

REBER- RABER-RABERT FAMILY IN PENNSYLVANIA

According to the ship lists as published in "Pennsylvania German Pioneers" there were only three male persons, age 16 years or over, that came to Pennsylvania before the Revolutionary War. These three were:

Johann Lenhart Reber, age 32, on the ship "Two Sisters",  
Sept 9, 1738  
Johanes (J) (O) Reber, on the ship "Phoenix" Sept 15, 1749  
Hans Michael Reber on "Galley Bennett", Aug 13, 1750

The first one of these three, Leonhart Reber, settled in what is now Windsor township, Berks county. His family were members of the Lutheran Church at Moselem and most of his children are in the baptismal record there. This family, for the most part, retain the spelling Reber and today most of the family pronounce the name with a long English "e". Many descendants lived in the vicinity of Hamburg.

Hans Michael Reber settled in the vicinity of Mertz's Church, at Dryville, Rockland township, Berks County, and two of his children were baptized there. After that his name does not occur in the area.

Johannes Reber settled in Heidelberg township, Northampton County. In 1812 Lehigh county was cut off from Northampton County, and in 1848 Washington township was cut off the eastern part of Heidelberg.

JOHANNES REBER OF HEIDELBERG

Johannes Reber settled in that part of Heidelberg township which is now Washington township. He owned 220 acres of land located along what is now Penna. Route 873 and extended from the village of Newhards to within a short distance of Friedens Church. The homestead was about midway in this distance, and the hotel at Newhards was on the southern end. This tract of land was a part of larger tracts of land that had been originally granted to Conrad Bloss.

The very earliest church records are missing, so there is no information to be obtained from that source. In 1757 when a new church was built at Heidelberg, Johannes Reber was one of the members of the Reformed congregation. However, in 1763 he had one child baptized by the Lutheran minister, Daniel Schumacher. The church at Unionville was organized in 1765 and after that time Johannes and his family were members there since that was more convenient to their home. The Friedens church was organized in 1847 and after that date the Rebers, or Rabers, that remained in the area joined the Friedens church.

There is no information as to where in Germany Johannes Reber was born, but some of the family say he came from Wurtemberg. The descendants of Leonhard Reber say their ancestor came from Hanau. Johannes Reber probably was born about 1730 to 1732 and most probably was not yet married. The name of his wife was Elisabeth \_\_\_\_\_ - her maiden name has not been determined. There is no information as to when they died, both he and his wife were still living on April 28, 1793 when they appeared as sponsors at a baptism.

In the Revolutionary War, Johannes Reber was enrolled in the 5th class, 5th company 3rd Battalion (battalion number later changed to 6th) Northampton County militia from the eastern portion of Heidelberg township, this in 1778. He was again in the general muster in 1780 and 1782. The records of active service are incomplete but Johannes Reber served at least one tour of active duty on the frontier against the Indians in Captain Conrad Roeder's Company in May 1780. (For all Revolutionary records see Volume 8, -5th Series, Penna. Archives.)

In the United States Census of 1790, Johannes Reber was listed in Heidelberg, with the name written Revert, and was listed as having in the family at that time 2 males over 16 years, including himself, 3 boys under 16, and 4 females. Some of the older children had already left home. It will be noted that there already was a variation in the spelling. An "e" in High German is pronounced like an "a" in English, and in the Pennsylvania German dialect the name got to be variously pronounced as Raber, Rabert, Revert, etc.

On the pages that follow no attempt is made to follow the spelling that was used by each individual.

Johannes Reber and his wife Elisabeth had at least 8 children and there may have been others who died young of whom there ~~is~~ no longer is any record. They are as follows.

- I. ANNA MARIA REBER b- about 1761, m-Martin Andreas, Jr.
- II. DANIEL REBER, bapt Feb 13, 1763
- III . ANNA CATHARINA REBER b- Dec 4, 1765
- IV. JOHANNES REBER b- Mar 8, 1771
- V. JOHANN PHILIP REBER b- Dec 27, 1773
- VI. WILHELM REBER b- July 23, 1776
- VII. JOHANN GEORG REBER b- Mar 23, 1779
- VIII. EVA ELISABETH REBER b- Dec 16, 1781
- IX. ANNA MAGDALENA REBER b- Apr 17, 1784

(Each one of these will now be taken up separately. For convenience the following abbreviations and signs will be used.

