

HISTORY
OF THE
COUNTIES
OF
LEHIGH AND CARBON,
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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named died in 1795, and John Mathias purchased, April 1, 1796, from the heirs the other part (over fifty acres, for four hundred and fifty dollars), Lorenz Kern and the heirs of John George Kern removed to York County. John George Kern had four children,—John, George, Abraham, and Elizabeth. John Mathias had four children,—John Peter, Mathias, Margaretha, and Anna Maria. John Mathias Kern died March 29, 1803, aged over sixty-four years, and his son Mathias purchased his real estate. Mathias Kern left four sons—David, Christian, Jonas, and Thomas—and five daughters. The real estate was divided among his sons, and is still in their possession. The descendants of the Kerns family are still numerous.

Christian Zeller (later Zellner), the ancestor of the Zellners in Milford, settled in what is now Lower Milford in 1761. He purchased the same year from the heirs of Isaac Doelp or Delp (who died July 15, 1760) a tract of one hundred and fifty-seven acres of land, on which he resided a number of years. Christian Zeller was commissioned lieutenant of the eighth company in the Second Northampton Brigade of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a term of seven years, dated April 1, 1794, by Thomas Mifflin, Governor of Pennsylvania. He was commissioned a second time, Aug. 2, 1800, by Governor McKean, lieutenant of the eighth company of the Thirtieth Regiment Militia, in the First Brigade of the Eighth Division, composed of the militia of the counties of Northampton and Wayne. When he departed this life (about the year 1820) he left four sons, named Conrad, John, Christian, and Charles Zellner, and four daughters, named Sarah (married to Peter Reichenbach), Anna Maria (married to Joseph Yeakel; is still living, a widow, eighty-eight years old), Leah (married to John Adam Wieder), and Rebecca (married to Jacob Hilligass). The name of this family has expired in Milford,—Conrad, John, and Christian Zellner, Jr., died without male issue or moved to other parts. Charles married Elizabeth Flores, and left one son, named Jesse, and one daughter. Jesse died and left one son, named Charles Zellner, who resides in Emaus, and is the only living member of the Zellner family who keeps the name.

Hans Heinrich Jäckel (or Yeakel) emigrated in 1734, with his father (David Yeakel), four brothers, and two sisters, to this country. He married Susanna Heydrick in 1735. He had gone with his brother-in-law, Gregorious Schultz, to the Jordan, in North Whitehall township, but the location being too much exposed on account of Indian depredations, he returned in a short time, and settled, in 1762, permanently in the Hosensack Valley. He purchased, Dec. 23, 1761, the Hamilton tract (five hundred acres and the usual allowances) from James Hamilton for twelve hundred and fifty pounds (\$3333.33). H. H. Yeakel died Dec. 21, 1781, aged seventy-four years, and was buried near the centre of his premises. He

left four sons—Jeremiah, George, Balthaser, and Melchior Yeakel—and three daughters,—Susanna (married to Balzar Krauss), Maria (married to Christopher Schultz), and Anna (married to Matthias Gerhard). In 1765 he divided his real property into equal shares among his four sons. Jeremiah Yeakel married Susanna Wigner, and died in 1800, leaving eight children, one son—John Yeakel (one of the first commissioners of Lehigh County)—and seven daughters. George Yeakel married Rosina Schubert. He died June 1, 1812, and left three sons—Abraham, Jacob, and George—and two daughters,—Anna and Maria. Balthasar Yeakel married Susanna Krauss, and died Oct. 12, 1797, aged sixty-four years. He was blind for the last twenty-eight years. He left two sons—David and Andrew Yeakel—and three daughters,—Rosina Sarah, Barbara, and Susanna. Melchoir Yeakel married Regina Schultz, and died May 18, 1831, aged over eighty-nine years. He left nine children, four sons—Solomon, Christopher, Daniel, and Isaac Yeakel—and five daughters,—Rosina, Susanna, Maria, Christine, and Catharine. The descendants of Hans Heinrich Yeakel are quite numerous, and much of his property is still in their possession.

Simon Schneiter (or Snyder), ancestor of the Schneiters (or Snyders) in Upper Milford, purchased, June 8, 1762, from Adam Krammes, almost seventy-three acres of land, situate about one mile southwest from the village of Zionsville. A patent was also granted to him on his land, which was called "Snyderburg," March 27, 1782. Jacob Schneiter, a grandson of Simon Schneiter, is still living on the premises. Other descendants are still living in Upper Milford, among them David Schneiter, John Schneiter, Charles Schneiter, Nathan Schneiter, Aaron Schneiter, and Leon L. Snyder, Esq.

Valentine Dickenschied immigrated from Germany to this country previous to the year 1765, and settled in Goshenhoppen, and moved, in 1768, to Upper Milford, and settled on a farm situated on the Saucon Creek, where he died, from the results of a fall from the upper part of his barn, in the month of July, 1772. He was buried in the graveyard at the Chestnut Hill Church. Johannes Dickenschied was born in Goshenhoppen in 1765, married a daughter of Christian Friederich Martin, and settled between the present village of Vera Cruz and Emaus, and later near Zionsville, and died in 1800. Dr. Charles Friederich Dickenschied, son of Johannes (or John) Dickenschied, was born Jan. 22, 1791, studied medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, was commissioned a surgeon in the United States army in the war of 1812-14, married Rebecca Eberhard, daughter of Henry Eberhard, and settled on the farm of his father-in-law, in Lower Milford (then Upper Milford), in 1817, and became a practicing physician for thirty-nine years. In 1858 he moved to Allentown, and discontinued the practice of medicine. He died in Allentown in October, 1881, aged ninety years eight

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