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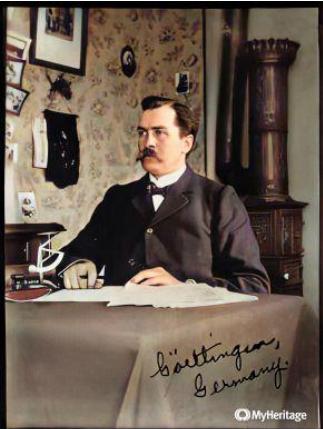
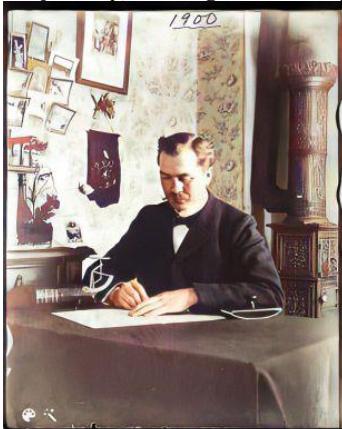
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Around the World in 14 Months Dr. Peter A. Yoder

Who was the first to man to sail around the world? Many would say Ferdinand Magellan. He started from Spain in 1519 with 5 ships and a party of 241 crew members. But Magellan was killed in the Philippines in 1521, and only one ship with 18 Europeans completed the journey, arriving home on Sep. 6, 1522.



Dr. Peter A Yoder at the University of Göttingen, Germany, 1900

Who was the first Yoder to circumnavigate the globe? With little doubt, it was Dr. Peter A. Yoder and his wife Amelia who began their journey from Logan, Utah in August of 1907 (388 years after Magellan's ill-fated trip). Peter A. Yoder had been born on August 21, 1867, south of Shipshewana, Elkhart Co., IN to Amish Mennonites Reuben and Harriet (Riehl) Yoder. Reuben Yoder (1831-1912) (YR2337a), was the son and grandson of Amish bishops of the Glades congregation in Somerset Co., PA (Bishops Christian Yoder Sr. and Jr.).

The front page of "The Journal" newspaper of Logan, Utah dated 11 Jul 1905, gives a detailed account of the precursors to Peter's academic career:

His parents were pioneers of that section of the country, having moved there by team from Pennsylvania and settled in the wilds of the dense northern Indiana forests. In his day he had experience in converting the primeval forests into arable fields, a work which, however was accomplished for that farm principally by his father and older brothers. Until he was twenty one he spent practically all his time on the farm, attending the district school from four to six months in the year, as long as the farm would permit, until he completed the common school, and after he was eighteen, teaching in these schools during the winter months and working the carpenter trade during the summer.

With these earnings to start with, he entered upon his higher education....

Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler, by Harvey Hostetler, 1912 gives the following educational and career summary up to that time.

"German Baptist Church. Farmer, carpenter, teacher, and chemist. He attended Indiana State Normal, 1890-93, Indiana University, 1893-6, University of Chicago, 1896-7, University of Göttingen, 1899-1901. Graduated Indiana State Normal, 1903, Indiana University, A.B., 1894, A.M., 1896, University of Göttingen, Germany Ph. D., 1901. Has held positions as follows: Assistant in physics and chemistry, Ind. State Normal, 1891-93,

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A Visit to Jodershubel (Yoder's Hill)

By Andreas Joder



The Schlüchter Farmhouse at Jodershubel

On June 18, 2020 Hans Jakob (86) and Anna (84) Joder celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. For this event, they invited their four children Andreas (65), Barbara (63), Bettina (58) and Franziska (56) together with their in-laws for lunch at the Gabelspitz restaurant on Schallenberg. The Schallenberg pass is a famous small pass on the road from Steffisburg to Schangnau.

On the spur of the moment, Hans Jakob suggested that we all go and visit the farmer family Schlüchter on the Jodershubel. The Jodershubel is only 15 minutes from the Schallenberg. And we discovered that Hans Jakob and Anna were the only family members who ever have visited the 'famous' Jodershubel.

You have to understand that for Swiss people, the Jodershubel is only one of many hills with a farmhouse on top of it.

Hans Jakob mentioned that he only became aware of the Jodershubel because it was described in Karl Joder's writings. Since then, Hans Jakob has visited the family Schlüchter at the Jodershubel 6-7 times alone and also with visiting American Yoders. Over this period, Hans Jakob and the Schlüchter family have become good and well trusted friends.

For a few decades Hans Jakob has tried to find the reason/the origin of the name "Jodershubel." So far, his research goes back to the 1830s but he could not yet find any proof or indication for the creation of the name Jodershubel.

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"American Gothic"- Oley Yoder Style



Martha and Ken Yoder, mainstays of the Oley Yoder Heritage Association, shared this photo during the stressful coronavirus "stay at home" period earlier in the year to bring encouragement and a smile to fellow Yoders everywhere.