- b. = born
- d. = died
- m. = married
- H. = Heidelberg church
- U. = Unionville church
- F. = Friedens church
- \* = baptized at
- + = buried at +

- I. ANNA MARIA REBER, b. about 1761. Her baptismal record has not been located. married in about 1781 to Martin Andreas, Jr. The Andreas family were neighbors and Martin Andreas, Sr. who came from Waldmohr, Oberamt Zweibrücken in 1749. Martin Andreas and his wife Anna Maria Reber had at least 8 children, but they will not be named here.
- II. DANIEL REBER, bapt. at Heidelberg church by Rev. Daniel Schumacher, on Feb. 13th 1763, when 3 weeks old. His sponsors were Conrad Bloss and wife Magdalena. Daniel Reber lived on the family homestead between Newhards and Friedens and besides being a farmer he was also listed as a "cordwainer ", that is a shoemaker. He was married to Elisabeth Benninger and his gravestone says they had 10 children. They are both buried in the old graveyard at Unionville, but the graves are not together. His gravestone gives the date of his birth Jan. 19, 1763. His wife was born Feb. 18 1768 and died May 24, 1838.
  - 1. Anna Maria Reber b. Feb 4, 1791 \*U Married Michael App(now often spelled Opp)
  - 2. Anna Elisabeth Reber b.Mar 24, 1793 \*U d. Dec 22, 1855 +H. She married Peter Miller b. Apr 7, 1791-d. Apr 9, 1853 had 5 sons & 4 daus.) of Heidelberg township.(The gravestone says she was born Mar 28, the baptismal records says March 24.)
  - 3. Catharina Reber b- Mar 8, 1796 \*U, d- Sept 2, 1839 was married to George Sensinger
  - 4. Daniel Reber, Jr. b-Sept 27, 1797 \*U, d- Apr 6, 1878, +Friedens, m- Margaretha Schneider, dau of Jacob and Margaretha Schneider, b. Dec 24, 1800, d. Nov 7 1863 +F. They lived between Friedens and what is now more recent years known as Jim Peter's Hotel, , at a place known as "Lentz's Crossing" while the trolley

car line was still in existence. Most, if not all, of their children were baptized Reformed at the Unionville church.

- a. Daniel Reber (3rd) Not mentioned in his father's will & probably died young.
- b. Joel Reber, b- Oct 17, 1825 \*U, m. \_\_\_\_\_ died in North Whitehall, Nov 26, 1895.
  - i Alfred J. Reber, m \_\_\_\_\_
    - A. Franklin Reber
    - ii. Harvey Reber
- c. Reuben Reber, b. June 8, 1823 \*U, d. Oct 31, 1889 +U m. Oct 21, 1849 by Dubs, to Lovina Handwerk, b. Dec 11, 1822, d. Sept 15, 1905 +U They lived in Washington twp., but also owned land in Heidelberg. They had a number of children- the list may not be complete.
  - i. Senia Reber, b. Jan 4, 1852, bp Unionville Luth, d. Feb 21 1873 +H, m. Benjamin P. Krause, b. Feb 5, 1847, d. Jul 28 1913 +H. After Senia died, Benjamin m. Fayette Hunsicker
  - ii. Benjamin Reber b. Dec(2)4, 1853 bp Unionville Luth d. July 11, 1855 +U
  - iii. Addison Reber b. Nov 16, (bp. Unionville Luth) 1855 d. Jan 11, 1860 +U
  - iv. Amandes Reber b. Dec 27, 1849, bp Unionville Luth d. Aug 28, 1916 m. Apr 19, 1874, by Fogel, Rosa J. Schneider dau of Johannes & Susanna, b Mar 12, 1854 d. Feb 4, 1927 both +U
    - A. Ada (Adamissa) b. Mar 1874, bp Union Luth, m. Handwerk
    - B. Annie Raber b. Sept 12, 1880 d. Jan 5, 1952 +U
    - C. Emma Raber (Eliza?)
  - v. Louisa Reber b. Dec 17, 1858 d. Jan 18, 1860 +U
- d. Henrietta (Harriet on gravestone) Reber b. Mar 30, 1827 \*U, m Peter Newhard
- e. Leah Reber, b. June 24, 1829 (July 24, in bapt record) d. May 27, 1893 m. Daniel Krause, b. Dec 1, 1833, d. Aug 7, 1899. He was a carpenter both +Heidelberg.

(the baptismal records for the next 4 have not been located, and some of them may not belong here.)
- f. Moses Reber, b Apr 24, 1833, d. Apr 17, 1884, m. Sarah Ann Miller b. July 2, 1834, d. June 23, 1921 +H. He was a farmer in Wash. twsp.
  - (i) i. Anna T. Reber b. Nov 23, 1869, d. Sept 14, 1954 m. Osville Roth, farmer near Heidelberg church, b. Feb 21, 1866 m. Mar 9, 1952 2 sons
  - ii. Henrietta m. Joshua Hass
- g. Tilghman Reber, b. July 24, 1835, d. Dec 27, 1890 m. Sarah Anna Handwerk, dau of Abraham, b. Aug 24, 1836, d. July 15, 1898 both +H He was a soldier in Civil War, 9 mo. in Co. G. 176th Penna, and from Sept 7, 1864 to end of war in Co. H, 209th Penna.
  - i. Osville Reber, b. 1868, d. 1932, m. Gertrude Roth dau of Alexander Roth, b. 1873 d. 1961 +Mickley's.
    - A. Edgar A. Reber

