Henry and Sarah (Emery) Smith. I am also grateful to others who have made their research accessible via web sites or email correspondence, especially Virginia Deagan, Stephen Emery, Lily Kinter, Michael Stewart, and Richard B. Wise.

As will be seen repeatedly in this document, Germans typically used their second given name as their primary name. The same first name was frequently given to more than one child of the same couple in honor of a favorite saint.

1. CHRISTOPHER SMITH, also known as CHRISTOPHER "STOFEL" SCHMIDT, was born, probably in Germany or Pennsylvania, circa 1742 and died in Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania between 12 May 1808 when he wrote his will and 30 July 1808 when it was proved (*Northampton County, Pennsylvania Register of Wills, #2536*). Christopher was married circa 1765 or earlier to ANNA MARIA \_\_\_; she died, probably in Mount Bethel Township, some time after 5 May 1799 when she and Christopher last appeared together on a Lutheran communion list and some time before 1807 when he appears solo on a Pentecost communion list (Mike Bartholomew).

By some accounts, Christopher, as "Christophe Schmid," was married on 26 March 1771 to "Anna Maria Miller" (Ralph Beaver Strassburger, as cited in an unspecified Odenwalder-Schmidt manuscript at the Monroe County, Pennsylvania Historical Society, and reported by Joan Kintner to Lily Kinter); Richard B. Wise has identified her as the daughter of Johann Matthias<sup>2</sup> Muller [John Matthias<sup>2</sup> Muller] (*Hans Henry*<sup>1</sup>) and his wife, Anna Maria.

Several facts lead one to conclude that this 1771 marriage record does *not* pertain Christopher and Anna Maria (\_\_\_) Smith. They had two children baptized before 1771; their son Ludwig was baptized on 3 May 1772. On 12 February 1799, "Christopher Schmidt" and "Anna Maria" served as sponsors at the baptism of their granddaughter, Mary Catharine Schmidt, son of "Ludvig Schmidt" and "Maria" at Upper Mount Bethel (William J. Hinke, compiler, *Church Record of the Lutheran and Reformed Congregations in Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, PA, 1774-1833* [Easton, PA: Easton Public Library; 1934], 41; hereinafter *Hinke*). However, Ludwig Schmidt, the son of John Christopher and Anna Maria (Muller) Schmidt was not baptized until 1786.

As evidenced by his will, Christopher referred to himself as "Stofel." He was also known by the synonym, *Stuffle*. This is nearly the same as *Stoffel*, the Dutch nickname for Christopher. The Dutch, and apparently the Germans, used nicknames extensively and some were derived from the ending syllables of the formal name rather than the beginning syllables. Hence, *Cobus* for *Jacobus*, *Thys* for *Matthys*, *Hans* for *Johann*, and *Stoffel* or *Stuffle* for *Christopher*.

Christopher's full name at baptism may have been John Christopher Schmidt. Christopher and Anna Maria used *John* at least three times in naming their sons. Christopher's sons named their eldest known sons *John* and his daughter, Barbara, named her second eldest son *John* as well. If the family followed German naming patterns closely, Christopher's parents were most likely named Justus/Jost/Yost and Dorothy while Anna Maria's parents were most likely named Ludwig and Barbara.

For six of Christopher's and Anna Maria's eight children, we have their baptismal records. In all six of those cases, one of the sponsors bore the same given names as the child. Baptismal sponsors were frequently the grandparents, aunts or uncles of the baby, along with their respective spouses. Notably, none of the children's known sponsors were named Schmidt.

Typically, the eldest son was named after his paternal grandfather and one would presume that members of the father's family would serve as sponsors for the boy's baptism. Christopher's and Anna Maria's eldest son and first child was baptized as "John Jost Schmidt" with sponsors John Jost and Magdalene (\_\_\_) Vollmer. Is it unreasonable to speculate that Magdalene was a sister of Christopher Smith?

The eldest daughter was typically named after her maternal grandmother. Again one would presume that members of the mother's family would serve as sponsors for the girl's baptism. Christopher's and Anna Maria's eldest daughter and second child, Barbara, was baptized

with sponsors Daniel Althaus and Barbara Jung (single). Their third son and fourth child was baptized as John Henry Schmidt, with sponsors Henry Junghen and Catharine and their sixth child was baptized as John Schmidt with sponsors John Junghenn and Margaret Diel. Notice that every other child had a baptismal sponsor from the Jung, Junghen, or Junghenn family; it seems highly probable that Anna Maria (\_\_\_) Schmidt/Smith somehow belonged to this family.

Henry Junghen (31 January 1717-20 February 1787) was also known as Johan Heinrich Junghen; he married Catharine Scherer. John Junghenn was Henry's brother. Perhaps Barbara Jung was Henry's and John's sister. The surname *Junghen* is frequently seen as the synonym of *Younkins*.

Six of Christopher and Anna Maria's children were baptized in Keller's Lutheran Church in Bedminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Of this church, Hinke wrote:

Some years ago, while collecting data for the history of the Tohickon Lutheran Church, the writer ran across what seemed to him a surprising fact, one altogether neglected by earlier historians, namely that there were two Lutheran congregations near the Tohickon creek, both of them called Tohickon or Tohecka in the early records. The natural result has been, that these two churches have been badly confused and that references which properly belong to one church were attributed to the other. The first of these is Tohickon Union Church, near the village of Keelersville, in the extreme western corner of Bedminster township, and the other is Keller's Church, in the upper end of Bedminster township, "standing upon a prominence along the Ridge road with the Tohickon creek winding along its base." These two churches, about three and one half miles apart, were never served by the same pastors, but the references to them in historical documents have been constantly confused. (Dr. William J. Hinke, *Church Record of Keller's Lutheran Church in Bedminster Township, Bucks County [Pennsylvania]*).

