

Descendants of Johann Adam Dietel

of 19th Century Somerset County, Pennsylvania



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Irvin Henry Dietle
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

Dedication

This family history is dedicated to the memory of our beloved Grandfather Irvin Henry Dietle, who provided the foundation and inspiration for this work.

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We are very grateful to the many family members who have responded to our questionnaires and telephone interviews. Without their help this book could not have been written, and we thank them for sharing their memories.

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We are also indebted to Peter W. Schmidt for his generous help in translating the Wanderbuch of our immigrant ancestor.

Introduction

After several years of research on the Dietle/Deitle family, we are pleased to be able to share the results of our work in this book. Although this project has taken more effort than originally foreseen, it has also given us many pleasures, such as the thrill of discovery, the satisfaction of doing something for the family, the joy of meeting wonderful people, and the pleasure of doing something “together” as brother and sister despite the fact that we live 1,500 miles apart. We hope this book will be of service to our relatives both near and far, and will bring to them some of the joy that working on it has brought to us.

We have solicited information from the family members we were able locate, and have incorporated the material provided to the best of our ability. Please beware, however, that in any work of this nature errors do creep in despite one’s best efforts. The only guarantee we can offer is the assurance the contents have been a labor of love, not of financial gain. We ask no compensation for our time and effort, and have based the selling price on an estimate of printing and mailing costs. Not having unlimited resources or time, we have tried to do the best we could to piece the Dietle family history together from the sources cited in the references. We hope you will take the time to notify us of errors you may find. We plan to collect corrections and additions so that at some time in the future they can be appended to a copy or revision of this book which we plan to donate to the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County, Pennsylvania. In this way, interested family members can access the additional information which is sure to come our way after publication.

Please be aware that most of our contacts with family members have been limited to a brief questionnaire or telephone interview. We were strangers to most of them, and felt that brevity was necessary to gain cooperation from those who might have little interest in genealogy. This approach has yielded a high rate of response, but has also necessarily left gaps in our knowledge. Our goal has been to use the resulting limited information without adding our own assumptions. For example, if we corresponded with someone who forwarded the names of his or her children but did not explicitly state the last name of the children, we have just listed first names, even though the last names of the children are very likely the same as the parent. Likewise, if someone forwarded the names of their spouse and children without explicitly stating the relationship between the spouse and children, we felt it might be misleading to automatically assume that the spouse is the parent of the children. This may unfortunately confuse some readers, who may attempt to read between the lines and incorrectly assume that we think the spouse is not the parent. If you desire to research and clarify such family relationships, we hope that this book will give you a big head start. Likewise, if you have information which could improve any future editions of this book, we hope you will educate us.

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Chapter 1

GGG-Grandparents Adam Diettle & Mary Ann (Unknown) Diettle

The first known progenitor of the Dietle/Deitle family of Somerset County, Pennsylvania was our GGG-Grandfather Johann Adam Dietel (AKA Adam Diettle) who was born on March 18th, 1809 in Selbitz, Bavaria^{160*} and is believed to have emigrated to America in 1839¹⁶⁰. Our forefather was 5'9" tall, with a longish face and high forehead, brown hair, and gray eyes, and was a Weaver by trade in Bavaria¹⁶⁰. The names of the two of his children who also came to America[†] and settled in Somerset County are as follows:

John Adam Dietle, and
John Nicholas Dieddle.

It is believed that there were several other children who were left behind in the old country^{**}. In a 1947 letter, Mrs. Margaret (Deitle) Beutel, grand-daughter of Nicholas Deiddle, stated "I know Grandfather had Bro's and I think One sister left in Germany"¹⁶⁰. Margaret's source for this information is not known. Margaret's life and that of Nicholas and his wife overlapped in time, so she may have conceivably received this information directly from one of them. She might have also heard it from her parents, or someone else.

Johann Adam Dietel left Berneck, Bavaria in the middle of August, 1839 with official permission to travel to North America. He traveled in a more or less straight line from Berneck to the port city of Bremen, where he was seen and validated for travel to Baltimore, United States of America, on August 30, 1839¹⁶⁰. These facts are recorded in a German language document called a "Wanderbuch" which has been handed down through the generations to one of his descendants who wishes to remain anonymous. This remarkable heirloom is the foundation of our understanding of the origins of the Dietel family, and the original document is reproduced in Appendix C. Due to the significance of this document, a complete English translation is included directly here-after.

* The German people did not actually have a single unified country known as "Germany" until 1871^{102,103}. Before then the German people shared a common culture and language¹⁰³, but what is now called Germany was actually group of independent states¹⁰² such as Bavaria.

† Surviving evidence indicates that Nicholas Deiddle emigrated in 1850, but we do not know when John Adam Dietle immigrated¹⁸⁹. References which establish these two children will be presented later.

** An erroneous list of other children was included at one time in early (1993) genealogical correspondence from Lannie Dietle to a number of individuals, and was also included in a very early draft of this book sent to a few people (including Ben Gallagher & Darius Dietle) for review and comment. That list was not correct, and was the result of misinterpretation of a crowded chart in Lannie's possession. We do not know the names of any other children, are not sure if any other children ever existed. The erroneous list read as follows "Samuel, Daniel, Peter, Barbara, Rebbecca, and Saloma".

A Translation of the Wanderbuch of Johann Adam Dietel

(Translation Courtesy of Peter W. Schmidt, Neuss, Germany)

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- Line 1 not readable
Line 2 a name: Georg (next word not readable, looks like Miss or Mist)
Line 3 not readable
Line 4 a name of a place or of a person: Schlondorff
Line 5 A date 30/8/39; i.e. August 30th 1839

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- Line 1 A seal of the King of Bavaria, as a receipt for 3 Bavarian Kreuzer (the charges for the seal). Next to the seal is a registration number N 79.

- Line 2 Wander book

- Para 1 Issued as per King's order dated March 16th, 1809 against the charge of one Bavarian Gulden for the Wanderbuch and three Bavarian Kreuzer for the seal – containing 32 paginated sheets or 64 pages.

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- Para 2 For the traveling journeyman Johann Adam Dietel, knowledgeable of the profession of a weaver, born at Selbitz on March-18th-1809.

Height: 5' 9"	Hair: brown
Forehead: high	Eyebrows: black
Eyes: grey	Nose: ???
Mouth: ???	Beard: blueish
Chin: round	Face: longish
Face color: brownish/tanned	
Special marks: without	
Signature by himself: Joh. Ad. Dietel	

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The aforementioned journeyman has the permission to wander in the home country (foreign countries) and is ordered to strictly obey the following instructions:

- 1) This Wanderbuch is destined to collect all certificates of work and the behavior of the journeyman.
- 2) (King's order as per March 16, 1808)
It has to be surrendered to each town authority for visa purposes.
- 3) (King's order as per March 16, 1808)
In order to avoid punishment for falsification with the intent to defraud as per Art. 266 of the Bavarian Penal Code of up to eight years of public workhouse, neither in the name, nor in the numbers, nor in the date must not anything be changed.
- 4) (Allerhöchstes Reskript as per March-15th-1821) (*The interpreter had no present day German word for it, he thinks it may be something like a super King's order.*)
All those Bavarian journeymen which according to their Wander Books have their time of journey not spent by work in their profession but have wandered around, will not be permitted to the craft masters rights, until they have fulfilled the missing journey time by further wandering in the major Bavarian cities, and are able to produce from the masters whom they have worked for, certificates legalized by the authorities, stating perfect diligence, and skill.

- 5) (Kings order as per July 2nd, 1812)
Should the journeyman be liable to military service, he has at the time of draft to appear in person at the recruiting authority or he has to produce a representative, otherwise the regulations of the Bavarian Conscription Law against disobeying draftees will take effect and his properties will be confiscated, should the journeyman actually have been called for draft.
- 6) Should he have been granted permission to wander in foreign countries, each permission has to be separately applied for and to be entered in the wander book, the journeyman in addition has to obey: that he
 - a.) informs the authorities at his place of birth of his whereabouts every 6 months,
 - b.) where there are such provisions has to appear in person at the Royal Bavarian Embassies for conscription, and
 - c.) has to return to Bavaria with in a given period of time.
- 7) (King's order as per October 11th, 1807)
Each Bavarian journeyman, who wanders into foreign countries without permission, or extends his wandering into countries not permitted, will be punished in the first case with 6 weeks of jail in the second case with 3 weeks of jail, and will in both cases be placed back in the competition for the craft masters privileges.
- 8) (King's order as per July 2nd, 1812)
Who remains in the foreign country longer than permitted will be punished with 6 weeks of jail and will be placed back in the masters competition.
- 9) (Same order)
Has he with the intent to not fulfill his military duties or to emigrate in total, not reported to the recruiting authorities, he will be punished with the special penalties set forth for such cases.
- 10) (Same order)
If because of a sickness, to be confirmed by a legalized certificate, he has been unable to complete his journey, he can receive an extension of his permission of three months by a Royal Bavarian Embassy, any further extension however has to be applied for at those Royal Bavarian Authorities that have granted the permission to wander in foreign countries, by his relatives or his guardian.
(Same order)
The aforementioned legal rules have been presented to the bearer of this wander book as a warning and for him to obey. Done at Berneck, June-29th-1839, Seal Royal Bavarian District Court GEFREES, Signature

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Bearer is hereby given the permission to wander to North America, as he fulfills all conditions. Bearer has been warned of falsification of this wander book and has been advised of the punishments set forth.

Next to Coburg

Berneck, 29th of July, 1839

Seal Royal Bavarian District Court GEFREES

Royal Bavarian District Court Official Signature

Bearer has so far stayed at home to prepare for his journey to Coburg

Berneck, August-14th, 1839

Seal Royal Bavarian District Court GEFREES

Royal Bavarian District Court Official Signature

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Bearer reports to leave for Hildburghausen

Coburg August-18th-1839

Seal of the Police Authorities of Coburg, Signature

Registration number 7809

Bearer is permitted to proceed to Gotha

Hildburghausen, August-18th-1839

Seal of the dukedom of Hildburghausen

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Reg. Nr. 4595

Bearer is permitted to proceed to Nordheim
Gotha, August-21-1839

Reg. No 924

Bearer is permitted to proceed to Northeim, he has produced the appropriate travel money
Duderstadt, August 1829 (no day given)

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Reg. No. 408

Bearer is permitted to proceed to Hannover
Northeim, August-22nd-1839

Reg. No. 10183

Bearer may exit to Bremen
Hannover, August-26th-1839

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Reg.No.1948

Seen and validated for travel to Baltimore
Bremen, August-30th-1839
Police Authorities Bremen

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Coburg
Mainingen
Hildburghausen
Gotha
Northeim
Hannover
Bremen

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Which Selbitz? Which Berneck?

The Wanderbuch of Johann Adam Dietel shows that he was born in Selbitz and started his trip to America from Berneck, Bavaria. The problem we are faced with is identifying which Selbitz, and which Berneck. There are three towns in Germany named Selbitz, as follows¹⁷⁵:

1. Selbitz bei Bitterfeld, Postal Code 06773, which is northwest of Leipzig near Brehna. Go south from Berlin on autobahn A-9 to highway B-100, then turn east. Go through Brehna, and the next town is Selbitz.
2. Selbitz, Postal Code 95152. Go north from Bayreuth on A-9, then west 4 kilometers on B-173. Selbitz is before Neila. This is the only Selbitz which appears on my 1993 Freytag & Berndt 1:800,000 scale map of Germany.
3. Selbitz, Postal Code 95469. Go east from Bayreuth on B-22 to Speichersdorf, then south 2 kilometers to Selbitz.

There are (1993) also 5 towns in Germany called Berneck, and one called Bernech¹²⁵. Three of these towns are in Bavaria, and two are in Baden-Wurtemberg¹²⁵. Of these towns, the computerized German telephone directory shows that there is (1993) a significant concentration of families by the name of Dietel in the vicinity of Bad Berneck, a Bavarian town near Bayreuth¹²⁵. The individual who performed the telephone directory search (Peter W. Schmidt, Neuss), said there were 48 places with an average of 8

Dietels near Bad Berneck, while another Bavarian Berneck shows only 2 Dietels. Bad Berneck is the only Berneck which appears on my 1993 Freytag & Berndt 1:800,000 scale map of Germany.

If the 1839 journey of Johann Adam Dietel, as described in the Wanderbuch, is plotted backwards on a map, it forms a nearly straight line from Bremen which points directly at Bayreuth and nearby Bad Berneck. This evidence, combined with the present day concentration of Dietels in the Bad Berneck area, tells us that Johann Adam Dietel probably started his journey from Bad Berneck, and was born in one of the two towns named Selbitz which are close by.

Naturalization of John Adam Dietel

The earliest Somerset County record we have found regarding Johann Adam Dietel is his 1845-1848 naturalization documentation. By this time he had anglicized his first name to John. He made his declaration of intention to become a citizen in September, 1845 and was admitted to citizenship on September 5, 1848¹²⁴ under the terms of the Act of 1824⁵. The 1845 declaration of intention (included in Appendix E) reads as follows ¹²⁴:

John Adam Dietel a native of the Kingdom of Bavaria Came into open court at September term 1845 And on his solemn Oath declared that it was bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States And to renounce forever all allegiance And fidelity to every foreign prince potentiate State or sovereignty Whatever and particularly to Ludwick King of the Kingdom of Bavaria of whom he has heretofore been a subject.

The 1848 record of naturalization (included in Appendix E) reads as follows ¹²⁴:

John A Deittle a Native of Germany presented his petition to become a Citizen of the United States at a Court of Common Pleas held at Somerset in and for the said County on the 5 September term 1848. Which petition being read the Court ordered him to be admitted a citizen of the United States After having taken the oaths required by Act of Congress.

Johann Adam Dietel and his wife Mary Ann are buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery^{12b,46}, which is located adjacent to the Greenville Lutheran Church in Greenville Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. A number of generations of their descendants are also buried there under several different surname spelling variations*. Most descendants are more likely to know Johann Adam Dietel as “Adam Diettle” from the name given on his tombstone^{6,57,121}, and his tombstone is the basis for the “Diettle” spelling used in the title of this chapter. We speculate that he probably went by his middle name “Adam” to distinguish himself from his two known sons, who both also had the first name of John. The marriage certificate of Nicholas Dieddle shows his name as “John Nicholas Dieddle”⁸⁹, and we know his brother was named John Adam Dietle. Since Nicholas evidently went by his middle name to avoid confusion with his brother John Adam, it is easy to suppose that the “first” Adam went by his middle name to avoid confusion with his sons John Adam and John Nicholas. Since there is more than one Adam in the 9 generations of Dietle family descendants in America, our family traditionally refers to the original immigrant as the “first” Adam, and this practice will be followed here-in when necessary.

According to the information supplied on his tombstone, Adam died at the age of 62 yrs. 10 mo. 6 days on Jan. 24, 1869¹²¹, which puts his date of birth on or about March 18/24, 1806. This date of birth conflicts with the March 18, 1809 date found in the Wanderbuch. According to information on her tombstone, Mary Ann died at the age of 59 yrs. 11 mo. 9 days^{46,120} on Dec. 9, 1872^{12b,120**} which puts her date of birth in late 1812.

According to family tradition, the “first” Adam immigrated to America with his wife Mary Ann (maiden name unknown) and two sons, Nicholas and our GG-Grandfather John Adam ^{12a}. The facts, however, now seem to show that they may not have all immigrated at the same time. The Wanderbuch indicates that the “first” Adam immigrated to the United States in 1839. A German report card appears to indicate that

* Dana found a list of Greenville Union Church Baptisms 1815-1877²¹⁹ during her first information gathering trip to Somerset and was surprised to find that no Dietle family members were listed.

** The date of death of Mary Ann Diettle is incorrectly given as Jan. 9, 1872 in Ref. 46 & 57.

Nicholas didn't immigrate to the U.S. until 1850. This subject is discussed in more detail in the following chapter.

Mary Ann or Anna Maria?

We know the name of Adam Diettle's wife's name was Mary Ann from her tombstone^{46,57}, which clearly indicates that she was the wife of Adam Diettle^{46,57}. Family tradition also tells us that Mary Ann is both the wife of Adam and the mother of Nicholas and John Adam. We believe the name Mary Ann is an Anglicization of Anna Maria, and we also believe Mary Ann used variations of the name Anna Maria throughout her lifetime. Several Somerset County real estate transactions show this to be true, and show that John A. Dietel and his wife Anna Maria Dietel were the parents of John Adam Dietel. These transactions were as follows:

1. Deed John A Dietel & wif (sic) to John Adam Dietel¹⁶¹

This indenture between Grantor John A. Dietel & wife and Grantee John Adam Dietel, who was named as his son, was entered into on Sept. 20, 1855. It is recorded in Somerset Co. Deed Book 39, page 153 on Sept. 20, 1869. The text is included in Appendix B. This transaction involved the sale of two tracts of land in Greenville Twp.; one containing 100 acres and the other containing 6 acres. In this transaction John A. Dietel's wife's name is given as Ann Mariah Dietle.

2. Grantor Jacob Steinle to Grantee Anna M. Deitle

A real estate transaction occurred between Grantor Jacob Steinle and Grantee Anna M. Deitle on June 23, 1868 in Greenville Twp., Somerset Co. as recorded in Deed Book 40, page 272^{95,212}. The text is included in Appendix B. We know Adam Diettle died on Jan. 24, 1869¹²¹; perhaps he was in poor health at the time of this transaction and was unable to participate.

3. Deed Anna Maria Deitle to John Deitle¹⁶⁶

This indenture between Grantor Anna M. Deitle and Grantee John Deitle was made on July 3, 1869. It was recorded in Somerset Co. Deed Book 42, page 204 on Oct. 15, 1869. The text is included in Appendix B. This transaction involved the sale of 60 acres of land in Greenville Twp.. This evidently relates to the agreement recorded in Somerset Co. Deed Book 50, page 175 and is described below.

4. Agreement Between Ann Mariah Deitle to John Deitle¹⁶²

This agreement between Grantor Ann M. Deitle and Grantee John Deitle was entered into on July 3, 1869, but it was not recorded until April 17, 1874. It is recorded in Somerset Co. Deed Book 50, page 175, and the text is included in Appendix B. The Somerset Co. deed index⁹⁵ gives an 1874 date for this transaction, which is confusing unless the actual deed is referenced, because 1874 is after Mary Ann's death. The name Ann M. Deitle listed in the deed index is also misleading, as the name actually used in the document is Anne Mariah Dietle/Deitle. This transaction clearly identifies John Deitle as the son of Anne Mariah Dietle. This transaction involved the sale of 60 acres of land in Greenville Twp., and provided a life estate for Anna Mariah.

5. Deed Anna Mariah Detel to Nicholas Detel in trust¹⁶⁷

This indenture between Grantor Anna Mariah Detel and Grantee Nicholas Detel was made on March 19, 1870 and was recorded in Somerset Co. Deed Book 44, page 114 on Sept. 16, 1870. The text is included in Appendix B. The Somerset Co. deed index⁹⁵ lists this transaction under the name Anne Maria Ditel, which is the way the document is signed. This transaction involved the sale of 100 acres of land in Greenville Twp. which had previously been conveyed to Anne Maria Ditel on May 28, 1860 from John A. Ditel.

The family of Johann Adam Dietel in the U.S. Census Records

Dana searched for Johann Adam Dietle in the 1840 census records of PA and MD without success. The 1840 census only lists heads of household, and perhaps he was only a boarder at the time.

The 1850 census records of Elk Lick Twp. Somerset Co. (immediately to the west of Greenville Twp.) include Adam Deatle (sic) and his family as follows¹⁰⁹:

Adam Deatle	43	M	Weaver	Germany
Amanda Deatte	37	F		Germany
John A. Deatte	16	M	Wagon Maker	Germany
Nicholas A. Deate	14	M		PA

It is clear from the names and ages of the children that this census record relates to the family of the “first” Adam. It should also be noted that this census record indicates that Adam was still a Weaver by occupation, as he had been in Germany.

We cannot easily explain the name Amanda which is given for the woman who is of an age to be Adam’s wife and mother of his children. It is of course possible that Amanda was an earlier wife of Adam, and she died (or a divorce occurred) and he later married Mary Ann. We sincerely doubt this hypothesis, however. It is known that census enumerators were sometimes careless, and that language was sometimes a barrier in the case of new immigrants. The age given for Amanda in the 1850 census is relatively consistent with the information found on Mary Ann’s tombstone. The ages of the other family members are also fairly consistent with subsequent records. We believe the overall weight of evidence, which follows in the remainder of this chapter, indicates that Mary Ann and Amanda were actually one and the same individual. Our guess is that the census enumerator somehow misunderstood the name Anna Maria to be Amanda. This may have been due to carelessness, impaired hearing, or due to the strong German accent of the family, or for some other, equally logical reason which cannot be ascertained at this late date. Given the variations in the way the surname was written in this enumeration, pure unadulterated carelessness on the part of the enumerator seems to be as logical an explanation as any.

The 1860 census lists a family in Greenville Twp. which we believe is that of the “first” Adam Dietle. We have abstracted it as follows¹⁰⁴:

Name	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate
John A. Tittle	57	Weaver	Bavaria	\$1,500.00	\$405.00
Maria	51		Bavaria		
Nicholas	23	Farm Labor	Bavaria		

Despite the obvious name and age discrepancies, we believe that this census record relates to the family of the “first” Adam. The son John Adam was enumerated as a separate family in 1860, so he was not expected to show up as part of Adam’s family. The age of Nicholas is consistent with the October 22, 1836 birth date he gave in a 1915 pension questionnaire¹⁹, and the occupation of John A. is consistent with the 1850 census and with the Wanderbuch.

As to the discrepancies in the 1860 census record, the names “Tittle” and “Dittle” are similar phonetically, and could have been misinterpreted by the enumerator. “Tittle” could have also been an intentional but temporary surname variation in an attempt at Anglicization. The ages could conceivably have been guesses by Nicholas himself, who was the only one of the family to have his age stated correctly. In this record, the name of Adam’s wife is given as “Maria” rather than “Mary Ann” or Anna Maria.