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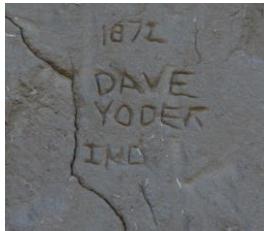
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Descendants of Bishop Christian Yoder Sr. (YR233) may also be interested in The Reuben Yoder Family and Its Ancestry - \$15.99 plus postage (also available on Amazon Books).



Can anyone identify this Dave Yoder who carved his name in the Register Cliff near Guernsey, WY in 1872??? For more of Mark Yoder's photos from his visit to Yoder, Wyoming see the photo album on the YNL FACEBOOK page.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

SANFORD YODER CELEBRATES HIS 80TH



Alice and Sanford Yoder



Hans Jakob Family and Alice

As 2019 arrived, the September anniversary of my 80th trip around the sun loomed large. I had always had a certain fascination with Switzerland. When I attended the 2014 National Yoder Reunion in Reading, PA and learned from Chris Yoder that my descendant number is YR234487133, my interest increased tremendously. I started to seriously think about a visit to Steffisburg. When our travel agent mentioned that they had slots reserved on a Cosmos' "Scenic Switzerland by Train" tour in September, 2019 (coinciding with my birthday), a trip looked promising.

I contacted Chris Yoder who put me in touch with Andreas Joder, who in turn relayed our intentions to his father Hans Jakob Joder who lives in Steffisburg. My wife Alice and I are indebted to Andreas and Hans Jakob for their generous hospitality and assistance in making our visit so successful. Andreas was especially patient and helpful in the planning stages of our trip.

The Joders, along with their daughter Bettina, were perfect hosts. Although Hans Jacob is not fluent in English, and my Pennsylvania Dutch-based Deutsch was even less fluent, we were able to communicate just fine. I had promised to take our hosts to lunch at their favorite restaurant, and we enjoyed a great meal in a beautiful setting high in the Alps. I was really impressed with the amount of documentation Hans Jacob showed me about the Joder/Yoder lineage.

A tour of Steffisburg with a stop at the church there made up the afternoon. Inside the church we were able to see the wall hanging dated 1682 where the crest of Jost Joder is a part of the document. It was a moving experience to absorb the historical significance of that site. When it came time to depart for our hotel in sister-city Thun, rather than depend on the auto GPS unit, Bettina, on her bicycle, led us right to the hotel courtyard. We thank the Joders for a most enjoyable Sunday.

Sanford "San" Yoder, Venice, FL

Dear Editor- My wife and I stopped in Register Cliff Monument near Guernsey, WY . There we found the names of many Yoder's that carved their names on the cliff. After we went to check out Yoder WY. To see what all the fuss was about. This town is very secluded and has absolutely no Yoder's. I am including several photos of the town. To start with all town streets are gravel, they are large enough to have two water towers only because one is no longer used. There is one restaurant and one bar. While I was shooting the post office a guy came by to mow, we started talking, I told him that I was a Yoder and he ask me if I wanted a tour of the office. Then he explained that when he was a child there was one Yoder family way out of town, maybe 1960s. My last stop was at the fire department where while I was shooting the chief truck pulled up, so I photographed it. Then another truck pulled in and we talked. The fire chief opened the shop and gave me a tour, next he pulled out each truck for me to shoot even though I told him that it was not necessary. This was late afternoon and I'm sure that they were tired from their run but they were as interested in a real Yoder as I was in a town named Yoder. I can't say enough good things about the town's people."

- Mark A. Yoder, Descendant of YA2, of Fort Collins, CO 80524

A VISIT TO JODERSHUBEL- CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



Andreas, Frau Schlüchter, and Hans Jakob



Andreas, Barbara, Bettina and Franziska Joder

So, on this day the entire Joder family drove to the Jodershobel and we had a very friendly and lengthy talk with the farmer's wife Barbara Schlüchter and we took many memorable pictures of her, the farm and the area.

Barbara Schlüchter explained that in 2015, she and her husband Walter passed the ownership of the farm to their daughter.

Up until the 1960s when she married Walter Schlüchter the house on Jodershobel was more like a good stable with a very basic and simple sleeping and kitchen area. After their marriage they rebuilt and improved the house into a comfortable farm house which could be lived in year round.

She mentioned that she always enjoyed the many visits of the US Yoder's. She said that she is always a bit frustrated because she hardly speaks English and that she does not have an explanation about the name Jodershobel. She would like to understand it too and that's the reason why she stays in good contact with Hans Jakob.

Barbara says that she welcomes the US visitors who are coming to their remote location!

