

Reuben Goder Middlebury Ind.

Sep. 8<sup>th</sup> 1909

Dear Nephew and family Greeting  
with our love and best wishes to you  
all. I am well thanks be to the giver  
of all good things. I hope this will find  
you all well. I finished my visits in  
the west and had a good time with so many  
good friends which I think I will never  
forget and the good Lord led me all  
the way through save. Oh what am I  
so glad that I wend through Iowa yet.  
I do think every day on the good friends  
which I had seen and many of whom I  
can not expect ever to see again on this  
site eternity. but we hope to meet at  
a better place where will be no parting

Well Cherry I have now written off the history of our relatives and will send it with this. If I am not mistake it was you that asked me to write it. if it was not you it must been Feldy. I know it was somebody but I had it allmost fargoten.

When I wrote about Peter, Manas and Eli Schrock's I left some blanks to fill out what I did not exegit know. maby you can fill it out. The history of which I have coppied this off was most of it written about 15 or 18 years ago. but many things like death, marriedges and birth and so on that hapened sins I did add to it what I did know.

sins I am at home there was 8 or 9 funerals between here and Shipshewana and Honiwill. who is next? Got knowes. I will close now  
Please answer soon. From your uncle Reuben  
yoder

Beruben Yoder Middlebury Ind.

Sep. 6th 1909

This is a copy of a part of the information of what I have received in the last 18 years of my ancestors and relatives.

My grade grandfather Christian Yoder was born in Switzerland in the year 1726 and came to America in 1744 and lived in Berks Co. Pa. until 1776 when he moved to Somerset Co. Pa. By his first wife he had 4 children as follows Fanny, born in 1753. Barbara born in 1756 Christian born 1758 Jacob born in 1760. then his wife died, and he again married Barbara Hooley with her he had 7 children. David born 1763 Yost born 1765 Jonathan born 1766 Madlena born 1769 she was married to Peter Blough. John born 1772 Elisabeth born 1774 she was married to Henry Blough. Solomon born 1776. Gerty b. 1778 married Yost Miller. Gephtha and Ester twins born 1780. Ester married Peter Bangardner. Henry born 1782. His second wife died March 8th 1812 and he died Nov. 20th 1816 aged 90 years.

The oldest of the above boys was my grandfather Christian Yoder. He got married to Madlena Troyer in 1779 He became minister and finally Bishop of the Glades Amish church and lived and died there in 1838 aged 80 year. They had 14 children as follows: Madlena born 1780 married to Peter Hos-

tetter. Mariah born 1781 married to Joseph Hostetter.  
 Abraham born 1782, Joseph born 1784. John born in 1788. Christian  
 born in 1790. Solomon born in 1793. Jonathan born in 1803.  
 Anna born in 1808, married to John (Hans) Bontreger. Yost,  
 Jacob. Sarah. David. and Babarah died when young.  
 This were my father, <sup>and</sup> uncles and aunts.

My father Christian Yoder was born in Somerset Co.  
 Pa. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1790 was married to Elisabeth Miller had 3  
 children with her namely Barbara, Benjamin who died when  
 11 month & 11 days old. and Lilia. Then his wife died Jan.  
 6<sup>th</sup> 1816 In July the same year he married to Catharine  
 Miller to them 9 children were born: David, Christian,  
 Magdalena, Catharine, Elisabeth, Sarah, Reuben, Rebecca,  
 and Delila. Father Christian was ordaint minister and  
 afterward Bishop of the amish church. and died Nov.  
 21<sup>st</sup> 1846 and mother died April 30<sup>th</sup> 1849 Fathers age was 55  
 year 11 month and 8 days. Mothers age was 52 year 6 month and 18 days.

Sister Barbara was born April 10<sup>th</sup> 1811 and was married in  
 1832 to Joseph Bontreger in Somerset Co. Pa. and died in LaGrange  
 Co. Ind. Oct. 2<sup>d</sup> 1888 old 77 y. 5 m. 22 d. Her husband died April  
 5<sup>th</sup> 1908 old 96 y. 8 m. 1 d. 12 children were born to them, as  
 follows  
 first Elisabeth was married to Jacob Christner in 1850 and  
 died in 1851.

