

BEAR FAMILY

The following data ~~are~~ taken from a record of William Henry Lebkicher, it having been translated from the original by John Bear:

John Henry Bear immigrated from Switzerland in 1719 and took up land on south branch of Mill Creek, Lancaster County, Pa. His nearest neighbor, Andrew Fretter, had settled on adjoining land in 1717. John Henry Bear's brother Jacob immigrated seven years later and took up land adjoining Henry on the west.

Henry Bear had three sons, namely:

Martin, who inherited the western part of the plantation { will dated Nov 18, 1792
.. prob. Mar 13, 1793
Andrew see next paragraph
George, youngest, who inherited the homestead and died there 1811.

Andrew Bear (Sr) was born on the old plantation in 1724 and died in Lancaster twp Nov 9, 1815, age 90 years 9 months 8 days. He is buried at Hellers Reformed Church, Lancaster County, Pa. Andrew Baer and his wife Christina Baer had 150 acres of land conveyed them by the Penns Dec 27, 1764. Andrew Sr's will probated Nov, 1815.

Andrew Bear (Sr) sold the tract of land in Earl township to his brother George and Andrew purchased a large tract which is now Bareville. It recently consisted of three farms and small tracts along the pike. Andrew Baer Sr's son, Andrew Baer, Jr, lived and died on the farm ~~now~~ owned by Hershey Groff.

Andrew Baer, Jr, son of Andrew Sr. and Christina, was born _____ and the correct death date is 1804, one year after his father made his will. Andrew Baer, Jr, Married Mary Showers and they had the following children:

- Catherine Bear, b. Aug 23, 1791, m. John Myers on Dec 25, 1808 and had children Abner, John, Harriet, Eliza and Catherine Myers.
- Elizabeth Bear, b. Aug 17, 1795, married Jacob Myers on May 24, 1814 and had children Susan, Eliza, Henry and Amelia Myers.
- Mary Bear, b. April 23, 1795, sign of the Mountain Goat, married Martin Meixel (3d) on Feb 20, 1814, d. Sep 25, 1849 and had children Matilda, Isaiah, Mary Ann (Lebkicher), Eliza and Andrew B. Meixel.
- John Bear, b. Jan 31, 1797, of Bear's Almanac fame, sign of the fishes, m. Miss Rine and had children Reuben, Andrew, Alfred and Rhine C. Bear. (Further note which may fit here is: Rueben L Baer, son of John Baer, his widow Mary L Baer Died Feb 21, 1916.)
- Sarah Bear, b. Sep 30, 1798, sign of the Twins, married Mr. Streng and had one boy three girls.
- Jacob Bear, b. July 8, 1800, sign of the Water-bearer, married Miss Buck and had children William, Henry, Samuel, Andrew, Albert and three girls.
- Andrew Bear, b. April 13, 1802, sign of the Virgin, m. Miss Lampkey and had children Emma m. Mr Kreider; Sarah m. Chas Freilly; Ella m. Hiram Keller; Maria Karmeny; Henriette m. Beitzel; Abner, Nathan and William. Last three may be Bears of Beitzels.
(Mrs. Kreider died Nov 24, 1920, 95 yrs 2 mo 6 days. She leaves Martha Huebner, of Litz, a daughter, and Ellen Keller, Williamsport Pa. (a sister)

Martin Meisel, 1713-1789 m.
Barbara Bushong 6 children

Christian Meisel or
Martin Meisel Jr
1756 - 1783

Martin Meisel Jr
m. Rebecca P. ...
1747 -
Rev Soldier

John Meisel
1746 - 1822
Rev. soldier

Andrew Meisel
associator 1780

Juliana Meisel

Jacob Meisel
Rev 90

Geo Meisel

Sarah Meisel
m.
Mrs Eby

Martin Meisel Jr (34)
1791 - 1822 m.
Mary Bear

Leah Meisel
m.
Mrs Moyer

Mary Meisel
m.
Mrs Kling

Cath Meisel
m.
Mrs Ruth

Hannah Meisel
m.
Mrs Kellenberger

Matilda Meisel
m. Josh Sheety

Jessiah Meisel
m. Miss Sampson

Mary Ann Meisel
m. David M. Lebkicher

Clays Meisel
m. Henry Metzger

Andrew Bear Meisel
m. Susan Brunner

Mary E Sheety
Joshua A "
Aug V "
Harriet "
Dexter "
Amanda "
Martin "
Emma M "
Nekashaj "
Andrew "

Samuel Meisel
Andrew "
Emma "
Ella "

Mary Jane Lebkicher
William Henry "
Edwin M "
David L "
Andrew B "
Samuel "
Emma M
Edwin M m.
Elyzabeth Benders
& children
Andrew B m. Frica
Emma R Hinckle
Sadalia O'Brien *

Mary E Metzger
John S "
Emma M "
Sarah C "
George "
Henry "

Florine Meisel
m. John Baumgardner

Walter M Lebkicher
Albert E "
Edith "
[Edwin Bender Lebkicher
m. Sarah Alice Glass *
one son]