Walter & Barbara Schlüchter
Jodershobel 8
3537 Eggwil

Further Research on Jodershobel

Contributed by Hans Jakob Joder and Andreas Joder

In a Jan, 6, 1978 reply sent from the Land Registry Office of Canton Bern to German Joder researcher Karl Joder, it was reported that Jodershobel, located near the village of Eggwil, is located on the right side of the river Emme, at coordinates 629 575 / 186 675. The Canton registers show that the hill Jodershobel had an Ancient name of: Ufem Joderschhubu (Note by Andreas - Ufem Joderschhubu is pronunciation of the dialect word Jodershobel). The property report says that it includes a farm with agricultural land, forest and willow with fish water. It goes on to state "The earlier

owners' name, for centuries, was Joder until 1847. Today's owners are Schlüchters."



More Pictures from 2020 Visit



References in a 1929 book entitled Siegfriedblatt, Edition 1929 say:
Nr. 385 to - Jodershobel – Durheim, the villages register of the Free State Bern 1838:

Register II, Page 167: Jodershobel, willow, church community Eggwil, county Signau Therefore, it states that the name - Jodershobel - is relates directly to the owner family – Joder.

Karl Joder believed our Joder ancestors must have moved into the area of Emmental during the 4th or 5th century because this area on the right side of the river Emme, between Eggwil and Schangnau carries the name Jodershobel since ancient times. The current owners (the Schlüchter family) seem to be a female descendant of the Joder family line. It was never proven, whether Karl's assumptions/statements are representing the facts or not.

The current owner since 2015 is the daughter of Walter & Barbara Schlüchter.



Hans Jakob Joder with Mr. and Mrs. Schlüchter in 2005

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THE STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OF UTAH, LOGAN UTAH

instructor in chemistry, Ind. University, 1894-6, teacher of physical science, Mankato, Minn., State Normal, 1897-8, teacher of chemistry, Duluth, Minn., high school, 1898-9, associate professor of chemistry, Agricultural College of Utah, and associate chemist of Agricultural Experiment Station of Utah, 1901-5, director and chemist of Agricultural Experiment Station and professor of chemistry of Agricultural College of Utah, 1905-7. Bureau of Chemistry."

On July 25, 1894, Peter Yoder married Amelia A. Vance (1871-1956) in Dayton, Ohio. Amelia, daughter of a Civil War veteran, had graduated from Teachers College and then attended Indiana University where the couple must have met.

After earning his AM degree in 1896 from Indiana University, he entered the University of Chicago, where he did one and one-half years' work, principally in chemistry, leaving there to accept a temporary position as teacher of physical sciences in the state normal school at Mankato, Minn. He next taught for one year at a Duluth, Minn., high school and in 1899 was given a leave of absence to continue his studies for his PhD in Germany.

He entered the University of Goettingen in the fall of 1899. Here he pursued agricultural chemistry under Professor Tollens, completing a line of research work on dehydromucic acid. As collateral work in this university, he attended lectures on agronomy by Professor Von Sulhorst; on dairying and animal industry, by Professor Riecke, and organic, theoretical, and technological chemistry by Professors Wallach, Nernst, Fischer and Polstorff respectively. In April, 1901, he received his PhD degree, with chemistry as the major and with agriculture and physics as the two minors.

On their return to the states, Peter took a job in Utah at the Utah Agricultural Experimental Station and College. There he was a highly respected and popular instructor who invented a machine for soil analysis which was subject of a report to a 1902 international congress in Berlin, and which was recognized with a silver medal at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, held in 1904.

THE WORLD TRAVELS

Peter and Amelia had traveled extensively throughout Europe during breaks from his university days in Germany. Places visited at

that time, and documented in albums assembled by wife Amelia (an accomplished photographer) included multiple well known locations in: Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Netherlands, Italy, France, England and Scotland – from whence they sailed from Edinburgh in 1901, arriving in Boston in June of 1901.

Place Visited During 1899-1901 Doctrinal Program at Göttingen Germany

Germany- Göttingen, Linderhof, Munich, Nuremberg, Heidelberg, Frankfurt, Worms, Bergen, the Pfaltz, Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, Partenkirchen, Hildesheim, Mittenwald, Braunschweig, Magdeburg, Potsdam, Schwartzwald.

Austria- Tyrol, Lermoos

Alsace- Strassburg

Netherlands- Leyden, Utrecht, Amsterdam, Haarlem, Delft, Rotterdam

Italy- Pisa, San Marco, Venice, Verona, Bologna, Florence, Fiesole, Rome, Naples, Pompeii

Switzerland- Zurich, Lucerne, Bellinzona, Andermatt (Apr 13, 1900), Oberwald, Geneva, Basle, Grindelwald, Lauterbrunnen

France- Versailles, Paris

England- London, Oxford, Warwick, Stratford on Avon, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool

Scotland- Loch Lomond, Edinburgh – from which point they sailed to Boston on the ship "Saxonia" arriving in June 1901.