Microfilmed church records of the Greenville Union Church (not available for all years) show Adam and Maria “Tietle” receiving the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper as members of the Evangelical Lutheran

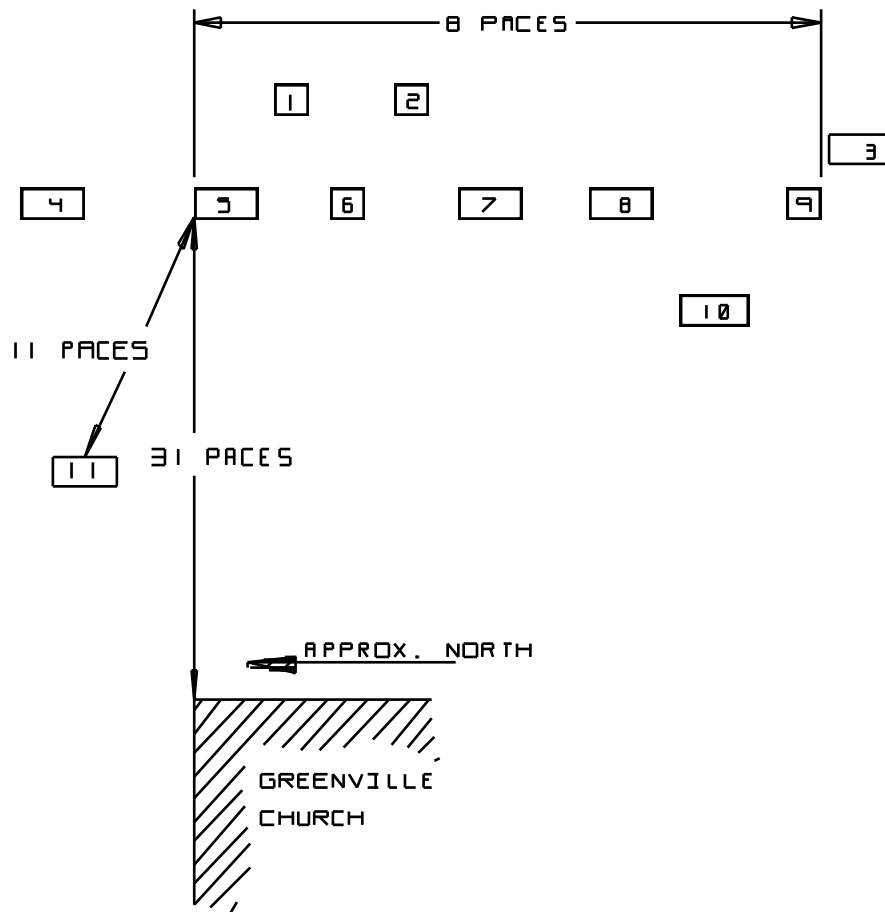
Congregation[†] on May 3, 1854³⁵⁵. The records also show them receiving the sacrament as Adam and Anna Maria “Tietle”, members of the Lutheran Congregation, on May 23, 1858³⁵⁵. The records show Nicholas “Tietel” and (his mother or wife) Mary A “Tietel” receiving the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper in joint services on May 16, 1869 and May 21, 1871³⁵⁵. Mary A “Tietel” also received the sacrament as a member of the Lutheran Branch on Nov. 8, 1868³⁵⁵. She was listed as Annie M Tietel in the list of May 24, 1863 communicants³⁵⁵. The surname was clearly “Tietle” and “Tietel” and not “Dietle” or “Dietel” in the lists, as many Deal recipients in the same listings and identical handwriting show a clear “D” shape as opposed to the “T” shape in Tietle and Tietel. By the time of joint communions on Nov. 26, 1871 and Oct. 27, 1872, the name was spelled “Dietel” in Mary Dietel’s* listing as a member of the Reformed church, and “Tietle” in Nicholas’s listing as a member of the Ev. Lutheran Church. Tietle/Tietel may have been an intentional spelling for a period of time, or the person making the lists may have just spelled it the way he/she heard it.

Adam Diettle died in 1869^{12b,46}, and his wife Mary Ann was living by herself in Greenville Township when the 1870 census was taken⁹³. She was listed under the name Mary Deetle, age 54, born in Germany, \$1600.00 real estate value, \$200.00 personal estate value, unable to read or write, and it is listed that both of her parents were of foreign birth. The age of 54 given in this census does not agree with the information found on her tombstone or in previous census enumerations, but we know of no other Mary Dietle living at this time except Nicholas’s wife, who was enumerated in Nicholas’s household as being age 23.

One other piece of evidence which appears to support our belief that Mary Ann Diettle was the mother of John Adam Dietle and Nicholas Dieddle is the markings on the tombstones of Adam and Mary Ann Diettle. Both tombstones are similar in appearance, with a Bible portrayed in a circle near the top of each monument^{120,121}. Above the Bible on Adam’s tombstone are the words “To our father”¹²¹. Above the Bible on Mary Ann’s tombstone are the words “To our mother”, and below it are the words “Mary Ann, wife of Adam Diettle”¹²⁰. This seems to indicate that Adam and Mary Ann Diettle were not only husband and wife, but also the father and mother of children living in the U.S. who survived them. We also have the written record of our Grandfather Irvin H. Dietle which states that Mary Ann was his Great-Grandmother². We conclude that Amanda in the 1850 census and Mary Ann were evidently one and the same individual.

[†] The Evangelical Lutheran Congregation existed already by 1803. Peter Deal’s home was the site of early services, then until 1848 services were conducted in a “Werner’s” log school-house, which was built in 1810. In 1848 the Reformed and Lutheran congregations built a jointly owned church for \$800.00 on ground donated by Jacob Deal. This church was used by both congregations until 1910, when the Lutherans built their own church, the present Gothic styled brick building adjacent to the Union Cemetery. This structure was built for \$8,900.00 on ground bought from John D. Arnold. (This info from Ref. 437.)

* We don’t know if this Mary was Nicholas’s wife or his mother.



Locating the Tombstone of the Original Immigrant Adam Diettle³¹⁵

The above map is based upon an informal hand sketch made by L. Dietle during a trip to the Greenville Union Cemetery in 1994. We hope this map will assist future generations in finding the graves of Adam Diettle and his wife Mary Ann as the stones become more and more weathered. Monument Key: 1. Henry Rembold, 2. Christena Rembold, 3. Jacob P. Hutzle, 4. Christan (sic) F. wife of Jacob Steinle, 5. Margaret, wife of John Dietle, 6. John A. Dietle, 7. Mary Ann, wife of Adam Diettle, 8. Adam Diettle, 9. appears to be the stone of an infant dau. of N. & Mary Dietle; very hard to read, 10. Catharine D. wife of William Dietle, 11. Henry C. 1895-1896 H.W. & M. Deitle.



Tombstone of the original immigrant Adam Diettle, Greenville Union Cemetery, Greenville Township, Somerset County, Pa. (circa 1993 Photo courtesy of Irvin Dietle, Jr.)



Tombstone of Mary Ann Diettle, wife of Adam Diettle, Greenville Union Cemetery, Greenville Township, Somerset County, Pa. (circa 1993 Photo courtesy of Irvin Dietle, Jr.)

Where Were the Children Born?

We believe that the two known sons of Johann Adam Dietel and his wife Mary Ann were born in Europe, and most likely in Bavaria. The available records are far from harmonious on this matter, however, and for this reason bear mentioning. The census records, which form the bulk of available records, are particularly confusing, and are summarized in the table below.

Place of Birth Recorded in Census					
	1850 Census	1860 Census	1870 Census	1880 Census	1910 Census
John Adam	Germany	Hesse Kassel	Bavaria	Bavaria	
Nicholas	PA	Bavaria	Bavaria		PA

It is interesting to note that the 1850 census indicates that the son John, age 16, was born in Germany, and the son Nicholas was born in PA, which theoretically points to a circa 1834-1836 immigration for some of the family members. We do not put any faith in this estimation of the date of immigration, however, because several other subsequent records, including a pension document which Nicholas himself signed¹⁹, indicate Nicholas was born in Europe, not PA.

The Pennsylvania birthplace of Nicholas listed in the 1910 census is obviously open to question because the same document also indicated he was an immigrant to the United States. Such conflicting information is obviously mutually exclusive, and reflects poorly on the competence of the census taker. In the 1910 census record of Nicholas's son John Henry, it is recorded that John's father was born in Germany¹³⁴. Herman's 1900 census states that his father was born in Germany, his 1920 census record indicates PA⁵¹, and his 1920 census record indicates Germany⁵⁴.

In a Bureau of Pensions questionnaire which Nicholas filled out and signed in April of 1915, he listed his place of birth as Germany. Chapter 2 includes a description of a German report card that appears to indicate Nicholas was attending school in Bavaria as late as May of 1850.

Greenville Township Background Information

What is now Somerset Co. was originally a part of Cumberland Co. until 1771, when it became a part of Bedford County⁶³. It became a separate county by an act passed on April 17, 1795⁶³. The county is geographically divided into two parts by the Allegheny mountain⁶³, physically isolating the townships of Allegheny, Fair Hope, Greenville, Larimer, Northampton, and Southampton from the larger part of the County⁶³. Prior to annexation in 1800, the Allegheny mountain actually formed the eastern boundary of Somerset County, and the land to the east of it remained a part of Bedford County⁶³.

Greenville Township, where our Dietle/Deitle family first put down roots, was created in 1812⁶³. Much of the township was originally covered by a thick pine forest⁶³. Pocahontas is the only village in the Township⁶³. The first house there was built by Charles Miller circa 1844⁶³. A match factory was operating in Pocahontas circa 1850, and a store was opened in 1851⁶³. The sparse population of the township is dictated by it's mountainous terrain, and even today in 1996 the area where the Dietle/Deitle family first settled is still remote and isolated.

Chapter 2

Nicholas Dieddle & Mary (Rembold) Dieddle, Ancestors of the Deitle Family Branch

A great deal of information is known about Nicholas Dieddle, son of Adam and Mary Ann Diettle, because of his extensive Civil War pension records. Nicholas was born on October 22, 1836¹⁹ in Bavaria^{4,104} and died on November 23, 1918¹⁹. His extensive obituary (included in Appendix E) stated in part²⁶³:

“Mr. Dietle lived on the farm where he died for 53 years continuously from the date of his marriage. He was an honest, upright man, kind and hospitable and devoted to his friends and family. He was intensely patriotic and proud of his G.A.R. uniform, which he usually wore when he came to town. When the United States went to war with Germany he said that old and feeble as he was, he would go and fight again for Uncle Sam if they would let him.”

According to his Civil War service records, he had a post-office address of Meyersdale from at least February 11, 1862 (his enlistment date) through August 2, 1918 (his last signed pension document) and he resided in Greenville Township from at least June 14, 1879 (the date of his declaration for original invalid pension) through August 2, 1918 (his last signed pension document)¹⁹. The 1850 census shows him living with his parents in Elk Lick Township and the 1860 census shows him living with his parents in Greenville Township. By the 1870 census he was enumerated as the head of a family in Greenville Township. He was described in 1879 at age 43 as a being five feet, one inch tall farmer, with a light complexion, light hair, and light eyes¹⁹, and a similar physical description was given on an 1864 re-enlistment document¹⁵³.



Nicholas Dieddle, son of Johann Adam Dietel

We have come into possession of a photocopy of a “Mai” (May) 26, 1850 school report card which is written in German and bears the stamps and signatures of two inspectors¹¹⁵. This certificate has been handed down to a descendant of the Nicholas Dieddle family who wishes to remain anonymous. We have not had it completely translated, but a reproduction and a partial translation is included in Appendix D. The subject of the certificate is Erdmann Dietel von Bernech, who was “geboren am” (born on) October 22, 1836. Some of the cursive writing on the certificate appears to indicate that Erdmann was planing to

emigrate to America later in 1850. Since Nicholas Dieddle was born on October 22, 1836, and since the certificate was handed down to his descendants, it seems reasonable to assume that he and Erdmann Dietel von Bernech were one and the same individual, although we can not prove that John Nicholas Dieddle did not have a twin brother named Erdmann. It was not unusual for German immigrants to attempt to anglicize their names, and Erdmann (or his parents) very likely changed his name to John Nicholas.

Mrs. Margaret (Deitle) Beutel, a grand-daughter of Nicholas, wrote in a 1947 letter that “My Grandfather Nicholas Deiddle Came from Germany when only 14 years of age”, and also states that “Grandfather passed away in Nov. 1918 at the age of 82”¹⁸⁷. These figures indicate an 1836 birth and an 1850 immigration, and seem to further support our belief that Erdmann Dietel von Berneck and John Nicholas Deitle were one and the same individual. The source used by Mrs. Margaret (Deitle) Beutel for the age 14 immigration is not known. It is possible that she was referencing the same 1850 report card which we have cited. It is also possible that she got the story of the age 14 immigration from stories passed on by her Grandfather Nicholas or her parents. She herself was born Dec. 27, 1903, so she probably would have known Nicholas Deitle and his wife Mary personally.



Mary, wife of Nicholas Dieddle (right photo taken in 1891)

Vivian Timblin, a great-grand-daughter of Nicholas who was very close to Nicholas’s widow, tells us she had heard that Nicholas’s father came to America by himself first, and other family members, including Nicholas, came over later¹⁸⁰.

I* have been told by an immigrant from Germany that the German word “von” means “of”, and that the word following von is considered to be part of the surname. One Genealogical Handbook says that when German people moved to a new locale, they sometimes attached the name of their former locality to their

* Dana lives much closer to our ancestral home of Somerset County than I (Lannie Dietle) do, and closer to relatives and other important genealogical resources; I have the computer and typing ability, and thus our individual contributions have evolved. As the principle narrator, I have taken the liberty of assuming the first person style of writing in order to simplify the task of presenting personal observations and recollections. In other words, when referring to my recollections, terms like “my” and “I recall” have been used, and when presenting the recollections of Dana and others, terms like “Dana recalls” and “her” have been used. I hope that this practice does not in any way diminish the contributions which Dana has made; this style of writing is merely an expedient to simplify the problems encountered with the execution of a jointly authored genealogy. Exceptions to this practice occur in certain obvious cases where individuals are quoted, and where material is credited to a particular individual.

surname to distinguish themselves from people in the new locale having the same surname¹⁴¹. Apparently Erdmann was actually living in or near a town called Bernech or Berneck at the time of the “Dietle von Bernech” usage (1850), because one of the Inspectors stamps on Erdmann’s report card includes the word “Berneck”.

If Erdmann Dietel von Bernech and Nicholas Dietle were indeed one and the same individual, it appears that Nicholas emigrated to the United States after May 26, 1850, but before the 1850 census record, which was enumerated on October 25, 1850. Since the report card apparently refers to emigration to America, and since Erdmann and Nicholas were born on the same date, and since the report card was handed down in the Nicholas Dieddle family, and since we know of no burial in Somerset Co. under the name Erdmann Dietel, we conclude that Erdmann and Nicholas were indeed one and the same individual.

Nicholas was married to Mary Rembold¹⁹ at Woodside(s) Mill by the Rev. Benjamin Knepper^{† 19,89}, long-time Pastor of the Reformed Church at Wellersburg, Pennsylvania, on August 27, 1865^{19,89,263}. Mary, his only wife¹⁹, was born in Greenville Twp.^{75,76} on October 9, 1846^{76,91,113a}, and was 12 years younger than he was. We have seen a photocopy of the marriage certificate of Nicholas and Mary, and on it Nicholas’s full name is given as John Nicholas Dieddle⁸⁹. His name is given as John N. Deitle in the **Rembold Family Record**^{113a}. If this is correct, and we have no reason to believe it isn’t, it appears that both of the sons of the “first” Adam had or assumed the first name of John. It is interesting to note that the certificate form used for Nicholas and Mary’s marriage certificate was itself printed in 1872, seven years after they were actually married⁸⁹. An article in the **Laurel Messenger** indicated that it is not unusual for the date of the form to be later than the event because people bought the forms and filled them in when they became available¹⁹³. It is also a distinct possibility that they might have gone back to Rev. Knepper long after the ceremony get a certificate in order to have a formal document when making application for Nicholas’s Civil War pension.

Mary was one of ten children^{113a} of John Henry Rembold^{113a,220} and his wife Christena* Catherine (Chrisinger) Rembold^{113a}. John Rembold was born in Germany on March 12, 1814^{57,91,113a} and died Jan. 3, 1877^{57,91,113a,286} in Pocahontas^{91,113a}. Christena was born on Jan. 2, 1816^{57,113a,286} and died June 16^{57,286} or 18^{113a} 1893^{57,113a,286}. They were married on April 4, 1839^{113a} and one source says they came to America *around* 1845^{113a}. Iscrup⁵ shows a John Henry Rembold from Wirtemberg, Germany becoming a naturalized American citizen in Sept. 1844; we imagine that this was probably Mary’s father, which points to an actual immigration date several years prior to 1844.

It is believed that John had once been a gardener for royalty^{113a,220} in Germany^{113a}. John purchased and farmed 136 acres in Greenville Twp. near Pocahontas^{113a}. The eight room house which they built there was still inhabited circa 1962^{113a}, and for all we know may still be lived in. Both were members of the Greenville Lutheran Church, and both are buried there^{57,113a,286} side by side^{113a,315}. His gravestone is marked “Henry Rembold” and hers is marked “Christena Rembold”; the graves are located immediately behind the stones of John Adam Dietle and his wife Mary, and Adam Diettle and his wife Mary Ann³¹⁵. Microfilmed church records of the Greenville Union Church (not available for all years) show Henry and Christina Rembold receiving the Lord’s Supper as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation on May 3, 1854.

[†] The Rev. Benjamin Knepper was locally well known in his day, and appears in many accounts of Somerset County families. The **History of Bedford and Somerset Counties Pennsylvania** reports the following on his life⁶³: “There have been some long pastorships in Somerset county, but that of Benjamin Knepper would stand out as a remarkable one in the history of any denomination. Entering the ministry in 1846, he became pastor of the charge of which Wellersburg was the natural center. Although his career as a minister continued for forty-nine years, he never had but this one charge, serving it until he had almost become a nonogenerian. During this long pastorship he baptized 2,329 persons, confirmed 945, married 466 couples, and officiated at 768 funerals. Rev. Knepper was born in 1816 and died in 1906.”

* The name of Mary Rembold’s mother is given as Christina in one of Mary’s obituaries⁷⁶, and as Christiana in **‘Mongst the Hills of Somerset**²²⁰.

Nicholas joined the church by a letter of May 21, 1871, and remained a member until his death²⁶³. Mary Rembold joined the Greenville Reformed Church when she was 16 years old⁷⁶. She remained an active and faithful member of the Greenville congregation until she moved to Akron, Ohio circa 1922⁷⁶, 17 years prior to her death³⁴⁵. She became a member of the East Market Street Reformed Church after moving to Akron^{76,345} and remained with that congregation until the time of her death.

For several years prior to her death at age 92, Mary suffered from physical disability and was unable to attend church⁷⁶, but otherwise her health was good considering her advanced age⁷⁵. In fact, she had hoped to go visit her son Herman in Meyersdale⁷⁵. Her disability occurred from an accident at the home of Jack Bealer and his wife Minerva Ellen (Shoemaker) Bealer, where she was residing¹⁸⁰. Mary was trying to get a trunk off of a shelf, and it fell on her¹⁸⁰. From then on she had a crippled hip¹⁸⁰.

She died on June 1, 1939⁷⁶ at the age of 92 years^{76,345} from a stroke¹⁸⁰ at the home of John Bealer at 28 South Martha Avenue after an illness of 10 days³⁴⁵. When she passed away her obituaries indicated that she had 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren^{76,345}. Two obituaries gave her last name as Deitle^{76,345}. Her brother Joseph Rembold of Horseshoe Run, West Virginia was her only surviving sibling at the time of her death^{76,345}. Her body was taken by train from Oh to PA¹⁸⁰. Funeral services were held both in Akron and at the Greenville Church, with the Rev. S. D. Sigler officiating on June 4 at the Greenville Church where she is buried⁷⁶. At the Akron Services, her pastor made the following remarks:

“There are but very few who have learned to live and enjoy life as well as she did. It is also very unusual for such an old person to win the love and friendship of neighbors and young people as did this friend and loved one. As a young woman she was always ready to go to the help of her neighbors or loved ones in times of need or sickness, and always found a joy in being of service to her fellow men, which is one of the great secrets of life, and one that brings a great joy in old age. Her fine wholesome spirit was very evident in the time of her last sickness and at other times when she was not well; she was always so appreciative of all that was done for her and tried very hard not to cause any extra work or bother to others.”⁷⁶

Nicholas and Mary had the following children:

John Henry Dieddle, born July 7, 1867¹⁹,
Herman William Dieddle, born May 26, 1870^{19,72}, died Dec. 25, 1946^{72,91,189},
un-named infant daughter, died July 7, 1872⁵⁷,
Fredrick¹⁹ “Fred”³⁴⁵ Dieddle¹⁹, born December 7, 1874¹⁹,
Mary Ann “Annie” Dieddle, born August 5, 1877^{19,113a}, d. Nov. 7, 1920^{113a}, and
Jeremiah Dieddle, born August 20, 1881^{19,113a}.

His family appears in the 1870 census, abstracted as follows⁴:

Nicholas Dittle	31 yr.	Male	white	farmer	born in Bavaria
Real Estate	\$1000	Personal Estate	\$500		
Mary Dittle	23 yr.	Female	white	housewife	born in PA
John H. Dittle	3 yr.	Male	white		born in PA
Herman Dittle	2/12 yr.	Male	white		born in PA

The 1870³⁵⁰ census of Greenville Twp. included a schedule for agricultural production which provides insight into Nicholas's farming activities. In this schedule his name is spelled "Dittle". The census shows that his farm was valued at \$1000, and consisted of 40 acres improved and 60 acres in woodland. He had 1 horse, 4 milk cows, 2 other cattle, 7 sheep, and 3 swine, with the value of all livestock estimated at \$500. In the preceding year he harvested 50 lbs of wool, 25 bushels of Irish potatoes, 200 lb of butter, 5 tons of hay, and \$10 of orchard products. The value of home manufactured goods in the preceding year was \$12, the value of animals slaughtered or sold for slaughter was \$75, and the estimated value of all farm production was \$237.