2<sup>d</sup> Christian was married to Anna Troyer live in Reno Co. Kan.

- 3d. Barbara was married to David Kauffman and died Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 1864 old 28 y.
- 4<sup>th</sup> John was married to Barbara Mishler lived in Lagrange Co. Ind. she died ~~April 30<sup>th</sup>~~ May 16<sup>th</sup> 1900 old 54 y. 16 d.
- 5<sup>th</sup> David he was killed by a runaway horse when a boy.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Eli is married to Levina Miller living in Lagrange Co. Ind.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Joseph was married to Anna Miller she died July 22<sup>d</sup>. 1908
- 8<sup>th</sup> Susy was married to Jacob Mast and died in 1872 old 27 y.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Daniel is married to Mary Gones living in Reno Co. Kan.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Magdalena married to Joseph Miller is living in Lagrange Co. Ind.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Reuben is married to Elisabeth Yoder living in Lagrange Co. Ind.
- 12<sup>th</sup> a child died before it had a name.

Sister Lidia was born June 11<sup>th</sup> 1814 and was married to Daniel Nisley and died in Lagrange Co. Ind Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1857 old 43 y 2 m. 15 d. her husband died in Oklahoma Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1900 old 89 y. 2 m. 13 d. eight children were born to them as follows

- 1<sup>st</sup> Elisabeth. she died April 15<sup>th</sup> 1861
- 2<sup>d</sup>. Christian. he died Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1861 This two died of tiford fever
- 3<sup>d</sup> Daniel was married to Anna Yoder she died July 17<sup>th</sup> 1908 old 61 y. <sup>5 m. 19 d.</sup>
- 4<sup>th</sup> Maria died when a small girl.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Joseph was married to a miss Stutzman They are both dead.
- 6 John is married to Sena Miller are living in Reno Co. Kan.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Emanuel is married to Lizzy Walk living in Reno Co. Kan.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Samuel was married to Elisabeth Miller he died Sep. 27<sup>th</sup> 1889 old 36 year.

Brother David<sup>6</sup> Yoder was born Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1817 and was married to Susy Miller in 1838 she died July 29<sup>th</sup> 1859 he married again to Saley Yoder and in 1869 he moved to Elkhart Co. Ind. where he died Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 1887 old 70 y. 2 m. 24 d.

By his first wife he had 16 children of whom 4 died when small children, the others are as follows. Polly. Rachel. Valintien.

Chatharen. Levi. David. Jacob. Susy. Jerry. Tobias Anna and Samuel. first Polly was born Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1838, was married to John Rees and died in Canada Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1872 she was mother to 3 children.

2<sup>d</sup> Rachel was born April 20<sup>th</sup> 1840 and was married to Joseph Stutzman they live in Elkhart Co. Ind. 9 children born to them.

3 Valintien was born July 16<sup>th</sup> 1841 he was married to Mattie Miller in March 1864. They live in Reno Co. Kan. born to them 3 sons and 3 daughters: Katy. Christian. David. Daniel. Sarah and Anna. (I will follow this children now)

Katie was born Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 1865 and is married to Jonas D. Bontreger in March 1885 they live in Reno Co. Kan.

Christian was born Nov. 2<sup>d</sup> 1866 and is married to Mattie Miller Born to them 2 children, Elisabeth born Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1887, and Sarah Ann born May 19<sup>th</sup> 1889.

David born Oct. 23<sup>d</sup> 1870 married to Lattie Schrock in 1891

Daniel born Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1873.

Sarah born Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1876.

Anna born Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 1885.