These visits only appears to have whetted their taste for travel and as they finished their days in Utah they got ready for a much grander expedition. On August 14, 1907, Peter applied for a passport in Tippecanoe County, Indiana. He is listed as being 5 ft. 11 inches tall, with blue eyes and brown hair, a nose that is "slightly curved sideways", and a mouth that was "normal except hare lip". The hare lip may have been why he early on grew a mustache, something proscribed among his Amish forebears.

On Sept 4, 1908 Peter and wife Amelia departed from San Francisco on their round-the-world adventure aboard the steamship "Persia" bound for Honolulu, Hawaii.



SS Persia, Pacific Mail Steamship Company

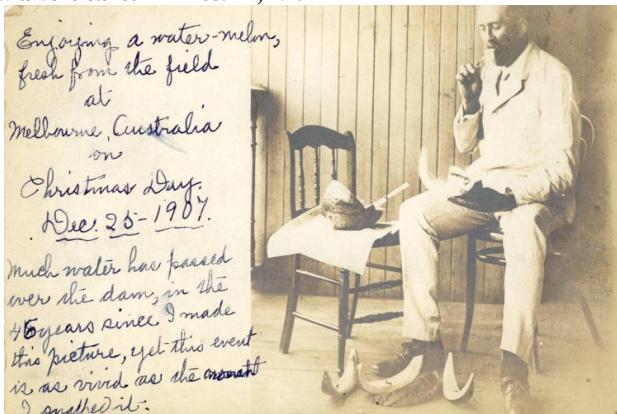
1907-1908 World Trip Details (locations not necessarily all in order)

Sep. 4, 1907- Departed San Francisco on the ship "S. S. Persia", arrived Honolulu Sep. 10.
 Sep. 19- departed Honolulu for Yokohama
 Japan- places visited in Japan- Tokyo, Nikko (Oct. 14), Kyoto, Kamakura, Nagoya (Oct. 20)
 Korea (Oct 31)
 Manchuria
 China- Places visited- Great Wall, Pekin, Canton, Hankow (Nov. 8)



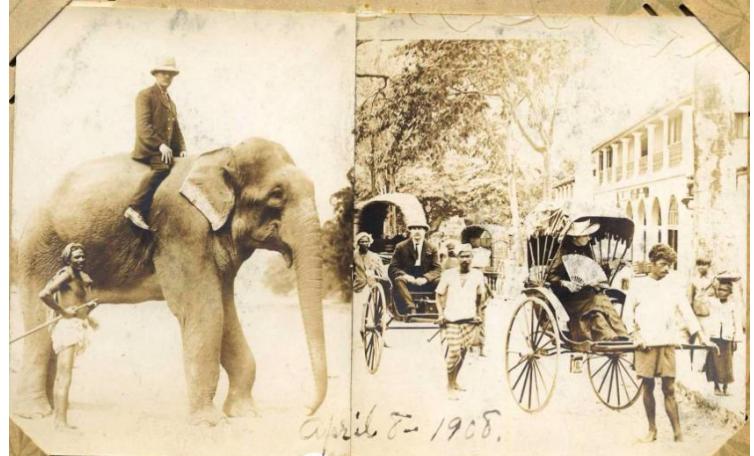
Postcard sent to nephew Oscar Yoder from Hong Kong
 (Thanks to Connie Brown)

Hong Kong (Nov. 21)
 Philippines- places visited- Zamboanga, Manila (Dec. 1)
 Cocos Island
 Thursday Island- Dec 16-18, 1907
 "Saw a vertical sun"- Dec. 21, 1907



Christmas Day in Toowoomba (NOT Melbourne) -Dec. 25, 1907

Queensland Australia- Nudale, Westbrook, Toowoomba (Christmas Day, 1907), Yandilla
 New South Wales- Bathurst, Wagga Wagga, Berry, Sydney (Jan.2, 1908)
 Victoria- Gippsland, Melbourne (Jan. 16)
 New Zealand- Middlemarch, Otanga, Wellington (Jan.23), Christchurch, Invercargill
 Tasmania- Hobart (Feb. 7)
 South Australia- Rynella (Feb. 18), Adelaide (Feb.22)
 Started for Colombo Ceylon Feb. 28th steamship Grosser Kurfurst
 Stopped in Western Australia- Perth (Mar. 3)
 Ceylon- places visited- Colombo, Peradeniya, Kandy
 India- places visited- Madras, Hyderabad, Poona, Bombay (Mar. 20), Bulsar, Delhi (Mar. 23), Agra-Taj Mahal, Cawnpore, Lucknow, Balodgahan, Dhamtari, Rudri (took photos of Mennonite missionary families at these last three), Benares (Mar. 27)



