



ALBERT YODER WESTERN PIONEER AND CHAMPION CHICKEN FARMER

Albert Yoder was born in Goshen, Indiana on March 8, 1868. He was a "double Yoder" through his father Moses Yoder (YR23568) and mother Martha ("Mattie") Yoder (YR233833). If he had stayed in Goshen all his life, his story would not have been as interesting as it turned out being.



Albert in his Buckskin Suit

The Move West

When he was two years old, his father, a physician and member of the Amish Church, moved the family west. Albert's own words tell the story:

"We moved to near Nevada, Mo., a small place called Virgil City (not now in existence) on September 25, 1870. In a covered wagon on the way one of the horses had taken sick and died. So nothing to do but sell the other horse, wagon and harness for what father could get and ship our small belongings by freight to Nevada. After paying freight and carfare, my father had \$3.00 left to begin in a new country. The settlers were mostly southerners not in sympathy with northern people at this time.

"As a small boy I shall never forget the hardships we endured living on corn bread and sorghum for two years. flour that was wheat flour was \$10.00 a sack and that was more money than we could get. As a boy at the age of eight years, an opportunity came my way each week on Saturday. Horse racing was all the go and as the lighter the rider the better, if the rider could stick. I was always in demand, being small, light and tough as a pineknot."

Albert writes of "grasshopper year" in 1875 in Missouri: "The grasshoppers, when flying in the air, were so thick that you could not see the sun on a bright day. After alighting on the ground, there would be no green thing left within a day."

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St. Joder and St. Mauritius

by Rachael Kreider



Thun Castle

Ever since I learned that the name Joder in the Swiss "Oberland" in Bern came from that of St. Theodorus (St. Joder)-- the bishop at Sion across the high Alps in southern Switzerland-- I wondered how such a connection could be possible in those early days. And I also wondered who were those Theban martyrs whose bodies were discovered by St. Joder, a discovery that first brought him into special prominence. A 1991 visit to the castle-tower in Thun, a city next to Steffisburg (home of the Joders), suggests how oral tradition could have brought together in one story the patron saint of Thun -- St. Mauritius who was head of the Theban legion -- and St. Joder who was the first to honor the fallen heroes.

The story as told in the Castle-Tower exhibit is credited to Echerius, bishop of Lyons in about 450 A.D. He wrote that a legion was recruited at Thebes in Egypt for the Roman army and they were commanded by General Maximian to hunt down a group of Christians who had incurred the disfavor of the Roman government. This they refused to do because they were Christians themselves. They were quoted as saying, "We are your soldiers but we are also the servants of God. To him belongs our allegiance. He is your God as well. We would rather die, dying guiltless, than to live in guilt... Do with us what you will -- torture or sword-- we are prepared (for the consequences). We are Christians and persecute them we shall not." Thereupon Maximian ordered every tenth man of the legion executed. They kept refusing until the whole legion was wiped out.

Between 370 and 380 A.D. the bodies of these martyrs were found by St. Joder of Sion, who built a basilica over the site. We have noted previously (YNL Oct. 83 and Apr. 86) how these remains came to be venerated and, as folklore proceeded, finally those of St. Joder himself. His cult spread into neighboring dioceses and into other valleys where the people of his area migrated, especially into the French sectors and along the Upper Rhone. Eventually veneration of St. Joder reached inner Swiss territory.

Meanwhile veneration of Mauritius, the faithful Theban leader, grew as well. He became St. Mauritius (Maurice and Moritz) and by 515-524 Sigismund, king of Burgundy, founded an abbey of St. Maurice. The Mauritian cult spread rapidly through Switzerland, also into northern Italy and along the Rhine River. Traditions about him have endured to this day and relics can be found at the Abbey of St. Maurice in Brzeg in Poland and Turin in Italy.

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 issue (\$22 for a complete set of issues 1-22). These may be ordered from
 the Goshen YNL address.

A WORD ON TYPE SIZE: The concensus on the new type is that the
 readers prefer it to the old by a margin of 4 to 1. We have tried to find a
 happy medium which will insure legibility, while at the same time
 maximizing the amount of text

YOUR NEW MAILING LABELS

You may have noticed that your mailing label is a little different this
 time. The top line shows several different numbers. The middle number
 is the one Ben Yoder assigned you when you first subscribed to the
 Yoder Newsletter, and is the one which appeared on your labels in the
 past. In the process of reviewing our subscription list and getting it
 computerized, all recipients have been assigned a new record number:
 the first number on the top line. At the right end of the line appear the
 letters "subs thru # " and a number which states the issue number of the
 YNL through which your subscription is paid. For example, if your label
 reads "sub thru # 24", then our records indicate that you are paid
 through issue 24. When an edition is declared a "BONUS ISSUE", this
 number will be increased by one for everyone.

A few people are deserving of some notoriety in return for their
 help in entering all those names and addresses. They are as follows:
*Deanna Risser, Denise Risser, Karen S Yoder, William M Yoder,
 Alice Risser, Dennis Risser.*

Our thanks to each one of them. ---John W Yoder

YODER DATA ON FLOPPY DISK

The two disk set of Yoder Family data is still available for IBM
 Compatible computers. Order from John W. Yoder, 57195 CR 35,
 Middlebury, IN 46540-9722. (See page 7 YNL 19 for details on content.)
 A third disk should be available by the April 94 YNL and will include:
 - A spousal Index for all the Yoders listed in the family groups on the
 first two disks (thanks to Dorothy Coffman).
 - Penn. Yoder Warrant and Patent information.
 - Pennsylvania Courthouse and church records on Yoders (thanks to
 the detailed research of Richard H Yoder).