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- B. Charles T. Reber
- C. Emma S. Reber
- D. William O. Reber
- E. Victor Reber
- F. Robert R. Raber, insurance business, Allentown
- G. Mamy G. Raber m. John Shook
- H. George W. Raber
- I. Matah S. Raber m. Leslie Baker
- J. Pruella Raber m. Peter J. Wagenor
- K. Ralph R. Raber

- ii. Henry F. Raber b. Sept 2, 1860, d. Apr 23, 1896 +H
- iii. Susan Jane Raber b-Mar 31, 1866-H. Fogel m. Granville Rodgers, Coplay

- iv. Amanda Raber m. Robert Druckenmiller, Slatington
- v. Emma Raber, m. Albert Eberwine, blacksmith at Saegersville & other places.

h. Phaon Reber, b. about 1837. Lived in Washington township(the Handwerk) family has him married to a Handwerk, but the children named are children of Erwin Reber, not Phaon.)

- i. i. Erwin Raber, b. Mar 31, 1838, d. Mar 3, 1881, m. Lydia Handwerk, dau of Abraham, b. Mar 11, 1844, d. May 29, 1909 both +U He was a private in Co. H, 209th Penna. in Civil War
  - ia. Mantana Elizabeth b. May 2, 1874 d. Nov 11, 1874 +Union
  - i. Francis Oscar Raber b. Mar 18, 1868, slate quarry worker m. Lucetta Slatington
  - ii. Harry E. Raber m. Alice Green
  - iii. Oliver Reston Raber, slate quarry worker b. Mar 14, 1872 \*Union
  - iv. Kate Raber m. Roland Hallman b. Apr 2, 1878 bp. Union Luth.
  - v. Alice Raber m. William Paules, Slatington
  - vi. Rosa Attila Raber b. Nov 7, 1875 m. John Roberts
  - vii. Daniel Abraham Raber b. Apr 6, 1870 \* Union

5. John Robert Rabert(he changed spelling) b. June 21, 1799 \*U d. Mar 23, 1847 +U, m. Sarah Andreas Her gravestone not located. John George not mentioned in his father's will, probably because he had already died. They are said to have had 4 children:

- a. John Rabert, said to have lived in Heidelberg, then moved to Ohio
- b. Thomas Rabert, b. Apr 4, 1813, d. Aug 25, 1898, m. Maria Jacobs b. May 17, 1819, d. Dec 21, 1897- 10 children

- i. Sarah
- ii. Elisabeth
- iii. Mary
- iv. Catharine
- v. Amanda M.
- vi. Adalina
- vii. Henry J. (see page 8 where this family belongs)
- viii. William
- ix. Uriah
- x. Alice

Amanda M. m. Jos. D. Bear s/ Peter of North Whitehall Jan 16, 1869

- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Rabert, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Lentz
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Rabert, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Garmer, lived at Parryville

6. John Raber, b. Jan 6, 1801 \*U, m Anna Maria b. Feb 9, 1808 d. May 8, 1868 + (Polly) Kern, d/ Christopher Kern & w Susanna Bauman. Union (3 sons & 5 dau. - Fogel)

- ia. Etlaina b. Feb 6, 1831- bp Unionville Luth
- a. David Reber b. Sept 18, 1829 \*U
- b. Margaret Reber, b. Feb 12, 1833 \*U, m. David DeLong on June 23, 1851 by Rev. Dubs. He called her "Mary M"
- c. Susanna Reber b. Aug 14, 1835 \*U