The 1880³³⁴ census of Greenville Twp. also included a schedule for agricultural production which indicates that Nicholas "Deitle" had a farm valued at \$2,000, with \$130 of farm implements and \$212 of livestock. The estimated value of all farm products for 1879 was \$80. The farm consisted of 40 acres of tilled land, 60 acres of woodlands, and 50 acres in the category of meadows, pastures, orchards and vineyards. He produced 6 tons of Hay in 1879. He had 3 swine, 25 chickens, 1 horse, 4 milk cows, and 4 other cattle, and had slaughtered 1 cow in the previous year. He produced 200 lbs of butter in 1879. He had 6 sheep on hand, and had slaughtered 2 in 1879 and produced 16 lbs of fleece.

Most of the 1890 census burned, but Nicholas appears in the Greenville Twp enumeration of a special 1890 census schedule of "Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, And Marines, and Widows, Etc."²¹⁷. In this census, his surname is spelled "Dietle"²¹⁷. This enumeration documents his service in Co. K, 2nd MD Infantry²¹⁷.

Nicholas, Mary, and a grand-daughter Minerva Shoemaker also appear in the 1910 census as living on a farm in Greenville Twp. which he owned free and clear⁵¹. This census lists Nicholas's surname as "Dietle". The 1910 census lists the year of immigration to the United States as 1856[§] for both Nicholas and Mary⁵¹, which is inconsistent with other information which we have found, such as the fact that Nicholas is enumerated in the 1850 U.S. census. This isn't the only contradiction in the 1910 census, however, as it also indicates that Nicholas and Mary were both born in PA⁵¹! Immigration to PA and having being born in PA are mutually exclusive, so one (or both) pieces of census information are incorrect.

Nicholas Dieddle died on Nov. 23, 1918¹⁹ and is buried in the Greenville Union Cemetery³¹⁵, and his tombstone bears the following inscription³¹⁵:

Dieddle	
Mary	Nicholas
1846-1939	1836-1918*
Co. K 2 TH P.H.B. MD.	

Dana and I saw and recorded the above inscription in July, 1994. This appears to be a relatively new tombstone, as it was in like-new condition in 1994, and had deep, sandblasted letters. It very well may not be the original stone. Reference 46 states that the tombstone carries the initials G.A.R., which stands for the Grand Army of the Republic, but the tombstone we saw lacks this inscription. Reference 57 states that his

[§] The 1856 date of immigration found in the 1910 census is clearly 1856 and not 1850.

* The death date on Nicholas's tombstone is incorrectly stated to be 1916 in references 46 and 57; the present stone may be a replacement. The death date of 1918 on the present tombstone agrees with his military pension records¹⁹.

surname is inscribed “Dietle”, which also varies from the current stone. Reference 57 also states that the stone reads “Co. K. 2nd P.H.B. Md.”[†], but it actually now reads “2th” instead of “2nd”. It is possible that the cemetery audits of References 46 and 57 were performed before the stone was replaced. It is also possible that the differences between the audits and the current stones are merely the result of typographical errors.



Tombstone of Nicholas and Mary Dieddle, 1994

We have seen a copy of receipts for payments for a monument that was purchased by Nicholas’s wife Mary in 1920 from the Meyersdale Marble and Granite Yard. Given that the monument was purchased 15 months after Nicholas’s death, it is very likely the stone that was purchased to mark Nicholas’s grave. On each of 3 separate receipts, the name is spelled “Diddle”, which suggests that Mary may have been spelling the surname with 3 d’s at that time.

A number of different spellings are encountered in his military pension records, including Diddle, Dieddle, Diedle, Diettel, Dietle, and Deitle¹⁹. Most of these spelling variations, however, are apparently misspellings by others in the course of swearing out affidavits for his pension. Nicholas himself consistently signed his name as “Dieddle” throughout his pension file; this may indicate his preferred spelling, or he might have merely signed it that way to be consistent with the way the U.S. Pension office had him on file. In his veteran volunteer re-enlistment document in 1864, however, he signed his name as “Nicolas Diettel”¹⁵³. It is interesting to note that on an August 2, 1918 pension declaration, he signed as “Dieddle”, while an Attestor to the document, probably his grand-daughter[§], signed as “Mary Ann Deitle”. The Mary who attested to the August document was evidently not his wife, because his wife signed with an X mark on a Declaration for Widow’s Pension approximately 4 months later on November 30, 1918*. In Mary’s

[†] Some descendants have incorrectly interpreted the “Md” on Nicholas’s tombstone to mean that he was a Medical Doctor, but it was actually an abbreviation for the state of Maryland, where his Civil War Regiment, the Second Potomac Home Brigade, was from.

[§] The attestor was probably his son Herman’s daughter Mary Ann, as Nicholas’s daughter Mary Ann was already married to Charles Martz in 1918.

* Vivian Timblin, a great grand-daughter of Mary (Rembold) Deitle, who knew her very well, tells us that Mary knew how to read and write, but later in life lost the ability to write for some reason (such as

obituaries in 1939 the last name was also spelled “Deitle”.⁷⁵ In Nicholas’s obituary in the Meyersdale Republican, the last name was spelled “Dietle”²⁶³. The above mentioned November 23, 1918 date of death for Nicholas is taken from the Declaration for Widow’s Pension; his death date is mis-quoted as November 30, 1918 on the Department of the Interior “Pensioned Dropped” form 3-1081, and is mis-quoted as 1916 in two books of Somerset County tombstone inscriptions. As Nicholas’s widow, Mary received a widows pension of \$50.00 per month commencing on February 17, 1931³⁴². On the pension certificate, her name is spelled “Dieddle”³⁴².

According to a form filled out on December 4, 1899 by the U.S. Pension Office to document his service and medical history, Nicholas Diettel, age 22, enrolled with Company K, Second Regiment Potomac Home Brigade, Maryland Infantry on February 11, 1862, transferred to Company C in September or October of 1864, re-enlisted as a Veteran Volunteer on February 12, 1864, and was mustered out on May 29, 1865, and held the rank of private throughout his military service¹⁹. The same pension document states that he was also found listed in the regimental records as Nicholas Diddle, but not as Nicholas Dieddle. According to the “History and Roster of Maryland Volunteers, War of 1861-5”⁶ Nicholas “Diddle” was enlisted or mustered in on February 11, 1862 and mustered out or discharged on May 29, 1865. Based on enlistment and discharge dates, it is obvious that Diddle and Diettel are one and the same individual.

In addition to veteran’s pension records, the National Archives also maintains separate veteran’s military service records. Nicholas’s military service records are filed under the name “Nicholas Diddle”, and are generally in agreement with the information in his pension records¹⁵³. His service records indicate he was enrolled into the service on Feb. 11, 1862, joined for duty and enrolled with Company K at Cumberland on March 26, 1863 for a period of three years, was mustered out on February 11, 1864, being discharged by virtue of re-enlistment as a Veteran Volunteer under the provisions of General Order No. 191 series of 1863 from the War Department¹⁵³. He re-volunteered for a period of three years on Feb. 12, 1864, and was mustered into Co. K on March 7, 1864 at New Creek, West Virginia, and was officially mustered out on May 29, 1865, although he was only paid through Feb. 28, 1865¹⁵³. He was paid a bounty of \$400.00 for his re-enlistment as a Veteran Volunteer¹⁵³. This bounty was paid in several installments¹⁵³. By the time of his May 29, 1865 muster-out, \$210.00 had been paid, and \$190.00 was still owed to him¹⁵³.

Our GGG-Grandfather Christian Peppinbrink (sic) on our mother’s side of the family also served in the Second Regiment Potomac Home Brigade, Maryland Infantry, first as a member of Company K and later transferring to Company C^{6,36}. Nicholas and Christian might even have known each other, judging from the fact that the same Daniel Shoemaker swore out pension affidavits for both of them, and judging from the fact that they both served on iron-clad railroad cars^{19,47}. Christian Peppenbrink was severely injured when a cannon ball or explosive shell hit his iron-clad car at the battle of Greensprings Depot, WV on or about Aug. 2, 1864⁴⁷.

According to the “History and Roster of Maryland Volunteers, War of 1861-5”⁶, The Second Regiment, Potomac Home Brigade Infantry, Maryland Volunteers was organized in Cumberland, MD via the efforts of the Honorable Congressman Francis Thomas. The history of the Regiment is given there-in as follows ⁶:

“The Second Regiment of Infantry, Potomac Home Brigade, was organized at Cumberland, Maryland from August 27, 1861 to October 31, 1861, to serve 3 years.

On the expiration of its term of service, the original members (except veterans) were mustered out and the veterans and recruits consolidated into a battalion of three companies, viz., companies A, B and C. A new company was organized on March, 1865, to serve one year, and assigned to this battalion as Company D.

The organization was mustered out of service May 29, 1865, in accordance with orders from the War Department.

Companies A, B, C, E, G, H, I and K were recruited in Allegany County, Company F at Hancock, Washington County, and Company D at Piedmont, Virginia, on the border land.

infirmary) and started signing with an X ¹⁸⁰. As evidence of Mary’s ability to read, Vivian told me that Mary “knew the Bible like the back of her hand”¹⁸⁰.

Immediately after the completion of the organization the regiment was assigned to duty in Western Virginia, in that part of the Army of West Virginia under General B. F. Kelly, and for a brief time, under General F. W. Lander's command.

During the raid of General (Stonewall) Jackson's Confederate Army through Berkeley Springs to Hancock, Md., in January, 1862, and the subsequent movement of this Confederate Army to Romney, West Virginia, the 2d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry took a very active part, and had several severe skirmishes with the enemy. On September 17, 1862, the 2d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry had a skirmish with the enemy near Romney, West Virginia.....

The 2d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry rendered efficient service in Western Virginia, in the autumn and winter of 1863.

The 2d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry formed a part of the Army of General David Hunter, who advanced down the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia as far as Lynchburg, Va., on the James river, in June, 1864, after the arrival of reinforcements of Early's Confederate Army at Lynchburg and the retreat of the Army of Western Virginia. The 2d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry marched with that army, and when Early's Army was in turn driven back from Maryland to Virginia, the 2d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry formed a part of the Union Army in pursuit, and participated in the fight at Snicker's Gap, Va., July 18, 1864.

From thence the 2d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry marched to Western Virginia again, where the original men on re-enlisted as veterans were mustered out of service on the expiration of their terms of enlistment, in the autumn of 1864, and the battalion, composed of veterans and recruits, continued in the military service in the Department of Western Virginia until the close of the war, and were mustered out of service May 29, 1865.

The 2d Regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry, with its Cavalry Company F, participated, either by detachments or as an organization, in the following engagements, viz.: Springfield, Va., August 23, 1861; Blue House, Va., August 26, 1861; South Branch Bridge, Md., October 23, 1861; Springfield, Va. October 26, 1861; South Branch Wire Bridge, October 26, 1861; Great Cacapon Bridge, Va., January 4, 1862; Vance's Ford, near Romney, Va., September 17, 1862; Charlestown, Va., May 15, 1863; Summit Point, Va., October 7, 1863; Charlestown, Va., October 18, 1863; Burlington, Va., November 16, 1863; Ridgeville, Va. January 4, 1864; Moorefield Junction, Va., January 8, 1864; Medley, Va., January 30, 1864; Lynchburg, Va., June 18, 1864; Salem, Va., June 21, 1864; South Branch Bridge, Va., July 4, 1864; Sir John's Run, Va., July 6, 1864; Snicker's Gap, Va. July 18, 1864; Martinsburg, Va., 1864; Back Creek Bridge, Va., 1864; Hancock, Md. 1864; Green Spring Run, Va., 1864.

The following death casualties were incurred by the 2d regiment Potomac Home Brigade Infantry, Maryland Volunteers, during the Civil War, Viz.: Killed in battle, one (1) commissioned officer and nine (9) enlisted men-total, ten (10); died of disease, wounds, etc., eighty-four (84) enlisted men; or an aggregate death list of ninety-four (94)."

The following is quoted from a 1906 history of Bedford and Somerset County in regards to the Second Regiment, Maryland Potomac Home Brigade⁶³:

"While, as a matter of course, this was a Maryland organization, nevertheless Company K bore upon its muster rolls the names of a considerable number of Somerset county men. These were mostly from about Wellersburg and the adjacent township of Southampton, the Captain, Peter B. Petrie, according to the best information attainable to the writer, having been a resident of Wellersburg at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war."

"The regiment was mostly employed in guarding the Baltimore & Ohio railroad from New Creek (now Keyser, West Virginia) to points east of Cumberland, Maryland. At times the entire regiment was at Cumberland, but most of the time the companies were detached along the line of the railroad. The regiment, however, also saw some service of a more active nature in 1864, and took part in several engagements in the Shenandoah Valley. At Cumberland, a couple of gondola cars had been in some way roofed over or covered with iron rails, the sides were pierced by port-holes, and they carried small brass guns, probably three or four-pounders. These armored cars, or iron-clads, as they may be called, were run back and forth over the road to such points as were threatened by the Rebels, who were quite persistent in their efforts to burn the bridges and otherwise interrupt the free use of the railroad, the keeping open of which was a matter of vital

importance. In one of the frequent encounters that took place east of Cumberland, the enemy also had one or two light pieces of artillery, a well directed shell from which, entering a port-hole of one of these iron-clad cars, exploded and put it out of business. These iron-clad cars were manned and operated by Capt. Petrie's Company K through almost the entire war. Aside from this particular service, we have very little information about the company.

For such names of its members as are here given the present writer is indebted to Samuel M. Petrie, a son of the captain, and John H. Lepley, Esq.* , of Southampton township."

Nicholas Dieddle paid a heavy personal price in terms of human suffering for serving his country during the Civil War. He received injuries in the wreck of an Iron Clad railroad car on the B&O Rail Road near Paw Paw Virginia in October 1864, and he also suffered lingering, debilitating effects from Typhoid Fever¹⁹. According to his declaration for original invalid pension on June 14, 1879, Nicholas became ill with rheumatic pains while in the line of duty at New Creeke, Virginia on or about July 7, 1864, and was treated for about seven weeks in a hospital at Cumberland, Maryland¹⁹. After discharge from the hospital, he had spells when he could hardly get about, according to a number of Affidavits by his mess-mates¹⁹. These afflictions troubled him his entire life, and left him 1/2 to 3/4ths disabled in his ability to perform manual labor¹⁹. Several of the more illustrative pension Affidavits which were filed on his behalf are as follows:

From the Affidavit by W. H. Meyers, M.D. of Meyersdale, Somerset Co. PA¹⁹:

"I was and am still well acquainted with said claimant Nicholas Dietel (sic) of Co. K 2nd P.H.B. Md. Vol. prior to and at the time of his enlistment in February A.D. 1862 that up to the said date of enlistment the claimant was well sound and free from any injury or Rheumatism of his side and left shoulder. I also saw the said claimant soon after his discharge, about the 1st of June 1865 the said claimant then complained to me the (sic) he was suffering with Rheumatism in his arms & legs and shoulders which he said he had since he recovered from Typhoid fever he had in the Army in 1861 & also found an injury he rec'd of the shoulder by a collision while in charge of an Iron Clad Car on the B&O R.R. the injury was perceptible at the time of discharge he was then 1/2 disabled from manual labor in 1865 & the degree of his disability has increased since 1865 and since 1870 has been 3/4 disabled from manual labor during each and every year. This I know for I treated him at the time & since every year."

From an Affidavit by Daniel Shoemaker of Sand Patch, Somerset Co. PA at age 50¹⁹:

"The claimant and myself were privates in Co. K. 2d Md. P.H.B. Vols. after the claimant Nicholas Dieddle returned from the Hospital at Cumberland Md. and joined the Regiment at New Creek W Va he was reduced Physically to a considerable extent and suffered and complained of Rheumatism. He got lineaments from the Regimental Doctor and used it in our tent. and we, being his mess mates often rubbed the lineament on his shoulders and arms, he complained a great deal of pain in his shoulders & arms. He continued to use lineaments from the time he returned from the Hospital until he was discharged from the army. He would take Rheumatism by spells. Sometimes did not get (unintelligible) for weeks & sometimes not for a month so severe and when he did take them spells he was so bad, that he could hardly get about. We never knew that the claimant had rheumatism until after his return from the Hospital at Cumberland, Md. in June or July 1863..... I was his mess mate and attended upon him personally"

From an Affidavit by Daniel Shoemaker of Wittinburg, Somerset Co. PA at age 59 ¹⁹:

"I was in command or detailed with a lot of soldiers out of co. K 2nd Md P.H. Brigade to do duty on an Iron Clad RR car on the B&O Rail Road near Paw Paw Va-and about the 18 or 19th Oct. 1864, at which time there was a collision The said Nicholas Dieddle was on duty at said collision a wreck - and was inside of the car and was thrown against the side of the car on his left shoulder and injuring him very much- from which he suffered very much and often

* The Obituary of Squire John H. Lepley is included on page 272 of **The Reiber Genealogy and Related Families** (Decorah, Iowa: The Anundsen Publishing Co., 1991).

complained of severe pain in his injured shoulder and arms. that he could not raise them up.-I know this fact - because I was present with him”¹⁹

From an Affidavit by David Baker of Fair Hope Township, Somerset Co. PA¹⁹:

“He was member of Co. K P.H.B. Md. Inft. that he knew the claimant during the war. He knows that claimant was sick in 1863 with what was called Typhoid Fever.....” This affidavit (and others) go on to describe other debilitating service related medical problems, too personal to recount here-in, that began with the Typhoid Fever and train wreck, and lasted for the remainder of Nicholas Dieddle’s life.



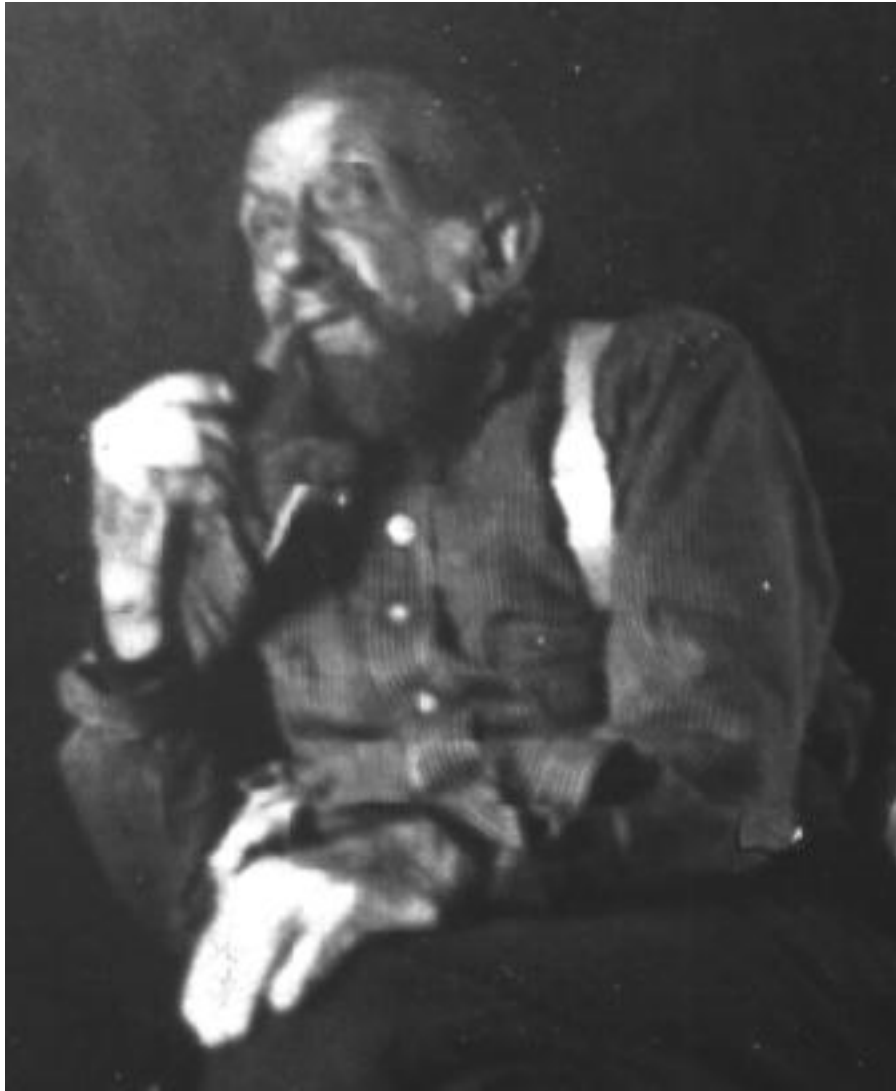
Nicholas Dieddle, son of Johann Adam Dietel



Mary (Rembold) Dietle, wife of Nicholas



Nicholas Dieddle, son of Johann Adam Dietel



Nicholas Dieddle, son of Johann Adam Dietel



Mary (Rembold) Dietle, wife of Nicholas, 1891.



Mrs. Jack Bealer and Mrs. Nicholas Dieddle



Back Row: Jerry, Annie and Fred Deitle.
Front Row: John Deitle and Mary Rembold Deitle

Chapter 3

Descendants of Nicholas Dieddle & Mary (Rembold) Dieddle

John Henry Dietle

The 1900 census of Elk Lick Township, Somerset County³¹ lists a John Dietle, laborer, as living in the home of Sarah(?) Miller as one of several boarders. His age is listed as 27, and his birth date is listed as May 1873. We believe that this John Dietle is the son of Nicholas Dieddle, simply because we do not know of any other John Dietle who would have been anywhere near the age indicated by the census, and there were very few Somerset Co. Dietle families at the time that he could possibly belong to. The census lists John Dietle's father as being born in Germany, and lists his mother as being born in PA, which is consistent with the weight of evidence we have seen regarding the place of birth of Nicholas and Mary Dieddle^{19,27}.