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS--

When I was in Union County a couple of months ago I found the
 Klopp-Clopp Cemetery and thought you might want to record the
 location since it's a typical abandoned cemetery. Heavy briars, bushes,
 etc., several stones were lying face down and frozen fast. I wasn't able to
 pry them loose. Knowing me, I'll probably go up again since I hate to be
 defeated. Direction: Take Rt.#15 north of Lewisburg, turn right at the
 New Columbia exit, turn right at the exit dead end going under Rt 15 for
 1.1 miles to a house on the right side with a Maurey Body Shop sign (1'
 X 4') in the yard. About 100' past this, turn right on a small macadam
 road, drive a couple hundred yards to a drainage ditch going under the
 road. Park here. The cemetery is about 100' thru the field into the
 woods. There were Yoder, High, Ranck, and Fisher stones. -- Richard H
 Yoder , Bechtelsville

Dear Editor,

In your 1990 Issue #15, page 2, you asked who was the Christopher
 Yoder who married Sarah Hartman on Sept. 11, 1866. Well, I know. He
 is Christian Yoder the son of Solomon Yoder and Elizabeth
 Gindlesperger. Why he changed his name to Christopher, I don't know.
 He married in Newville, Ind. I have a copy of the marriage license. Why
 it is written Sarah Hartman, I don't know, she is Sarah Harbison, as the
 front of the marriage license says Harbison-- why the back says
 Hartman?? I also have some pension papers on Christian (Christopher)
 says they were married on Sep.11, 1866 by Rev. Lawrence. Witnesses
 Louis Saltzman & M. Harbison (Sarah's sister)--- R Y Kehren,
 Boyceville, WI

HORACE YODER died June 3, 1992 at Cincinnati at 87 years. He'd had
 a wonderful life. His wife Lorraine, and one son, Philip, preceded him in
 death. He's survived by wife, Lucille, one son David of Crown Point, IN.,
 four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He enjoyed the
 NEWSLETTER immensely.-- Sincerely, Lucille Yoder

To the Editors:

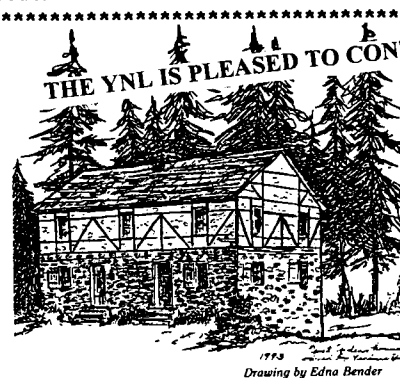
In your April 1991 issue is a small notice about a A.Y.Yotter, formerly
 of Bellvue, Seneca County, OH who was killed by a bear at the Agua
 Frio Mines, CA in 1850. At that time, Seneca County was being settled
 by many people of German descent. Farm land was abundant and many
 immigrants caught the gold fever as a means to purchase land. My own
 4th great uncle, Conrad Herbert, did so and returned with enough to by
 170 acres.

As to the location of Agua Frio Mines, the most likely location is in
 southern California about 10-15 miles north of San Jose. The Agua Frio
 Creek can be found there.

In reading the Seneca County census and marriage records I have
 noticed many Yoders, Hershbergers and Hochstetlers. If any one needs
 help, I would be happy to look for a particular family.- Beth Ann
 Hummel, 1212 Courtly Road, Fostoria, OH 44830.

ZIP CODE CHANGE FOR YNL!!

PLEASE NOTE: The Goshen Post Office has announced that effective
 1 Jun 1993 all of the Post Office Boxes will have 46527 for their new ZIP
 Code.



THE YNL IS PLEASED TO CONTINUE ITS SUPPORT
The Proposed

Yoder House Project

Spruce Forest Artisan Village
 Route 2, Box 5
 Grantsville, Maryland 21536
 Phone & Fax (301) 895-3332

Field stone would be used for
 basement and first floor then
 half timbering for the rest to
 the house. One sided window
 shutters and wood shingles
 on the roof.

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"At the age of eleven we moved to western Kansas... in two covered wagons, one mule team and one team of horses taking with us 20 cows which required very slow traveling. My duty was to bring the cows along after the wagons on ponyback. This pony was a friend that will always be the dearest of all unless it was a faithful dog, for these two I loved as our own family. This started me as a cowboy as from this time I was on the plains with cattle every day, all kinds of weather.

Snakes Alive

"At night the wail of the cyote would put us to sleep in our sod house of half dugout where the roof was sunflower prairie grass and dirt on top. This made a fine place for snakes to house themselves and often would drop from this roof down at night. The cyote put us to sleep, the snakes would drop down to waken us. You will never know our kind of feeling that a human has until you have the experience of waking in a dark room where a snake has dropped either on your bed or on the floor beside your bed. I well remember my baby brother was in an old fashion cradle, sleeping by the side of my father's and mother's bed. One night, mother said, "Pa, get up! A snake fell near the cradle on the floor." Imagine if you can, a person getting up in a dark room barefooted, looking for matches to find a snake.

"One morning as I awoke, I noticed a snake coiled right between my brother and I on the pillow. I was out on the floor before I had taken time to think. Then I touched my brother and said "Don't move, there is a snake on the pillow on my side." Well, he was very active, he also lit on the floor so quick the snake hadn't moved yet. So we, of course, removed the snake with a split stick."

The small heard they brought from Missouri became the basis for a larger one. And Albert's father Moses stayed in the cattle business... until tragedy struck:

"Then the dreadful disease, black-leg, killed our cattle. They dropped dead like flies. My father became discouraged and moved back to Indiana and practiced medicine again. I went back after staying in Indiana two years. I went to Colorado..."



Moses and Martha Yoder

A Mountain Man With a Good Saddle

"I wintered in the Rocky mountains in the years 1889 and 1890 at the foot of Longs Peak, the highest peak in the Rockies. This peak is 75 miles north and west of Denver. On a bright day you can see Denver from the top of Longs Peak. Hunting and trapping was what occupied my time and getting my eats during this hunt I killed twelve deer, tanned the hides and at Boulder, Colorado had a tailor make me a buckskin suit."... (see photo) "many an exciting incident had taken place during this hunt.

"I built a log cabin, which was spruce, by taking my pony and dragging the logs tied with my rope to the saddle horn. This saddle I still have. Bought it in Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1888. It has held many a

steer. When a steer runs to the end of the rope until the rope fairly sings, the steer goes end over end and the pony is nearly jerked off his feet and yet the saddle has passed more hard use than this when a pony bucks and springs up in the air and turns over backwards and lights on the saddle or where he rolls over and over. These saddles are made to stand the test. The rider that doesn't leave the saddle at the right fraction of a second is buried on the lonesome prairie with the bleached bones of a buffalo carcass as his tombstone."

To See Wyoming Cousins

"...and on July 28, 1890, I left Greely, CO and went to Cheyenne. I stayed in Goshen Hole at Uncle Samuel Yoder's for two days..."