Christopher and Anna Maria moved from Bedminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania some time after 20 June 1782 when their daughter, Elisabeth was baptized there to Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania some time before 8 November 1783 when they first appear there together on a Lutheran communion list. Mount Bethel is not far north of Bedminster and lies along the Delaware River.

On 5 February 1789, Christopher and Anna Maria sponsored the baptism of Anna Margaretha Schmidt, the fourteenth and last child of Johannes and Catharina (\_\_\_) Schmidt. Anna Margaretha's parents were John and Catherine (Odenwalder) Schmidt/Smith. As detailed below, two of John's and Catherine's children married children of Christopher and Anna Maria. It should be noted that John was married to Catherine Odenwalder in Bedminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania on 18 December 1760; she was the daughter of Johan<sup>1</sup> and Anna (Rent) Odenwelder.

One wonders if proximity arose from kinship or kinship arose from proximity. According to Stephen Emery's on-line document, *Descendants of Philip Odenwelder*, Philip Smith, son of John and Catherine (Odenwelder) Smith, was married to "Dorothy, daughter of Stuffle Smith, a German." The wording suggests that there was no known kinship between John and Christopher. John Schmidt, was born, perhaps in Wurtemberg, Germany, about 1739; he was of the same generation as Christopher.

John Schmidt who is said to have come to America with his parents when he was about 5 years old. He supposedly had at least two brothers... the family changed the usage of "Schmidt" to "Smith" shortly after they arrived in Pennsylvania... Arrived in Philadelphia aboard the "Loyal Judith" with his parents (Johannes Schint/Schmit) and siblings in Sept. 1743. (Virginia Miller Deagan, *John Schmidt/Smith of Northampton & Wayne Counties, PA* [hereinafter *Deagan*])

On 2 September 1792, "Christopher Schmidt" and "Anna Maria" served as sponsors at the baptism of Magdalena Beck, daughter of Jacob and Anna Maria (Weidman) Beck; she had been born on 21 July 1792.

On May 1793, "Christopher Schmidt" and "Anna Maria" served as sponsors at the baptism of Anna Maria Schmidt, daughter of Jonas and Anna Maria (Labar) Schmidt; she had been born on 5 January 1793. Jonas was the second child and eldest son of John and Catharine (Odenwalder) Smith.

On 15 January 1795, "Christopher Schmidt" and "Anna Maria" served as sponsors at the baptism of their grandson, John Schmidt, son of "John Schmidt" and "Barbara" in the Lutheran and Reformed Congregation at Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania (*Hinke*).

Christopher Smith's will is #2536 in the Northampton County, Pennsylvania Register of Wills (Michael Stewart, *Stewart Family File*, database at RootsWeb's WorldConnect Project). Mike Bartholomew was kind enough to provide a scanned image of the original will from which the following transcript was made. Although this will was recorded under the name of Christopher Smith, note that he had signed his name on the original will as "Stofel Schmidt."

Last Will &. of Christopher Smith dec<sup>d</sup>

Be it remembered that I Christopher Smith of Upper Mount Bethel Township County Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania being weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First I give and bequeath unto my Eldest son Jost Smith the sum of ten pounds I do also give and bequeath unto my son Ludwick Smith the sum of ten pounds I also give and bequeath unto my son Henry Smith the sum of five pounds I do also give and bequeath unto my son John Smith the sum of Ten pounds I also give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth wife of John Peters the sum of Ten Pounds with what I have heretofore give her will make her Eaquel share as also the differant sums assessed to the names of my four suns Above named will Make their full shares with what they have already got I also give and Bequeath unto My Daughter Mary wife of John Emmerich the sum of ten pounds for Services after she was of Age which said several Legacies or sums of Money I will and order Shall be paid to the said respective legatees as soon as my Executors can properly Collect it, and first I order my Funeral Expences And Just debts paid I will and order the several legacies above Mentioned to be all paid within two Years after my decease and Lastly as to the rest or residue and

remainder of my Estate goods and Chattles what kind and nature so ever I give and bequeath unto My three Daughters that is to say Barbara wife of John Smith and Mary wife of John Emmerich and Dorothy wife of Philip Smith to be equally divided shared and share alike. I do hereby appoint John Smith and John Emmerich Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills before made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of may in the Year of Our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and Eight *Stofel Schmidt* {Seal} Signed Sealed Published and declared by the above Named Christopher Smith to be his last will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his Request and at his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same. Edward Lowry, Joseph Emerich, Frederick Ilenberger Northampton County. In the thirtieth Day of July A.D. 1808 Before Me George... Esquire Deputy Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for the County aforesaid Came Edward Lowry and Frederick Ilenberger who being duly sworn as the Law directs did declare and say that they were present at the Execution of the Above and foregoing will of Christopher Smith and did see and hear the said testator sign seal publish and declare the same as and for his Last Will and testament at the doing thereof he the said testator was of sound Mind Memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge and belief and also that they, these Deponents, together with Joseph Emerich Signed their names to the same at his Request and in his presence and in the Presence of each other. Witness my hand Geo... Reg.

Children, baptized in Keller's Lutheran Church, Bedminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania (Edward F. Wright, *Bucks County, Pennsylvania Church Records of the 17th and 18th Centuries, Volume I, German Church Records* [Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1993] and *Church Records: Selected Areas of PA, 1600s-1800s* and Michael Stewart, *Stewart Family File*, database at RootsWeb's WorldConnect Project [hereinafter *Stewart*]):

- i. YOST, b. 27 July 1766; bapt. 24 Aug 1766 as "John Jost," son of Christopher Schmidt and wife Anna Maria, sponsors John Jost Vollmer and wife Magdalene; d. Redbank Township, Armstrong Co., PA 15 April 1841; m. MARY MAGDALENE MOHNEY, dau. of Adam and Mary Catherine (Hilliard) Mohney.