- d. John Reber, b Aug 20, 1839 \*U
  - e. Elisabeth Reber, b. Sept 5, 1842 \*U, m Albert Kunkel who was school-teacher in Washington twsp. for 30 years. Before teaching he had the Newhard's Hotel, which David Hollenbach took over right after Civil War.
  - f. William Henry Reber, b. Feb 1, 1845 \*U, d. May 28, 1923, m. twice, 1st. Kittian Hettler, b. July 24, 1849, d. May 17, 1874; 2nd Mary A. \_\_\_\_\_ b. Feb 9, 1852, d. Apr 18, 1931. This family belonged to Ben Salem church. They had a number of children, but only the names of 4 who died young are known:
    - i. infnat, b. May 8, 1871
    - ii. Ida Reber, b. June 3, 1872 d. Mar 16, 1874
    - iii. Harvey F. Reber, b. May 9, 1881, d. July 24, 1891
    - iv. Ada M. Reber, b. Jan 28, 1885, d. May 6, 1891
7. Susanna Reber, b. Oct 28, 1803 \*U, d. July 11, 1873, m. John Fenstermacher b. Feb 6, 1801, d. Feb 11, 1891 +F
  8. Salome Reber, b. Mar. 5, 1806 \*U, d. May 8, 1841 +H, m. Mar 5, 1834 to Solomon Handwerk. She died after her son Chas. was born Mar 27, 1841
  9. Peter Reber, b. Mar 20, 1808 \*U, d. Oct 31, 1880, m. by Dubs on Mar 29, 1835 to Sarah Schmidt, b. Nov 30, 1808, d. May 2, 1881, both +F  
He was a farmer on the old homestead between Newhards and Friedens.
    - a. Maria Reber, b. Jan 4, 1836 \*U d. Sept 19, 1840 +U
    - b. Charles Reber, b. June 19, 1838 \*U, d. Oct 24, 1838 +U
    - c. Eliza Reber, b. May 15, 1840, \*U, d. Sept 3, 1840 +U
    - d. Sally Ann Reber, b. Sept 29, 1841 \*U, m. Owen Sieger
    - e. David Reber, b. Feb 22, 1843 \*U, d. Aug 17, 1913 +F. He was the last farmer on the old homestead. m/Rosa Ann Best, dau of Jacob Best and his w Maria Krause, b. 1847, d. Sept 5, 1907 +F He was a school director in Washington twsp. 21 years.
      - i. Benjamin Reber, died in infancy
      - ii. James D. Reber
      - iii. Laura Reber, m. Francis P. Hoffman who had a general store at Friedens (Hoffman Post Office)
      - iv. Charles Reber, b. Oct 19, 1879, d. Dec 29, 1929, not married, +F  
He and his father lived together on the old homestead after his mother had died.
      - v. Peter Raber, died in infancy (\*belongs in iv.)
      - vi. Sadie Rosa Ann Reber, b. May 25, 1882, d. suddenly Apr 3, 1905 +F
  10. Magdalena Reber, b. Feb 24, 1812 \*U- No further information
  11. Solomon Reber(b. ca 1814) m. by Rev. Dubs on Nov 17, 1833, to Polly Gratman (There is no baptismal information and there is a question as to whether he belongs to this family)
- III. ANNA CATHARINA REBER, b. Dec 4, 1765, bp at the Unionville Church. There is no further information about her.

- IV. JOHANNES (JOHN) REBER, b. Mar 8, 1771 \*U, d. 1858. He lived on part of the old homestead. He married Sarah Andreas, a dau of Peter Andreas and wife Thankful Washburn, b. Sept 12, 1773 \*U They had a family of 13 children:
2. ~~Frank~~ <sup>John</sup> Reber, b. Nov 26, 1794, d. Mar 22, 1867-Fogel +H, was married 52 yrs to Catharina Handwerk, a dau of Peter Handwerk, b Jan 1, 1791, d Apr 7, 1866 -Fogel- +H. They were the first of the Reber family to live in the western portion of Heidelberg or what is now Heidelberg proper. The first child was baptized at Unionville, later children at Heidelberg.
- a. Eliza, b. Dec 12, 1816 \*U
- b. Stephen Reber(Rabert on gravestone) b. Dec 25, 1819 d. Feb 17, 1899 \*H m. Abigail (Abelona on gravestone)(Mary A. Acker widow of Owen Hunsicker b. Nov 11, 1824 d. Nov 13, 1909. They live~~d~~ on a small tract of land  $\frac{1}{4}$ -  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile west of Jordan valley. From 1863 to 1866 Their children went to Mantz's school, and the following list is made up from the school record book.
- i. Edwin A. Reber, b. ca 1854, m. Lydia A. Walter in 1914 they had 7 children, names not known.(added later REB)
- A. Homer b. 1895
- B. Hattie b. Dec 3, 1896 d. May 26, 1969
- C. Eda b. 1899(Edith)
- D. Edward b. 1900
- E. William b. 1903
- F. Russell b. \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Evelyn b. m. Lawrence Sechler
- ii. Benjamin Reber b. ca 1854, not married
- iii. John F. Reber, or Raber b. 1857 d. 1938, not married. He and his brother Benjamin lived together near Jordan Valley. John was a skilled wood-carver and made many fine articles of "folk art", principally carved poultry, and farm animals, and a masterpiece of a race horse including buggy and driver.
- iv. Alfred J. Reber, b. ca 1850, m. Lydia Ann Geiger, b. Aug 1, 1853
- A. Anna Sabina Reber, b. Oct 27, 1881, m. Freeman C. Zerfass
- B. Edward John Reber, b June 24, 1891, m. Carrie Deibert
- v. Mary Ann Reber, b ca 1862
- vi. Frank Oliver Reber, b. Mar 27, 1865- mother Mary Acker
- vii. Maggie M. Reber b. ca 1867
- viii. Abigail Reber(actually dau of Owen Hunsicker, she was b. 5 days after he died) b. July 3, 1848 d. Jan 14, 1919 m. Elias Snyder b. Oct 24, 1838 d. Oct 4, 1911(parents of Alvin J. Snyder)
- c. Christina Reber, b. July 17, 1821 d. Feb 3, 1902 +H m. by Rev. Dubs on Dec 19, 1848 to Reuben Wehr, b. Mar 25, 1824 d. June 12, 1904 +H
- d. Mary Ann Reber, lived in Heidelberg(possibly Stephen's wife above)
- e. Levi Reber b. Mar 2, 1823 \*H