Mason Lebkicher
m. Wm Foster *
no children
(This issue by
Andrew B Lebkicher
and Emma R Hinckle)

Hallers Lebkicher
no children
(This issue by
Andrew B Lebkicher
and Sadalia O'Brien)

John Baumgardner
Susan "
Thomas "

Robert Earl Lebkicher
unmarried 1934 *

* living descendants, 1934, of David M. Lebkicher
they are Sadalia Lebkicher (nee O'Brien)
Wm Foster
Sarah Alice Lebkicher (nee Glass)
Robert Earl Lebkicher

John Henry Bear

Jacob Bear (bro of Henry)
came to America 7 years later

Martin Bear

Andrew Bear Sr
1724 - 1815
m. Christina

Isao Bear

Andrew Bear Jr
b. 1791 m. Mary
Showers

John Bear 1765-1817
m.
Mary Dilber (1770-1833)
or
Anna Maria
D.

Catherine Bear m.
John Myers

Elizabeth Bear
m. Jacob Myers

Mary Bear
m. Martin Meisel

John M. Bear m.
Miss Rine

Sarah Bear
m. Streng

Jacob Bear
m.
Miss Bucher

Andrew M. Bear
m.
Miss Lamphear

almanac man

Matilda Meisel

Isaiah Meisel

Mary Ann Meisel
m.
David M. Lebkicher

Elyas Meisel

Andrew B. Meisel

note: check to see if Andrew Bear Sr was 67 years old when son Andrew was born.

N.B. Children of 4th generation parents given on attached sheet

Martin Meixel, 3d,--Mary Bear

9 Mary Bear married Martin Meixel, 3d, who was a descendant of Martin Meixel, one of the early pioneers of Leacock twp, Lancaster County, Pa. The pioneer was born Nov 10, 1713; died June 3, 1789; buried in the vicinity of Salem or Hellers German Reformed Church. In 1775 he was a large holder of land, as that was the date of his patent from the Penns. He emigrated from Germany about 1725; married Barbara Bushong, descended of French Huguenots, and located along both sides of the pike between Mechanicsburg and Bareville. Martin and Barbara Meixel had six children, John, Jacob, Julianne, Martin 2d, Andrew and Christian. Martin 2d and his elder brothers, John and Jacob belonged to Captain Rowland's Company July 5, 1775, being among the first to take up arms. Also in 1780 we find four of the pioneer's sons, now including Andrew, in Captain Hueys Company. In the same was enrolled Martin Bare, Jr, a relative of Mary Bear.

9 Martin Meixel, 2d, was either born 1756 and died Nov 20, 1823 or he was born in 1747. He married Rebecca Rhine who was born Apr 7, 1756 and died Sept 17, 1834. They had seven children; George; Sarah m. Mr Baby; Martin Meixel, 3d; m. Mary Bear; Leah m. Mr. Moyer; Mary m. Mr. Kling; Catherine m. Mr. Ruth, and Hannah m. Mr. Kellenberger.

9 Martin Meixel, 3d, b. April 17, 1791; d. Oct 16, 1822; m. Mary Bear Feb 20, 1814. They had six children, Matilda, Isaiah, Mary Ann, Eliza and Andrew Bear Meixel.

Children of Martin Meixel, 3d,
and Mary Bear.

Matilda Meixel, wife of Joshua Sheetz, Freeport, Ill., was born Jan 28, 1815. Her husband died at age of 43 years 8 mos 19 days. They had children as follows;

Mary E Sheetz	born	Mar	8	1842
Joshua A	"	"	May	31 1843
Aug V	"	"	Dec	18 1844
Harriett A	"	"	Apr	27 1846
Dexter M	"	"	Sept	9 1847
Amanda	"	"	Apr	26 1849
Martin	"	"	Oct	6 1851
Emma M	"	"	Mr	30 1853 died Sep 30, 1902; m. H P. Aspinwall.
Nebraska	"	"	May	6 1855
Andrew J	1 yr 1 mo	13	days	

Think this was an Illinois Senator

Isaiah Meixel, b. Dec 12, 1816; d. Dec 13, 1890; m. Miss Sampson. Children:

- Samuel Meixel
- Andrew "
- Emma "
- Ella "

Mary Ann Meixel, b. Sep 22, ~~1816~~ 1818; d. May 20, 1906. Born in Lancaster county and her parents died when she was quite young. She was a member of Holy Trinity Church, Lancaster and a Sunday-school teacher there for many years. Rev John C. Baker officiated at her marriage on June 21, 1843, to David M Lebkicher. David M Lebkicher was a descendant of Henry Lebkicher who emigrated to America on the ship Lydia, Sept 20, 1743. Henry Lebkicher located close to what is now the city of Lebanon, where Michael Lebkicher, 17-year-old soldier of the Revolution, was born. Michael Lebkicher, b. Mar 9, 1760; d. Jan 27, 1848