Children, surname *Smith (Stewart)*: 1. *John*. 2. *Mary*, m. \_\_\_ Thompson. 3. *Susanna*, b. 7 Sep 1794; bapt. Upper Mount Bethel, PA 25 Oct 1795 as "Anna Susanna," dau. of "Jost Schmidt" and "Magdalena" with [paternal grandparents] "Christopher Schmidt" and "Anna Maria" as sponsors. 4. *Christina*, b. 17 Feb 1799; m. John Shumaker, b. 20 Dec 1799, d. 22 May 1881. 5. *Elizabeth*, b. 1801; d. ca. April 1853. 6. *Catherine*, b. ca. 1813; m. \_\_\_ Workman. 7. *Adam*, b. 21 Aug 1803; d. 29 Aug 1877; m. Mary Ann Shoemaker, b. 14 April 1812; d. 16 Sep 1887. 8. *Henry*, b. 25 Dec 1808; d. 20 Feb 1851.

- ii. BARBARA, b. 8 Dec 1768; d. 29 Oct 1827 (*Stewart*); bapt. 5 Feb 1769 as the dau. of Christopher Schmidt and wife Anna Maria, sponsors Daniel Althaus and Barbara Jung (single); m. ca. 1788 JOHANNES "JOHN" SMITH JR. b. 18 March 1769, d. 9 April 1852, son of John and Catherine (Odenwelder) Smith.  
 Children, b. Northampton Co., PA, surname *Smith* (Stephen Emery, *Descendants of Philip Odenwelder*): 1. *Jacob*, b. 24 May 1789. 2. *Catherine*, b. 15 June 1792. 3. *Elizabeth*, b. 8 Oct 1793; prob d. young. 4. *John*, b. 7 Jan 1795; bapt. Upper Mount Bethel 15 Jan 1795 as the son of "John Schmidt" and "Barbara" with [maternal grandparents] "Christopher Schmidt" and "Anna Maria" as sponsors; m. Sarah Eilenberger, dau. of Frederick and [Susanna (\_\_\_)] Eilenberger. 5. *Elizabeth*, b. 10 Jan 1797. 6. *John Christopher*, b. 29 Aug 1798; bapt. Upper Mount Bethel, PA 30 Sep 1798 as "Joh. Christoph Schmidt" with [maternal grandparents] "Christopher Schmidt" and "Anna Maria" as sponsors. 7. *Frederick*, b. Upper Mount Bethel, PA 19 Aug 1800; bapt. 16 Nov 1800 was the son of "John Schmidt, Jr." and "Barbara" with sponsors "Frederic Brodt" and "Maria." 8. *Sarah*, b. 31 Jan 1802. 9. *Ludwig*, b. 12 Feb 1804. 10. *Dorothy*, b. 25 May 1806. 11. *Philip*, b. 9 May 1808. 12. *Henry*, b. 9 Jan 1810.
- iii. LUDWIG, b. 3 May 1772; m. MARIA.  
 Child, surname *Schmidt*: 1. *Mary Catherine*, b. 8 Nov 1798; bapt. Upper Mount Bethel, PA 12 Feb 1799 as "Maria Catharina," with [paternal grandparents] "Christopher Schmidt" and "Anna Maria" as sponsors.
2. iv. HENRY, b. 7 April 1774; bapt. as "John Henry" by Rev. John Michael Enderlein 26 May 1774 as the son of "Christopher Schmidt" and wife "Anna Maria," sponsors Henry Junghen and wife Catharine; m. SARAH<sup>2</sup> EMMERICH (*Jacob*<sup>1</sup>).
- v. DOROTHY, b. 21 Feb 1776; bapt. 17 March 1776 as "Anna Dorothy," dau. of "Christopher Schmidt" and wife "Anna Maria," sponsors Martin Eyer and wife Anna Dorothy; m. PHILIP SMITH, son of John and Catherine (Odenwelder) Smith.  
 Children, surname *Schmidt*: 1. *Catharine*, b. 12 May 1795; bapt. Upper Mount Bethel, PA 7 June 1795 as the dau. of "Philip Schmidt" and "Dorothy" with "Jacob Schmidt, Jr." and "Barbara" as sponsors.
- vi. JOHN, b. 2 April 1778; bapt. 22 April 1778 as the son of "Christopher Schmidt" and wife "Anna Maria," sponsors John Junghenn and Margaret Diel; m. BARBARA \_\_\_.  
 Children, surname *Smith*: 1. *Maria*, b. 2 Jan 1791; bapt. 17 April 1791 with [paternal grandparents] "Christopher Schmidt" and "Anna Maria" as sponsors.
- vii. MARY, b. 4 Feb 1780; [bapt. as "Anna Maria"]; d. 1848 (Mike Bartholomew, correspondence); m. John<sup>2</sup> Emmerich (*Jacob*<sup>1</sup>), b. Upper Mt. Bethel, Northampton Co., PA ca. 1767/68, d. Upper Mt. Bethel, PA 7 May 1846,

son of Jacob<sup>1</sup> and Elisabeth (Buss) Emmerich; bur. Stone Church Cemetery, Upper Mt. Bethel, PA.

Children, surname *Emmerich*. 1. *Jacob*, b. 19 Aug 1800. 2. *Elizabeth*, b. 2 June 1802; bapt. Upper Mount Bethel, PA 5 Aug 1802 as the dau. of "John Emrich" and "Anna Maria" with sponsors "John Schmidt" and "Barbara" [Barbara (Schmidt) Schmidt, her maternal aunt]. 3. *Catharine*, b. 10 Oct 1806. 4. *Christine*, b. 8 April 1815. (*Stewart*)

- viii. ELISABETH, b. 19 April 1782; bapt. 20 June 1782 as the dau. of "Christopher Schmidt" and wife "Anna Maria," sponsors John Schoch and wife Elisabeth; m. JOHN PETERS; may moved to Broome Co., NY.