John Henry Dietle, son of Nicholas

A rather large discrepancy exists between the birth date of May, 1873 given for John Dietle in the 1900 census, and the July 7, 1867 birth date given in pension questionnaires¹⁹ filled out by Nicholas. The 1900 census lists John Dietle as being fully employed, so it is entirely possible that he was not even present when the census information was gathered, and the birth date given in the census could possibly be an educated guess by the enumerator or one of the other boarders. The 1870 census record⁴ of the Nicholas Dietle family shows a son John, age 3, which supports the 1867 birth date given in the aforementioned pension questionnaires. According to Julia (Knecht) Prokop, Nicholas's son John H. Dietle married Elizabeth Miller and had a son named Crawford⁹¹.

John's family is enumerated in the 1910 census of Summit Township, Somerset Co., which is abstracted as follows¹³⁴:

Name	Age	Occupation
John Deetle	43	Farm Labor
Lizzie	34	
Crawford	7	

The age given for John in the 1910 census corresponds to the 1867 birth recorded by his father Nicholas. The 1910 census indicates that John owned his own house free and clear, and had been out of work for a period of 8 weeks in 1909¹³⁴. His parents were listed as born in Germany, and Lizzie's parents were listed

as having been born in PA, as was Crawford¹³⁴. Lizzie was listed as being the mother of two children, but only one was listed as still living¹³⁴.



John, Lizzie and Crawford (all taken from the same photo.)

In the **Rembold Family Record**, John's wife is also listed as Lizzie Miller^{113a}. A deed of Oct. 4, 1922 shows John H. Dietle and his wife Amanda E. Dietle of Summit Twp. purchasing land in Summit Twp. for \$72.00²²². Since other sources list her as "Lizzie", it might be that the middle initial "E" recorded in the deed stood for Elizabeth.

In his father's obituary in 1918, John was said to be living in Elk Lick Twp²⁶³. In his mother's obituary in June, 1939, John was said to still be living in the Meyersdale area⁷⁶. Doretha (Arnold) Hoover, who herself was born in 1931, recalls an old man named John Dietle living alone in a "shack" near Meyersdale. This John Dietle would seem to have been Nicholas's son, and seems to indicate that he probably lived out his life in the area. Doretha also, incidentally, remembers hearing family members talking about "Old Nick" Deitle.

Roy Emerson Deitle, son of James Deitle and Lulu Brant, remembers his great-uncle John Deitle, but thought that John never had any children¹⁹². Roy said John lived in a two story white house which he didn't take good care of after his wife died¹⁹². Roy never knew John's wife, but said he had heard that John was deeply in love with his wife, and that the two were inseparable in life¹⁹². The loss of his wife was such a blow to John that he sort of left things go after that¹⁹². Roy also reported that John raised and sold raspberries. When they were ready, he took the seat out of his old model T Ford and put the crates in there to take them to be sold¹⁹².

Herman William Deittle

Herman Deittle married Minnie Sophie Sperry, who was born on August 7, 1872^{90,91,113a} in Greenville Twp. Somerset Co. PA ⁹¹. Minnie was the daughter of Josias Sperry ⁹⁰, born in Wales ⁹¹ England ⁹⁰ in 1843 ⁹¹, and Dora Altmiller ^{90,91}, who was born in 1855 in Hessen ⁹¹.



Herman William Deittle & Minnie Sophia (Sperry) Deittle

Our knowledge of the life of Nicholas and Mary Dieddle's son Herman Deittle begins with the census results for Greenville Twp., Somerset County. We have abstracted the 1900 census information on Herman as follows²⁷:

Head of Family: Deittle, Herman, born May 1870, age 30,
Birthplace: Pennsylvania, Father's birthplace: Germany, Mother's
birthplace: Pennsylvania

Deittle, Minnie,	wife,	b. Aug. 1872,	age 27,	Birthplace: PA
Deittle, George A.,	son,	b. Nov. 1892,	age 7,	Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Charles E.,	son,	b. May 1894,	age 6,	Birthplace: PA
Deittle, James E.,	son,	b. Jan. 1897,	age 3,	Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Maryan,	dau,	b. Nov. 1899,	age 1,	Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Walter A.,	son,	b. Jan. 1900,	age 4/12,	Birthplace: PA

In the 1910 census results from Greenville Twp.⁵¹, Herman's surname is spelled "Dietle" and his listed occupation is that of a Farmer. His wife Minnie is listed as having given birth to 8 children, of whom 7 were still living at the time of the census. The daughter who was listed as "Maryan" in the 1900 census is listed as "Mary A." in the 1910 census. Two children born after 1900 are shown in the 1910 census, a daughter Ida E. Dietle, age 7, and a daughter Maggie L. Dietle, age 6. The 1910 census indicates that Minnie's parents were born in PA, and also erroneously (we believe) lists Herman's parents as having been born in PA. Herman was born and died in the same house ⁶⁷. Minnie also had a son named Frank ^{67,91,180} Wagner ^{91,180} who was not Herman's son ⁶⁷. Frank went on to live in Canton⁶⁷, Ohio^{67,180} as an adult ⁶⁷. Frank first married Lemmie Pritts⁹¹, then Alice _____ ⁹¹, then _____ ⁹¹, then Elizabeth _____ ⁹¹. We do not know why Frank Wagner did not show up in the 1900 census. In his sister Margaret's obituary circa 1970, Frank was said to be living in Canton, and his name was given as "Frank Deittle" ³⁴⁶.

In the 1920 census results from Greenville Twp. enumerated on Jan. 6⁵⁴, Herman's last name is spelled "Dietle" and four of his children are listed as still living at home and farming; Mary A., Walter, Ida, and Maggie. Herman's mother Mary was also listed as residing with Herman⁵⁴; his father Nicholas had died in 1918¹⁹. The 1920 census indicates that Minnie and her mother were born in PA and her father was born in MD, and also indicates that Herman and his mother were born in PA and his father was born in Germany. In his mother's obituary in June, 1939, Herman was said to still be living in the Meyersdale area⁷⁶. In a 1947 letter, a year after Herman's death, his daughter Maggie stated that he had lived in Somerset Co. all his life¹⁸⁹.

The Somerset Co. deed index⁹⁵ lists a Greenville Twp. real estate transaction between Grantor Nicholas Hrs & Gdn and Grantees Herman W. & Minnie Deitle on July 10, 1928. We haven't seen this transaction, but presume that it was the sale of the farm from Nicholas's Heirs to Herman and Minnie.

In a 1947 letter, Herman's daughter Maggie stated in reference to Herman's farm that "The farm was handed down for Four Generations." and "Adam and William Dietle lived in the same section we did...." The Somerset Co. deed index⁹⁵ Lists a 1944 Greenville Twp. real estate transaction between Grantors Herman and Minnie Deitle and Grantee Earl F. Baer, their grandson. We haven't seen this transaction, but presume that it was the sale of the farm. The original Herman Deitle farm in Greenville Twp. is now (1993) a church camp⁷⁰.



The Herman Deitle home as it appeared in 1994 as part of a Brethren church camp.

Vivian Timblin and Roy E. Deitle have gone back to Herman's farm to see it after the church took it over¹⁸⁰. Vivian says they redid the house on the inside, and turned the barn into a recreation & meeting hall. Roy reports that the top of the barn was torn off to convert the barn into a church, and that bunks have been placed in the house as a place for people to stay when attending the camp¹⁹². When Dad and I (Lannie) visited the farm in 1994 it was a Brethren church camp named Peniel, and what appeared to be the converted barn was titled the N.V. Leatherman Memorial Chapel, and a service was in progress. Compared to the many decidedly mountainous farms in Somerset Co., Camp Peniel was fairly level. Vivian and Roy both report that the church put in a lake^{180,192}, which I also saw when visiting in 1994. Roy recalls that there was an ice-cold spring under the Herman Deitle house¹⁹². When he went to visit after the farm had become a church camp, one of the things he did was take a drink out of this spring which he remembered from his boyhood¹⁹². When I visited the farm in 1994, I noticed that the spring actually ran right into the basement of the house.

In a May 6 1942 War Ration Coupon Book belonging to Minnie at age 69, her description was given as 5 ft. 4 in. tall, 190 lbs, brown eyes and grey hair⁸⁸.

Herman and Minnie are buried at the Greenville^{72,315} Union Cemetery, and share the same headstone³¹⁵. The tombstone indicates that Herman was born on May 26, 1870, and died on Dec. 25, 1946, and gives the last name as "Deitle"³¹⁵. It also indicates that Minnie was born on Aug. 7, 1872⁷². She died in Elk Lick Twp. 72,90,91 on Nov. 30, 1949^{72,90,91,315} at the age of 77 years⁹⁰.



Walt, Maggie, Charley, George, Minnie and Frank, all Deitle's

Herman and Minnie's children are as follows:

George Albert^{91,113a} Deitle⁴³³, b. Nov. 5, 1892^{113a,433}, d. Mar. 1986^{91,433},
Charles Edward^{91,113a} Deitle⁴³³, b. May 17, 1893^{91,113a,128,433}*, d. Sept. 1963⁴³³,
Henry Clay^{91,113a}, b. Sept. 11, 1895^{91,113a}, d. April 21, 1896^{91,113a},
James Elmer^{91,113a}, b. Jan. 1, 1897^{91,113a,433}, d. Mar. 11, 1979⁹¹,
Mary Ann^{91,113a}, b. Nov. 17⁹¹, 1898^{91,315} or 1899⁹¹, d. Sept. 11⁹¹, 1986^{91,315},
Walter Allen^{91,113a} Deitle⁴³³, b. Jan. 10, 1900^{91,113a,433}, d. Feb. 1986^{91,433},
Ida Elizabeth^{91,113a}, b. May 30, 1902^{91,113a}, and
Margaret^{91,343} "Maggie"⁹¹ Louella⁹¹, b. Dec. 27, 1903^{91,113a}.

Most of Herman and Minnie's sons moved to the vicinity of Akron, Ohio circa 1925 because there were too many children for the home farm to support, and they had heard that work was available in the rubber industries in Akron ⁶⁷. Some of his daughters also moved to the Akron area. In a 1947 letter, Herman's daughter Maggie stated "I have 3 Brothers settled in Akron Ohio and one in Pa." Vivian Timblin reports that George, Charles, Walt, Ida and Maggie moved to Ohio, but James did not¹⁸⁰.

Herman and Minnie's son George A. Deittle was born on Nov. 5, 1892^{113a,433} in Greenville Township⁹¹. He went on to four years of college, according to Richard Dietle ⁶⁷. He was a School Teacher in Somerset Co. PA before moving to Akron to work for Goodyear¹²⁶.

George married Clara B. Witt on Sept. 22, 19__ at the West Hill Church in Akron, Ohio ⁸⁷. Most of what we know of their lives has been found in a newspaper article covering their 50th wedding anniversary celebration ⁸⁷. In this article the surname was spelled "Deitle" ⁸⁷. This event was held at the First Christian Church in Stow, and was attended by over 300 friends and relatives ⁸⁷. At the time of the celebration, they were living on Center St. in Garrettsville, and were members of the Methodist

Church ⁸⁷. The newspaper quoted George and Clara's advice to young couples as follows "Learn to give and take and attend church regularly". Apparently they practiced what they preached, because Clara was president of the adult Sunday School class which George was teaching at the time ⁸⁷. In the same article, it was noted that George belonged to the Garrettsville Masonic Lodge and Clara belonged to the Crescent chapter, Order of the Eastern Star ⁸⁷. Both of them were members of the Garrettsville Grange at the time of the article, and their hobby was listed as gardening⁸⁷.



This photo came to us labeled "Clara Deitle children Ohio". Judging from a separate portrait of Albert, the child on the left appears to be Albert.

George and Clara lived in Akron up until 11 years before their 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷. George initially worked at Goodyear, but then went into the meat and grocery business ¹²⁶. During the war meat became unobtainable, and he went back to work at Goodyear ¹²⁶. When they moved to Garrettsville, George joined one of his sons in the auto business ⁸⁷. In his sister Margaret's obituary circa 1970, he was said to be living in Garrettsville³⁴⁶. In his Social Security records, George's last place of residence is given as Akron, Ohio 44310⁴³³. Clara's Social Security records show that she was born Jan. 6, 1885, died in April 1983, and her last place of residence was Akron, Ohio 44310⁴³³. Both of their Social Security cards were issued in Ohio, hers in 1973⁴³³.

Clara's maiden name was Witt ¹²⁷. Prior to her marriage to George A. Dietle, Clara had been married to _____ Friend, and had three children with him before being widowed ¹²⁷. These three children were ¹²⁷:

Zadell Friend,
Nellie Friend, and
Dewitt Friend.

Clara and George had the following children together^{127*}:

George Albert "Al" Deitle, Jr., born 1915,
Anna Belle Deitle, and
Ardeth¹²⁷ Deitle, born 1922.

* The **Rembold Family Record** incorrectly gives George and Clara's children as Annalielle Deitle and Albert Ardith Deitle^{113a}. There was no child named Annalielle¹²⁷. Albert and Ardeth were actually two separate children¹²⁷.

Clara's daughter Zadell Friend was known as "Dolly" ¹²⁶. She married Walter E. Howiler ¹²⁶, and was living in Akron at the time of George and Clara's 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷.

Clara's daughter Nellie Friend was born in Maryland and married O.W. ⁸⁷ Weyrick ^{87,126}. She was living in Stow at the time of George and Clara's 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷.

Clara's son Dewitt Friend married Margaret _____ who is known as "Peggy" ¹²⁶. They have two children, DeWitt, Jr. who goes by "Bud", and Marian ¹²⁶. DeWitt was living in Columbus at the time of George and Clara's 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷.

George Albert Deitle, Jr., son of George A. Deitle, Sr. and Clara (Witt) Deitle, has gone by the names "Albert" or "Al" to avoid confusion with his father ¹²⁶. Albert married Mabel _____, who had a daughter by a previous marriage ¹²⁶. Albert was living in Garrettsville at the time of George and Clara's 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷. He was in the auto business there, and the name of his business was Al Deitle Buick Pontiac, Inc. ¹²⁶. When I interviewed Albert in 1994, he was living in Florida.

Anna Belle Deitle, daughter of George A. Deitle, Sr. and Clara (Witt) Deitle, was first married to Henry Clay Smith¹²⁷. Her second husband was Robert Ortopan, a chiropractor, who died quite young ¹²⁷. Robert and Anna Belle had the following children¹⁸⁰:

David,
a daughter,
a son.

Anna Belle's third husband is Carmen Bell^{127,180}. Anna Bell and Carmen had a son named George who was named after Anna Belle's father¹⁸⁰. Anna Belle was living in Cuyahoga Falls at the time of George and Clara's 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷ and is said to be living in California in 1994¹⁸⁰.

Ardeth Deitle, daughter of George A. Deitle, Sr. and Clara (Witt) Deitle, was married to Alexander Gurnik, son of Theophil and Mary Gurnik, who were immigrants from Russia ¹²⁷. Alexander was a Chiropractor, and Ardeth ran his office ¹²⁷. He died at age 55 ¹²⁶. Ardeth was living in Barberton at the time of George and Clara's 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷. Alexander and Ardeth have one son, Steven Gurnik, who turned 37 on New Years day of 1994 ¹²⁷. Steve had been married and divorced, and is now (1994) single ¹²⁷. Her answering machine gives her nickname as "Ardie" ¹²⁷.



Myrtle (Brant) Deitle, wife of Charles Edward Deitle

Herman and Minnie's son Charles Edward Deitle married Myrtle ^{66,128,114} Caroline¹²⁸ Brandt ^{66,112} or Brant ¹²⁸ circa 1918 ¹¹². Myrtle was the daughter of John and Anna Brant, and was born in 1897 or 1898 ¹²⁸. They had one child, a son named Charles M. Deitle ¹¹². After the death of his first wife in 1932 ¹¹², Charles was remarried to Mildred _____ ¹¹². Charles and Mildred had no children ¹¹². Charles was employed with the Goodyear Company ^{112,128}, and died in Sept.⁴³³ 1963 ^{112,433}. His

Social Security records show that his card was issued in Ohio, and his last state of residence was Ohio⁴³³.



Mildred and Charles Deitle



Charley, Chucky and Walter Deitle

The Somerset Co. deed index ⁹⁵ lists a transaction between Grantor Charles E. Deitle and Grantees Charles H. and Nancy M. Brant in Brothersvalley Twp. on Nov. 7, 1938. We haven't seen this transaction, and don't know what the significance of it is.

Charles M. Deitle, the only son of Charles E. Deitle and Myrtle (Brandt) Deitle, was born on March 10, 1921 in Garrett, PA ¹²⁸. Several different family members have referred to him as "Chuck" ¹¹². He was first married to Martha Ellen James, daughter of Allison and Ethel James ¹¹². Martha was born in Missouri ¹¹². Charles was an attorney by trade (Juris Doctor Ohio State

University)¹¹². Charles and Martha had two children; Robin Deitle^{112,128}, who was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1948^{112,128}, and Charles Bruce Deitle^{112,128}, who was born in Akron, Ohio¹¹² in June¹²⁸ 1951^{112,128}. There was a telephone listing in Akron, Ohio in 1993 for Martha and Robin Deitle. Charles and Martha were divorced in 1961¹²⁸.

Mariana Garcia became the second wife of Charles M. Deitle^{112,128}. She was born on July 20, 1937¹²⁸. They had two daughters; Carmen Deitle, born July 24, 1965, and Cynthia Deitle, born Jan. 5, 1967¹²⁸. In late 1993 we were told that Charles and Mariana were living in Akron, Ohio¹¹².

Some accounts give the middle name of Charles M. Deitle as Morris, and others give it as Maurice. When I asked his wife Mariana (Garcia) Deitle about this, she told me an interesting story about it¹²⁹. She said that during 1972/74 they wanted to do some traveling and needed Charles' birth certificate. After a prolonged delay, they finally received two different birth certificates containing identical information, except one was for Charles Morris Deitle, and one was for Charles Maurice Deitle. By this time his parents were gone and it was too late to get an explanation from them.

Robin Jeanne Deitle, daughter of Charles M. Deitle and Martha (James) Deitle, married Richard Felling¹²⁸. Richard and Robin have two daughters:

Kara Felling¹²⁸, and
Kyla Felling¹²⁸.

Carmen Deitle, daughter of Charles M. Deitle and Mariana (Garcia) Deitle, married Timothy Lee Ramsey¹²⁸. They have one daughter, Taylor Leigh Ramsey¹²⁸.

Cynthia Deitle, daughter of Charles M. Deitle and Mariana (Garcia) Deitle, is (1994) a lawyer and is pursuing her Master's Degree in Washington DC¹²⁸.



Mrytle Brant, Jim Deitle, Lulu Brant

Herman and Minnie's son James Elmer Deitle married Lulu Brant^{49,61,113a}, the daughter of John Brant and Annie (Wahl) Brant⁶⁶. Lulu lived on a big dairy farm near Garrett, and James had to take a horse and buggy over the mountain to date her¹⁹². Social Security records indicate that Lulu was born on April 15, 1896⁴³³. James was listed in the 1920 census as a 22 year old coal miner living in the Meyersdale Borough, along with his wife Lulu A., age 23⁴⁹. James' surname was spelled "Dietle" in the 1920 census⁴⁹. One of James' sons has confirmed that James was a miner by occupation, and

worked at Shaw Mines ⁶⁶, which is near Meyersdale out beyond the Fair grounds^{135*}. Another son reported that James worked in the coal mines for 27 years²²⁵. We know James and Lulu were married already by Nov. 30, 1918, because on that date she was a witness on her mother-in-law's Declaration for Widow's Pension following the death of Nicholas Dieddle ¹⁹. On that document, she spelled the surname as "Dieddle" ¹⁹. One of their sons reports that James and Lulu were married in 1918, but did not give the month and day²²⁵. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in June, 1968 ⁹¹. In his sister Margaret's obituary circa 1970, James was said to be living in Dunlo, PA³⁴⁶. James E. Deitle was known as "Jim" to the family ⁶⁷. Jim's son Roy reports that Jim sometimes spoke in German when visiting with other family members ¹⁹².



Jim Deitle and Lulu (Brant) Deitle

When asked what stood out in the memory of his parents, James and Lulu's son Ken Deitle wrote "Dad was a hard worker and a good provider. Mom never held public work but cared for her family in a most loving generous way. She did a lot of quilts, needle work, etc. which she graciously shared with family and friends. (She) was a great cook. (She) made good homemade bread (&) cookies. She had many friends and loved to play bingo."²²⁵

The Somerset Co. deed index ⁹⁵ lists a transaction between Grantors James E. Deitle and Grantees John & Mary E. Shoemaker in Meyersdale on Nov. 20, 1940. The index also shows a transaction

* The Shaw Mines were opened in 1875, and during peak operation after 1900 employed over 400, many of whom were foreign workers³⁷¹. A company town called Shaw Mines once existed at the site, consisting of a store, a school, mule barns, barracks for single men, and 36 double company houses³⁷¹.

between Grantor Lulu Brant Deitle and Grantees Charles H. and Nancy B. Brant on Nov. 7, 1938. The significance of these transactions is not known. Charles Brant was Lulu (Brant) Deitle's brother, and Nancy was Charles' wife²²⁵.

Social Security Records show that James was living in Dunlo, PA 15930 at the time of his death in March 1977, and upon his death a lump sum Social Security payment was made to a party in zip code 15921⁴³³. The Social Security records show that Lulu died in November 1975, and that her last place of residence was Dunlo, PA 15930⁴³³. The Social Security cards for both James and Lulu were issued in PA; hers was issued in the 1955-1957 time period⁴³³.