- 4 Catharinen Daughter of David was born in 1843 and was married in 1863 to Moses Stutzman 9 children are born to them.
- 5 Levi D. Yoder was born in 1844 was married to Catharinen Lehman in 1868, then she died in 1877, she left one daughter, Sarah born in 1875. He married again to Lidia Swartzentruber, with her they have 7 children as follows: George born in 1878. Mary born in 1880. Catharinen born in 1883. David born in 1884. Jacob born in 1887. Henry born in 1889 John born in 1892.
- 6 David D. Yoder was born in 1846 and was married in 1869 to Fanny Miller 13 children were born to them of which 4 died quite young, the others are as follows. Charles born May 9th 1872. Abraham born Feb. 12th 1875. Elisabeth born Oct. 5th. 1876. Frankling born Dec. 15th 1879. Susan born Feb. 8th 1882. Samuel born March 22d. 1884. Ora. born Feb 7th. 1887. Sarah born Nov. 13th. 1888. Saloma born Oct. 29th 1890.
- 7 Jacob D. Yoder was born in 1847 and married in 1868 to Salie Yoder 6 children are born to them as follows. Joseph born in 1868. Mary born in 1870. Elmer born in 1873. Ira born in 1878. Lemagane. born in 1881. William born in 1883.
- 8 Susy Yoder was born in 1849 and was married in 1868 to Felty Lehman, she died 1873 left back 2 children
- 9 Gerry D. Yoder was born in 1852 and was married 1875 to Elisabeth Christner. There are born to them 7 children as

follows: Fanny born in 1875. Jacob born in 1877. David born in 1880. Mary born in 1882. She died in 1888. Andrew born in 1885. Susana born in 1887. Anna born in 1889.

10 Tobias D. Yoder born 1853 and was married in 1873 to Maryann Troyer born to them 8 children as follows: Elisabeth born in 1874. Lidia born in 1875. She died March 21<sup>st</sup> 1901 old 25 y. 8 m. 28 d. Barneel born in 1877. Jerimiah born in 1879. Maryann born in 1881. Clary born in 1883. William born in 1886. Moses born in 1890.

11 Anna Yoder was born in 1855 and was married in 1877 to Jacob Petersheime 7 children were born to them.

12 Samuel D. Yoder was born in 1856. and was married in 1880 to Maryan Eash, she died in 1890. 3 children born to them as follows: Magdalena born in 1885. Eli born in 1887. and Emma born in 1888. but Emma died the same year. This ends the history of David C. Yoder

Brother Christian C. Yoder was born May 29<sup>th</sup> 1814 and married in 1841 to Catharien Hershberger. She died in McPherson Co. Kan. June 22<sup>d</sup> 1891 was old 74 y. 5 m. 18 d. and Brother Christian died Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1902 old 82 y. 8 m. 8 d. There were 8 children born to them

1 Barbara born in 1842 and married in 1862 to Joseph C. Miller 10 children are born to them as follows Sarah. Samuel. Susan. Salome. Enas. Sivila. Sippy. Sibasty. Shaly and Selina.

2 Noah C. Yoder was born in 1844 and was married in 1866 to Margard Lembright 5 children were born to them as follows: Albert

born in 1867. Erwin born in 1870 and died in 1871. James born in 1873. Silvy born in 1881. and Otis born in 1888.

- 3 <sup>Christian</sup> Lydia Yoder was born in 1847 and died in 1848
- 4 Elisabeth Yoder was born in 1849 and died in 1853.
- 5 Reuben C. Yoder was born in 1851 and died the same year.
- 6 Lidia Yoder was born in 1854 and married in 1877 to John Bontreger born to them 11 children of whom 4 are living.
- 7 Harriet Yoder was born in 1857 and was married in 1876 to Levi Mishler, 2 sons and 3 daughters are born to them.
- 8 Sarah Yoder was born in 1859 and died in 1883. This ends brother Christian's family.

Sister Magdalena was born June 11th 1821 and in Jan. 1841 she was married to Joseph C. Yoder she died Jan. 3d 1861 and her husband died in 1863. 9 children were born to them 1 Cornelius he died when 8 year old 2d Fronica was married to Daniel Hershberger and died April 11th 1889 old 46 years, left back 3 children.