India Apr. 8, 1908

Yemen- Aden (Apr. 18)



The Pyramids- Apr. 25, 1908

Egypt-landed Apr. 23- places visited- Cairo (Apr. 24), Pyramids (Apr. 25 and 27), Luxor (Apr. 30), Karnak (May1), Philae (May 3)
 Present day Israel- places visited- Jerusalem (May 10, May 20), Rachel's tomb (May 11), Church of the Holy Sepulchre (May 12), Dead Sea (May 13), Garden of Gethsemane (May 14), Wailing Wall (May 15), Via Dolorosa (May 16), Golden Gate (May 18), Haifa (May 25), Nazareth (May 27), Cana of Galilee (May 28), Capernaum (May 29)
 Lebanon- places visited- Damascus (May 30), Beirut (Jun2)

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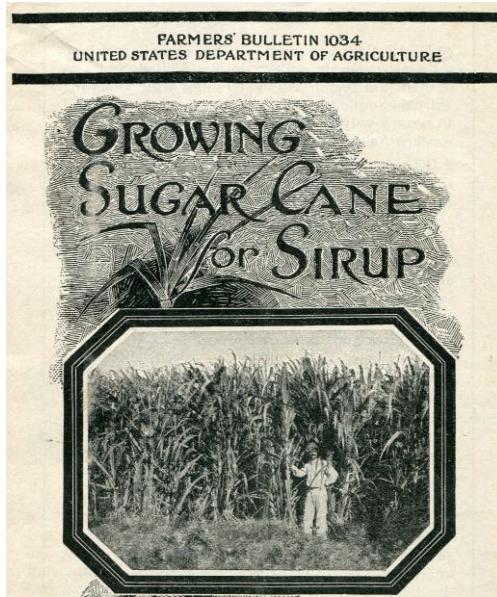
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Greece- places visited- Athens (Jun 12), Corinth, Mycenae, Olympia (Jun 19), Corfu (Jun 21)
 Italy- Places visited- Naples, Pompeii, Rome, Venice, Milan, Posillipo (Jun. 22)-Amelia writes "I have encircled the world"
 Switzerland- Simplon Tunnel (Jun.11)
 Germany – details of stay unknown, but Peter received an honorary degree at Göttingen
 France- places visited- Paris (Oct. 5), Cherbourg (Oct. 7)
 England- Jersey (Oct. 8)
 Sailed for America – Oct 11.

On the panoramic photo of the Utah Experimental station copied above is a comment that the round the world tour started from there in Aug. 1907—thus Aug 07 to Oct. 08 makes it a 14 month round the world trip. It is known that in addition to the degree awarded to Peter at the University of Göttingen, during the journey he also was given one by the University of Chicago.

Upon returning to this country, Dr. Yoder took up chemical and technical work on the treatment of the sugar cane of Louisiana, living in New Orleans, where wife Amelia won several newspaper contest awards for her photographs.

In 1910 he was called to work at the Bureau of Plant Industry in Washington, DC. In addition to his work as an agricultural chemist and technologist, Dr. Yoder was the author of numerous books on chemistry and agriculture.



By Dr. P. A. Yoder, Issued Mar. 1919, Revised Jul. 1922

.....He was also a member of the Washington Academy of Science, the American Society of Agronomy and the Botanical Society of Washington.

"The Sunday Star", Washington, D.C., Jul. 21, 1929, reported:

"Dr. Peter A. Yoder, scientist and writer, for 20 years an agricultural chemist in the United States Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, died at his home, 2503 Hall Place, late yesterday afternoon from a sudden heart attack. He had been ill since February following a general breakdown caused by overwork..."

His widow Amelia survived him by a quarter century. She divided her time between the District of Columbia and Lake Worth Florida, and was active in club and patriotic organizations including the Martha Washington Rebekah Lodge, the Phil Sheridan Relief Corps and the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. She was a past national officer of the Daughter of Union Veterans. Amelia died on Sep. 18, 1956 and rests beside her husband in the Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, Prince George's County, Maryland.