Forty three years later, in 1934, Albert wrote to his cousin Albert R. Kessler of Meriden, Wyo:

"I will never forget the evening that I rode into Goshen Hole to your grandparents. I did not tell them who I was until after supper, and were they surprised! And oh, yes! Someone in that country thought I looked like a certain person who stole horses, and my horse resembled his. While we were at the table, my cousin Hiram was called out, and he told them he didn't know who I was, which was true. I hadn't told them yet, but just as we left the table I told them and they believed me. They thought they recognized me as a Yoder. If I hadn't convinced someone, perhaps I would have had a neck-tie party."

Albert Joins Buffalo Bill

"... and then left for the Black Hills. I rode to Omaha, Neb., loaded two horses for Chicago, got a pass with a train of cattle, and took my horses home to Goshen, Ind."

Albert says that he left Goshen "with a show, traveled through the east". According to the family, this "show" was the famed "Buffalo Bill Cody Wild West Show". Albert, however, didn't talk much about his time with the renown showman. Grandson Allan L. Yoder of Ft. Lauderdale, understands that his principal job was as a sharp shooter with a rifle.

He then came to Ohio, where he was married by M. J. Grable to Agnes Ashman (daughter of John Ashman and Hannah Hallway of Salem, OH) on Dec. 25, 1892. In early 1893 they settled at Homestead, Pennsylvania. At Homestead they became charter members of the First Christian Church. Both Albert and his wife were active in the church works, he being Superintendent of Sunday School, a Deacon, and an elder.

Famous Chickens

Albert also gained some fame as an award winning chicken farmer. To quote from a newspaper article in 1904:

"Albert Yoder, the noted Munhall chicken fancier, has just been notified that his six chickens entered at the World's Fair, St. Louis, have captured four of the prizes. This is a remarkable showing as there were over ten thousand chickens entered from all parts of the globe.... he won the silver cup in the Pittsburgh Poultry show last year and has won prizes in every poultry exhibition in which his chickens have been entered."

Albert and Agnes had six children: Mabel A., Oct. 7, 1893; Russel W., Nov. 30, 1897; Sidney L., May 2, 1900; and Olive I., Sep. 10, 1903; Virginia; and Merle. The family is listed (less the younger two) in Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler as Family Group 2663.

In 1910, they moved to Ohio settling on a farm near Snodes Station, north of Beloit. This remained his home. He was very active in the Church of Christ in nearby Sebring, Ohio, serving as Superintendent of the Bible School. He claimed in the 1934 letter to his Wyoming cousin that the Bible School was the largest in the world for the size of the town (then 3,900--current Rand McNally shows 4,848). Albert was later selected as an honorary elder.

He was a member of the Smith Grange, Farm Bureau, and served terms on the Smith Township Board of Trustees and the former Smith Township Board of Education. He also served as a member of the Mahoning County Relief Commission.

Albert Yoder died on July 12, 1955 in Moundsville, West Virginia at the age of 87 years 4 months and 4 days. He was buried in the

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ALBERT YODER,
MUNHALL, PA.

The Brown Leghorn Specialist
ROSE AND SINGLE COMB
Bred to Win Prizes and Lay Eggs.



**YODER AND HIS
CHICKS AGAIN**

**ALBERT YODER IS ¹⁹⁰⁷
AGAIN VICTORIOUS**

(YNL EDITORS NOTE: Little did Albert Yoder know when he left Goshen Hole, but his cousin Hiram was to have a noteworthy acquaintance with the "neck-tie" parties Albert felt glad he had escaped. Hiram ranched successfully in the Goshen Hole area (east of Wheatland, Wyoming). His claim to fame, however, is that he served as the foreman of the jury which convicted the infamous range detective Tom Horn, and

PENNSYLVANIA LAND WARRANTS AND PATENTS (Continued from YNL 21) compiled by Richard H Yoder. To repeat a bit from last issue... To purchase land, an oral or written request was submitted to the

Huntington County (formed from Bedford County Sep. 20, 1787)										
10	Isaac Yoder	S	400A	17 Dec 1793	31 Oct 1800	Huntington or Northumberland	195A 39P	Isaac Yoder	P17-395	A11-259
21	Daniel Yoder	S	100A	5 Mar 1838	----	Henderson	109A 7P	-----		D30-171
Lancaster County ((formed May 10, 1729 from Chester County)										
178	Jacob Jodder	S	5A	29 Jul 1784	---	----	---	-----	--	--
8	Christian Yoder	S	100A	19 Oct 1743	Feb 1812	Bern		to others	--	D22-43
35	Christian Yoder	A	160A	28 Aug 1751	19 Jun 1767	"	160A	Christian Yoder	AA8-366	D9-218
13	Jacob Yoder	S	50A	28 Oct 1747	Jun 1773	"	--	Stephen Kaufman	---	---
Northampton County (formed Mar. 11, 1752 from Bucks County)										
7	Jacob Yoder	A	40A 158P	5 Dec 1766	12 Dec 1766	Upper Saucon	40A 158P	Jacob Yoder	AA8-148	D5-209
Philadelphia County (one of three original counties of the colony)										
5	Hans Yoder	S	41A	24 Jan 1734	24 Apr 1734	Oley	41A	----	A7-170	A9-210
4	John Yoder	S	100A	5 Feb 1735	28 Mar 1738		150A/100A	----	A7-170	A9-211
10	Daniel Yoder	S	150A	16 Feb 1737	19 Dec 1753	Oley	150A	John Yoder	A16-537	A31-177
11	John Yoder	S	100A	27 Apr 1737	17 Nov 1871		96A 66P	Samuel Oswald et al	H70-37	A44-8-9-10
12	Yost Yoder	S	100A	18 May 1737	16 Apr 1740		100A	Yost Yoder	A9-206	A9-213
16	John Yoder	S	50A	2 Aug 1738	18 Nov 1766	Oley	50A 32P	Peter Yoder	AA8-176	A31-175
18	John Yoder	S	50A	29 Jan 1739	3 Nov 1787	"	100A 40P	Casper Greismer	P11-330	D9-244
17	John Yoder	S	100A	2 May 1739	----	Blue Mtn	80A 4P		D20-91	A44-9-10
20	Johannes	S	200A	23 Mar 1742	9 Dec 1762		200A 57P	Nicholas Schwartz	AA5-445	C132-118
Chester County (an original county of the colony)										
4	Daniel Yoder	S	100A	21 Jun 1749	8 Dec 1759	Coventry	137A	Daniel Yoder	A19-354	D9-200
Bucks County (an original county of the colony)										
--	John Yoder	S	100A	----	----				A2-83	
--	John Yoder	S	51A	----	----				A2-84	
1	Hans Yoder	S	250A	4 Jan 1737	----	----	----	----	--	----
2	John Yoder	S	150A	24 Oct 1738	29 Jan 1740		175A 94P	John Yoder	A10-231	D9-182
9	John Yoder	S	75A	14 Mar 1742	3 Aug 1743		33A 156P	John Yoder	A11-175	D9-192
							71A 115P	John Yoder	A11-175	A9-216

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HIS CHICKENS ALWAYS WINNERS.