- 3 Christian S. Yoder, was married to Maria Miller and died Feb. 25th 1908 old 62 y. 10 m. 4 d. 4 Catharien Yoder died in 1872 old 25 year.
- 5 Simon was born May 2d. 1848 was married to Fanny Miller and died Feb. 23d. 1894 old 45 y. 9 m. 3 d. Born to them 6 children: Jacob. Albert. Fanny. Simon. Edna. and Ida.
- 6 Joseph C. Yoder was born Oct. 19th. 1850 and was married to Sally Miller and died Aug. 16th 1892 old 41 y. 9 m. 28 d. Born to them

3 daughters. but only one is yet living.

7 Barbara yoder is married to sam. yoder of Cass Co. Mo.

8 Maddie yoder is married to Emanuel Weaver have 7 children living.

9 Seth yoder was born Aug. 16th. 1859 and died March 2d. 1887 old 27y. 8m. 14d.

Sister Catharien was born April 13th 1825 and was married in 1844 to john johns 7 children are born to them as follows: judith is married to Ward Bear and died Feb. 27th. 1906 old 58y. 10m. 16d.

2. Rosena is married to john Hershberger. 3d is Daniel johns

is married to Nansy yoder. 4th. jacob johns was married

to Melinda Mehl who died Aug. 17th. 1890 he married again in

1891 to Mary Santimer. then Dec. 30th. 1894 he died old 38y. 2m. 3d.

he left back by his first 2 children and by his second one child.

5th is Lena she is married to Peter Schrock.

6th Menda is married to john E. Miller.

7 Catharien is married to Eli Bantreger.

Sister Elisabeth was born April 17th. 1827 and was married in 1848 to sam Beachey 13 children children are born to them as follows

1st. Christian was married to Sarah Hershberger. He is dead some time.

2d Sarah. died in 1864. 3d Catharien is married to Eli Miller.

4 Ester is married to Sefiate Miller. 5 Solomon is married to

Susan Miller. 6 David is married to Lidia Miller. 7 Noah

is married to Catharien Blank. 8 jonas is married to Fanny Miller

9 Carneel is married to Lena Swartzentruber 10 Lidia is married

to Daniel Swartzentruber. 11 Daniel is married to Menty Miller. 12 Susan is married to Christian Swartzentruber. 13 Eli is married to Sarah Yoder.

Sister Sarah was born May 17th 1829. and was married in 1848 to Friedrich Swartzentruber. she died in Jonson Co. Iowa July 9th 1867 and her husband died July 5th. 1895 old 70 y 4 m. 2 d. They had 9 children as follows: first Barbara is married to Moses Stutzman. 2<sup>d</sup> Jacob is married to Elisabeth Benter. 3 Catharien is married to Joseph Eingrich. 4 Dalila was married to William Kreider she died Dec. 13th. 1899 old 43 y. 3 m. 3 d. 5 Anna is married to Christian Yoder. 6 Elias is married to Sarah Knef. 7 Sarah is married to Samuel Slabaek. 8 Valintine is married to Anna Roth. 9 Samuel is married to Nansa Marner.

J. Reuben Yoder was born Jan. 9th 1831 and was married April 1st 1851 to Herriet Riehl. she died Oct. 20th. 1908 old 78 y. 7 m 11 d. 9 children were born to us as follows: Elisabeth born April 17th 1853. is married to Allen Miller. 2 Samuel born March 9th 1856. is married to Emma Luppold. 3 Daniel born April 27th 1858 is married to Eddy Cripe. 4 Mary born Nov. 13th 1860 and was married in 1882 to Albert Parwell. 5 Menno Born Feb 13th 1863 and married in 1888 to Caroline Hostetler. 6 Moses was born July 7th 1865 and married in 1888 to Catyan Hostetler. 7 Peter was born Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 1867 and married in 1894 to amelia Vanes. 8 Abby was born July 9th 1872 and died Sep. 13th 1872. 9 Levi was born March 3<sup>d</sup> 1877 and married in 1904 to Wilma Mishler.