The James Deitle family included the following children:

Robert^{66,113a,436} Earl⁴³⁶ Deitle^{66,113a,436}, who was born on March 16, 1920^{66,436} in or near Meyersdale⁴³⁶, married Hazel^{66,436} E. Immler⁶⁶ or Yantz⁴³⁶. Hazel was from the Bedford area. Robert has spent time living in North Carolina, Virginia and Florida⁶⁶. He died on Sept. 17, 1995 in the York County Hospital and home⁴³⁶. His obituary listed his address as Dillsburg⁴³⁶. His son John was living at Paris Island, S.C. in 1995, and his daughter Patty West was living at Tampa, Florida in 1995⁴³⁶. His obituary also listed four step-children, Bonieta Yantz and Jennie Gates of Dillsburg. Robert Yantz of Carlisle, and John Yantz of Wichita Falls, TX⁴³⁶. Burial was planned to be at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Johnstown⁴³⁶.



Robert Deitle, son of James & Lulu Deitle

Glenn Deitle, son of James Deitle, was born on Sept. 5, 1923 in Meyersdale, Somerset Co. PA⁶⁶. Glenn married Ann Hofecher⁶⁶, and was residing in or near Johnstown PA in 1994; Robert's obituary gave their address as Giestown⁴³⁶. Ann Hofecher was born on February 6, 1926⁶⁶. She is the daughter of Merle Hofecher, and was originally from Cambria County. Glenn and Ann had no children⁶⁶. Glenn is (1994) retired from Bethlehem Steel.

Roy Emerson Deitle²³, son of James Deitle, was born on August 19, 1928^{66,192}. He married Mary Louise¹⁹² "Mary Lou^{66,192}" Simmons^{66,192}, daughter of John Simmons and Rachel Ann (Cummins) Simmons¹⁹². Mary Lou was born on Aug. 9, 1929¹⁹². Roy was a Mechanic on the heavy machinery at Bethlehem Steel¹⁹². His Title was Assistant to the General Foreman¹⁹².

Our father Roy Emerson **Dietle** learned of the existence of Roy Emerson **Deitle** in an interesting way. As I recall the story, Roy Bruce Deitle moved to the Sandy Lake, PA area and made a credit application to Agway Petroleum Corp. in Mercer, PA where our father Roy E. Dietle worked, and listed his father Roy E. Deitle as a reference. Since Dietle is a rare name in Pennsylvania, the application was brought to dad's attention. Dad called Roy Deitle, and had a pleasant conversation with him. He found out that they shared some common interests, such as deer hunting. Roy Deitle is (1994) retired, as is my father Roy Dietle.

When I called Roy for an interview, the first thing he asked after finding out that I was calling from Texas was "How's the hunting and fishing down there?"¹⁹² Roy is keen on outdoor sports. He once helped to construct a shooting range, and he has also participated on pistol and rifle

competitive shooting teams¹⁹². His hunting career began when he was 12 and got his first hunting license¹⁹². His first hunt was on his Grandfather Herman Deitle's farm¹⁹². This hunt was an exceptional one, especially for a beginner, and Roy remembers it fondly¹⁹². He bagged his limit of 6 squirrels, and also collected two rabbits and a grouse¹⁹². His mother, who was a great cook, cooked the game up for supper, and it was a real treat for the family¹⁹². Someone who saw his take for the day commented that he was going to make a real hunter¹⁹². Roy was living in or near South Fork in 1995⁴³⁶.

Roy and Mary Lou's children are as follows:

Roy Bruce Deitle^{66,192}, b. Dec. 15, 1949¹⁹²
Debra Jean¹⁹² "Debbie" ⁶⁶ Deitle, b. Feb. 9, 1953.
David ^{66,192} Shawn¹⁹² Deitle, b. 1960¹⁹²
John ^{66,192} Henry¹⁹² Deitle, b. 1961¹⁹².

Roy Bruce Deitle, son of Roy Emerson Deitle and Mary Lou (Simmons) Deitle, married EllaBeth Deniker, the daughter of Edward and Kathern Deniker¹⁹². Her parents were from the Grove City, PA area¹⁹². In April of 1994, they were living in a trailer park in Grove City, but they were getting ready to move to Oregon¹⁹². In 1996 they were living in Great Falls, MT ⁴⁹⁶. Roy Bruce Deitle is (1994) retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service, during which he traveled all over the world¹⁹². He goes by his middle name "Bruce"⁴⁹⁶. Our dad met a salesman at a lumber yard in the Grove City area in 1995 who noticed dad's name on his credit card; it turns out the salesman had been a good friend of Roy Bruce's before he moved away, and had worked with him at a hardware store at one time, and spoke very highly of him. Roy and EllaBeth have the following children¹⁹²:

Kevin Bruce Deitle, (eldest son) and
Scott Edward Deitle, who is (1994) in the Air Force.

We believe Scott is the Engineering Assistant of the 1845th Engineering Installation Group at Tinker AFB⁴⁸⁶ who won a first place 1995 Intergraph Golden Mouse Award in the category of Engineering and Applied Sciences for the computer rendering of an ATCALs radar unit⁴⁸⁵.

Debra Jean Deitle, daughter of Roy Emerson Deitle and Mary Lou (Simmons) Deitle, is (1994) married to Allen Stoykovich¹⁹². She has a daughter Jennifer Louise Matalic from a previous marriage¹⁹². Her and Allan have a son named Allen Tobias "Toby" Stoykovich¹⁹².

David Shawn Deitle, son of Roy Emerson Deitle and Mary Lou (Simmons) Deitle, married Linda McFarland. He was in the Air Force for 8 years, and is now (1994) working for Evansburg Office Supply. David and Linda have the following children:

Shawna Lynn Deitle, reported as being age 11 in April of 1994¹⁹²,
Joshua David Deitle, reported as being age 7 in April of 1994¹⁹², and
Ryan Andrew Deitle, b. June 20, 1988¹⁹².

John Henry Deitle, son of Roy Emerson Deitle and Mary Lou (Simmons) Deitle, married Rhonda Blackner. In April of 1994 he was in the process of moving back to PA from Alexandria, VA. John and Rhonda have two daughters, as follows:

Kelsey Khristine Deitle, and
Samantha Marie Deitle.



Robert, Ray and Roy Deitle

Ray Deitle ^{66,113a}, son of James Deitle, was born on August 19, 1928 and married Margaret Costlow ⁶⁶. Ray and Margaret have a son named William⁶⁶. We heard from one party who thought Ray adopted William when stationed in Germany during his Army Service⁶⁶, however Ray's brother Roy thought that William is Ray's natural son¹⁹². Roy and Ray are twins ^{66,113b,192}. Mrs. Glenn Deitle believes that William has two children of his own now. Ray also served in Korea and was a recipient of the Purple Heart ⁶⁶. Before going into the Service Ray worked at Bethlehem Steel. After Margaret passed away, Ray married Ruth^{66,192} A. Scrivens¹⁹². Ray was living in or near South Fork in 1995⁴³⁶.

Kenneth⁶⁶ Paul⁴⁹³ "Ken"²²⁵ Deitle²²⁵, son of James Deitle, was born on December 25, 1931^{66,225} in Dunlo, Cambria Co. PA²²⁵. Ken married Margaret Dilworth ^{66,225}, the daughter of Charlie D. and Lila Y. Dilworth²²⁵. Margaret was born in Carnesville, GA on Nov. 5, 1931²²⁵. Ken left PA in 1951, and became a Methodist Minister in 1955²²⁵. His first charge was in Bishop, GA in 1955, and his current (1994) charge is the Bold Spring Trinity United Methodist Church²²⁵. In 1989 he was reportedly assigned to Jefferson First⁴⁹³. He attended Seminary at the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA²²⁵. He plans to retire in June of 1996²²⁵. In 1995 in his brother's obituary, his address was given as Carnesville GA.⁴³⁶

I spoke to Kenneth in May 1994 and January 1996, and on both occasions he was planning to lead a group to the Holy Land shortly thereafter²²⁵. The 1994 trip was his 11th trip there²²⁵. He has traveled all over the world, including Russia and China²²⁵. He likes to hunt—when I talked to him in January he was just finishing a meal of wild goose²²⁵. It was bagged in their yard by his son Jeremy while Kenneth was away hunting geese! Kenneth's children are as follows:

Joy ^{66,225} Deitle²²⁵,
Gay Lynn Deitle²²⁵,
Kim^{66,225} Deitle²²⁵, and
Jeremy^{66,225} Deitle²²⁵ (adopted^{66,225}).

Joy ^{66,225} Deitle²²⁵, daughter of Kenneth Deitle, was born Feb. 4, 1956 in Athens, GA²²⁵. Kenneth reported that she was single and serving in the U.S. Navy in 1994²²⁵.

Gay Lynn Deitle²²⁵, daughter of Kenneth Deitle, was born on July 24, 1962²²⁵. She is married to Ronald Downy or Dowdy, and has a daughter Lila Marie who was born Oct. 20 or 21, 1990²²⁵.

Kim^{66,225} Deitle²²⁵, daughter of Kenneth Deitle and Margaret (Dilworth) Deitle, was born on Oct. 23, 1963²²⁵. She married Scott Jordan²²⁵, and has a daughter Bethany Nichole who was born July 9, 1994²²⁵.

Jeremy^{66,225} Deitle²²⁵, adopted son of Kenneth Deitle, was born Feb. 4, 1982 in Elberton, GA²²⁵. He was adopted in May of 1992²²⁵.

James Elmer Deitle, Jr. ^{91,113a} was born on January 26, 1936 ⁶⁶, and married Carolyn Krause ⁶⁶. Carolyn reports that James, Jr. likes to hunt, as did his father and all of his brothers¹⁷⁸. James and Carolyn were divorced ⁶⁶ circa 1981¹⁷⁸. He remarried to Janet^{66,470} Rivera⁴⁷⁰ circa 1990⁴⁷⁰. Janet has 2 daughters; Adrian who is married to Mike Revak and has two children Tyler and Tanner, and Heather who married Brian Bouger and has a baby due in Feb. 1996⁴⁷⁰. James did live in Johnstown, but now (1994/95) is said to be living in Boswell ⁶⁶ or Hoover(s)ville^{178,436}. Carolyn's telephone listing indicates that she is (1995) living in Johnstown. James was self-employed as a carpet and flooring installer. James and Carolyn^{178,225} have the following sons, who are (1994) living in Johnstown⁶⁶:

Richard¹⁷⁸ Anthony¹⁷⁸ "Rick"⁶⁶ Deitle¹⁷⁸, b. Oct. 9, 1957¹⁷⁸, and
Edward¹⁷⁸ James¹⁷⁸ "Ed"¹⁷⁸/ "Eddie"⁶⁶ Deitle¹⁷⁸, b. Oct. 27, 1958¹⁷⁸.

Richard Deitle, son of James Elmer Deitle Jr. and Carolyn (Krause) Deitle, has custody of his daughter, Kristy Lynn Whitman, who was born Jan. 17, 1986¹⁷⁸. He is (1996) not married⁴⁷⁰. He has his own construction business, which is named TK Remodeling¹⁷⁸.

Edward Deitle, son of James Elmer Deitle Jr. and Carolyn (Krause) Deitle, is married to Susan Arendas¹⁷⁸. Edward is employed as a Courier at Lee Hospital. Susan is a Lab Technician at Lee Hospital⁴⁷⁰. Edward reports that he and his son both like to hunt⁴⁷⁰. Edward has the following children:

Jason Edward, born Sept. 21, 1983, and
Stacy Nichole, born Aug. 21, 1986.

Helen Pearl ^{91,113a}, daughter of James Deitle, was born on Feb. 27, 1938 ⁶⁶ and died on Feb. 19, 1939 ⁶⁶.

Herman Deittle's daughter who was listed as "Maryan" in the 1900 census was actually named "Mary Ann" ⁶⁵, and was born on Nov. 17, 1898⁹¹ in Greenville Twp.⁹¹. Mary Ann married Godfrey Merrbach ^{65,91,113a} on May 15, 1920 ^{91,113b}. Godfrey was born on Nov. 16, 1894 ^{113a} or Sept. 16⁹¹, 1897^{91,315} or 1899⁹¹ in Barton, MD ⁹¹ and died on Nov. 13⁹¹, 1973^{91,315} in the Meyersdale Community Hospital ⁹¹. Godfrey was the son of Henry Merrbach (b. 1861 ⁹¹, d. April 10, 1940 ⁹¹) and Anna Bowers ⁹¹ (b. Dec. 20, 1870 ⁹¹, d. Aug. 15, 1953 ⁹¹). He was one of 17 children. In 1949 Mary Ann Merrbach was living at RD#1 Salisbury PA ⁹⁰, and in her sister Margaret's obituary circa 1970 she was also said to be living in Salisbury³⁴⁶. Mary Ann died Sept. 11, 1986 ⁹¹. Godfrey and Mary Ann both enjoyed gardening and making quilts²¹¹. They are buried side by side in the Greenville Union Cemetery, and share the same headstone³¹⁵.



Godfrey and Mary Ann Merrbach

Godfrey was a coal truck driver by occupation^{190,211}. He drove truck for John Tressler of Boynton, PA, and picked up coal and took it to the brick yards to be burned in the kilns²¹¹. Sometimes his daughter Margaret rode with him in his truck on runs to Fredricksburg²¹¹. This job required many long hours²¹¹. Margaret recalls that when she was a child, the family was so poor that she sometimes had to take lard and salt sandwiches to school for her lunch²¹¹.

Godfrey and Mary Ann had the following children:

Margaret Stella Merrbach ^{91,113a,206}, born Sept. 22, 1924 ^{91,113a.206} in Greenville Twp.^{91,206}
Infant daughter ^{113a}, stillborn ^{91,113b} July 6, 1931 ^{91,113a}, and
Evelyn Marlene Merrbach ^{91,113a}, born Nov. 4, 1935 ^{113a}.

Godfrey and Mary Ann's daughter Margaret Stella Merrbach presently (1993) lives in or near Salisbury, PA ⁶⁵. She was married to Edward Lawrence Knecht^{§ 91,113b} on Nov. 15, 1944 ^{91,201,402} at St. Michaels Catholic Church[†] in West Salisbury^{201,402}, by Rev. John Dravetsky⁴⁰².



St. Michaels Catholic Church in West Salisbury in 1994.

Edward Lawrence^{**} Knecht was born on Aug. 10, 1910 ^{91,113b,201,402} or Oct. 11, 1910²⁰⁶ in West Salisbury, Somerset County, PA ^{91,206}, and is known as "Ted"¹⁶⁵. Ted's^{*} father was Henry

§ Knecht is (1994) pronounced "Night" in the Somerset Co. area. Outside of this area the pronunciation "Connect" may be encountered²⁰¹.

† Prior to construction of St. Michaels church in 1888, services were held in the home of Ted's Grandfather Michael Knecht ^{202.408} and in the home of Michael's Grandson Joseph Bradler⁴⁰⁸. Michael Knecht donated most of the lumber that was used to build St. Michaels ²⁰¹, and served on the committee that was given the task of locating land to build on⁴⁰⁸. In those days, the Catholics were discriminated against by the Protestant community, and the parish had difficulty finding property because some residents refused to sell land to them for church construction⁴⁰⁸.

** On his daughter Julia's Notification of Birth Registration, his middle name is spelled Laurence²⁰⁴.

* Ted is a distant cousin of ours through the common ancestor George Klingaman on our mother's side. Ted's ancestry can be traced using Ref. 38, 62, 63, 91,113b, 165, 190, 201, and 327.

“Harry” Francis Knecht²⁰¹ (b. March 1885^{91,165,201}, d. July 11, 1965^{190,201}), and his mother was Margaret Wetmiller ^{91,165,201} (b. Aug. 11, 1882^{62,91,201}, d. June 15,1981 ²⁰¹). Henry Francis Knecht and another individual reportedly built the first car in the Salisbury area¹⁶⁵.

Ted and Margaret are (circa 1989) members of St. Michaels Catholic Church. Ted built the house in Salisbury which he and Margaret reside in¹⁶⁵. He was employed at the Knecht Garage[†] in West Salisbury at the time of their marriage²⁰¹, and worked there for 23 years¹⁶⁵. He was also a Welder for 20 years^{165,402}. After working in Detroit for 2 years, and working for Allegheny Ballistics for 4 years, he opened his own business in Salisbury named Knecht Tool Works¹⁶⁵, where he did machine work, welding, mechanical construction, and emergency repairs²⁰¹.

Ted is a self taught musician^{165,402} who has played at community square dances and at the Meyersdale Maple festival¹⁶⁵. One of his passions in life has been the search for a banjo which could achieve a deep bass sound¹⁶⁵. He built his first bass banjo in 1940¹⁶⁵. In 1978, in search of still deeper bass, he built a banjo from a cut-down snare drum¹⁶⁵. In 1984, he built still another bass banjo with a cast aluminum body¹⁶⁵. A newspaper article in the **Meyersdale Republican** circa 1989 reported that he was still experimenting at age 79, as well as playing with his musical friends every Friday evening¹⁶⁵. His daughter Julia reported in 1995 that he was still mowing his own yard with a push mower, even though he was soon to turn age 85.



Edward Lawrence Knecht

[†] The Knecht Garage, which is one of the oldest family owned garages in the U.S., is known as the “West Salisbury Garage”^{201,207}. It was built by John Knecht in 1909, who sold Reo, Maxwell and Ford automobiles there²⁰¹. John’s brother Harry F. Knecht bought the garage in 1918, and sold Chevrolet and Studebaker autos²⁰¹. Harry’s son Lee took over in 1957²⁰¹, and Lee’s son Richard was operating it in 1993 as a repair shop for starters, alternators, and generators²⁰⁷. The site of the garage was formerly the location of Michael Knecht’s Blacksmithing operation (formerly his father’s), that was moved there from Keyser’s Ridge in 1880, and was eventually used for repairing steam locomotives²⁰⁷.



Margaret Stella (Merrbach) Knecht (the left picture was taken in 1985.)

Margaret graduated from Salisbury High School in 1944²⁰¹. She plays the piano¹⁶⁵, and was once employed with Flushing Shirt of Grantsville^{165,402} MD, but was reported as being retired circa 1989¹⁶⁵.

Ted and Margaret Knecht had the following children:

Frances Mary Knecht ^{91,201}, born Aug. 17, 1945 ^{147,201}

Helen Margaret Knecht, born Nov. 27, 1947 ^{91,201},

Julia Ann Knecht, born Nov. 5, 1950^{91,204,206} in Meyersdale ^{91,204,206}, and

Jean Marie Knecht^{91,201}, born May 6, 1959^{91,201} in Meyersdale⁹¹.

Frances Mary Knecht, daughter of Edward Lawrence Knecht and Margaret Stella (Merrbach) Knecht, was married to Ronald S. ^{91,201} “Ronnie” ¹⁴⁷ Wood^{91,201} on Oct. 14, 1971 ^{91,201} in Rockville, MD²⁰¹. Ronnie was born in Tenn. on Dec. 25, 1944²⁰¹. Ronnie and Francis are (1993) living in San Antonio, TX ²⁰¹. Francis’s husband works with computers ¹⁴⁷. Francis is (1993) in possession of the Mary Ann (Dietle) Merrbach family Bible ¹¹⁴. Francis and Ronald have the following children ⁹¹:

April Wood^{91,165}, born Feb. 12,^{147,201} 1974 ^{91,201} in Rockville, MD ^{91,201}, and

Jennifer Wood^{157,165}, born Jan. 22, 1976 in Rockville, MD^{91,201}.

Jennifer Wood, daughter of Ronald Wood and Frances (Knecht) Wood, will graduate from high school in 1994 ranking 25th in a class of 581¹⁵⁷.



Frances Mary Knecht and Ronald S. Wood on their wedding day, Oct. 14, 1971. Rockville, MD.



Francis, April, Jenny, Ronnie Wood, 1991



Jeffrey Kyle, Mary Ann Knecht, Helen (Knecht) Kyle, Jodie Kyle, Darrell Kyle, Brian Kyle, Michael Knecht

Helen Margaret Knecht, daughter of Edward Lawrence Knecht and Margaret Stella (Merrbach) Knecht, was married to Darrell L. Kyle on Jan. 10, 1969^{91,201} in Salisbury²⁰¹. Darrell was born on Feb. 6, 1947 in Barton, MD²⁰¹. Helen is (1994) a housewife, and does not work outside of the home¹⁹⁰. Helen, who was living in West Salisbury circa 1989¹⁶⁵ and 1994⁴⁰² has the following children, all born in Meyersdale⁹¹:

Michael Edward Knecht^{147,201}, born Nov. 14, 1965^{91,201} at the Meyersdale Community Hospital²⁰¹,

Mary Ann Knecht, born Jan. 2, 1968^{91,201},

Jeffrey⁹¹ Lynn^{147,201} Kyle⁹¹, born July 5, 1970^{91,201} at the Meyersdale Community Hospital²⁰¹,

Brian James^{91,201} Kyle⁹¹, born Sept. 16, 1972^{91,201}, and

Jodie Lynn^{91,201} Kyle¹⁶⁵, born May 31, 1978^{91,201}.

Michael Edward Knecht, son of Helen Margaret Knecht, had a son with his first wife Michelle Rice^{91,201}. Michael and Michelle were divorced¹⁴⁷. Michael and his second wife Sharon had a daughter named Michaela^{147,201} in 1991²⁰¹ or 1992¹⁴⁷. Michael and Sharon were divorced¹⁴⁷ in 1992²⁰¹, and Michael was married to his third wife Bobby Jo Klink on Feb. 13, 1993^{147,201} at the Springs Mennonite Church^{201,203}, Somerset Co.²⁰¹. Bobbie Jo is the daughter of Mr. or Mrs. Robert Klink of Meyersdale RD# 3 and Mr. or Mrs. Loren Murray of Salisbury RD# 1²⁰³. Bobbie Jo was working for Holiday Hair Fashions in 1993, and Michael was working at Wayne's Water and Wells²⁰³. They were living in Salisbury in 1993²⁰³.