Peter Yoder as a Young Man



Amelia Yoder



Dr. Peter Yoder and Friend

Editor's note: For a number of years I had considered doing an article on Dr. Peter Yoder, but as he was the uncle of my grandfather, Ray Yoder of Elkhart, IN, and someone who has always been a part of my own family legends, I thought it might be rather "prideful" to feature him. A very nice article about "Uncle Pete" by Harold D. Gingerich published earlier this year in the Shipshewana Hometown Treasure convinced me it was time to write about him for the YNL. Although Peter and Amelia had no children of their own, his breaking ground as the first in the family to get a college education and their world travels were an inspiration for many of his thirty-three nieces and nephews, and for their children and grandchildren as well. The first of his nephews to follow him to college was Malon Yoder, son of his brother Menno, Purdue class of 1912, who earned an agricultural degree but was to die of TB at the too young age of 27. Another grandnephew was my own father, Otho Yoder, Purdue Class of 1930, Metallurgical Engineering. Many thanks to Uncle Pete for his inspiration and Aunt Amelia for her photographs and trip albums which documented their incredible journey. These treasured albums were passed by a niece of Amelia's to my own family many years ago. – Chris Yoder, Editor YNL (Some pictures enhanced and colorized using the free feature on the "My Heritage" website.) How many of our YNL readers have visited some of the places seen by Peter and Amelia over 110 years ago?

A VISIT TO JODERSHUBEL –CONTNUED FROM PAGE 3

According to Barbara Schlüchter, the farm was purchased by her husband's grandfather.

Hans Jakob Joder's research of the land purchase records show the following history of ownership for the property since 1818:

History of owners of the "Jodershubel" in the municipality of Eggiwil (ancient Eggiwyl)
--Walter Schlüchter (father of current owner) 1997 Assignment Contract, Karl Schlüchter
--1925 Assignment Contract , Land Registry No: 2. of the Office Signau p. 90 - 91 Johann Ulrich Schlüchter
1890 Kaufbeile, Simon Peter, Land Registry No: 28. Eggiwl p. 505 - 506
--1881 Kaufbeile Land Registry No: 23. Eggiwl p. 175 - 179 Christian and Friedrich Peter
--1871 Increase-buying beile Land Registry No: 18. Eggiwyl p. 54 - 71, Susanna Peter née Moser, Wittwe des Johannes Peter (new residence)
Hans Peter
--1847 Increase-buying beile Land Registry No: 8. Eggiwyl p. 334 - 337 Christian Blasimann
--1831 Exchange ax, Hans Dreyer
--1818 Kaufbeile, Christen Bucher, land register No: 5. Eggiwyl p. 6 - 8, contr. Prot. No: 3. Eggiwyl p. 383 - 385 (Weidli under the name Maushubelberg)

In summary, in 1925 the Schlüchter family purchased the farm from the Peter family. In 1871 the Peter family purchased the farm from the Blasimann family. In 1847 the Blasimann family purchased the farm from the Dryer family. In 1831 the Dryer family purchased the farm from the Bucher family.

After multiple phone calls and email exchanges with Hans Jakob and the researcher in Bern, Andreas has essentially the following three documents/statement:

Schweizer Linien der Familie Joder- This document says that the Information is based on data from Karl und Hans Jakob Joder. It outlines the ownership of the Jodershubel between ca 1260 until ca 1387. Always owned by Joders. The last wife on this list is Madlen Schlüchter. And the reports state that 'up until now the Schlüchters' own the Jodershubel

The Bericht (report) from the Surveying Office dated Jan 6, 1974. It describes the location and original of the Jodershubel. It says that the Jodershubel was owned for centuries by Joders until about 1847. And today it is owned by Schlüchters. 'Schlüchters are the descendants of a female in the Joder line.

My father's purchase records of the Jodershubel which go back from now to 1818. In 1818 Christen Bucher purchased the farm etc. In 1925 Ulrich Schlüchter purchased the farm. Ulrich is the Grandfather of today's Walter Schlüchter.

As you can see there are many questions / contradictions in these three reports. Andreas personally 'believes' the following:

"The name of the Jodershubel was most likely derived from the Joder family, who owned the Jodershubel many centuries ago. It is unlikely that the name Jodershubel was derived from a chapel at this remote location. We have no indications for an ancient chapel at this location. It is also unlikely that it was created because of a wayside shrine because the wayside shrines were mainly set at pilgrim path. But the Jodershubel is not even close to a known pilgrim path. The name was most likely also not given because of a hideaway of Anabaptists because it seems that the name was created before the reformation period in 15xx.

"However it could be that the very remotely located Jodershubel was used as a hideaway for Anabaptists. But it is mostly not the reason for the naming."