- f. Lusina Reber b. Jan 17, 1826 \*H
- g. Edward Reber , b. June 2, 1829 \*H
- 1. Jacob Reber b, Feb 16, 1793 \*U
- 3. Johan Wilhelm Reber, b. Jan 1, 1797 \*U m. Barbara \_\_\_\_\_  
children:
  - a. Levina Reber b. Nov 29, 1820 \*U
  - b. Eliza Reber b. Jan 16, 1824 \*U
  - b.i James b. Apr 2, 1823 bp Unionville Luth May 3, 1823
  - c. Lewis Reber b. Aug 8, 1833
- 4. Elisabeth Reber b. Jan 26, 1799 \*U m. Daniel Lins(Lentz)
- 5. Sarah Reber b. Feb 24, 1801 \*U m. Jacob Kuehner
- 6. Michael Reber b. Mar. 1, 1803 \*U
- 7. Salome Reber b. May 16, 1805 \*U
- 8. Catharine Reber b. Oct 9, 1806 \*U m. John Wentz
- 9. Joseph Reber b. Jan 29, 1809 \*U no further information, but was still living  
in 1829 when he appeared as a sponsor.
- 10. Carl Reber b. Mar 5, 1811 \*U
- 11. Thomas Reber b. Apr 14, 1813 \*U d. Aug 25, 1898, farmer near Schnecksville  
m. by Rev. Dubs on May 5, 1839, to Maria Jacob a dau of Abraham Jacob & wife  
Elisabeth Peter, b. May 17, 1819 d. Dec 21, 1897 both + U (some of this family  
spelled the name Raber and Rabert)
  - a. Sarah Ann Rabert b. Aug 30, 1839 \*U m. Henry Ritter of Ballietsville
  - b. Mary Rabert b. Oct 26, 1844 \*U m. Levi Helfrich
  - c. Elizabeth Rabert m. Lefanus Sell, farmer near Schnecksville
  - d. Catharine Rabert m. Andrew Kunkel
  - e. Amanda Rabert m. Josiah Baer
  - f. Adelina Rabert m. Josiah Frantz
  - g. Alice J. Rabert b. ca 1860 m. Edwin A. Rhoads, farmer near Schnecksville  
5 children
  - h. Uriah J. Rabert, b about 1853 d. Aug 3, 1951, lived near Rising Sun. He  
m. Sarah Kistler of West Penn twsp., Schuylkill Co. 6 children, among them-
    - i. Albert J. Rabert, farmer at Rockdale
    - ii. Frank a. Rabert, farmer at Rockdale and hotel keeper, m. Emma \_\_\_\_\_  
they had two children- one of them:  
Mark Rabert b. ca 1890, educated as a physician, died at  
Phoenixville

- i. Henry J. Rabert b. Aug 13, 1854 d- Nov 21, 1937 +NJ(or NT), learned trade of tanner at Unionville, but moved to Lynn twsp where he had farm and hotel at place called Rabert's Corner. He married Mary A. German.
  - i. Howard J. Rabert m. Lena Long Nov 2, 1907. Served 5 yrs in US Marines
  - ii. Aquilla Ra bert m. May 1897 Fred Bachman, lived in West Bethlehem
  - iii. Ida Rabert m. Stanley Lentz, lived in Allentown
  - iv. George Henry Rabert b. May 11, 1883 d. July 19, 1919, farmer near New Tripoli, m. Angie Belles of Reading
    - A. Howard H. Rabert m. Roma M Peter June 28, 1926
    - B. Henry T Rabert m. Anna F. Daniels June 4, 1928
    - C. George Rabert, Jr.
  - v. Daisy Rabert b. Jan 9, 1894 d. Dec 25, 1895-died infancy
  - j. William Reber, farmer near Schnecksville
12. Rebecca Reber b. Jan 7, 1816 \*U m. by Rev. Dubs On Oct 15, 1848 to John Frohnheiser of North Whitehall twsp.
13. Johannes b. Sept 19, 1818 bp Oct 25, 1818-Unionville Luth.
- V. JOHAN PHILIP REBER b. Dec 27, 1773 \*U d. 1818. He lived in Whitehall twsp. An inventory of his estate was filed in Whitehall twsp. May 5, 1818, and there were no heirs except his widow Elisabeth. In 1820 census the widow Elisabeth lived in Heidelberg twsp.
- VI. WILHELM( WILLIAM) REBER b. July 23, 1776 \*U, d. July 1811, was married to Margaret\_\_\_\_\_. He was a tailor by trade. His will was probated July 29, 1811 and mentioned no children. Inventory of estate filed Aug 1, 1811 by Daniel Reber cordwainer, his brother, and Wm. Fenstermacher, justice of peace, and Adam Kunkel There is a record of two children who had probably died.
  1. Salome Reber b. Oct 9, 1799 \*U
  2. Magdalena Reber b. Aug 27, 1810 d. Sept 23, 1828 +H(she is said to have died this date, but there is no gravestone)
- VII. JOHAN GEORG REBER b. Mar 23, 1779 \*U d. Sept 20, 1863 in Luzerne County. He was m to Margaretha Schneider dau of Balzer Schneider, b. Oct 20, 1780, d/Aug 20, 1849 both buried at Salem Church in Salem twsp. Luzerne Co. All except the last two of their children were born in Heidelberg. On Sept 4, 1815, he bought a 130 acre farm in Salem twsp., Luzerne Co. from George Smethers and wife Barbara. Besides being a farmer he was also a cabinet maker and undertaker. The list of children is from a family Bible owned by Mrs. Lillian Cameron; most of the deaths are from gravestone records.
  1. Heinrich Reber b. May 16, 1803 d. Oct 25, 1825 m Margaret \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Jonas Reber b. Mar 8, 1805 m. Lydia Bilheimer b. 1811
    - a. Margaret Reber b. 1834
    - b. Amanda Reber b. Feb 13, 1840, confirmed 1859
    - c. John Reber, m Margaret\_\_\_\_\_
      - i. Ida Jeannette Reber b. July 29, 1864 \*Salem
      - ii. Charles W. Reber b. July 21, 1866 \*Salem
      - iii. Martha Estella Reber b. Jan 2, 1868 \*Salem
    - d. Amos Reber b. Sept 15, 1831, died in infancy
    - e. Amos Reber(second by this name)b. Sept 23, 1832 \*Salem confirmed Mar 24, 1854 married Mary\_\_\_\_\_