Mary Ann Knecht, daughter of Helen Margaret Knecht, was in the U.S. Air Force and stationed at the Lackland A.F. base in San Antonio, TX circa 1987²⁰¹.

Jeffrey Lynn Kyle¹⁴⁷, son of Helen Margaret Knecht, was married to Katherine Jo Vought on Sept. 19, 1990^{91,201} at the Springs Mennonite Church²⁰¹. Katherine is the daughter of Harry Vought, Jr.²⁰¹. A newspaper article written circa 1989 indicated that Jeffrey was playing with a music group known as "Lifeline"¹⁶⁵. Jeffrey and Katherine have the following children:

Aaron, b. 1992 ^{147,201}, and

Donavan Michael Kyle, b. Feb. 6, 1994, Somerset Community Hospital¹⁵⁷.

Julia Ann Knecht, daughter of Edward Lawrence Knecht and Margaret Stella (Merrbach) Knecht, was married to Victor Lee Prokop on Sept. 7, 1968 ^{91,205}. The ceremony was conducted by Father John V. Orlando at St. Michael's Catholic Church, West Salisbury, PA ^{147,205}. The reception was held at the Brethern Church, Salisbury, PA²⁰¹.

Julia was born at the Meyersdale Community Hospital on Nov. 5, 1950 ¹¹⁴. Victor was born in Richmond, VA on Sept. 21, 1944 ^{91,201}. His parents are Victor Prokop and Betty Grace (Eichelburger) Prokop²⁰¹. Julia (Knecht) Prokop is (1994) living in Fort Worth, TX ⁶⁵, and is (1993) employed with Associates National Mortgage Corp. as an Underwriter ¹¹⁴. Victor and Julia own several antique Studebaker automobiles. Julia has contributed greatly to this genealogy by sharing her genealogical research with us. Julia also plays the keyboard, and enjoys creating her own music¹⁶⁵. Victor is (1995) a Cartographer. Julia and Victor have no children.



Julia (Knecht) Prokop, 1989 & Victor Prokop, 1967

Jean Marie Knecht, daughter of Edward Lawrence Knecht and Margaret Stella (Merrbach) Knecht, has been married twice ^{91,201}. She was married to her first husband, Joseph Valo III, on April 15, 1976⁹¹ and divorced circa 1980²⁰¹ or 1982/3 ⁹¹. Joseph "Joe"²⁰¹ Valo III was b. Nov. 15, 1952²⁰¹. Jean and Joseph had the following children, both born in Meyersdale²⁰¹:

Joseph ¹⁴⁷ "Joe" ¹⁶⁵ Valo ¹⁴⁷, born June 31, ^{147,201} 1978 ^{91,201} and

Julie Ann Valo ¹⁴⁷, born June 15, ^{147,201} 1979 ^{91,201}.



Jean and Steven Durst & Joseph and Julie Ann Valo

The second husband of Jean Marie Knecht is Craig Steven Durst, son of Manford Durst^{91,201} and Betty Jean Vena²⁰¹. Jean and Craig were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, Somerset Co. PA^{91,201} on Dec. 9, 1989^{147,201}. This was also Craig's second marriage; his first was to Denise Champlin²⁰¹. Craig was born June 24, 1960²⁰¹. He enjoys hunting; a photograph of him and Dale Meese in the Nov. 24, 1994 **New Republic** shows him and Dale Meese with turkeys bagged on the first day of the season around Mount Davis⁴⁰¹. Jean was living in Salisbury, PA in 1993¹¹⁴ and 1994⁴⁰². She plays the fiddle and guitar¹⁶⁵.



Evelyn (Merrbach) Streng

Godfrey and Mary Ann's daughter Evelyn Marlene Merrbach was born in Greenville Twp.⁹¹ on Nov. 4, 1935¹⁴⁷. Evelyn's first husband was James Slicer¹⁴⁷. They were divorced, and had no children¹⁴⁷. Evelyn's second husband was Arthur Streng III¹⁴⁷. We have been told one of her hobbies is collecting dolls^{180,190}. Evelyn and Arthur had the following children:

Robin Charlene Streng¹⁴⁷, born Oct. 7, 1955^{113a}, and
Valerie Streng¹⁴⁷, born Aug. 30, 1958^{113a}.

Robin Streng, daughter of Arthur Streng III and Evelyn Marlene (Merrbach) Streng, married Anthony "Ernie" Perri on July 6, 1974¹⁴⁷. Robin and Ernie had the following children:

Hollie Lynn, b. 1980, and

a son, b. Feb. 1986.

Valerie Streng, daughter of Arthur Streng III and Evelyn Marlene (Merrbach) Streng, married Del Wilmont circa 1980, and had a son who was born in 1982 ¹⁴⁷.



Walter Deitle

Herman and Minnie's son Walter Allen Deitle was born on January 10, 1900^{67,433} and married Thelma Irene Cox ^{67,113b}, who was born on February 16, 1909 ⁶⁷. Thelma, who was from the Akron area, was the daughter of Nelson and Mary Ola Cox ⁶⁷. Walter was drafted into the Army during World War I, but fortunately didn't get to the front lines before the war was over ⁶⁷. Walter was a worker for Goodyear Rubber in Akron, Ohio, and put in 37 years with the company ⁶⁷. In his sister Margaret's obituary circa 1970, he was said to be living in Akron³⁴⁶. Walter's Social Security records show that he died in Feb. 1986, and his last place of residence was Uniontown, Ohio 44685⁴³³. His Social Security card was issued in Ohio⁴³³. Jackie (Timblin) Knight recalls that he liked to joke with her⁴⁵⁸. Walter and Thelma had one child ⁶⁷, Richard Kenneth Deitle ^{68,113a}.



Richard Deitle and his wife Faye

Richard Deitle, son of Walter and Thelma Irene (Cox) Deitle, was born in Akron, Ohio on July 6, 1933 ⁶⁷ while his parents were staying at the home of Jack Bealer and his wife Minerva Ellen (Shoemaker) Bealer ¹⁸⁰. Minerva's daughter Vivian remembers taking care of Richard there when he was a baby ¹⁸⁰. Richard was drafted in the U.S. Army in 1952 and served through 1954 as a cook. Richard married Marilyn Faye Rheihardt ⁶⁸ in 1956 ⁶⁷. Marilyn is the daughter of John Edward Rheihardt and Oca Ruth (Edwards) Rheihardt ⁶⁸, and was born on November 18, 1936 ^{67,68}. Richard Deitle was employed by Goodrich of Akron, Ohio ⁶⁸. He was a Custodian there, and is now (1993) retired⁶⁹. Richard was living in or near Uniontown, Ohio in 1993. Richard and Marilyn Deitle's children are as follows:

Wayne Allen Deitle ⁶⁷,
Douglas Ray Deitle ⁶⁷,
Michael Kenneth Deitle ⁶⁷, and
Wesley Robert Deitle ⁶⁷.



Wayne Deitle, son of Richard Deitle

Wayne Allen Deitle, son of Richard Deitle and Marilyn Faye (Rheihardt) Deitle, was born at the Akron General Hospital, Akron, Summit Co. Ohio on April 25, 1958 ⁶⁸. Wayne married Elizabeth Margaret Pal, who was born on November 25, 1963 ⁶⁸. Elizabeth is known as "Lisa" ^{67,68}. Wayne and Lisa were living in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio in 1993, and Wayne's line of work is (1993) installing burglar alarms ⁶⁷. Wayne has two daughters, as follows ⁶⁸:

Ashley Marie Deitle, born June 6, 1982, and
Brandy Nicole Deitle, born July 24, 1986.

Douglas R. Deitle, son of Richard Deitle, was born March 3, 1960 ^{67,68,69}. He was reported as not being married in 1993 ^{67,68}. Douglas has a home about a block away from his parents in Uniontown, Ohio. He is (1993) a Certified Public Accountant.

Michael K. Deitle, son of Richard Deitle and Marilyn Faye (Rheihardt) Deitle, was born on July 19, 1963 ⁶⁹. He was reported as not being married in 1993^{67,68,69}. He was living in or near Akron, Ohio in 1993, and was a Janitor in a local school⁶⁷.

Wesley Deitle, son of Richard Deitle and Marilyn Faye (Rheihardt) Deitle, was born on July 1, 1972. He was not married in Nov. 1993, and was still living at home with his folks at that time.

Herman and Minnie's daughter Ida E. Dietle lived in Ravenna, Ohio ^{67,127}. The details of her marriage(s) are not accurately known to us, and markedly different accounts have been received from

different people. The following information is therefore recorded as a starting point for others who may wish to do additional research.

Julia (Knecht) Prokop's notes indicate that Ida was first married to Robert Cole, and was remarried to Sam Eisler then Charles Clark ⁹¹. Julia's mother Margaret (Merrbach) Knecht told Julia in a 1994 interview that Ida had a son Earl F. Baer when she was single, then married Charley Clark and with him had Frank, Dorothy and Edna, then married Robert Cole and had a son with him ¹⁵⁷. In the same interview, Margaret (Merrbach) Knecht reported that she didn't think that Ida married Sam Eisler ¹⁵⁷. In a later interview, Margaret (Merrbach) Knecht reported to Julia that she had talked to Frank Clark and learned that Ida never actually married Bob Cole²¹¹. Vivian Timblin reports that Ida was not formally married to Mr. Cole, but lived with him long enough to become his common-law wife¹⁸⁰. The **Rembold Family Record** only lists a marriage to Charles Clark ^{113a}. In her sister Margaret's obituary circa 1970, she was listed as "Mrs. Ida Cole, Ravenna"³⁴⁶. Further clarification of Ida's life history is needed.



Bob Cole and Ida (Dietle) Clark



Frank Clark

The sum total of Ida's children which we have seen reported are as follows:

Earl ^{91,113a,157,180} “Bud” ^{67,157} Baer ^{157,180} or Clark ^{113a},
Dorthey Clark ^{91,113a,157,180},
Frank ^{91,113a,157,180} Clark ^{113a,157,180}, and
Edna ^{91,113,157,180} Cole ⁹¹ or Clark ^{113a,157,180}, b. 1919 ⁹¹
_____ Clark, a son ¹⁵⁷

Most evidence so far seems to indicate that Ida’s son Earl went by the last name of Baer rather than Clark. According to Richard Deitle, Ida had a son named “Bud” Baer who was still living in 1993 ⁶⁷. Two sources report that Ida had a son Earl F. Baer when she was single^{157,180}; one of these sources indicated that Earl went by the nickname “Bud” ¹⁵⁷. A photocopy provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop of a May 6, 1942 War Ration Coupon Book belonging to Minnie S. Deitle, age 69, of Greenville Twp. Somerset Co. was signed by Earl F. Baer, who was identified in the document as her grandson ⁸⁸. The Somerset Co. deed index ⁹⁵ lists a transaction between Grantor Herman W. & Minnie Deitle and Grantee Earl F. Baer on Sept. 21, 1944 in Greenville Twp. We have been told by one source that Earl Baer was blind ¹⁸⁰. He is (1994) said to be living in Revenna, OH in the house which his mother Ida once had¹⁸⁰.

Edna Cole or Clark, daughter of Ida E. Dietle, married Walter ⁹¹ or Willard ¹⁵⁷ Broadwater ^{91,157}, and with him had a daughter named Pat ¹⁵⁷.

Herman and Minnie’s daughter Maggie L. Dietle was married twice¹⁸⁰, but had no children¹²⁷. Her first marriage was to Harold Craft¹⁸⁰. After they were married Harold and Maggie lived for quite some time with the Jack Bealer family ¹⁸⁰.



Paul and Margaret Beutel

Maggie’s second marriage was to Paul^{91,189,343} C.³⁴³ Beutel ^{91,189,343*}, whose first wife Frances Miller had died earlier³⁴³. Their last name was pronounced “Bye-Tell” ¹²⁷. Paul was born at Brunswick, Ohio on June 6, 1905, the son of Charles William and Belle Ghedsey Beutel³⁴³. Paul died from a heart attack at age 53 while taking his customary after breakfast nap one Sunday at his home at 843 E. High Ave., leaving Maggie to survive him ³⁴³. He had been on a hunting trip with Bob Ress of Schoenbrunn the day before. He was buried in the Spring Grove Cemetery³⁴³.

Paul was a Civil¹⁸⁹ Engineer^{180,189} for Pittsburgh Plate Glass^{180,189} in Barberton, OH¹⁸⁹ in 1947¹⁸⁹. At the time of his death, he was the Manager of the Midvale mine of the Columbia Southern

* Beutel is the spelling that Margaret herself used in a letter in 1947¹⁸⁷. Ref. 67 gives the spelling Bidle, and Ref. 113a gives the spelling Bentela.

Chemical Co.³⁴³. He had moved from Wadsworth when he was appointed Manager of the Midvale operation, which was 10 years before his death.

Paul's obituary noted that he belonged to the Methodist Church at Medina, The Elks Lodge, the Union Country Club, the Tadmire Scottish Rite Shrine at Akron, the Barberton National Masonic Lodge, the Consistory at Canton, the New Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the Coal Mining Institute of America, and was on the Board of Regents of the Professional Engineers and Surveyors of Ohio³⁴³. He had attended the Ohio State University, and was a member of the Phi Epsilon Kappa fraternity³⁴³.

In 1947 Maggie was living in Wadsworth, OH, and reported in a letter that she had "all the old photographs" of the Deitle family¹⁸⁹. She died after a long illness in her home in New Philadelphia at the age of 66³⁴⁶, which would likely be sometime in 1970. Before living in New Philadelphia she lived in Akron from 1927 to 1939³⁴⁶. She was buried at the Spring Grove Cemetery, Medina³⁴⁶.

Frederick Deitle

We know relatively little about the life of Nicholas and Mary Deitle's son Frederick Deitle. He married Dinia ^{91,113a} Christina ⁹¹ or Christinia ^{113a} Slaybaugh ^{91,113a}. According to the **Rembold Family Record** ^{113a}, Dinia was born in 1856 and died in 1931.



Frederick Deitle

In 1903 Frederick bought farming equipment from his mother Mary Deitle, as recorded in the following transaction¹⁵⁹:

This is to certify that I have this day sold to Fred Deitle Our Bay horse, our Mower, and our Two horse wagon, for the sum of one hundred and Eighty (\$180.00) Dollars, And I do hereby relinquish all claim to the foregoing property.

Meyersdale Pa
September 12 1903
Attest
(unknown name)

her
Mary X Deitle
mark

In his father's obituary in 1918, and in his mother's obituary in June, 1939, Frederick was said to be residing at Horseshoe Run, West Virginia ^{76,263,345}. Frederick died in 1941 ⁹¹. In the **Rembold Family Record**, he is listed as "Fred" Deitle ^{113a}. Ardeth (Deitle) Gurnik recalls knowing Frederick Deitle as "Uncle Freddy" and says he is buried somewhere in PA; she went to his funeral ¹²⁷. Vivian Timblin spoke of Frederick as "Fred" and "Freddy". She recalls that he and his wife had a farm in Horseshoe Run ¹⁸⁰. Vivian reported that Fred and his wife had no children¹⁸⁰. In his father's obituary his name is given as "Fred"²⁶³.

Mary Ann “Annie” Dietle

Mary Ann “Annie” Dietle, daughter of Nicholas Dieddle and Mary (Rembold) Dieddle, was born on August 5, 1877* and died on Nov. 7, 1920 ^{113a}.

The 1900 census of Elk Lick Township, Somerset County ³¹ (Schedule No. 1-Population) lists one Annie M. Dietle, age 22, who was born in August 1877, and who was residing in Elk Lick Twp. at the time of the 1900 census and working for the widower Daniel M. Fike as a housekeeper. The 1900 census indicates that she was single, but had a child who was alive at the time of the census. A 2 month old “boarder” named Minerva Shoemaker was also shown to be living in the same household; this is the only boarder listed for this household, and we now know this was Annie’s child.

The 1910 census lists a grand-daughter Minerva Shoemaker, age 10, living at the home of Annie’s father Nicholas Dietle in Greenville Twp ⁵¹. It is interesting to note that a Daniel Shoemaker filled out two Civil War pension affidavits for Nicholas 9 years apart, and may have been a neighbor or friend of the Nicholas Dieddle family. Perhaps one of Daniel’s sons (if he indeed had any) was Minerva’s father. We just don’t know at this point, and it will probably never be known, as Minerva’s only daughter did not know who Minerva’s father was when asked in 1994 ¹⁸⁰.



Mary Ann “Annie” Dietle,
daughter of Nicholas Dieddle

Mary Ann married Charles Henry Martz ^{91,113a}, who was born on Aug. 21, 1877 ^{91,113a} in PA^{117,118} and died May 13, 1955 ^{91,113a}. Charles Martz[†] is the son of Sampson Martz^{52,174} (b. Jan. 1848⁵² or Feb. 17, 1848¹⁷⁴, d. March 3, 1931¹⁷⁴) and Anna^{52,174} M.⁵² Friedline^{52,174} (b. Dec. 1851⁵²). The family of Charles and Mary Ann was as follows:

Minerva Ellen Shoemaker^{§ 180}, born March 15, 1900 ^{91,113a},
Elvin^{113a} or Elven^{113a} Clarence^{113a} Martz^{113a}, b. April 10^{113a} or 19 ¹⁷⁴, 1907 ^{113a,174} d. April 5, 1931 ^{113a,174},
Sylvester Edward Martz, b. Sept. 11, 1909 ^{113a,433 **}, d. May, 1980⁴³³,
Russell Washington Martz, b. Feb. 21, 1915 ^{113a} or sometime in 1916 ¹⁷⁴.

* Mary Ann Dietle’s birth date is incorrectly given as 1881 in Ref. 52.

† The ancestry of Charles Henry Martz can be traced in Ref. 52, 62, 91,113a,174, 248, 262, and 279.

§ The **Rembold Family Record** identifies this child as Minerva Shoemaker Martz. Minerva’s daughter Vivian states that Minerva did not take the Martz name, and used Shoemaker until the time of her marriage¹⁸⁰.

** Ref. 174 indicates that Sylvester was born in 1910, but we believe this to be wrong based upon the information found in Ref. 113a and 433.

The 1910 census ¹¹⁷ shows Charles and Mary Ann living as husband and wife in a rented house in South Summit Twp., Somerset County along with sons Elven C. Martz and Sylvester E. Martz. This census (incorrectly, we believe) gives an age of 29 for Charles and Mary Ann, and states that Mary Ann is the mother of two children, both still living ¹¹⁷. Charles' occupation is given as coal miner, and Charles and Mary Ann had been married 3 years at the time of the census ¹¹⁷. In her father's obituary in 1918, Annie's residence was given as Meyersdale²⁶³.



Charles Henry Martz

The 1920 census ¹¹⁸ shows Charles and Mary Ann living as husband and wife in Summit Twp., Somerset County along with 3 sons, ages 13, 11 and 5. The name of the 13 year old son is very difficult to read, but *may* possibly read Melvin C. The name of the 11 year old is given as Lester E., and the name of the 5 year old is given as Russell W.. Vivian Timblin has confirmed that the sons were named Elvin, not Melvin, and Sylvester, not Lester¹⁸⁰.



Elvin & Sylvester Martz

Minerva Ellen Shoemaker, daughter of Mary Ann (Deitle) Martz, was first married to John William McKenzie ¹⁸⁰. John was called into the armed forces during WW-I, but the armistice was signed before he was shipped overseas¹⁸⁰. John died in the influenza epidemic of 1918, and was buried in the Greenville Union Cemetary^{180,264*}. John and Minerva had a daughter Vivian who was born April 5, 1917 in MD; this was the only child Minerva Ellen ever had¹⁸⁰. Minerva Ellen and John William were living an apartment on Maple Street in Frostburg, MD when Vivian was born¹⁸⁰. John William died at the home of Minerva Ellen's Grandfather Nicholas Dietle, and his obituary was carried on the same

* Ref. 57 lists John E. McKenzie, b. 1900, d. 1918, as buried at the Greenville union Cemetery. The middle initial "E" would seem to be a misprint, but we haven't seen the tombstone to verify what is recorded on it.

page of the Meyersdale Republican as Nicholas's²⁶⁴. His name was given as "William" in his obituary²⁶⁴.



John McKenzie & Ellen Shoemaker

Some records give the name of Minerva Ellen as Minerva, while others give it as "Ellen". Minerva's daughter Vivian tells us that Minerva was her mother's first name and Ellen was her middle name, but she preferred Ellen over Minerva, and used it as her name¹⁸⁰. Ardeth (Deitle) Gurnik recalls her as "Aunt Ellen"¹²⁷. Ellen is buried in Akron¹⁸⁰.

Ellen's second husband was Jack Bealer¹⁸⁰. They lived in Akron, OH¹²⁷. This is who Mary (Rembold) Deitle, widow of Nicholas Deitle, lived with in Akron¹²⁷. It appears the Bealers always had the welcome mat out for their extended Deitle family in OH, as many individuals and families stayed in their home over the years¹⁸⁰. From this I infer that it must have been a very close-knit and caring extended family¹⁸⁰.

Vivian, daughter of Minerva Ellen Shoemaker and John William McKenzie, was married to Russell Timblin of Revenna, Ohio¹⁸⁰. Vivian reports (1994) that they have been or were married for 53 years¹⁸⁰. (My notes unfortunately do not indicate whether or not Russell was alive at the time of the interview with Vivian in 1994.) Russell was the son of James F. and Iva Timblin¹⁸⁰.

Vivian was left in PA with Herman and Minnie Deitle, and their daughters Mary Ann and Ida until she was 6 years old¹⁸⁰. At that time her mother sent for her to come to Akron to live and start school, and also sent for Nicholas's widow Mary (Rembold) Deitle, who spent the rest of her life living with the Bealer family¹⁸⁰. Each summer (until well into her high-school years) Vivian and her Great-Grandmother Mary went back to Herman and Minnie's farm to spend the summer, where they would stay until school started¹⁸⁰. Vivian referred to Herman and Minnie as "Uncle Herman" and "Aunt Minnie"¹⁸⁰.