2. HENRY SMITH (*Christopher*, ...), was born, probably in Bedminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, on 7 April 1774; he was baptized as "John Henry Schmidt" by Rev. John Michael Enderlein at Keller's Lutheran Church in Bedminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania on 26 May 1774 as the son of "Christopher Schmidt" and wife "Anna Maria" with sponsors Henry Junghen and wife Catharine (Edward F. Wright, *Bucks County, Pennsylvania Church Records of the 17th and 18th Centuries, Volume I, German Church Records* [Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1993] and *Church Records: Selected Areas of PA, 1600s-1800s*). Henry died, probably in the Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York, on 1 October 1855. Henry was married, probably in Northampton County, Pennsylvania on 18 December [1797] to SARA<sup>2</sup> EMMERICH (*Jacob*<sup>1</sup>), also known as SARAH EMERY, born, probably in Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, probably on 15 November 1775. Sarah died, probably in the Town of Lansing, New York on 9 or 10 August 1865; she was probably the daughter of Jacob<sup>1</sup> and Elisabeth (Buss) Emmerich.

In the 1880 Federal Census, Henry's youngest daughter, Julia Ann (Smith) (Bower) McClay's, cited her parents' birthplaces as Pennsylvania. Another daughter, Susan A. (Smith) Miner, incorrectly stated that Henry and Sarah were born across the Delaware River in New Jersey.

One of the keys to identifying Henry's parents was his birthday of 7 April. From the childhood letters of his granddaughter, Mary L. Young, to my great-great-great-grandmother, Susan A. (Smith) Miner, I knew that Henry was born on 7 April but the year was unclear: "Henry Smith was born April the 7th 1743 [*sic*, 1774]" (Mary L. Young [Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York; 31 December 1868; hereinafter *Young*]). One *Smith Family Record* (hereinafter *SFR1*) also states that "Henry Smith was born April 7th, 1743 [*sic*, 1774]" and "Henry Smith died Oct. 1st 1855". Another *Smith Family Record* (hereinafter *SFR2*) corroborates Henry's death date but indicates that he was actually born in the 1770s: "Henry Smith Died Oct 1st 1855 age 83 years." In any case, Henry Smith could not have been born 1743 if he lived until 1855.

Mary L. Young also wrote of her grandparents' marriage: "Henry Smith was Married to Sarah Emory [*sic*] Dec the 18th 1786 [*sic*, 1797?]." Marriage in December 1797 would be consistent with the death of Sarah's father, Jacob<sup>1</sup> Emmerich, in early 1797 and the birth of Henry and Sarah's first child during the summer of 1798, as discussed in further detail below.

Not surprising, there are also conflicting dates pertaining to Sarah (Emery) Smith: "Sarah Emory [*sic*] was born Nov. 15th 1745 [*sic*, 1775?]" (*SFR1*); "Sarah Smith was born Nov the 15, 1745" [*sic*] (*Young*) Sarah died on 9 or 10 August 1865: "Sarah Smith died Aug. 10th 1865 aged 88 years 10 months" (*SFR1*); "Sarah Smith Died Aug 9th 1865" (*SFR2*).

Henry and Sarah settled in what became the Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York. Lansing was first known as Milton, one of the original Military Townships. Milton became a Civil Township on 27 January 1789 and was renamed Genoa on 6 April 1808. On 7 April 1817, the Town of Lansing was formed from the south part of Genoa Township on 7 April 1817 when Tompkins County was formed. Henry and Sarah settled in Lansing by 11 February 1800 when their second daughter, "Elisabeth," was baptized there as a daughter of "Henry Schmidt and Sarah Emerich [*sic*]." This event was recorded in *The Church Book of the Evangelical United Congregations in Milton and Scipio* (1803; hereinafter *EUC*).

This Church was formed by a group of pioneers from Stroudsburg [then Northampton County, now Monroe County], Pennsylvania. Among these were many that had served in the Revolutionary War. First settlers came before 1790, and most were in the neighborhood by 1800, when the first baptisms were recorded. First meeting was held at the home of Henry Teeter and the first church was built in 1803. (Catherine Machan Martin, *Evangelical United Congregations of Milton and Scipio Lansing Township Tompkins Co. New York* [1995], Tompkins County NY GenWeb, hereinafter *Martin*)

#### German Lutheran Church

"The Church Book of the evangelical denomination situated in Milton and Scipio, founded in the year of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 1803" is the inscription in German on the first page of the records of the German Lutheran Church at Bower Settlement, north of Lansingville. Several German families were in the neighborhood annexing which, as spelled at that time were Bauer, Roth, Busch, Kentz, Conrad and others... Services were held every four weeks, and were also held at the schoolhouse at Bower Settlement, near North Lansing. There services were conducted in the German language. John Izenhard was the last pastor in 1842. No services have been heard as a society since that time.

On 8 July 1798, in the Evangelical-Lutheran and Reformed Congregation of Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Anna Maria Schmidt was baptized as the daughter of "Heinrich Schmidt & wife Sarah" with sponsors "Joh. Emmerich & Anna M. Schmidt." (Rev. William Wackernagel, compiler, *Church Record of the Evangelical-Lutheran and Reformed Congregation at Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania* [privately printed: 1914], 54) and William J. Hinke, compiler, *Church Record of the Lutheran and Reformed Congregations in Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, PA, 1774-1833* [Easton, PA: Easton Public Library; 1934], 41).