- Sister Rebecca was born Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 1833 and was married in 1852 to Samuel J. Schrock. He died Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1903 old 69 y. 10 m. 21 d. 12 children were born to them as follows: 1 John he was married to Susan Lehman. he died Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 1878 old 25 year.
- 2 Catharine Schrock is married to Joseph D. Kauffman.
- 3 Edward was married to Sarah Troyer. she died July 30<sup>th</sup> 1909 old 53 y. 3 m. 4 d.
- 4 Austen died when a baby. 5 Samuel is married to Menta Hostetler.
- 6 Peter was married to Barbara Troyer she died July 5<sup>th</sup> 1904. He married again in to 7 Elisabeth Schrock was married to Bidion Hostetler and died Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 1899. old 33 y. 1 m. 3 d.
- 8 Reuben Schrock is married to Susy Schrock. 9 Lidia Schrock was married to Jerry Stutzman and died Nov. 22<sup>d</sup> 1892 old 22 y. 3 m. 29 d.
- 10 Manases Schrock is married to 11 David Schrock is married to Anna Bontreger 12 Eli Schrock is married to <sup>Yoder</sup> Schrock

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Sister Delila was born March 18<sup>th</sup> 1841 and was married to Peter Kinsinger in Dec. 1864 and died Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1865 old 23 y. 10 m. 18 d.

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This ends the history of the decedents of my father to the present

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The brothers and Sisters of my grand mother Yoder were Michel Troyer. Hannes Troyer. Christian Troyer. Henner Troyer. Jacob Troyer. Joseph Troyer. David Troyer. Andrew Troyer. one sister was married to a Keech. Elisabeth to David Miller. Franey to Jacob Miller. one to a Sipe, and one to Uly Sumer. There father came from Switzerland and from this family sprung all the Troyers in America that I have heard yet.

My grand father from my mother's side was Abraham Miller. He was born May 13<sup>th</sup> 1766 and married to Sarahann Hostetler and died in Novr. 1847 old 81 y. 6 m. he was a son of Daniel Miller who came from Germany in 1750 This Daniel Millers children were as follows

- 1 Christian born Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1761 and was married to Catharion Kwrty.
- 2 Elisabeth born Sep. 20<sup>th</sup> 1762 was Married to Hannas Knagy.
- 3 jacob born july 19<sup>th</sup> 1764 it is said his cleendants live in Holms Co. Ohio
- 4 Abraham my grandfather. 5 Susana born Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 1767 married to a Stutzman.
- 6 Fanny born Sep. 18<sup>th</sup> 1769 married to joseph Kwrty. 7 Barbara born June 12<sup>th</sup> 1774 was married to Solomon Yoder the father of old Adam Yoder.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Magdalena born Sep. 21<sup>st</sup> 1776 was married to Abraham Hershberger the father of old Seb Hershberger.

The children of my grandfather Abraham Miller, first Daniel he was born in april 1794 and was married to Maria Mast and died in april 1835 this was the father of Sam D. Miller and Daniel D. Miller.

The children of my ongel Christian Miller (son of Abraham) was Moses. Benjamin. Solomon. Christian. Mary and Rachel.

- 3 Sarah was married to Christian Niszley whos children are Daniel. Christian. Peter. Abraham. Mrs. jacob Reber and Mrs Slabaek the mother of John Slabaek.
- 4 Madlena was married to jacob Mast the father of Abraham Mast of Ohio
- 5 was my mother. 6 Susana was married to Petershime and after he died she was married to Hannas Kemp. her children were Lidia

Christian. John and Susy Petershime, and Moses. Daniel. Joseph.  
 Maria. Catharinen. Madlena. Lizzy. and Sim Kemp.

Sidia was married to Christian Zellers. Susy to Wilhelm Bender.  
 Maria to Christian Bender. Catharinen to Isaac Tomas. Madlena  
 to John Smucker. Lizzy to Sam Yoder.

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My grandmother Miller's name was Sarahann Hostetler a  
 daughter of Hons Hostetler. she had 7 brothers names are  
 John. Joseph. David. Jacob. Jonathan. Daniel and Henry. This  
 men had 3 sisters. This Daniel was the grandfather of Preacher  
 Dan Hostetler of Gleepsring. and Eli Miller told me this  
 Henry Hostetler had 19 married children. I think it will  
 make a big Hostetler history when it get done.

Sept. 8th.

Becken Yoder