Vivian recalled that the Herman Deitle house was set up as a double house for two families¹⁸⁰. At one time Herman's daughter Mary Ann and her husband Godfrey Merrbach lived in one half, and Herman and Minnie lived in the other^{180*}. When Mary Ann and Godfrey moved to Salisbury, Ida and her husband Frank Clark moved in to the house¹⁸⁰.

* Godfrey's daughter Margaret (Merrbach) Knecht recalls that Mary (Rembold) Deitle stayed with Godfrey and Mary Merrbach in the summer. She also recalls that Mary (Rembold) Deitle never washed her hair, but instead brushed it with Wild Root Lotion, which kept it shiny, and kept her hair and scalp clean²¹¹.

Vivian was very close to her Great-Grandmother Mary Deitle, and recalls her in glowing terms, referring to her as “Grandma”¹⁸⁰. When asked about Mary’s personality, she said simply “Mary was the most wonderful person in the world”¹⁸⁰. Vivian felt she could talk and confide with her more easily than with her mother, and called her “her benefactor”¹⁸⁰. After becoming old enough to drive, Vivian took her Great-Grandmother to church every Sunday, and reports that she really knew her Bible¹⁸⁰. George and Clara Deitle also had taken her to church regularly; the church attended was the East Market Street Reformed Church¹⁸⁰.

One story Vivian recited from her childhood is from when her and her Great-Grandmother were staying at Herman’s farm for the summer¹⁸⁰. Frank, Edna and her used to play in the barn when they were children. One day they were climbing up on a beam and jumping down into the hay. This fun ended when Vivian sprained her ankle. Edna told her that Grandma (Mary (Rembold) Deitle) would be mad at her for hurting herself, and Vivian was afraid Edna might be right. She was hoping to avoid Grandma’s attention, and was scooting along on the sidewalk toward the house when Grandma spotted her, and asked her why she didn’t get up and walk. Fortunately, Grandma didn’t seem to catch on that she had hurt herself. Vivian managed to avoid further attention from Grandma, to her relief, and managed to hobble in through the screen door and find a place to sit and take it easy. Later, when Grandma did find out that she had hurt her leg, she teased Vivian that she had to get better before school started, or Grandma wouldn’t take her back to Akron.

When I interviewed Vivian in early 1994, she was living in Ft. Meade FL¹²⁷, but had plans to go back to Ohio in the spring to stay with one of her daughters¹⁸⁰. In the 1994 telephone interview, Vivian was vigorous, intelligent, kind, and very full of life and warmth. Her current (1994) hobby is dolls¹⁸⁰. She does (1994) volunteer work at a hospital in FL 2 days a week, and also does volunteer work with the church¹⁸⁰. Back in OH she was the correspondence secretary for the Coventry chapter of the American Association of Retired People for 9 years¹⁸⁰. She also worked 3 years with auto and driver’s license registration¹⁸⁰. Russell and Vivian have 3 children as follows:

Patricia Timblin, b. March 29, 1937¹⁸⁰,
Ronald Timblin¹⁸⁰, b. Dec. 11^{180,457,458}, 1938¹⁸⁰, and
Jacqueline “Jackie” Timblin¹⁸⁰, b. Oct. 18, 1946^{180,458}.

Patricia Timblin, daughter of Russell and Vivian Timblin, married Doran Young¹⁸⁰. They have since divorced, and Patricia has taken back her maiden name¹⁸⁰, and is (1996) living in Akron⁴⁵⁸. Patricia is (1996) the owner of West Staff Services, which is a Temporary Employment agency⁴⁷¹. She reported that when her children were younger they were involved in a lot of sports and would go to a Cleveland football game at the drop of a pin⁴⁷¹. Patricia’s father got her involved in Rainbow and her daughter was involved also⁴⁷¹. She says her boys belong to the Masonic lodge⁴⁷¹. Patricia remembered the Deitles getting together on Saturday night to play cards, and she mentioned Thelma, Walt and Minnie⁴⁷¹. She said they were an active bunch of people⁴⁷¹. Patricia’s dad drove truck long distance, then later just in Ohio⁴⁷¹. Her Dad’s people are from Somerset Co. PA also⁴⁷¹. Patricia has the following children:

John Young¹⁸⁰, b. October 16, 1956⁴⁵⁷,
Gregory Young¹⁸⁰, b. June 8, 1958⁴⁵⁷,
Vickie¹⁸⁰, b. August 5, 1959⁴⁵⁷,
Doran “Donnie” Stoffer, b. 1961⁴⁵⁷, and
Jeff Stoffer¹⁸⁰, b. Sept. 13 circa 1963⁴⁵⁷.

John Young, son of Patricia Timblin, is married to Kim^{457,471} Knight⁴⁷¹. John is (1996) working for Karter machine⁴⁷¹. John has two sons, Steven Michael who was born Dec. 4 around 1985, and Paul William who was born May 28, 1987⁴⁵⁷.

Gregory Young, son of Patricia Timblin, married Elizabeth "Libbie", who was born Sept. 24, 1950⁴⁷¹. Libbie has three children; Megan born Feb. 7 circa 1977, Andrea born Sept. 26 circa 1973, and Todd born Oct. 23 circa 1975⁴⁷¹.

Vickie, daughter of Patricia Timblin, is now (1996) living in or near Friendswood, TX⁴⁵⁷. She married Richard Attar¹⁸⁰, and has a son Taylor Amil Attar who was born Sept. 28, 1993 in Houston⁴⁵⁷. Richard Attar was born Sept. 8, 1957⁴⁵⁷.

Doran, son of Patricia Timblin, married Denise who was born Jan 29 1960/ 61⁴⁷¹. Denise has two children: Shawn who was born Aug. 16 and will be 12 in 1996, and Ryan who was born Nov. 29 and will be 14 in 1996⁴⁷¹.

Jeff Stoffer, son of Patricia Timblin, is married to Melissa⁴⁷¹, and has a son Robert Allen Stoffer who was born Feb. 2, 1995⁴⁵⁷.

Ronald Timblin, son of Russell and Vivian Timblin, married Linda Maag¹⁸⁰ and lives in Hilton Head^{457,458}. He presently (1996) has his own carpet business⁴⁵⁷. He also had a carpet business at one time in Kent, Ohio⁴⁵⁷. Ronald has two sons, as follows:

Ronald^{180,458} William⁴⁵⁸ Timblin, Jr.¹⁸⁰, who was born Nov. 1^{457,458} circa 1961/62⁴⁵⁸ and is (1996) married⁴⁵⁷, and

Robert^{180,458} Wayne⁴⁵⁸ who has (1996) a son named Brandon⁴⁵⁸.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Timblin, daughter of Russell and Vivian Timblin, married Frederick "Fred" Knight¹⁸⁰. They are (1994) living in Kingwood, TX¹⁸⁰. Fred works for Bell¹⁸⁰, and will have 28 years in with the company in March of 1996⁴⁵⁸. They have two children, as follows:

Andrew "Andy" Knight¹⁸⁰, b. April 5, 1970⁴⁵⁸, and
Kimberly Knight¹⁸⁰, b. October 31, 1972⁴⁵⁸.

Andrew "Andy" Knight, son of Jackie and Fred Knight, is married to Sandra Cabrera, and has a daughter named Sarah Ashley who was born Dec. 11, 1994⁴⁵⁸.

Kimberly Knight, daughter of Jackie and Fred Knight, graduated from Steven F. Austin University, and is now (1996) a school teacher⁴⁵⁸. While in college, she belonged to two honor societies, and was on the Dean's List every semester⁴⁵⁸.

Elvin Martz, son of Charles Henry Martz and Mary Ann (Dietle) Martz, never married or had children¹⁸⁰. He was planning to marry, but became ill and died on April 5, 19__¹⁸⁰.

Sylvester Edward Martz, son of Charles Henry Martz and Mary Ann (Dietle) Martz, married Thelma Leona Johnson, who was born Oct. 21, 1917^{113a}. They had a daughter named Marylou Martz who was born March 17, 1934^{113a}. Vivian Timblin believes they also had a son¹⁸⁰. Social Security records show that Sylvester died in May 1980, and his last place of residence was Berlin, PA 15530⁴³³. His Social Security card was issued in PA⁴³³.

Marylou Martz, daughter of Sylvester Edward Martz and Thelma Leona (Johnson) Martz, married _____ Merdgers^{113a}. She is said to be living in Missouri or Minnesota in 1994, and it is believed she moved out there because that is where her husband's farm was¹⁸⁰. It has been reported that Marylou was in the Navy in WW-II, and that her husband had also been in the service. Marylou and her husband had the following children^{113a}:

Andrew Merdgers,
Edward Wayne Merdgers,
Susan Merdgers,
Alysann Norma Merdgers,
Deborah Fay Merdgers,
Sharon Elaine Merdgers, and

Paul Stephen Merdgers.

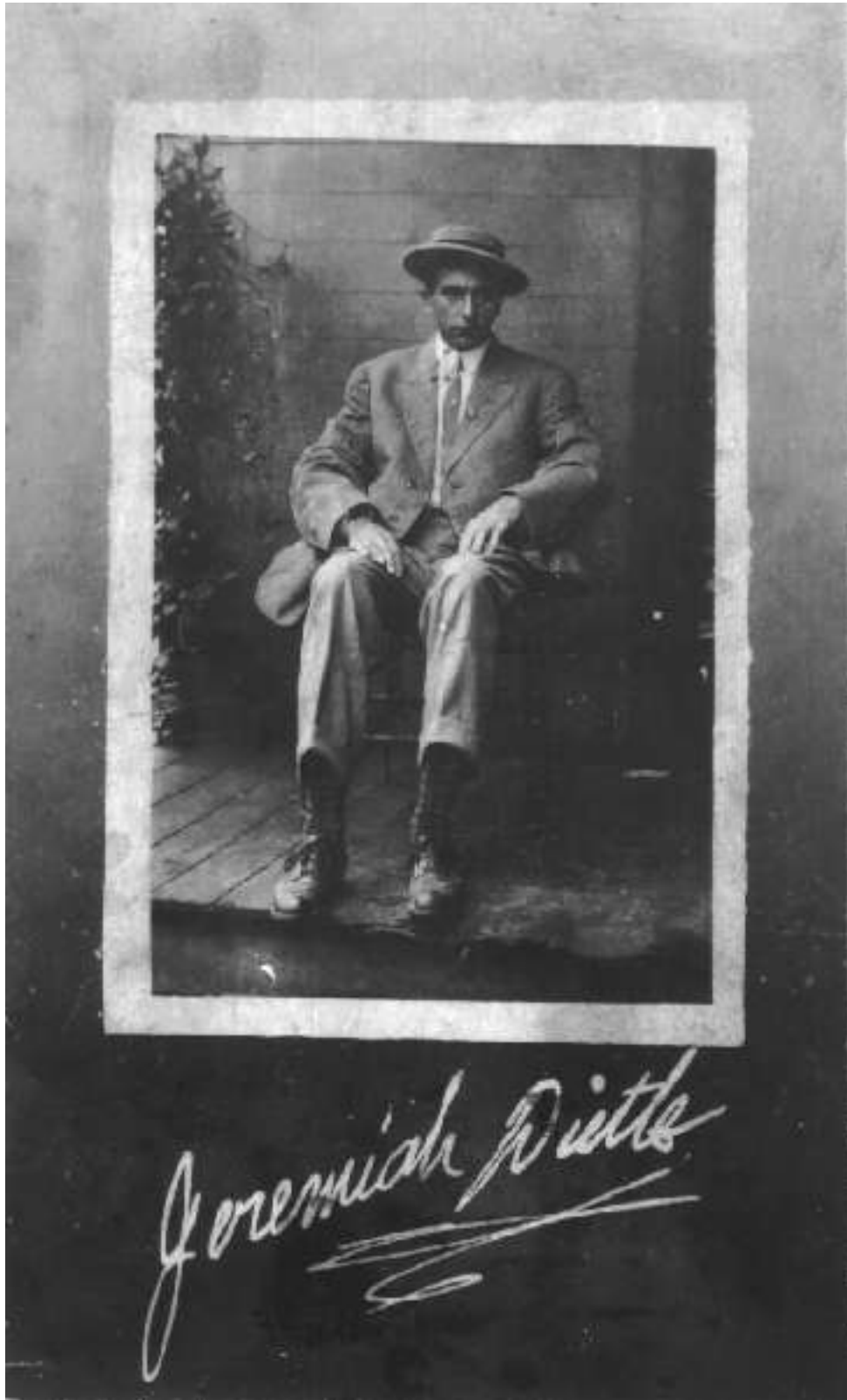
Russell Martz, son of Charles Henry Martz and Mary Ann (Dietle) Martz, married Mary _____¹⁸⁰. Vivian Timblin recalls Russell as “Russ”¹⁸⁰. Russ and Mary operated a gift and card shop in the town of Somerset, PA¹⁸⁰. Mary had worked at the shop as an employee while Russell was in the service, and when he came home from the war they arranged to take over the business from the previous owner¹⁸⁰. Russ participated in World War II as a Cpl. in an Amphibious Tractor Battalion, and was engaged with the enemy on Saipan and Okinawa³⁴⁴. He was also in the Philippines, but the news article we have access to doesn’t make it clear if he was involved with the fighting there³⁴⁴. After Okinawa, he was sent to Lucone Island, and after that was on a ship which was close by the battleship Missouri when the Japanese signed the unconditional surrender³⁴⁴.



Sarah and Jeremiah Deitle

Jeremiah Deitle

We know very little about the life of Nicholas and Mary Deitle's son Jeremiah Deitle. He was born Aug. 20, 1881^{113a} and died in 1939^{113a,315}. In his father's obituary in 1918, his address was given as Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio²⁶³. In his mother's obituary in June, 1939, he was said to be very ill at his home in Wadsworth, Ohio⁷⁶. He married Sarah^{91,180,315} Eva³¹⁵ Lowry⁹¹, who was born in 1887 and died in 1971³¹⁵. They are buried side by side in the Greenville Union Cemetery and share the same headstone³¹⁵. Ardeth (Deitle) Gurnik reports that Jeremiah lived on a small farm in Wadsworth, and never had any children¹²⁷. Wadsworth is west of Akron where state highway 57 crosses interstate highway 76. Vivian Timblin knew Jeremiah as "Jerry", and recalls that he farmed on a rented farm in Western Star, Ohio¹⁸⁰.





Jeremiah Deitle

Chapter 4

GG-Grandparents John Adam Diettle & Margaret (Ritter) Diettle, Ancestors of the Dietle Family Branch



John Adam Diettle
(From a photo given to Roy Dietle by his father Irvin Dietle.)

Our GG-Grandfather was John Adam Diettle, son of the “first” Adam ^{2,12b}. He was born in Bavaria and immigrated to the U.S. ^{12b}. His wife was the former Margaret ^{1,2,254} or Margarite ⁷³ Ritter ^{2,12b,73}. John Adam died at the age of 63 yrs. 3. mo. 23 days on Dec. 9, 1897 ^{12b,46,57,276}, which puts his date of birth in 1834. He was a Farmer ⁷³, and is buried in the Greenville Union Cemetery ^{12b,315}. His name was spelled “Diettle” in his obituary^{276*}. On his daughter Mary’s Certificate of Holy Baptism in 1881, the surname is given as “Deittle”²⁵⁴. Margaret died at the age of 54 yrs. 8 mo. 26 days on August 14, 1883 ^{12b,73}, which puts her date of birth in 1828. One descendant reports her birth date as Nov. 18, 1828 ⁷³. The children of John and Margaret Diettle, and their spouses, were:

William^{21,276} Dietle²¹, who married Christiana Nedro ²¹,
Adam^{2,12b,131a,276} **Dietle**^{12b,131a}, **who married Susan Werner**^{12b,131a},
Mary^{12b,276} Dietle^{12b}, who married Ephriam Geiger^{12b},
Sarah^{12b,276} Dietle^{12b}, who married Calvin Christner^{12b}, and

* According to Ref. 57, his name is spelled “Diettle” on his tombstone, but our notes ³¹⁵ show it to actually be carved as “Dietle”.

Catharine ^{12b,291} or Catherine²⁷ “Kate” ^{92,276} Dietle, who married Harvey Faidley ^{12b,276}, Faidly ¹⁰¹ or Fadely^{272,275,291,298}.

The above list of children is arranged by birth order, as determined from the 1870 ⁴ census and the 1880 ⁸ census, which are both abstracted below.



Tombstone of Margaret (Ritter) Dietle, 1994

Microfilmed church records of the Greenville Union Church (not available for all years) indicate that William and Adam “Deutle” were admitted to the church by the rite of Confirmation on May 22, 1875 along with 17 other individuals³⁵⁵. The same records show John Dietel, William Duetel, and Adam Duetel receiving the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church on May 23, 1875³⁵⁵.

The family of John Adam Dietle also appears in the 1860 census of Greenville Twp., abstracted as follows ¹⁰⁵.

Name	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate
John Dittle	24	Shoemaker	Hesse Kassel	\$1,200.00	\$250.00
Margaret	26		"		
William	3		PA		
John	1		"		

The place of birth and the value of the personal estate of John Dietle are very difficult to read in the 1860 census owing to the badly scratched condition of the microfilm which we had access too. Dana interprets the value of the personal estate as \$380.00, while I interpret it as \$250.00. Hesse is spelled with the old-style double s, which looks like a lower case cursive f. Hesse Kassel is not in Bavaria, and we are not sure

why it is shown as John's place of birth in the 1860 census. The 1870 and 1880 census records both indicate he was born in Bavaria.

One initially puzzling piece of data in the enumeration of John Adam in the 1860 census was a check-mark for having been married within the past year. If this were true, it would mean the two sons could conceivably be from an earlier marriage of either parent. It is important when evaluating this census record to be aware that the column for having been married within the past year is adjacent to the column for place of birth, which the name Hesse Kassel completely fills. Upon close examination, we have found that someone has gone down the pages of the census and put a check-mark at the right hand side of each foreign born place of birth, apparently while counting the immigrant residents. Since Hesse Kassel is a long name, and fills the column, the check-mark was inadvertently put in the column for having been married within the past year. The check-marks counting the foreign born individuals all look the same, but are completely different than the marks that were entered to denote having gone to school within the past year. From this we deduce that the check-marks which count foreign born individuals were not done by the original enumerator, and have no relationship to the date of John and Margaret's marriage. It is interesting to note that there is still a different shaped check mark which was used when counting persons with a trade or occupation.

The listing in the 1860 census is the only information which we have regarding the child John. Given the apparent popularity of the name John in this family, it seems probable that John, who was age 1 in the 1860 census, is actually the same individual who is listed as Adam, age 11, in the 1870 census; our Great-Grandfather Adam Dietle who was born August 28, 1859. This probably means his full name was John Adam.

John and Margaret also show up in the 1870 census, as shown in the following abstract by Dana ⁴:

"I have also found the 1870 census with John Dietle on it. It is not very readable so I didn't copy it for you. Here is what it said.

Dittle John, 35 yrs., Male, White Farmer
Value of Real Estate \$5000 Born in Bavaria
Value of Personal Estate \$600

Margaret,	41 yrs.	Female	white	Housewife
William	13 yrs.	Male	white	works on farm
Adam	11 yrs.	Male	white	works on farm
Mary	8 yrs.	female	white	
Sarah	5 yrs.	female	white	
Catherine	9/12 yrs.	female	white"	

Dana also forwarded a photocopy of the 1880 census ⁸. This is the first census which indicates the relationship between the head of the family and the other members of the household, and it names William and Adam as being sons of John. This is the last available census which lists the John Adam Dietle family, as the 1890 census was destroyed by fire. We have abstracted the 1880 census material as follows:

Head of Family: Dietle, John, white male, age 45, Birthplace:
Bavaria, County: Somerset, M.C.D. Greenville

Dietle, Margaret,	white wife,	age 51,	Birthplace: Hanover
Dietle, William,	son,	age 22,	Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Dietle, Adam,	son,	age 20,	Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Dietle, Mary,	daughter,	age 18,	Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Dietle, Sarah,	daughter,	age 15,	Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Dietle, Catharine,	daughter,	age 10,	Birthplace: Pennsylvania

The 1870³⁵⁰ census of Greenville Twp. included a schedule for agricultural production which provides insight into John Adam Dietle's farming activities. In this schedule his name is spelled "Dittle". The census shows that his farm was valued at \$2000, and consisted of 70 acres tilled and 50 acres in woodland. His farm implements and machinery were valued at \$15. He had 1 horse, 8 milk cows, 6 sheep, and 3 swine,

with the value of all livestock estimated at \$600. He paid out \$50 for wages in the preceding year, and harvested 25 bushels of rye, 150 bushels of oats, 43 bushels of buckwheat, 30 lbs of wool, 150 bushels of Irish potatoes, 800 lb of butter, 7 tons of hay, and \$15 of orchard products. The value of home manufactured goods in the preceding year was \$40, the value of animals slaughtered or sold for slaughter was \$130, and the estimated value of all farm production was \$772.

The 1880³³⁴ census of Greenville Twp. also included a schedule for agricultural production. At that time the census indicates that John Adam owned two farms, the first with 75 acres tilled, and the second with 85 acres tilled. The first farm had 70 acres under the heading of permanent meadows, pastures, orchards and vineyards, and the second had 85 acres. The first farm had 37 acres of woods, and the second had 56 acres. The first farm was valued at \$2,000, and the second at \$2,500. His machinery and implements were valued at \$100, and his livestock at \$300. In 1879 he paid \$200 for 37 weeks of labor. His farm production for 1879 was valued at \$492. In 1879 he had 25 acres of grassland mown, and 150 acres not mown, and produced 16 tons of hay and 6 tons of grass seed. He had only one horse on hand for both farms, and had 9 pigs on hand in June, 1880. In 1879 he had 7 calves and slaughtered 7 cows, and made 700 pounds of butter. He had 3 acres of buckwheat in 1879, which yielded 69 bushels, 1 acre of Indian corn which yielded 30 bushels, 3 acres of oats which yielded 70 bushels, 4 acres of rye which yielded 50 bushels, 1 acre of wheat which yielded 17 bushels, 2 acres of potatoes which yielded 300 bushels, 3 acres of apples with 150 trees which yielded 200 bushels which were valued at \$50, and harvested 181 lbs of honey, and sold or consumed \$7 of forest products.