John Emmerich was the son of Jacob<sup>1</sup> and Elisabeth (Buss) Emmerich. Based on the fact that Henry and Sarah (Emery) Smith named the second of their eldest twin sons to be baptized Jacob, I was already speculating that Sarah was the daughter of Jacob<sup>1</sup> Emmerich of Upper Mt. Bethel, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Jacob Emmerich made his will in 1797; he died on 12 March and his will was probated on 31 March of that same year. Among the eleven children identified in his will are Sara and John. Thus, it is virtually certain that the "Heinrich Schmidt & wife Sarah" living in Northampton County, Pennsylvania in 1798 were identical with "Henry



Smith and Sara Emerich [*sic*]" who were in Tompkins County, New York in 1800 and that Sarah was the daughter of Jacob<sup>1</sup> and Elisabeth (Buss) Emmerich.

Anna Maria Schmidt was the eldest daughter of Henry and Sarah (Emery) Smith, Mary (Smith) Baker. As one daughter in a large family, a quick marriage for Sarah following the death of her father, Jacob Emmerich, would not have been unlikely, especially if she was already carrying Henry Smith's child.

Anna Maria Schmidt's 1798 christening record indicated that Sarah's brother, John<sup>2</sup> Emmerich, was married to Anna Maria Schmidt. I wondered if Anna Maria Schmidt might have been a sibling of Henry Smith? In seeking the answer to that question it was revealed that Anna Maria Schmidt was named after Henry's mother. As proven by Christopher Smith's will, Mary Smith [Anna Maria Schmidt] married John Emmerich.

Christopher and Anna Maria (\_\_\_) also baptized a son as "John Henry Schmidt," who would have been known simply as Henry, per German custom. John Henry was born on 7 April 1774; this birthday matches with Henry Smith's birthday as recorded in two family sources mentioned above. Thus we have "the proof" that two Schmidt siblings married two Emmerich siblings and that Henry Smith was indeed the son of Christopher and Anna Maria (\_\_\_) Smith.

In the 1825 New York State Census, Henry Smith resided in the Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York; his household consisted of six males and six females.

On 10 June 1828, Henry and Sarah deeded some property to their future son-in-law, Aiden Miner; the transaction was recorded as follows:

This Indenture, Made the tenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight between Henry Smith and Sarah his wife of Lansing in the County of Tompkins of the first part, and Aiden Miner of the same place of the second part Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first Part, for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and thirty Dollars... sell... unto the said party of the second part (in his actual possession now being)... all that certain piece of or parcel of land Situate in the village of Lansingville and being part of Lot number fifty five in the said town of Lansing. Bounded as follows towit Beginning at the southwest corner of the dwelling house formerly owned by John Coe running thence east on the line of George Eddy's Lot Six rods and thirty links thence north four rods and thirty links thence east twelve rods and twenty three links thence north four rods and twenty four links thence west to the east line of the highway thence south on the line of said highway ten rods and thence east tot the place of beginning be the same more or less... (Tompkins County Deeds, Book O, p. 257; recorded 29 Jan 1829)

Henry Smith Sarah (X) Smith Mark

The following excerpts are taken from original letters archived at the Streeter Farm:

... I wish John to call on Egan Esq to send me a copy... judgements in any favour on Esq Strongs... and... Nupany to Collect the same agains jope [*sic*, perhaps JOP for Justice of the Peace] B. Bart—... Before Henery Smith I Paid him

be fere Smith and... (Allen Miner, letter to his son, Aiden Miner, 16 June 1835, Greenwood, New York)

Dear Sister... fathe and mother was glad hear from you and I hope Susan that you will write often to let us here from you (Letter to Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 15 February 1847, Lansingville, New York)

... we had a letter from Juliann a week or to a go they were well she said Father and Mother was quite poorly I feel sorry for them to think that they have to submit to sally treatment but perhaps they like that best but the Lord nows I would not be in her clutches one hours time Olive Smith

I have here a Leter from Lansing and they are all well But father and mother they are faling faste... Olde Sall is thare yet Juley Roate to me that she had a Sparke that wose Some relashing to old Shaw I hoap that She will get some Old devl arothu So that She may Bee paid for all her deads and tha will haf to Bee the Devel him Self... S Smith (Samuel and Olive (Mercereau) Smith, joint letter to Samuel's sister, Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 20 July 1851)

Dear Brother and Sister... we are well as far as respect our famly but father and muther fails fast they Say thay would like to See you both and your littel boy Dean do come home and See them onse more you will never regret it... Olive write often... Samuel les us write Julia Bower

I know of nothing interesting to right to you for thare is nothing gowing one on this road but hard labor N Bower (Nathan Sr. and Julia (Smith) Bower, letter to Julia's brother, Samuel Smith, and his wife, Olive (Mercereau) Smith, 24 July \_\_)

Dear Sister... I did think I would come and See you this Somer whene I went out to fathers but my time wose to Short for me I wose gown but a weak frome hom So you See that I had not much time to Spare at it wose the first time in five years... S Smith (Samuel Smith, letter to his sister, Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 8 September 1855)

It was good that Samuel visited his father in the Summer of 1855 for Henry died soon thereafter on 1 October. After Henry's death, Jacob Smith apparently inherited the farm and his mother, Sarah, remained there with him. However, in the following excerpt, it is not clear whether Sarah Ann Dean was a grandchild or great-grandchild of Henry and Sarah (Emery) Smith.