Captures Four Prizes at the World's Fair
at St. Louis.

A Few Headlines

Grandview Cemetery, Sebring, Ohio alongside his wife Agnes who had passed on June 16, 1960. At the time of his death, he was survived by his children (excluding W. Russell who died in France during WWI and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery), by sixteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Albert also was a sixty year member in the Odd Fellows Lodge.

A long life of accomplishment and service. We thank his grandson Allan Yoder for sharing the photographs and information which was the basis for this article. And we thank Albert for jotting down his interesting tales of life in the American West. Allan reports that prize winning chickens still run in the family.. Last year Albert's great-granddaughter, Julie Anne Charles, won some chicken prizes at the local Country Fair in Stockport, Ohio.

sentenced him to hang. Tom Horn was the subject of a 1980 motion picture starring Steve McQueen. According to Joan Murra, of the McCracken Research Library at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody Wyoming, Hiram's name pops up in most accounts of Tom Horn, and of the early ranchers in Wyoming. Maybe Hiram will be a YNL subject on his own someday!).

secretary of the Land Office, along with a partial or full payment for the tract. The application stated the applicants name, the amount of land requested, and usually the location. When the application was approved, the secretary completed a warrant (an order to survey). When the

surveying was completed, the drawings were sent to the Surveyor General who filed it with the warrant. When the purchaser paid the balance in full, a return of survey was sent to the Land Office. It then prepared a Patent, which was the final deed passing all rights to the land to the individual owner. The original patent went to the new owner, and a copy was bound in the patent book.

Pennsylvania Land Patent Index- PA Dept. of Internal Affairs

Patent Index A and AA

vol	date of patent	page	patentee	acres	perches	Warrentee	Name of tract	date of warrent	County
A 7	8 May 1735	170	John Yoder	150	---	John Yoder		5 Feb 1733	
A 9	13 Aug 1740	206	Joist Yoder	100	---			18 May 1737	Phila.
A 9	30 Jul 1741	450	John Yoder	199	87	John Yoder		29 Jan 1739	Bucks
"	"	"	"	50	19	John Yoder		1 Jul 1741	Bucks
A 10	6 Mar 1740	231	John Yoder	175	94	John Yoder		24 Oct 1738	Bucks
A 11	8 Aug 1743	175	John Yoder	105	96	John Yoder		14 Mar 1743	Bucks
A 16	9 Aug 1754	537	John Yoder	150	---	Daniel Yoder		16 Feb 1737	Berks
A 17	10 Apr 1754	459	John Yoder	100	98	Jacob Zarrico		9 Dec 1748	Nthhmptn
A 19	19 Dec 1759	354	Daniel Yoder	137	---	Daniel Yoder		21 Jun 1749	Berks
AA 8	9 Dec 1766	131	Christian Yoder	44	80	Christian Yoder		26 Nov 1766	Berks
"	23 Dec 1766	158	Jacob Yoder	40	158	Jacob Yoder	Bridge North	9 Dec 1766	Nthhmptn
"	29 Dec 1766	176	Peter Yoder	50	32	John Yoder	Yoder's Purchase	2 Aug 1738	Berks
"	19 Jun 1766	366	Christian Yoder Jr	160	---	Christian Yoder	Contentment	28 Aug 1751	Berks
AA13	24 Jun 1772	167	John Yoder	119	114	Leonard Ox	Yoderland	21 Aug 1758	York
"	"	"	John Yoder	83	140	John Yoder	Yoder Addition	7 May 1767	York
P 4	24 Dec 1785	303	Jost Joder	244	40	Michael Bigela	Jostbury	13 Feb 1775	Bedford
P 3	12 Jan 1785	173	John Yoder	87	120	John Horse	Johnsburg	4 Aug 1750	Berks
"	"	"	"	255	40	John Yoder	"	24 Nov 1784	Berks
P 6	4 Nov 1786	543	Christian Yoder Jr	155	---	Christian Yoder Jr		1 Jun 1785	Bedford
"	"	544	"	300	120	Christian Yoder Jr		2 Dec 1773	"
"	"	"	"	306	40	Jacob Hertzler		2 Dec 1773	"
P 13	19 Mar 1789	481	"	290	80	Matthew Taylor	Utica Tract	29 Jun 1786	"
P 14	18 Mar 1788	6	Joseph Yoder	180	---	Charles Vaunce		17 Mar 1749	Lancster
P 15	4 Jun 1789	54	Daniel Yoder	32	---	Valentine Hoof		21 Feb 1749	Berks
"	"	55	"	50	---	Yerick Rich		2 Apr 1757	Berks
P 16	1 Jul 1789	47	James Yoder et al	311	118	Titus Mattock		22 May 1772	Nrthmblid
"	"	49	"	306	148	Timothy Mattock		22 May 1772	"
P 16	29 May 1790	298	Peter Yoder et al	43	98	Lewis Haring et al		27 Feb 1789	Berks
P 17	2 Nov 1795	395	Isaac Yoder	195	39	Isaac Yoder	Blooming Grove	17 Dec 1793	Huntngtn
P 19	8 May 1793	305	John Yoder	205	80	John Yoder	Greenfield	4 Feb 1785	Bedford
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P 34	29 Mar 1798	137	David Yoder	199	---		Green Fields	20 May 1797	Somerset
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P 43	5 Jul 1800	207	David Yoder	105	80	David Yoder	Rapho	20 Oct 1786	Somerset
"	"	208	"	104	40	Jacob Yoder	Hemphield	30 May 1797	"
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P 47	29 Mar 1802	175	Abraham Yoder	36	28	Dewalt Weaver	Evergreen	4 Dec 1744	Berks
P 51	20 May 1803	92	John Yoder	352.6	---	James Cummings	Holland	1 Aug 1766	Mifflin
P 54	1 May 1804	176	Christian Yoder et al	110	55	John Montgomery et al	Manchester	10 Jun 1762	"
"	"	177	"	129	133	"	Friendship	10 Jun 1762	"
"	"	178	"	46	87	John Hughs	Clearfield	25 Nov 1766	"
"	"	179	Jacob Yoder	72	36	"	Yoder Hall	"	"
P 55	13 Oct 1804	97	Jacob Yoder	328	40	Jacob Yoder	Holland	4 Feb 1785	Somerset
P 56	27 Feb 1806	302	David Yoder	88	---	Jacob Sukeman	Amsterdam	9 Dec 1802	Somerset
P 59	15 Sep 1806	68	Melchior Yoder	78	102	Nicholas Miller	Whigs-borough	12 Nov 1773	Nrthmbrld
"	13 Nov 1806	122	Christian Yoder	200	---	John Lambert et al	Liberty Farm	1 Apr 1973	Somerset
"	18 Feb 1807	318	Daniel Yoder	76	71	Jacob Magler David Schultz	Edmonton	15 Feb 1750 25 Feb 1750	Berks
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12	20 Mar 1815	599	Jacob Joder and Barbara	181	94	Nicholas Martin		20 Oct 1751	Berks
1	29 Jul 1809	278	Jacob Yoder	201	---	Samuel Spigher	Springhill	6 May 1793	Somerset
1	28 Jul 1809	277	Jacob & John Yoder	366	120	Yost Yoder	Friendship	18 Oct 1785	Somerset
2	14 Jun 1810	545	John Yoder	61	32	Christian Rydenhowrn	Dunlier	21 Mar 1758	Berks
3	19 Jun 1810	619	Peter Yoder	32	73	James Weber	Armstrong	24 Feb 1768	Berks
4	28 May 1810	100	Daniel Yoder	237	80	Jacob Yoder		24 Jun 1767	Berks
4	13 Aug 1811	630	John Yoder	57	11	James Wilson	Yoder's Choice	1 Aug 1766	?
5	4 Sep 1810	38	John Yoder	247	120	Gabriel Roads	Little Glade	13 Dec 1773	Somerset
5	19 Oct 1810	124	Christian Yoder	233	80	Christian Yoder		9 Mar 1809	Somerset
5	18 Feb 1811	381	Abraham Yoder	322	140	Abraham Yoder		19 Mar 1806	Berks
6	24 Dec 1811	464	Jonathan Yoder	260	120	Jonathan Yoder		7 Sep 1793 30 Apr 1811	Somerset
7	21 Feb 1812	35	George Yoder	24	20	Elias Wgast		17 Nov 1772	Berks
7	15 Oct 1812	556	Isaac Yoder	123	152	Benj. Chandley		4 Jun 1762	Huntington
11	? Jul 1815	250	John Yoder	74	118	Jacob Kline		24 Apr 1797	Union
"	? Aug 1815	330	John Yoder	56	13	William George		8 Jan 1773	Mifflin
"	? Aug 1815	332	John Yoder	68	154	Wm. Query		5 Jul 1769	Mifflin
"	12 Feb 1816	684	Christian Yoder Jr	56	56	Christian Y Jr		25 Nov 1812	Somerset
12	28 Apr 1815	546	Henry Yoder	161	151	Stephen White		4 Oct 1785	Mifflin
13	17 Apr 1816	465	Christopher Yoder	91	47	John Baum		28 Oct 1800	Huntington