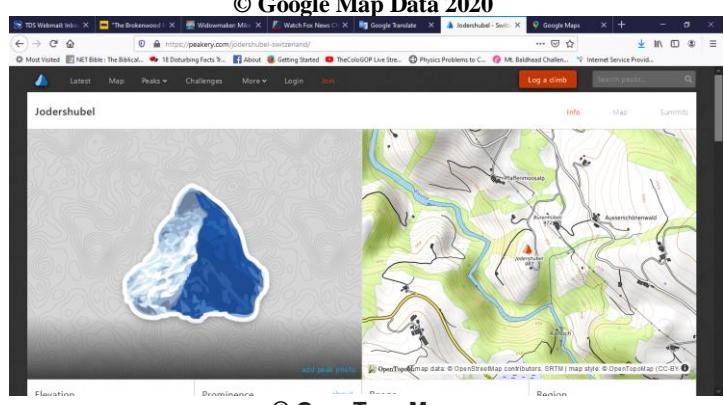
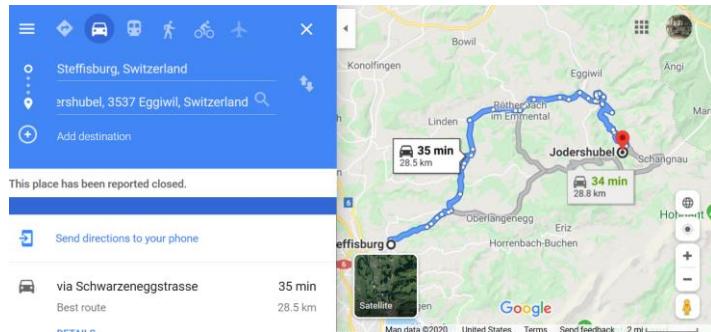
From Wikipedia (translated)

Jodershubel is a hill in Switzerland. It is located in the district of Emmental District and the canton of Bern, in the central part of the country, 30 km east of the capital Bern. The peak of Jodershubel is 951 meters above sea level, or 6 meters above the surrounding terrain. The terrain around Jodershubel is mainly hilly, but to the southeast it is mountainous. The highest point nearby is Wysschruzgrat, 2,070 meters above sea level, 5.9 km southeast of Jodershubel. Around Jodershubel it is quite densely populated, with 80 inhabitants per square kilometer. The closest major community is Thun, 17.9 km southwest of Jodershubel.

In the surroundings around Jodershubel, mainly mixed forest growth. The annual average temperature in the area is 4 ° C. The warmest month is July, with the average temperature being 14 ° C, and the coldest being January, with -8 ° C. Average annual rainfall is 1,703 millimeters. The rainiest month is July, with an average of 200 mm of precipitation, and the driest is March, with 58 mm of rainfall.

[From Google Maps:](#)

WGS84 46° 49' 50.74" N, 7° 49' 34.57" E
46.83076°, 7.82627°



Yoder Family in North Carolina Descendants of Coated Yoder



Tentative Date

Annual Reunion Announcement Sunday, October 25, 2020
St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Maiden, NC