Dear Aunt... as far as we know they are all well at Grandmothers and Uncle Jacobs (Sarah Ann Dean, letter to Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 9 December 1860)

Given his origins in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and the close proximity of Lansing and Dryden in Tompkins County, New York, the following excerpt may refer to some kinsmen of Henry Smith:

SMITH. In the early years of the century five brothers, Benjamin, Isaac, Jacob, John and Henry Smith, with their widowed mother, left Stroudsburg [then Northampton, now Monroe County], Pa., and came into the wilds of New York State. They selected land on Lot 11 in Dryden and began clearing off the timber. At the breaking out of the War of 1812 the four brothers first named volunteered and served throughout the war. Soon after returning Benjamin died. Isaac moved to Danby and later to Ohio. Jacob, John and Henry remained on the original purchase until their deaths. Their mother lived to the age of 104 years. The land is still held in the family, Ex-Sheriff William J. Smith and the heirs of James Smith, who were descendants of John Smith, being the present owners. (George E. Goodrich, *The Centennial History of the Town of Dryden - 1797-1897* [Dryden, New York: J.Giles Ford Printer: The Dryden Herald Steam Printing House], [1898] p. 166)

The family of Henry and Sarah (Emery) Smith also had numerous ties to the family of Deilman and Elizabeth (Schmit) Bauer [Bower] of Hesse, Germany; Northampton County, Pennsylvania; and Tompkins, County, New York.

Tilman Bower, and Honteter, his son came, in 1794, from Pennsylvania... A German Lutheran Reformed Church was established there in 1803. John Bower [son of Tilman Bower] sold the lot on which the schoolhouse, that was to be used for a church also, and a cemetery, were located. Services were for many years in the German language. These families, with some others were all German. (*History of Tioga, Chemung, and Tompkins Counties*)

Tilman Bower was actually Deilman Bauer Jr.; he was the son of Deilman and Elizabeth (Schmit) Bauer who were natives of Hesse, Germany; Elizabeth was the daughter of Nicholas Schmit [Smith]. Although Smith is an extremely common name, it is interesting to speculate whether or not Henry may have been related to Elizabeth (Schmit) Bauer, given the many connections between their descendants. Susanna Bauer and John Conrad sponsored the baptism of Henry's and Sarah's daughter, "Elisabeth Schmidt." Susanna Bauer was the daughter of Tilman and Eva (\_\_\_) Bauer [Bower]; she married Palmer Baker on 14 April 1803. Susanna was John Conrad's aunt. John Conrad was the son of Melchior and Katrina (Bauer) Conrad; Katrina was another daughter of Tilman and Eva (\_\_\_) Bower.

Abram Bower's wife was a bridesmaid for Henry and Sarah's daughter, Susan A. (Smith) Miner (*Residence of Abram Bower, Lansing, Tompkins County, New York*, annotated engraving, Streeter Farm). Abram Bower was doubtless identical with Abram<sup>4</sup> Bower (*Honteeter*<sup>3</sup>, *Deilman*<sup>2</sup> "*Tilman*" Jr., *Deilman*<sup>1</sup> Bauer), son of Honteeter<sup>3</sup> and Susan (Teeter) Bower, born 16 November 1805; died 20 May 1882; married 25 May 1831 Francina Demarest Baker, born 20 February 1810, died 27 Oct 1908 (Dawn Marie Bower [hereinafter *DMB*], manuscript [13 Jan 1994]), daughter of Samuel Baker (*History of Tompkins County*). Abram was a first cousin to Susan's

brother-in-law, Nathan<sup>4</sup> Bower; perhaps Francina was related to Susan's brother-in-law, Joel Baker.

Children, birth order uncertain, unproven parentage indicated by square brackets:

- i. MARY, b. ca. 1798; d. 4 Oct 1872 "aged 74 years 3 months" (*SFR1*, *SFR2*); named after her paternal grandmother, Anna Maria (\_\_\_) Smith; m. JOEL BAKER, b. ca. 1796, d. 16 May 1876 "aged 80 years" (*SFR2*). It is virtually certain that Mary was the Anna Maria Schmidt born on 7 June 1798 and bapt. in Mount Bethel Township, Northampton Co., PA on 8 July 1798, as the dau. of "Heinrich Schmidt & wife Sarah" with sponsors [maternal uncle] "Joh. Emmerich and [paternal aunt] "Anna M. Schmidt" (Rev. William Wackernagel, compiler, *Church Record of the Evangelical-Lutheran and Reformed Congregation at Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania* [privately printed: 1914], 54). and William J. Hinke, compiler, *Church Record of the Lutheran and Reformed Congregations in Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, PA, 1774-1833* [Easton, PA: Easton Public Library; 1934], 41).
- ii. ELIZABETH "BETSEY," b. (then Milton, now) Lansing, NY 11 Feb 1800 as "Elisabeth," dau. of Henry Schmidt and Sara Emerich; baptismal sponsors John Conrad and Susanna Bauer (*The Church Book of the Evangelical United Congregations in Milton and Scipio* [hereinafter *EUC*] [1803]); b. 11 Feb 1799; d. 9 April 1881 "aged 82 years and 29 days" (*SFR1*); named after her maternal grandmother, Elisabeth (Buss) Emmerich; m. DANIEL YOUNG, b. 9 April 1800, d. 9 Feb 1868 "aged 67 years and 10 months" (*SFR1*).

Dear Sister... Danels folks ar all well (letter to Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 8 Feb 1847)

... Danel Youngs was out hear a week a go he said Betsey health was quite poor he was afraid she would get to be helplesS the spine of her back is affected (Olive (Mercereau) Smith, letter to her sister-in-law, Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 20 July 1851)

... Aunt Betsey young told Father on Friday of last week, Betsey is a great deal better, so that she walked from home over to Leur's & Henrys, & back to Georges & stayed all night and the next day Daniel went after her Georges wife has a Boy that was born the 15th of September & she had not been there since that... (Sarah Ann Dean, letter to her aunt, Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 9 Dec 1860)

Dear Aunt Susan Gramma sais you may write a few lines if you will (Mary L. Young, letter to her aunt, Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 31 Dec 1868, Ithaca, NY)