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However, not all scholars agree on the legend. Although St. Joder seemed to have stabilized the fact of the martyrdom, D. van Berchern, a specialist in the study of the Roman army, claimed in 1956 that the story was based on an oral account from the East as given by St. Joder -- that Mauritius did suffer martyrdom but not the Thebans and not an entire legion. Others were inclined to believe more of the story. The Encyclopedia Britannica referred to evacuations of 1944-49, which stimulated fresh interest, but it did not indicate what was discovered in the diggings. Another version of the story said that the soldiers were asked to put down a revolt in the area of Sion and that the legion withdrew to Agaunum, where the executions occurred. There were relics there and it became a pilgrimage point for the devout. As more and more pilgrims came there, many places in Europe began to boast about representatives from their towns that had been among the martyrs. Some scholars say that the entire legend is mixed up with 1000 knights in Asia Minor. However it was, Mauritius entered Christian history and his special commemoration day has been September 22.

It is unknown how early the cult came to Thun, but according to the relics on display Mauritius must have been their patron saint by the fifteenth century and perhaps much earlier. In the tower exhibit is a letter, or copy thereof, in which a later bishop of Sion testified that the church at Thun had requested the remains of the head of the legion (remains which had been brought together by St. Theodulus- St. Joder) be given to them for worship at Thun and that this had been granted. In another letter, dated July 31, 1476, a still later bishop (Walther of Sitten (Sion)) confirmed through a letter delivered by Daniel Schlapbach, that a division was made. Another item shows that the remains, whatever they were, were returned to Sion in 1528, The city had apparently turned Protestant, but they still honored St. Moritz and in 1607 named a marketplace in their city for him.

Steffsburg, where the Joders lived for centuries, is located near Thun; in fact, a view from a nearby mountain shows that today the two towns have practically grown together. As prominent as the Joders were in Steffsburg they surely also had contacts with Thun. Tradition says that one Joder (perhaps more) was imprisoned in the tower of Thun during the Anabaptist persecution. We have seen how knowledge about St. Joder could have come into the area. Neither one of these cities may have been in existence in his day but his fame and influence, even his religious jurisdiction as the first bishop, could have extended across the mountains. A connection no longer seems so incredible -- farfetched, perhaps, but no more implausible than the fact that a Bernese clan adopted his name.

AMISH YODERS RETURN TO THE GLADES

Tom Yoder, who was the principal force behind the restoration of the Bishop Christian Yoder Jr Cemetery in Somerset Co, PA, writes that after an absence of a century, the Amish are returning to the Glades in north Somerset. While tending the plot last fall, Tom was hailed by Elmer Kinsinger, a young Amishman, who stopped and chatted about the return. Elmer is a descendant of Bishop Christian Jr's uncle John Yoder.. who is buried at the older Yoder cemetery at the PBI Coal Company. Elwood Yoder of Freidens reports that of the initial 7 farms purchased, three were by Kinsingers, three by Fishers, and one by a YODER.