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YODER PASSINGS

- Paul Yoder, 95, Sarasota FL, died Sep. 18, 2019. He was born in Burton OH to Simon (YR1253586) and Sevilla (Mullet) Yoder. His daughter Linda married Roy (Dusty) Rogers, son of cowboy star Roy Rogers.
- Ellen Velora (Yoder) Yoder, 82, died Gransville, MD May 21, 2020, daughter of Alvin H. Yoder (son of YR2611a23) and Martha Maust. Widow of Edward Roy Yoder –former House of Yoder treasurer.
- Martha (Heany) Yoder, 88, died Jun. 5, 2020, wife of L. Merrill Yoder (YB1395344). They both hosted at the House of Yoder for many years. Merril and son Brian built and installed the windows.
- Douglas Yoder, 61, died Jan. 25, 2020, age 61, Elverson, PA. Son of Thomas S. (s/o YR2673116) and Fannie (Kurtz) Yoder.
- Nathan Emerson "Nate" Yoder, 64, Harrisonburg, VA passed away Apr. 3, 2020. He was a son of the late Paul H. (son of YR26119123) and Martha Marie (Miller) Yoder.
- Fannie D. Yoder, 81, of Barberville, OH passed away Jun. 30, 2020. She was the daughter of Dan J. (YR 1253c632) and Alta (Wengerd) Yoder and wife of Andy D. Yoder.
- Edwin "Ed" Earl Yoder, age 84, of Bonne Terre, MO passed away Jun. 14, 2020. He was the son of the late Darwin "Pete" (Con15a4) and Lela Nellie (Pettus) Yoder. Longtime supporter of the Yoder Newsletter, attended several national reunions, and his 50th anniversary recipe and memory book was highlighted in YNL55.
- Edwin L. "Ed" Yoder, 91, of Kalona, IA died on May 19th, 2020 in Iowa City. He was the son of Jonas and Lena Yoder. (gs of David S Yoder (YR2617416) and Magdalena (Yoder) Yoder (YR2341856).
- Mildred T. "Millie" Yoder, 100, formerly of Souderton and Blooming Glen, PA, passed May 4, 2020, at the Souderton Mennonite Homes. She was the daughter of the late Norman and Florence (Treffinger) Yoder and a niece of Lloyd (Poppy) Yoder featured in YNL74 (YB1393 line).
- Dorothy Arlene (Yoder) Schmucker, 84, of Louisville, OH passed away Jan. 3, 2020 in Strongsville, OH. She was born to the late Willis (YR23412424) and Christiana (Miller) Yoder.
- David E. Yoder, 83, of Fredericksburg, OH died Jun. 16, 2020. He was born to the late Eli D. (YR26113626) and Katie (Weaver) Yoder.
- Cheryl A. Yoder-Edwards, 72, died Apr. 11, 2020. She was born in Johnstown to John (YR233d44) and Bernice (Law) Yoder.
- M. Dean Yoder, 88, of North Canton, OH died Mar. 3, 2020. He was the son of Frank (s/o YB113291) and Florence (Ripley) Yoder.
- Mervin E. "Eldon" Yoder, 90, Nappanee, IN died Jun. 23, 2020. He was the son of Milo V. (s/o YR1253286) and Elizabeth (Frey) Yoder.
- Freeman L. Yoder, 68, Middlebury, died Jun. 16, 2020. He was the son of Leo F. (s/o YR251225b) and Anna (Wingard) Yoder.
- Abe A. Yoder, 80, Sugarcreek, OH died Jun. 30, 2020. He was the son of Andrew (s/o YR1253c6) and Lizzie Ann (Miller) Yoder.
- Rev. George H. Yoder, 96, Allentown, PA, died Jun. 1, 2020. He was the son of Paul (YB24511a) and Katie (Hunsicker) Yoder.
- Marvin "Marv" Eugene Yoder, 73, of Wellman, IA, died Jun. 13, 2020. He was the son of Pete (s/o YR2611691) and Wilma (Brenneman) Yoder.
- David Michael Yoder, 83 of Bellbrook, OH, died Jun. 10, 2020. The son of Donald (s/o unlinked BO15) and Margaret (Bubp) Yoder.
- Daniel C. Yoder, 42, of Guys Mills, PA died Jun. 27, 2020/ He was the son of Solomon and Mary Yoder.
- Mary L. (Bresson) Yoder, 103, of Wooster, OH, died Jun. 17, 2020. She was the widow of Ivan R. Yoder (s/o YA33b).
- Evelyn A. Yoder, 92, of Grantsville, MD, died Sunday, Jul. 5, 2020, at Goodwill Mennonite Home, Grantsville. She was the daughter of the late Allen E. (s/o YR2611924) and Lizzie (Tice) Yoder.
- Melvin A. Yoder, 92, died Jul. 2, 2020. He, the son of Albert (s/o YR2354234) and Saloma (Troyer) Yoder.
- Walter (Warren) Yoder died Aug. 14, 2020, Shawnee, OK. He was the son of Rev. WilliamW. (Con83813) and Velma (Poff) Yoder.

Storm Damages House of Yoder



In the early morning hours of April 8, 2020, a possible tornado touched down in the Spruce Forest Artisan Village. Many of the spruce trees were destroyed, with the tops broken off, or completely uprooted. Several of the cabins were destroyed. The House of Yoder (HOY) received damages to the roof and front entrance. In addition to the cost of tree removal, estimates of repairs to The House are estimated at \$13,500.00 which includes roof damage, chimney damage and front entrance damage. The Yoder Newsletter has sent \$500 from the newsletter kitty. Significant progress has been made with all repairs, but a greatly abbreviated season due to the covid-19 virus fears and canceled hosts will have a major impact on cash flow.If you would like to help cushion HOY through this unusual summer please send a donation to: Isolde Porter Treasure, House of Yoder, 195 Pea Vine Road, Grantsville, MD 21536

Damage to Bishop Christian Yoder Jr. Barn



The same storm which did damage at the House of Yoder also damaged the early 19th century barn on the Stony Creek Twp, Somerset Co, PA farm of Bishop Christian Yoder Jr. (YR2337a). The owners are taking down the structure. The House of Yoder has asked for a beam in the building in which are carved the initials "D. R. Yoder". This was Daniel R. Yoder, a grandson of the bishop through son Reuben Yoder (YR2337a) who visited the homestead from his Goshen, IN residence during the early part of the 20th century. It will perhaps be made into a bench for display and use at the House of Yoder. (See YNL39 &49 for more info about this homestead)

THE REST OF THE STORY! – In YNL74 we mentioned a Christopher Charles Youder (1863 Kokomo, IN-1952 Jefferson, Tx) who seems to be the missing YR146276 – descendant Marlo Kitchens writes “My great grandfather Christopher ran away from home at about age 14. He had two children of which he never told why he ran away or who his family was. We always suspected that he was raised Amish or Mennonite. I’m not really sure how he ended up in Colorado. Obviously, because he changed his name, I suspect that he did not want to be found by his family.”