- iii. JOHN, twin; b. (then Milton, now) Lansing, NY 9 Nov 1801 (*EUC*); bapt. before his brother Jacob at Henry Teeter's on 19 May 1803 as son of Henry Schmidt and Sara Emerich (*EUC*); b. ca. 1802; d. 13 Nov 1831 (*SFRI*) or 13 Dec 1832 "age 30 years" (*SFR2*); probably identical with the John Smith, Presbyterian Minister, who presided over the marriage ceremony of my direct ancestors, Aiden<sup>7</sup> and Susan A. (Smith) Miner, at Lansingville, NY on 2 Feb 1830.
- iv. JACOB, twin; b. (then Milton, now) Lansing, NY 9 Nov 1801 (*Martin*); bapt. after his brother John at Henry Teeter's 19 May 1803 as a son of Henry Smith and Sarah Emerich (*Martin*); d. 8 Oct 1863 "age 62 years" (*SFR2*); d. 13 Oct 1863 (*SFRI*); named after his maternal grandfather, Jacob<sup>1</sup> Emmerich. He was probably the Jacob Smith who witnessed the marriage of my direct ancestors, Aiden<sup>7</sup> and Susan A. (Smith) Miner, at Lansingville, NY on 2 Feb 1830. As the eldest surviving twin son, Jacob appears to have inherited his father's farm and been responsible for his widowed mother.

Dear Sister... jacob folks are all well Sary is not marred... (letter to Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 8 Feb 1847)

... Jacop hase herte hime Self vary Bad at the mill with a Loge Roling downe the hill By the mill So that he could note worke this Somer (Samuel Smith, letter to his sister, Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 20 July 1851)

... as far as we know they are all well at Grandmothers and Uncle Jacobs (Sarah Ann Dean, letter to her aunt, Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 9 Dec 1860)

- v. SARA "SALLY," b. (then Milton, now) Lansing, NY 29 Jan 1804; bapt. (then Milton, now) Lansing, NY 21 Feb 1804 as dau. of Henry Schmidt and Sara Emerich (*EUC*). *Sally* is a nickname for *Sarah* and she was named after her mother, Sara (Emmerich) Schmidt.

Dear Aunt... Sally and her Boys are in a great scratch the Boys tell her if she will promise to give them her farm, after Death they will go away from there so Aunt Betsey young told Father... Sarah Ann Dean (letter to Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 9 Dec 1860, Lansing)

- \* vi. SUSAN A., "Susanna" b. (then Genoa, now) Lansing, Tompkins Co., NY 1 Nov 1808, dau. of Henry Schmidt and Sara Emerich (*EUC*); bapt. the home of George Roth; d. Streeter Farm, Greenwood, Steuben Co., NY 20 July 1898; m. Lansingville, NY 2 Feb 1830 AIDEN<sup>7</sup> MINER (*Allen*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan Ransford*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Manassah*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Lansing, Tompkins Co., NY 26 Dec 1805, d. Greenwood, NY 20 June

1883; bur. Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, NY, son of Allen<sup>6</sup> and Dorothy (Dyer) Miner; my direct ancestors; see *Thomas Miner of Stonington, Connecticut* for more information.

- vii. PHILIP, b. NY ca. 1811 (age 39 in 1850 Federal Census, Greenwood, Steuben Co., NY); b. ca. 1805; d. 10 Jan 1872 "aged 67 years 6 months" (*SFR1*); d. 14 Jan 1872 "age 63 years" (*SFR2*). Perhaps he was named after his maternal uncle, Philip<sup>2</sup> Emmerich (*Jacob*<sup>1</sup>). Philip resided in the household of Aiden and Susan (Smith) Miner during the summer of 1850 as a "Farmer"; it appears that he had spent other summers with the Miners:

Dear Sister... poor cute good for noting Philop is Sory that he cand come out there this Sumer to help you he has took fathers place to work this Sumer father cant Spare him this Sumer... (letter to Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 8 Feb 1847)

- viii. JOSEPH, d. 28 Oct 1844; bur. Presbyterian Cemetery, Lansingville, Tompkins Co., NY; perhaps named after his maternal uncle, Joseph<sup>2</sup> Emmerich (*Jacob*<sup>1</sup>); m. 23 Jan 1833 SALLY MARIAH BAKER (*EUC*), b. 25 Aug 1814, dau. of Palmer and Susanna (Bower) Baker, m. (2) before 8 Feb 1847 Willard Thompson.

Dear be loved Sister... our bother josep is gon the way of all the living he died October the 28th... the furnal was hel... at the methodist chaple in lansing vill and was bred [*sic*, buried] in the bresbeterion berion yard... Susan all josep brothers and Sisters was here to folow him to the grave but you Self... he talk much to Sal<sup>m</sup>ariah and ex ord us to be good to the children... (Sally Smith, letter to Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 3 Nov 1844)

Dear Sister... Salmarah is mared to wilord tomsen lives in venes... (letter to Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 8 Feb 1847)

Children, surname *Smith* (Thomas Edward Herson, <http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/h/e/r/Thomas-E-Herson/>): 1. *Charles*, b. ca. 1836; d. 18 Nov 1840; bur. Lansingville Cemetery, Lansing, NY. 2. *Sarah Maria*, b. 1842; d. 2 Dec 1843; bur. Lansingville Cemetery, Lansing, NY. 3. *Joseph*, b. 1844; d. 9 March 1845; bur. Lansingville Cemetery, Lansing, NY.

- ix. [FANNIE, d. 17 May 1855 (*SFR1*)]; perhaps m. [WARREN] DEAN.