"YUTER" Name Research Appears to Eliminate Link ... YNL research mail-outs to "Yuter" addresses in the US has eliminated at least a part of them from Yoder kinship. A reply from Elinor Yuter in New York reveals that her husband's family originated in Lithuania and are Jewish. A Elise Yuter in Florida added that the family name was shortened from a longer Russian name when one Louis Yuter immigrated to the US. Although there was one 19th century census record in which a known Yoder was listed as "Yuter", this variation was corrected in that line by the next decade.

RICHARD YODER 1993

Word has been received of the death of Goshen College graduate Richard Yoder, 63, Morgantown, W.Va. He died Feb. 16 in West Virginia of an apparent pulmonary embolism.



Richard Yoder

He was born Sept. 25, 1929, in Meyersdale, Pa., to George Ernest and Lena (Bender) Yoder. After graduating from Goshen College, he received a degree from Associated Biblical Seminaries, Goshen, as well as a degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa. He attended Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisonburg, Va.; Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn., and West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va.

An active member of the building industry, he served as president of both the West Virginia Home Builders Association and North Central West Virginia Home Builders Association and was a life director of the National Association of Home Builders.

He was chairman of the board of trustees of West Run Watershed Improvement District and was a member of the board of directors of the Region Six Planning and Development Council. For nine years he served as a member of West Virginia Housing Development Fund.

He was president of Allegheny Development Corp., Maple View Realty Inc., Allegheny Real Estate Sales and served as vice president of Pineview Realty Inc. and Pineview Supply Corp.

Survivors include four sisters, Miriam Lindeman, Salisbury, Pa., Ida Yoder and Freda Yoder, both of Kensington, Md., and Eleanor Nuccelli, Gettysburg; and two brothers, David, Morgantown, and Omar, Brussels, Belgium. A sister, Deiliah Yoder, has been missing since May 1976. She disappeared while traveling in the foothills of the Andes Mountains in Ecuador.

Services were Saturday at Springs Mennonite Church, Pa., of which he was a member. Burial was in Oakdale Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Goshen College or Spruce Forest Artisan Village, Yoder House, Route 2, Box 5, Grantsville, Md., 21536. YR 26 line

OBITUARY

Darwin Pete Yoder, 82, of Bonne Terre, MO passed away Mar.28,1993. He was the son of William Peter Yoder and Annie Jane Ross, Grandson of Peter Yoder, great grandson of John Yoder, g-g-grandson of North Carolina immigrant Conrad Yoder. He was a life time resident of Bonne Terre and a retired carpenter from St. Joe Lead Company. He was also known as "one of the best darn mule skiners around". He married in 1941 to "Bobby" Baker Black who survives, as do 2 sons, 1 step son and daughter, ten grandchildren, eight step grandchildren, several great-garndchildren. Burial was at St. Francis Memorial Park in Desloge, MO. (See YNL 6, page 5)

CAPS FROM YODER FEEDS

Yoder Inc. and Yoder Feeds have promotional caps available for public order. They have two types and prices: mesh caps for \$4.50 and all cloth caps for \$5. Each order should include \$2 additional for postage and handling. Address your orders to:



Communications Department
Yoder Inc.
P.O. Box 310
Kalona, Iowa 52247

SPECIAL EVENTS - a la Willard Scott

ELVA and NELLIE YODER of Topeka, Indiana will celebrate their 70th Wedding anniversary on Dec. 24, 1993. The parents of Jim Yoder of Newton, KS, they both still drive. The family had a reunion to celebrate the event. Elva (YR23443353) and Nellie were nominated for the Topeka Golden Heart Award as a part of the Topeka, Ind. Centennial celebrations last April.

LESTER LEO YODER of Leesburg Florida celebrated his 93rd birthday on Sept. 13. Mr. Yoder helped research and document the Ohio Mennonite Yoder line and shared his work with the YNL in it's early days. Happy day, Lester!(and Eleanor too).

*****QUERIES*****

The YNL will publish Yoder related inquiries or exchanges at no charge. Please limit as possible and include a full return address. All inquiries are checked against our own records to see if we can help too. If you receive significant added info please share it also with the YNL for our files. Send to: Chris Yoder, Unit 61306 Box 56, APO AE 09803-1306.

"YODERS" (with an "s") OF S.W. Pennsylvania--- Have been working for past two years on genealogy of SW PA "Yoders" (Greene and Washington Counties). I'd like to hear from members of the YODERS tribes-- please contact Carl Miller Yoders, P.O. Box 38, Titusville, NJ 08560

Related to JACOB YODER who took flatboat down the Ohio River. Also interested in WILLIAM and SUE YODER who had a store in Bradshaw, Neb. Please reply to Mrs. June Butler, 715 W Salem Ave, Indianola, IA 50125

Looking for info on JOSEPH S YODER and his wife. He was b. 11 May 1829 in Reading, PA and d. 12 Aug 1895 in Jonesboro, TN. Were living in McMinn Co., TN during 1860 census. Wife Sarah A Sharits was b in VA per census. They m 22 Jul 1856 in McMinn Co and had children: Lillie (m. R N Miller), Susan, Bessie, Lena, Ella, Florence, Charles and Capitola. Reply to: Reid W Walker, 107 Point-O-Woods, Carrollton, GA 30117, (404)-832-1810.

Have you any information on the YODER REUNIONS IN HERSHEY PARK, PA circa 1930?? Please reply to: Mary Jane Gofus, 1383 Friedensburg Road, Reading, PA 19606

The wife of JOHN YETTER (3/1/1796-10/15/1882) was Elizabeth Eby (9/11/1795-12/13/1879). Looking for her birthplace and parents. Believe they were Samuel and Barbara Eby and she was most likely born in Berks, Franklin or Lancaster Co., PA. Please reply to Diane Hill, 1288 Londonderry St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Would like to hear about my great grandad SOLOMON YODER who married Elizabeth _____, his family and ancestors. He was the son of Solomon Yoder and Elizabeth Sherman of the Oley Hans Yoder line. He settled in Clearfield Co., PA. Reply to: Helen Fleming, RD1, Box 271, Mahaffey, PA 15757.