- i. John Wesley Reber, b. July 5, 1864 \*Salem
  - ii. Jonas L. Reber b. May 18, 1866 \*Salem
  - iii. Lydia May Reber b. Jan 5, 1869 \*Salem
  - iv. Lewis R. Reber b. Aug 21, 1873 \*Salem
  - v. Chester Tobias Reber b. Feb 17, 1871 \* Salem
- f. Kate Reber b. July 16, 1836 \*Salem
- g. Samuel Reber b. Mar 17, 1838 \*Salem, confirmed 1859, m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_
- i. William Allen Reber b. Mar 2, 1860 \*Salem
  - ii. Samuel L. Reber b. Sept 27, 1867 \* Salem
- h. Amanda Reber b. Feb 13, 1840 \*Salem
- i. Wesley Reber b. July 31, 1843 \* Salem, confirmed Apr 20, 1872  
m. Lydia A. M. Weiss
- (i) 1. Chas. Phillip Reber b. Oct 14, 1867 \* Salem
  - ii. Anna Elverna Reber b. Feb 17, 1870 \*Salem
  - iii. Doris Weiss Reber b. Jan 26, 1872 \*Salem
  - iv. Clara Amanda Reber b. Oct 21, 1873 \* Salem
3. Michael Reber b. Sept 14, 1807 \*H d. Nov 25, 1891 +Salem He was a farmer, weaver & maker of grain cradles, and later lock tender of the Penna. Canal @ Beach Haven. He was m-twice. 1st to Sarah H \_\_\_\_\_; 2nd to Susan Hess, d/ Jeremiah Hess. 5 children by 1st marriage and 1 by 2nd.
- a. John George Reber, b. Dec 25, 1828 \*Salem m. 1st Mary Bittenbender  
m 2nd Ellen Shoemaker. One son 1st marriage; 2 dau 2nd marriage
    - i. Michael F. Reber
    - ii. Alice Reber
    - iii. Florence Reber
- b. William Reber b. Apr 6, 1832 \*Salem
- c. Maria Reber b. Nov 16, 1833 \*Salem
- d. Margaret Reber m. John W. Seely
- e. Sarah Jane Reber b. May 3, 1841 \*Salem m. Albert Smith
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ Reber m. Thomas H. Smith
4. Elizabeth Reber b. Dec 14, 1809 d. June 12, 1887 m. Henry Thomas
5. Peter Reber b. Nov 23, 1811 d. Mar 20, 1830
6. Margaret Reber b. May 21, 1815 \*H d. Feb 25, 1899 m. Samuel Smethers
7. Maria Reber b. May 31, 1819 d. June 26, 1880
8. Lydia Reber b. Oct 14, 1821 d. Jan 3, 1899 m. Wm. Harter
- VIII. EVA ELISABETH REBER b. Dec 16, 1781 \*U d. Dec 24, 1854 +U m. in 1802-John Boyer  
b. Dec 26, 1781, d. Feb 20, 1874 +U
- IX. ANNA MAGDALENA REBER b. Apr 17, 1784 \*U No further information

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The progenitor of this family was Johannes Reber, arrived in Philadelphia, on the ship "PHOENIX" on Sept 15, 1749. The passengers on the Phoenix were Palantines from Zweibrucken, Nassau, & Witemberg, Germany. He probably was born about 1730. He settled in what is now is Washington Township. His wife's name was Elisabeth \_\_\_\_\_? and it is possible she was a Handwerk, as we find a daughter of Peter Handwerk married to John Raber, probably in the late 1750's.