married Susanna E---- (Ettien?) between years of 1777 and 1781. Eleven children were born to them, Philip, Michael, Henry, David, Catherine m. Doebler, Joseph, John, Susan m. Overmyer, Fanny m. Herbster, Ann, ----, Of these children, David was apprenticed at Hummelstown as a potter in 1806. He was born Nov. 9, 1789, and died ~~Nov 15, 1867~~ Nov 15, 1867. He soon after went to Lancaster, where he acquired land at South Queen and German Streets. David married twice; first Elizabeth McGrann, Feb 20, 1796-Feb 17, 1833, married on Dec. 12, 1812; second Catharine Bard, Apr 15, 1809-Jan 6 1847, married on Nov 12, 1833. He had five children by his first marriage; Michael, David M., Eliza Ann, Margt F, Susan E, Mary Jane, Sarah Ann, Bernard M and Philip Richard. Of these David M, b. Sep 22, 1815;d. Nov. 13 1867, married Mary Ann Meixel. They lived at the corner of South Queen and German Sts, Lancaster. The father, David, was elected Recorder of Lancaster County in 1842 on a Whig ticket. His son, David M was appointed Deputy Recorder, a position he held for some years after his father's term expired. David M. also was a teller in one of the Lancaster banks. Father and son died within a day of each other of Cholera. The children of David M arranged for Mary Ann Lebkicher (nee Meixel) to occupy one-half of the double house at ~~MM~~ 150 South Queen St and to derive the rent of the other half for her maintenance. Children of Mary Ann Meixel and David Lebkicher follow:

- Mary Jane Lebkicher, b June 21, 1844, d Aug 25, 1846 died infant
- William Henry " b Sept 10, 1845, d Feb 10, 1929 bachelor
- Edwin M " b Jan 15, 1847, d Jne 2, 1913 4 children
- David " b Sep 4, 1848, d Oct 26, 1848 died infant
- Andrew B " b Sep 29, 1849, d Oct 27, 1903 m. twice 2 children
- Samuel " b Sep 24, 1851, d Dec 2, 1901 no children
- Emma M " b 10mos 23dys d Jly 18, 1855 died infant

Many buried at Woodward Hill, Lancaster, Pa.

Eliza Meixel, b. Nov 3, 1820; d. Sep 13, 1887 married Henry Metzger, b. Sep 6, 1809; d. Nov 8, 1881. They had children

- Mary E Metzger - - -b Jan 7, 1852
- John S " b Mar 31 1850
- Emma M " b Feb 13 1855 d Mar 17, 1910
- Sarah C " b Jan 25 1856 d Mar 29, 1895
- George " "
- Henry " (Metzgers living on German St nr S Queen, Lanc.)

Andrew Bear Meixel, b Mar 5, 1822; d Jan 3, 1910; married Susan Brunner, b. Sept 5, 1828; d Feb 14, 1891. Children

Florine Meixel, b _____ d _____ m John Baumgardner, they had three children, John, Susan and Thomas.

Adult Children of David M Lebkicher and Mary Ann Meixel

William Henry Lebkicher

See Lebkichers for this line

Michael Bender m. Leah Swope

Michael Bender, b Apr 26, 1814; d Mar 17, 1888 married Leah Swope, b Oct 4, 1817. Michael kept the hotel at Mechanicsburg. They had ~~four~~ children, all girls. they are as follows

Elizabeth Bender, the oldest, married Edwin M Leblicher (see Leb's)
Catherine b d She was married while living at Ambler, Pa, to Harry Brown. For a time they resided at Noble, Pa, and then removed to Conshohocken, where she died of apoplexy. She is buried, with her sister Leah F (Frances) in a plot at Mount Peace Cemetery, Lehigh Ave, Phile. No children.

Leah F (Frances) Bender, b d died at Norwich, N. Y., at the home of her sister, Lydia E (Emma). Her body was brought to Philadelphia and interred from Oliver Bair's in Mt. Peace. She was a spinster and for a time lived with her sister, Mrs Edwin M Leblicher at 2204 Montgomery Ave., Phila.
Anna Lou " b d She was a shoe operator, employed at Philadelphia and resided at 19th and Brown Sts, Phila.

Lydia E (Emma) Bender b d m Emma married Richard Stofer and lived at Norwich, N. Y., her husband being president of the Norwich Chemical (or Pharmaceutival) Company, makers of Unguentine. Richard was born and died

Emma and Richard Stofer had three children:

Michael Webster Stofer, born May 25, 1887, an M. D. of Norwich, N Y.

Harold J Stofer, who died in infancy

Helen Stofer, b Jan 7, 1891. lives at Norwich, N. Y.

The sisters in about 1880 or 1890 lived in Philadelphia at around 19th and Brown Streets.

Mary Ann Bender } infant children
Albert Swope Bender } of Michael Bender
and Leah Swope

Children of Edwin M and Elizabeth Leblicher
Walter - 1882-1882

Edwin B - 1874-1928
Katherine { Sarah Alice - Aug 15-1877 - 1233 Lindley Ave.
- Edith - Greg sons Robert and Ethel Leblicher same address 1896
Albert - " " " " (Newspaper Reporter)