Who was the JOHN YODER living with the Smithgall family in Miami County, OH in 1850 Census? Please reply: David Yoder, 3537 Eastway Ave., Dayton, OH 45410

Information wanted on the daughters of SOLOMON AND ELIZABETH (GINDELSPERGER) YODER as follows: BARBARA born c. 1816; VERONICA born c. 1821; and Gertrude born c. 1830; also ANNA born c. 1826 and may have m. MOSES YODER. Reply: R Y Kehren, 507 Horseshoe Dr., Boyceville, WI 54725.

Two YODER-Lantz Queries: Jonathan Lantz b 12/11/1804 Mifflin Co, PA d 7/30/1885 Danvers, IL m ANNA YODER 4/11/1828. Need more information on both families in OH and IL. Believe Jonathan was Amish Mennonite; lived in or near Wayne Co, OH in 1830 where first son Gideon was born. Believe Lantz and Yoder families traveled West together and ultimately to Oregon in 1877.

ALSO -- CATHERINE YODER b. c1836 d 1891 m Gideon Lantz 1/1/1854. Believed she m in IL. She is buried with Gideon at the Smyrna Cemetery, Molalla, OR. Need info on Catherine's parents and her birth date: REPLY to: Curtis M Lantz, 62816 Baskin Court, Bend, OR 97701. (503)382-5344, FAX(503)389-8155, CompuServe 76236,3317

(Note YNL ID'd as YR25121 & YR12a3a)

Who was the Amos Yoder who m. Mary Cain Jan. 3, 1841 in Miami Co., OH?

Want information on g-grandparents. Abram Yoder (b 8/26/1826?). Lived in Woodford Co., IL. m. Sarah Joder. Sarah's parents Joseph Joder (b 9/13/1797 McCoytown, PA to David Joder and Jacobine Esh) and Catherine Lantz. Reply to Sue Weissinger, P O Box 507, Goodwell, OK 73939 phone (405) 349-2275. (NOTE:YNL ident above as YR12a44 & YR16512)

Information wanted on HENRY YODER and HANNAH CLEAVER YODER of Oley Twp, Berks Co., PA- reply to: Holly L Griffith, 306 Lake Aire Dr., Kingsport, TN 37663

Searching for the descendants of either GLENN YODER or LEROY YODER, born in Sedalia, MO in 1909 and 1915 respectively, both of whom are sons of CHARLES LEROY YODER. Any one with any clues is urged to contact Louise Rainey, 3707 Applewood, Midland, MI 48640.

YODER HUMOR

The late Noah Yoder of Elkhart, Indiana told a friend earlier in the year that he would not be getting his wife a birthday gift this year. "Why not?", the friend asked. "Because she didn't use what I got her last year". "Well, what did you get her last year?". "A Cemetery plot" Noah replied.

-contrib. by Mr & Mrs Raymond Yoder, Elkhart

My grandfather's Uncle Levi Yoder of Middlebury, Indiana was known to exhibit a particular frugality. He was once offered a cigar by a more "modern" family member from Ohio. "No thanks" he replied, "I don't smoke, but I'll take the nickel." This has remained a favorite family story for many decades.

-Chris Yoder

READER SURVEY- Let's hear from YOU ... do you have any favorite Yoder jokes or stories? Do you think we Yoders have any hereditary tendency for being "tight"? (I always just considered it being "careful with a dollar" myself- CKY)

CONFEDERATE YOTHER AT CAMP CHASE, OHIO



Traverse (Travis) J. Yother was the son of David Yother and Missouri Rogers Yother. He was born in Georgia in about 1842. He served in E Company 65th Reg Ga Infantry. He was captured by Yankee forces and held prisoner at Camp Chase, Ohio. He died there on Feb. 17, 1865 and is buried at the Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery, in southeastern Columbus, OH. This cemetery is very well maintained by the Federal Government. His grave number is 1318. David Yother is believed to be the oldest son of Adam Yother, son of Conrad Yoder of North Carolina. (see Yother chart in YNL 11)

Yoder Family Reunion Held

Plans were disclosed at the annual reunion of a county family that will result in that group serving as host site for the national convention of all the various Yoder branches throughout America.

Rachael Hahn Kennedy of Charlotte, who heads the Yoder family, announced recently that in 1995 the area clan has been challenged to serve as the central meeting place for the major Yoder families in the United States.

The local Yoder family descends from a Swiss immigrant, Conrad Yoder, who settled in the Hickory area in the late 1740s. He was a stone mason and farmer. The progenitor of the N.C. Yoder family, the early settler married three times. Yoder produced eight children. He died in either April or May of 1790.

The Yoder family assembled at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church south of Hickory. Approximately 250 people attended the annual event. The meeting opened with the "Yoderlers" performing the song, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?"

Members of the quartet included Grover Alley, Michael B. Huffman and Rachael Kennedy.

The hall was decorated with Swiss and American flags to symbolize the origin of the family and the quest for religious freedom in the New World.

Dr. J. Larry Yoder of Lenoir-Rhyne College read a selection of scripture from I Kings chapter 3. "Precious Memories" was sung by the crowd to the accompaniment of Grover Alley, guitarist, and Jean Brownlow, keyboardist.

First-time guests were then recognized. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Yoder Jr. and their children, Todd and Marissa, of New York, and Anita and Joyce Baker of New Orleans, were among those who had traveled great distances to attend the affair.

Vice president Michael Huffman of Hildebran spoke about the Yoder Popcorn Co. in Indiana. His display of sample products from the company was exhibited.

Helen Yoder Hahn of Arden again displayed the precious German Bible of ancestor Conrad Yoder. A handwritten page between the Testa-

ments listed the names and dates of birth of the pioneer's children. By his first marriage to Christina Cline, Yoder had three sons: John, Jacob and David. The second marriage to a Miss Seitz was childless. Yoder married again in 1775 to Catherine Huffman. The couple had five children: Elizabeth, Elias, Daniel, Catherine and Adam.

Exhibitors present at the reunion included the Rev. Robert L. Yoder and Neal D. Wilfong of Cleveland, Ted M. Yoder of Hickory, Michael Huffman of Hildebran and Rachael Kennedy of Charlotte.