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Johannes Reber & his wife Elisabeth had at least nine(9) children. The children that are known are as follows:

- I. Anna Maria Reber, born about 1761, married Martin Andreas, Jr.
- II. DANIEL REBER, SR., born Jan 19, 1763, died Mar 29, 1850, married to Elizabeth Benninger. She was born Feb 18, 1768, died May 24, 1838. Both buried @ Unionville (Neffs) church cemetery, but not together? They had 10 children and this epitome will only be about this Daniel Reber & his offsprings. The other 8 children of Johannes Reber, are merely mentioned in the event any other Reber wishes to follow their progenitor.
- III. Anna Catherine Reber, born Dec 4, 1765- No further information on her?.
- IV. Johannes Reber, born Mar 8, 1771, married Sarah Andreas.
- V. Johan Philip Reber, born Dec 27, 1773, married Elisabeth \_\_\_\_\_?
- VI. Wilhelm Reber, born July 23, 1776, married Margaret \_\_\_\_\_?
- VII. Johan Georg Reber born Mar 23, 1779, married Margaretha Schneider.
- VIII. Eva Elizabeth Reber born Dec 16, 1781, married John Boyer
- IX. Anna Magdalena Reber born Apr 17, 1784- Nofurther information on her?

CHILDREN of DANIEL REBER, SR. & ELIZABETH BENNINGER REBER, are as follows:

1. Anna Maria Reber, InWill, born Feb 4, 1791, married Michael App.
2. Anna Elisabeth Reber, InWill, born Mar 24, 1793, died Dec 22, 1855, married to Peter Miller
3. Catharina Reber, In Will, born Mar 8, 1796, died Sept 2, 1839, m George Sensinger
4. Daniel Reber, Jr. In Will, born Sept 27, 1797, died Apr 6, 1878, married Margaretha Schneider, they had 9 children as follows:
  - (A) Daniel Reber, 3rd. born Sept 20, 1821, died prior to probate of will, Apr 30, 1850
  - (B) Joel Reber, born Oct 17, 1825 died Nov 26, 1895, wife Elizabeth & their children were: Alfred J. Rebert Harvey Rebert, & Alfred Reber (?)
  - (C) Reuben Reber born June 8, 1823, died Oct 30, 1889, married Lovina Handwerk born Dec 11, 1822, d-Sept 15, 1905. A list of children that is not complete were. (1) Sena Reber, born Jan 4, 1852, d-Feb 21, 1873, m-Benjamin P. Krause b-Feb 5, 1847, d- July 28, 1913. She died and her husband married Fayette Hunsicker.(2) Benjamin Reber, b. Dec 2, 1853, d-July 11, 1855 (3) Addison Reber, b- Nov 16, 1855, d- Jan 11, 1860 (4) Amandes Reber, b-Dec 27, 1849 d-Aug 23, 1917, m- Rosa J. Schneider, b. Mar 12, 1854, d- Feb 4, 1927 & they(?) Ada Reber, married to a Handwerk, Annie R. Raber b. Sept 12, 1880 d-Feb 4, 1927 & Eliza Raber. (5) Louisa Reber, b- Dec 17, 1858, d- Jan 18, 1860
  - (D) Henrietta Reber, b- Mar 30, 1827, m- Peter Newhard
  - (E) Leah Reber b- June 24, 1829, d- May 27, 1893 m- Daniel Krause b. Dec 1, 1833 d- Aug 7, 1899