Dear Sister... you wrote in your letter that we should rite wether warden Dean hat got back he has not but his Child is very Sick the last weeke but it is better to day (letter to Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 8 Feb 1847)

Dear Aunt... poor aunt Juliann... Sally and her Boys are in a great scratch... so Aunt Betsey young told Father... in September Henry & myself went to the City... Matilda Smith was married Nov 16 to Charles Conklin... John Jr Powers Son was Married on Thursday Evening of the last week... Sarah Ann Dean (letter to Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 9 Dec 1860, Lansing)

Henry Smith d. 1 Oct 1855; Henry B. Dean must have been a great-grandson of Henry and Sarah (Emery) Smith:

Cousin Alice... When we reached Ithica grandfather was at Aunt Betsys waiting for us... uncle Daniels folks are all well... Tell Aunt Julia that grandfather says... grandmother has got peas yet... This is truly from your own Cousin HB Dean (letter to Alice Amelia (Miner) Streeter, 17 May 1861, Lansing)

Dear Cousin Alice... Nathan Bower has gone to Chicago to avoid the draft as I suppose... Henry B. Dean (letter to Alice Amelia (Miner) Streeter, 19 Nov 1862, Lansing)

- x. JULIA, b. 1816 (*DMB*); d. 10 Feb 1882 (*DMB, SFR*) "age 67 years 6 months 24 days" (*SFR2*); m. (1) NATHAN<sup>4</sup> BOWER SR. (*Johann Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Deilman<sup>2</sup> "Tilman" Jr., Dielman<sup>1</sup> Bauer*) (*DMB*), b. 1809 (*DMB*), d. Lansingville, NY 3 Oct 1856 (*DMB*), d. 23 Oct 1856 "age 47 years 2 months 13 days" (*SFR2*), bur. Lansingville Cemetery, Lansingville, NY, son of Johann Samuel<sup>3</sup> and Susanna (Gauer) Bower (Rob Bower, correspondence, 27 Oct 1998); m. (2), probably in Greenwood, Steuben Co., NY, after 1858 but before 1860 WILLIAM McCLAY when they were residing in Greenwood in the 1860 Federal Census. William is certainly identical with William McClay, b. Ireland ca. 1805 (*1850 Federal Census*, Greenwood, Steuben Co., NY), b. 1811, d. 1871, bur. Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, NY, m. (1) Sarah "Sally" \_\_\_\_, b. NY ca. 1810 (*1850 Federal Census*, Greenwood, NY), b. 1803, d. 1858, bur. Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, NY; in 1850 "Wm McClay" was a trustee of the Greenwood District No. 5 School.

Nathan and Julia resided in Lansingville in 1850. Some time after Nathan's death on 3 Oct 1856, she moved to Greenwood, NY before 17 May 1861, where she still resided as of 2 Feb 1880; she was the only person in her Greenwood household when the 1880 federal census was taken. Julia returned to Tompkins Co., NY by 9 Dec 1881.

Cousin Alice... Tell Aunt Julia that grandfather says get all she can and keep all she gets but above all the rest leave the old pest. This is truly from your own Cousin HB Dean (letter to Alice Amelia (Miner) Streeter, 17 May 1861, Lansing)

...give my love to your Sister if she lives there yet... (Dorothy (Miner) Burrell; letter to her brother, Aiden Miner, and his wife, Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 10 Jan 1877)

... Among those who deserve especial mention, is Mrs. McClay of Greenwood, a sister of Mrs. Miner who was present at the wedding 50 years ago. She though young at the that time, still remembers and related to the pleasure of the company some of the events of their wedding day. (Newspaper article commemorating the 50th wedding anniversary of Aiden and Susan A. (Smith) Miner, 2 Feb 1880)

Dear Alice... I never will see Greenwood Eny more I went to Northvill to see a Docter they Boath sed they coud not cure me it would be my Last sicks so they say I Doctored with three or had counsel with them all is an old man and Docter Collman and Son I think I must Look up for a higher phision I am now at Nathan Bowers well card for... mary and Nathan send their love to you all... I want my Letters to come to Lake Ridge Tompkins County I think now of staying to Nats it is the best place for me... your miserable Aunt Julia McClay (Julia (Smith) (Bower) McClay, letter to her niece, Alice Amelia (Miner) Streeter, 9 Dec 1881)

Children, b. [Lansing,] Tompkins Co., NY, surname *Bower* (*DMB*): 1. *Samuel*, b. 1832; d. 6 April 1835. 2. *George*, b. 1833; d. 17 Aug 1840. 3. *John*, b. 1837. 4. *Nathan*, b. 1840; m. Mary Buchanan. 5. *Sarah E.*, b. 1844; m. before 6 April 1869 John Smith "*Sarah Bower is Married to John Smith*," (H.B. Dean, letter to his cousin, Alice Amelia (Miner) Streeter, 6 April 1869), b. 1841, d. 17 Jan 1916. 6. *Henry*, b. 1847. 7. *Harriet*, b. 1848.

- xi. SAMUEL; b. Lansing, Tompkins Co., NY 22 Jan 1818 (*Martin*); d. Sunday, 14 March 1897; m. 25 June 1842 OLIVE<sup>7</sup> J. MERCEREAU (*Cornelius*<sup>6</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>5-4-3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1 Feb 1824 of Union, NJ, dau. of Cornelius<sup>6</sup> and Rebecca (Lanning) Mercereau (George E. Sawyer, *Descendants of General Joshua Mercereau* [23 June 2001], <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Bluffs/8841/mercereau.htm>); settled in Union, NJ in the Winter of 1841/42; moved to Hudson City, NJ in 1855; returned to Union in 1859; moved to Philadelphia, PA; moved to Boston, MA; returned to Union, NJ in 1896; Presbyterian; Mason (*obituary*); resided at No. 128 Warren St., Trenton, NJ in Dec 1879.

Children, surname *Smith* (*obituary*): 1. *Warren Dean*; resided in Brooklyn, NY in 1897. 2. *Samuel R.*, resided in Brooklyn, NY in 1897.



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