A selection of books was offered for sale from the inventory of the Catawba County Historical Association. The works included "Tombstone Inscriptions of the Old St. Paul's Church Cemetery" and "Hayfields and Ploughshares — A History of the Blackburn Family of Catawba County." Both of those publications were edited by Yoder secretary Neal Wilfong.

Participants were urged to submit photostats of old family pictures for inclusion in a photo gallery started at this year's reunion.

Former president Ted Yoder remarked that the family has been allotted archival storage space at the Catawba County Courthouse building.

Secretary Neal Wilfong read the minutes from the last homecoming. It was reported that 13 births and nine marriages had occurred within the last year. Forty-seven deaths in the Yoder and Reep families were acknowledged.

An Amish-Mennonite family reunion at Grantsville, Md., last fall was attended by nine representatives from the local Yoder family, reported Richard E. Yoder of Hickory. The president distributed to the children copies of drawings from an Amish coloring book and family tree charts. She encouraged the young people to discuss their ancestry with their parents and grandparents.

Former secretary Ernest F. Yoder, 90, of Hildebran, and Margretta Seagle, 89, of Lincolnton, were recognized as the oldest guests.

Caroline Elizabeth Cook Wilfong, 15 months, was the youngest visitor.

A handmade baby dress donated by Mrs. James Yoder Wilfong of Newton was given to a great-great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Yoder of Hildebran.

Tiffany Waters, 12, of Hickory, sang "Amazing Grace." The performer was a great-granddaughter of David and Louise Yoder.

Several tales from yesteryear were related by Gerald M. Yoder and

Richard E. Yoder.

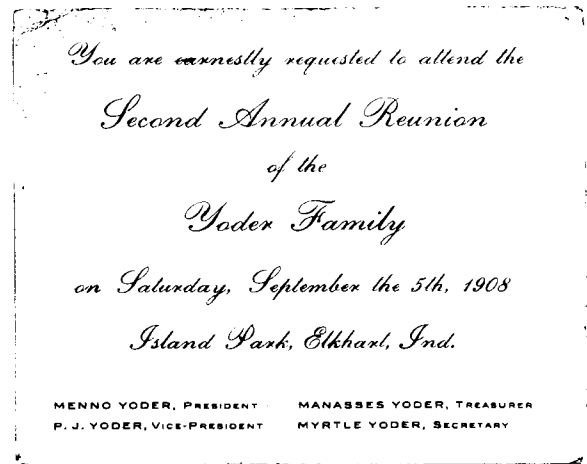
A retired Lutheran pastor, B. Clement Hahn, delivered the benediction. "The Yoder Reunion Song" written by J.W. Yoder, was used to dismiss the business meeting. The hymn had been used at the Amish, Mennonite gathering in Grantsville, Md. The 1994 reunion of the Yoder family will occur at Zion Church on the second Sunday in August.

QUERY: Interested in family of SAMUEL YODER who d. c. 1771 Berks Co., PA. Widow Elizabeth: sons George, Peter, David, Abraham, daughter Mary. Who did she marry? Who was Daniel Ferner's wife? They were m c 1772, lived in Oley Twp, Berks Co., PA. Had children Barbara, Daniel, Samuel, others b after move to Somerset Co., PA, c.1790. Was there a Ferner-Yoder connection? -Frederick Mowry, 1202 10th Ave, Apt 2, Huntington, WV 25701.

KIRBY YODER
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(IN CHINESE)

JONATHAN YODER (YR234491) & LYDIA CUSTER YODER family reunion was held at the Maple Springs Grove in Holsopple, PA on July 4, 1993. This reunion is held annually on the first Sunday in July at 2:30 pm. For further info on future reunions, write to : Nancy L Shaffer, Rt 1 Box 300, Friedens, PA 15541-9751

Early Northern Indiana Yoder Reunion



Who were these officers for this get-together. Can Any of our readers identify them? Thanks to Allan Yoder of Ft. Lauderdale for sharing this invitation.

YODER REUNION MEMORABILIA WANTED!!

Send photocopies of whatever you may have among old family treasures. We'd also like personal tales of particular memories from these early get-togethers. The YNL would especially like Reunion photographs, with as many names as possible. Send to: Chris Yoder, Unit 61306 Box 56, APO AE 09803-1306

Descendants of DENIS P. and PEARL FAY YODER held an annual or semi-annual reunion in Lexington, KY Jun 25-27. The Rev. Wm and wife Genevieve Yoder Pope organized the meeting which was attended by family from ME, KY, TX, CO, AZ, OH and elsewhere. Theodore Yoder had been the chairman of this group until passing the job on to his brother Fred.

NOTE ON YOTHERS REUNION-- Alverna Hunsberger reports that the Yothers did not hold their annual reunion this year as their normal meeting place was closed for the summer. One is planned for 1994.

ADVANCED NEWS- WATCH FOR 1995!!!!

CONRAD YODER FAMILY TO HOST YODER-WIDE ASSEMBLY

The 1992 Yoder get-together hosted by the Casselman River Historians was so successful that the Yoder Family in North Carolina has agreed to open it's doors during their 1995 reunion to the rest of the Yoder clan. Opportunities will exist to share fellowship with our NC cousins and to share knowledge and history between other family twigs.

FREDERICK YODER REUNION HELD- Through the efforts of Edward Yoder of Murrysville, PA, and Morris L Yoder Jr of Haverstown, PA., fifty-four family members met June 19, a hot (94) and muggy day, at Belleman's Church, Mohrsville, PA. One came from CA, several from FL and other states. The fellowship was as warm as the weather, and folk met relatives they had not seen for 40 years.. and some whom they had never met before. Started with a delicious buffet lunch served by the ladies of the church. Afterwards, Morris Yoder gave a short talk about Frederick Yoder and then Richard H Yoder gave a slide talk about Hans and Yost Yoder, with pictures of many of their homesteads. Then Mr. Milton Blatt, church historian for the Belleman's Church, gave a most interesting talk on the history of the church which began as a log building in 1746, followed by the present brick structure in 1813-15. Subsequent socializing, seeing old family homes, cemeteries, etc. A good time was had by all, and a repeat session is already under consideration.

The Descendants of ELI and SIMON YODER had their FIRST reunion on July 31, 1993 in Salem Oregon. Thirty people attended. Earl S Yoder of Lake Isabella, CA , a grandson of Eli, reported the event.