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- (F) Moses Reber, b- Apr 4, 1833, d- Apr 17, 1884, m- Sarah Ann Miller b. Jul 2, 1834  
d- June 23, 1921 & they had 1 daughter Anna T. Raber b. Nov 23, 1869  
d- Sept 14, 1954 m- Osville Roth b- Feb 21, 1866 d- Mar 9, 1952
- (G) TILGHMAN REBER b- July 24, 1835, d- Dec 27, 1890 m- Sarah(Sally) Ann Handwerk  
b- Aug 24, 1836, d- July 15, 1898. They had (5) children as follows:  
(1) OSVILLE T. (REBER) Raber, b. 1868, d- 1932 m- Gertrude Roth, b- 1873  
d- 1961. She was a daughter of Alexander Roth & they had 11 children  
who were:  
Edgar A. Raber  
Charles T. Raber  
Emma S. m Arvye Roper  
William O. Reber  
Victor Reber  
Robert R. Raber  
Mayme G. Raber m- John Shook  
George W. Raber  
Matah S. m- Leslie Baker  
Pruella M. m-Peter J. Wagenaar  
Ralph H. Raber
- (2) Henry F. Reber b. Sept 2, 1860 d- Apr 23, 1896  
(3) Susan Reber m- Granville Rodgers  
(4) Amanda Reber m- Robert Druckenmiller  
(5) Emma Reber m- Albert Eberwein
- (H) Phaon Reber- no information on him ?
- (I) Irwin Reber, b- Mar 31, 1838, d- Mar 31, 1881 m- Lydia Handwerk b-Mar 11, 1844  
d- May 25, 1909 (Her sister m- Tilghman Reber). They had 6 children  
(1) Francis O. Raber m- Lucetta \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Harry E. Raber m- Alice Green  
(3) Oliver F. Raber  
(4) Kate Raber m- Roland Hallman  
(5) Alice Raber d,ca 1914 m- Wm. Paules  
(6) Rosa Reber m- John Roberts, child: 2 sons  
Erwin & Nimson Roberts
5. John Georg Rabert b- June 21, 1799 -d- Mar 23, 1847, m- Sarah Andreas, they presumably  
had 4 or more children ? The 4 known are:  
(1) John Rabert-moved to Ohio  
(2) Thomas Rabert b- Apr 4, 1813 d- Aug 25, 1898(Hollenbach has him as a s/John,  
whereas, Lehigh Co. History has him a son of John George). He m-Maria  
Jacobs, b- May 17, 1819 d- Dec 21, 1897. They had 10 children:  
Sarah  
Elizabeth  
Mary  
Catharine  
Amanda  
Adalina  
Henry J.  
William  
Uriah  
Alice
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_? Rabert, m- \_\_\_\_\_ Lentz?  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_ Rabert, m- \_\_\_\_\_ Garmmer?(He is not mentioned in the will of  
Daniel Reber, Sr., therefore it is questionable that he is a son of Dan. Sr.
6. John Reber, In Will, b- Jan 6, 1801. m- Anna Maria (Polly) Kern. He evidently was a  
school director in Washington twsp. in 1848. They had 6 children  
(1) David Reber b- Sept 18, 1829-(his son was school director in Washington twsp.)  
(2) Margaret Reber b- Feb 12, 1833 m- David DeLong  
(3) Susanna Reber b- Aug 14, 1835  
(4) John Reber b- Aug 20, 1839(he could be the school director in lieu of the  
(5) Elisabeth Reber b- Sept 5, 1842 m- Albert Kunkel father  
(6) Wm. Henry Reber b- Feb 1, 1845 d- May 28, 1923 m- 1st. Kitiann Hettler  
m-2nd Mary A. \_\_\_\_\_? moved to near Andreas, Carbon Co. -4 children:

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Ida Reber

Harvey Reber (Harvey F.)

Ada M. Reber

7. Susanna Reber, In Will, b- Oct 28, 1803 d- July 11, 1873, m- John Fenstermacher b- Feb 6, 1801 d- Feb 11, 1873.
8. Salome (Sally) Reber, ~~XXXXXX~~ In Will, b- Mar 5, 1806 d- May 8, 1841 m- Solomon Handwerk, she died after son Charles was born in 1841.
9. Peter Reber, In Will, b- Mar 20, 1808 d- Oct 31, 1880. He evidently was a school director in Washington twsp. in 1856, m- to Sarah Schmidt, b- Nov 30, 1808 d- May 2, 1881. They had 5 children:
  - (1) Maria Reber b- Jan 4, 1836 d- Sept 19, 1840
  - (2) Charles Reber b. June 19, 1838 d- Oct 24, 1838
  - (3) Eliza Reber b- May 15, 1840 d- Sept 3, 1840
  - (4) Sally Ann Reber b- Sept 29, 1841 m- Owen Sieger
  - (5) David Reber b- Feb 22, 1843 d- Aug 17, 1913 m- Rosa Ann Best b- 1847 d- Sept 5, 1907. He was a school director in Washington twsp. in 1881-1888 1891-1894-1897-1900-1903. His children were Benjamin & Peter both died in infancy.

James D. Reber  
Laura Reber m- Francis Hoffman  
Charles Reber  
Sadie Rosa Ann Reber
10. Magdalene Reber b- Feb 24, 1812- It is questionable that she is a daughter of Daniel Reber, Sr. as she is not mentioned in his will ?
11. Solomon Reber, b- ca 1814, m- Polly Gratman. It also is questionable that he is a son of Daniel Reber, Sr. as he is not mentioned in the will. ?

A diligent effort was made to have this epitome correct, but county histories, church records, monuments and family histories are incomplete and often confusing. If there are any errors, I trust you will excuse the efforts of an amateur.

The notation- IN WILL - after the childrens names, denotes that they were mentioned in the will probate in the Lehigh county courthouse, Allentown, Pa., of the father Daniel Reber on Apr 30, 1850. The Lehigh County courthouse records only start in 1840, any previous records are in Northampton county courthouse. (Easton)

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