The Will of John Adam Dietle was admitted into probate on December 13 1897 in Somerset County, and can be found in file 98 for that year. The will also identifies William and Adam as being sons of John Adam, which also helps to clear up any doubt caused by the misplaced check-mark in the 1860 census which was mentioned earlier. The text of the will is included immediately below, however I have edited some of the capitalization and punctuation to achieve better clarity ⁹²:

I John Dietle of Greenville Township Somerset County and State of Pennsylvania being sound and disposing of mind and memory, do make, declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void any and all former wills by me on anytime heretofore made, and first I direct that all my just debts, and funeral expenses be fully paid out of my estate and after payment thereof, I direct as follows. My son Adam Dietle to have the old home farm on which he now lives at the sum of twenty two hundred and fifty one dollars. One thousand dollars of this sum my son Adam shall have as his share in the real estate. The balance twelve hundred and fifty one dollars he shall pay out in equal shares to my three daughters as follows. Four hundred and seventeen dollars to my daughter Mary, wife of Ephriam Geiger. Four hundred and seventeen dollars to my daughter Sarah wife of C J Christner. Four hundred and seventeen dollars to my daughter Kate, wife of Harvey Fadeley. The amount coming to my daughter Mary must be paid to her in one year from the date of my death. The amount coming to my daughter Sarah must be paid to her in two years from the date of my death, and the amount coming to my daughter Kate must be paid to her in three years from the date of my death. I direct that my son Adam Dietle must secure to each of my daughters the amounts above stated by giving to each of them a judgment bond or mortgage on the property I have willed to him. As I have executed a deed to him for the farm, but I direct that my son Adam shall have no title to the farm under the deed until he shall first secure to my three daughters the amounts coming to them from the farm, and that he shall do immediately after my death. It is my will that whatever debts I may have shall be paid out of my personal estate, and after the payment of the debts & funeral expenses, the balance then remaining shall be divided in equal shares between my five children, William Dietle, Adam Dietle, and my three daughters Mary Geiger, Sarah Christner, and Kate Fadeley. It is my will and desire that my estate shall be settled without any proceedings at law. And I direct that in case my children cannot agree in the division of my personal property, that they each shall choose one person to act in their place, and the person chosen shall make the division, which shall be final. I direct further that in case it becomes necessary that an executor be appointed, I appoint my son Adam Dietle as my executor But he shall perform all the duties in the settlement without any commission and shall make no

charges further than the actual expenses necessary. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 28th day of November 1896.

John Dietle (seal)

The Somerset Co. deed index ⁹⁵ lists a real estate transaction in Greenville Twp. between Grantor John Dietle and Grantee Adam Dietle on Dec. 13, 1897, several days after John Adam's death. The Somerset Co. deed index ⁹⁵ also lists a real estate transaction between Grantor John Dietle and Grantee William Dietle on Dec. 9, 1895 in Greenville Twp.

John Adam Diettle's obituary reads as follows²⁷⁶:

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John Adam Diettle

The death of this well known and universally respected man came so suddenly that the announcement was a profound shock to all of his friends, neighbors and acquaintances. He was taken ill from a severe cold at the residence of his son, which developed into pneumonia, and which proved fatal in a few days. He died Dec. 9, 1897, in Greenville township, aged 63 years, 3 months and 23 days. He emigrated to this county from Germany and settled in Greenville. By thrift and wise management he amassed a competence and leaves, besides his good name and honest career, to his children a goodly portion of this world's goods. His wife died about 14 years ago. His sons are William and Adam, and his daughters Mary, married to E. Geiger, Sarah, to C. M. Christner, all of this county and near town, and Kate, to Harvey M. Faidley, of Burr Oak, Kans., who is now here on a visit. All the children were present and ministered to their loved father in his last illness.

Interment was made by the side of his departed wife in the cemetery of the Greenville church, in the midst of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends, Bishop C. G. Lint officiating. Mr. Diettle's was a familiar figure on our streets, his genial smile and even temper making him a great favorite with all. Peace to his ashes.



The tombstone of John Adam Dietle as it appeared in 1994.

Chapter 5

Descendants of John Adam Dietle & Margaret (Ritter) Dietle

William Dietle

William Dietle[†], son of John Adam Dietle and Margaret (Ritter) Dietle, married Christiana^{21,315} or Christine^{197*} Nedro²¹ or Nedrow¹⁹⁷. William and Christiana Dietle were known as “Will” ^{12b} and “Christie” ^{12b,101}. William, a farmer ²¹, was born on July 14, 1857 ^{21,315} and died on January 2, 1940 ^{21,315}. Christiana was born on August 28^{21,315}, 1858^{21,111,315} and died on July 17, 1936 ^{21,315}. They are both buried in the Greenville Lutheran Cemetery ^{21,315}, and share the same tombstone³¹⁵. Edna (Dietle) Kimmel reports that William’s farm was the next farm back from Adam’s, and was about 1/2 mile back past Adam’s barn⁴⁶¹. David Lawrence Jackson, who is the present (1996) owner of the Adam Dietle farm, reports that he knew the farm behind his as the Frank Dietle place⁴⁶². David Jackson reports that the barn at the old Frank Dietle place burned down, but the house still (1996) stands, and also reports that Ken Halverson bought it in 1995 to use as a hunting camp⁴⁶². David Jackson also reports that there was at one time an old log cabin there, but nothing remains of it in 1996, not even a foundation⁴⁶². David’s father Lawrence Jackson confirmed that the farm back past David’s was the William Dietle farm, then went to William’s son Frank⁴⁶⁵. Frank sold the farm to Harvey Wright⁴⁶⁵. The children of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle are as follows:

Nannie Dietle* ^{12a,101,111,397}, or Albright¹⁹⁹,
Margaret⁶¹ “Maggie”^{61,197} Dietle,
Frank Dietle ^{12a, 21,101},
Ephriam Dietle ^{12a, 21},
Eliza ^{21,119,111} E. ^{119,250} “Liza” ^{12a,101,111} Dietle,
William^{12a, 21} Henry³⁵⁹ “Bill” ²² Dietle ^{12a, 21},
Harvey Dietle ^{12a}, and
Emma Dietle^{61,101}.

[†] A Catherine D. Diettle who is buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery is listed as being the wife of William Diettle ^{46,57}. Catherine Died March 22, 1884 at the young age of 32 years, 5 months, 16 days ^{46,57}, which suggests that she died during child birth. The only possible husband named William that we can identify would be the son of John Adam Dietle; Nicholas’s son Herman *William* Dieddle was born in 1870²⁷, and was too young in 1884 to be married. We don’t know when Will and Christie were married, but Maggie, their first-born together, wasn’t born until Feb. 1886²¹, which suggests the possibility of an 1885 marriage; which would be after Catherine died. We suspect, but cannot prove, that Will was Catherine’s widower at the time of his marriage to Christiana. A history of Bedford and Somerset Co. states that Catherine was the daughter of Daniel Bear (b. Feb. 18, 1800 d. Feb. 1, 1884) and Eliza Deal (b. Sept. 4, 1820), and lists several generations of her ancestors⁶³.

* Nannie was the daughter of John Albright and Christine (Nedrow) Albright¹⁹⁷. Nannie’s father John was born in 1859¹¹¹, and passed away in Jan. 1881¹¹¹ when Nannie was four months old¹⁹⁸, after which her mother married William Dietle¹⁹⁸. She was raised by her step-father William Dietle since she was four years old¹⁹⁷. That Nannie was not William’s daughter, but was a product of Christiana’s previous marriage, is also supported by less complete information from references 21,61,111, and 148.

The 1900 census ²⁶ shows the family of William Deittle (sic), with 7 of his 8 children living at home. The absence of Nannie Dietle from William's household suggests that she might have moved out and married prior to the 1900 census. An abstract of the 1900 census information follows:

Head of Family: Deittle, William, white, born July 1857, age 42,
Birthplace: Pennsylvania, County: Somerset, M.C.D. Greenville
Twp.

Deittle, Christie, wife, b. Aug. 1858, age 41, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Maggie, dau, b. Feb. 1886, age 14, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Frank, son, b. Sep. 1887, age 12, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Ephriam, son, b. Mar. 1889, age 11, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Eliza, dau, b. Dec. 1891, age 8, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, William, son, b. Nov. 1893, age 6, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Harvey, son, b. Nov. 1897, age 2, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Emma, dau, b. Nov. 1897, age 2, Birthplace: PA

By the time of the 1910 census (Greenville Twp.) ⁵¹, the only children living at home were Frank, Eliza, William, Harvey and Emma, which suggests the other children had perhaps moved out and married by 1910. William and his son Frank are listed as being farmers in the 1910 census, and the census indicates that William owned his farm free and clear ⁵¹. The 1910 census indicates that Christiana's father and mother were both born in PA ⁵¹. By the time of the 1920 census ⁵⁴, Frank and Harvey were still single and living at home in Greenville Twp. Frank is listed in the 1920 census as a farm manager, age 32, and Harvey is listed as a mill worker at a saw mill, age 22 ⁵⁴.

Nannie, daughter of Christiana Dietle and step-daughter of William Dietle, was born on Sept. 28, 1880 in Greenville Twp.¹⁹⁷, and died Nov. 25, 1954¹⁹⁷ in the Meyersdale Community Hospital¹⁹⁷. She married Hiram^{197,199,397,398,399} Brown ^{60,70,101,197,199,397,398,399} circa 1900¹¹¹. Hiram, who died in Oct. 1957¹¹¹, was a first cousin of Clara (Brown) Dietle¹⁹⁹. Nannie is buried in the Meyersdale Union Cemetery¹⁹⁷. She had the following children:

Frank^{111,197,397,398,399} H.¹⁹⁷ Brown^{397,398},
Ray^{111,197,397,398,399} W.¹⁹⁷ Brown^{397,398},
Irma¹¹¹ or Erma^{397,398,399}, not living in 1994^{111,397},
Elmer^{111,197,397,398,399} C.¹⁹⁷ Brown^{397,398},
Hilda^{111,397,398,399}, alive in 1994^{111,399},
Clarence^{111,197,399} D.¹⁹⁷ "Jack"³⁹⁹ Brown³⁹⁹,
June^{111,397,398,399},
Clyde^{111,197,397,398,399} S.^{197,397} Brown^{397,398},
Robert^{111,197,397,398,399} L.¹⁹⁷ Brown^{397,398,399},
Pauline^{111,398,399}, not living in 1994^{111,399},
Harry¹¹¹, not living in 1994¹¹¹.

Frank H. Brown, son of Nannie (Dietle) Brown, was living in or near Meyersdale in 1954¹⁹⁷, and was not living in 1994^{111,397,398,399}.

Ray W. Brown, son of Nannie (Dietle) Brown, was living in or near Meyersdale in 1954¹⁹⁷, and was not living in 1994^{111,397,398,399}.

Elmer C. Brown son of Nannie (Dietle) Brown, was living in or near Meyersdale in 1954¹⁹⁷, and was not living in 1994^{111,397,398,399}.

Clyde S. Brown, son of Hiram Brown and Nannie (Dietle) Brown³⁹⁷, was born on April 26, 1916 in Meyersdale³⁹⁷. He died August 24, 1994 at the Sacred Heart Hospital at the age of 78³⁹⁷. His residence at the time of death was Route 2, Frostburg, but his obituary said he was formerly of Meyersdale³⁹⁷. He was living in or near Painesville, OH in 1954¹⁹⁷. He was the Road Department Supervisor in Concord Twp, Ohio for 25 years, and served 18 years with the Concord Twp. Fire Department³⁹⁷. His first wife, Ethel (Decker) Brown preceded him in death, and his

second wife, Nellie (Rosenberger) Brown survived him³⁹⁷. He was also survived by two step daughters, Peggy Nagle, wife of David Nagle, Austin, TX, and Cynthia Early of Upper Marlboro, and by two step grandchildren, Nicholas Adam Nagle and Timothy Ryan Nagle of Austin, TX³⁹⁷. Clyde was a life member of the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church where his funeral services were held³⁹⁷. He was buried in the Meyersdale Union Cemetery³⁹⁷.

Robert L. Brown, son of Nannie (Dietle) Brown¹⁹⁷, was living in or near Meyersdale in 1954¹⁹⁷ and was living there still in 1994^{397,398,399}.

Hilda, daughter of Nannie (Dietle) Brown, married William¹⁹⁷ Sevindell¹⁹⁷ or Swindell^{397,398}. Mrs. William Sevindell was living in or near Garrett in 1954¹⁹⁷, and had a Meyersdale address in 1994^{397,398,399}.

Erma, daughter of Nannie (Dietle) Brown, married Charles¹⁹⁷ Pritts^{197,397,399}, and was living in or near Garrett in 1954¹⁹⁷. She preceded her sister June³⁹⁸ and her brothers Clyde³⁹⁷ and Clarence³⁹⁹ in death. She *may* be the same Erma Pritts which the Social Security records list as born on June 23, 1906 and died Dec. 1987 having a last place of residence of Freedom, PA 15042⁴³³.

June, daughter of Hiram and Nannie (Dietle) Brown³⁹⁸, married Robert W. Decker³⁹⁸, and was living in or near Garrett in 1954¹⁹⁷. She was born on June 4, 1918 in Meyersdale³⁹⁸, and died Aug. 11, 1994 at the Meyersdale Medical Center³⁹⁸. Robert died before her³⁹⁸. June was a member of the Garrett Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, and was buried at the Highland Cemetery, Garrett³⁹⁸. June was survived by the following children³⁹⁸:

Grace,
Donald A.,
Robert E., and
Dale A.

Pauline, daughter of Nannie (Dietle) Brown, married Donald Gnagey, and was living in or near Garrett in 1954¹⁹⁷. She preceded her sister June³⁹⁸ and her brothers Clyde³⁹⁷ and Clarence³⁹⁹ in death. She *may* be the same Pauline Gnagey which the Social Security records list as born on March 3, 1925 and died Dec. 1986 having a last place of residence of Garrett, PA 15542⁴³³.

Clarence D. "Jack" Brown, son of Hiram Brown and Nannie Dietle) Brown³⁹⁹, married Jenny Smith³⁹⁹, who preceded him in death³⁹⁹. He was born Aug. 12, 1911 and died at age 83 on Sept. 8, 1994 at his Bolivar, PA home³⁹⁹. For a number of years Clarence had also lived in Roanoke, VA³⁹⁹. He was a WW-II Veteran, and had worked for the Pennsylvania Turnpike³⁹⁹. His remains were cremated in Greensburg³⁹⁹. He had the following children³⁹⁹:

Patty, living at Bolivar in 1994,
Jack, living at Irwin in 1994,
Barbara, living at Tempe, AZ in 1994.



Margaret "Maggie" (Dietle) Meyers

Margaret Dietle, daughter of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, married George Meyers⁶¹. Our father believes that his father Irvin H. Dietle got his start of Brown Swiss cattle from George and Maggie²³. Maggie was living at Meyersdale R.D. # 3 in 1954¹⁹⁷. She had the following children:

Grace Meyers¹¹¹,
Mary Meyers⁶¹,
Ralph Meyers⁶¹,
Emma Meyers⁶¹,
Anna Mae Meyers⁶¹, and
Evelyn Meyers⁶¹.

None of Margaret's children were alive in 1993¹¹¹.



Greenville Lutheran Church, 1993
(Courtesy of Irvin Dietle, Jr.)

Frank Dietle, son of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, was born on Sept. 14⁹⁷, 1887^{97,315} in Greenville Twp. ⁹⁷ and died in 1958³¹⁵. He took over his father's farm, and raised his children there ¹⁴⁹. He had a Frostburg, MD address in 1954¹⁹⁷. He married Clara^{146,150,197,315} Ruth ¹⁴⁶ or Clair^{61,97*} Brown ^{61,97,133,150,199}, the daughter of John Brown and Emma (Knepp) Brown ¹⁵⁰. John and Emma were born in 1861 and 1864¹⁴⁶; we are not sure which date goes with which person. Emma Knepp's grand daughter Ida Mae (Brown) Snyder reports that Emma's family came from Germany and settled around White Oak; she believes the farm Sis & Irving Saylor owned was originally the Knepp home place¹⁴⁶. Clara was born Oct. 22^{146,150}, 1902^{146,150,315} in Larimer Twp.,¹⁵⁰ and died at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, FL¹⁵⁰, on Jan. 21¹⁵⁰, 1994 ^{150,315}. Clara's last residence was with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Laslo of Lake Park, FL ¹⁵⁰. Clara's obituary reported that she was a member of the Greenville Lutheran Church, where she is buried ¹⁵⁰ beside her husband Frank³¹⁵. Clara was employed in the food service at Frostburg State College for many years ¹⁵⁰. Frank and Clara Dietle had two daughters, as follows:

Jennie May ^{21,61} or Mae ¹⁵⁰ Dietle ^{21,61}, and
Viola Dietle ^{60,61}

Frank and Clara Dietle also raised a foster son named Irvin Sivits, who is living in or near Accident, MD in 1993/94 ^{21,150}. Clara's obituary indicates that she had a grandson and great-grandson who were alive in 1994 ¹⁵⁰. Darius Dietle tells us that neither Jennie Mae or Viola had children, so we guess the aforementioned grandson and great-grandson must be through Irvin Sivits ¹⁵⁰. Darius talked to Irvin Sivits' adult son at a funeral (possibly Clara's) in early 1994, but does not recall his name¹⁵⁰.

Frank died on Dec. 1, 1958 at his home at 23 Centennial St., Frostburg after experiencing ill health for some time ⁹⁷. Funeral services were held on Dec. 3, 1958 with Rev. William J. Yingling officiating ⁹⁷. Frank was buried in the Greenville Cemetery ⁹⁷. His obituary indicated he was a retired farmer, and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church ⁹⁷.

In the 1958 obituary of Frank Dietle, his daughter Jennie Mae Mintdrop was reportedly living in Hagerstown ⁹⁷. In the 1994 obituary of Clara Dietle, Jennie Mae was reportedly living in Hollywood, FL¹⁵⁰.

Viola Dietle, daughter of Frank Dietle and Clara (Brown Dietle) was married to Robert W. ¹⁵⁰ "Bob" ¹⁴⁶ Laslo, a tool and die maker ¹⁵⁰. Robert Laslo was the son of John Laslo and Christiana (Walker) Laslo¹⁵⁰. He was born in Midland on Dec. 23, 1919, and died on Jan. 20, 1994 at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, FL ¹⁵⁰. Viola was living with her husband and mother in Lake Park, FL, and lost them both almost at the same time ^{146,150}. Bob died on Thursday, and Clara died on Friday ^{146,150}. Robert was buried in the Frostburg Memorial Park ¹⁵⁰. In the 1958 obituary of Frank Dietle, his daughter Viola B. Laslo was said to be living in Frostburg ⁹⁷. Robert had a daughter Carolyn Laslo who was reportedly living in Cumberland, MD in early 1994, according to his obituary ¹⁵⁰. Darius Dietle has indicated that Viola had no children, so Carolyn may be Robert's child by some previous marriage; we are just not sure ¹⁵⁰.

Irvin Sivits, the foster son of Frank Dietle, was said to be living in Grantsville in the 1958 obituary of Frank Dietle⁹⁷.

* One source¹³³ also gives her name as Viola, but that may be confusion with the name of her daughter. We believe her given name to be Clara, as that is the name given on her tombstone.³¹⁵ It is my guess that the name "Clair" given by references 61 and 97 was a nickname.



Ephriam Dietle

Ephriam Dietle, son of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, married Ida ^{61,78,131a} Jane ^{78,21,131a} Siegner ^{61,131a*}, who was born on November 11, 1889 ^{61,78,131a,259} at Meyersdale ⁷⁸ and died on March 24, 1967²⁵⁹. Ida Jane was the daughter of Andrew^{78,131a} George⁴³² Siegner^{78,131a} (b. 1855⁴³², d. April 12, 1914^{131a}) and Anna ^{78,131a} Catharine ^{131a} (Werner) Seigner ⁷⁸ (b. Jan. 13, 1854^{131a}, d. Sept. 2, 1911^{131a}), who were no longer living in March 1967 ⁷⁸.

In her obituary in the Meyersdale Republican, Ida's maiden name was spelled Seigner ⁷⁸, but her son Harold spelled it Siegner when he wrote to me in 1993 ⁶¹, and it is also spelled Siegner in **The Werner Family** ^{131a}. Ephriam died on Sept. 21 ¹³², 1959 ^{78,132}. Ida Jane died March 24, 1967 at the Meyersdale Community Hospital ⁷⁸. She was a resident of Rockwood RD #2 at the time. Her sister Mrs. Martha McVicker was living at Sanford, North Carolina at the time of her death, and her brother Adam Seigner had a Hyndman address ⁷⁸. Ida was buried in the Union Cemetery^{78,259} in Meyersdale⁷⁸. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Cassidy ⁷⁸.

Ephriam was a self employed Farmer⁶¹. He was known as "Eph", according to his nephew Darius Dietle⁶⁰. When asked what stood out in his memory of his mother and father, Ephriam's son Harold said "They gave me a good Christian home to live in." ⁶¹ Ephriam and Ida's home was in Brothersvalley Twp.^{61,461} Somerset County, near Hayes Mill, where they had an 85 acre farm⁴⁶¹. Ephriam had a Meyersdale R.D. # 2 address in 1954¹⁹⁷. Ephriam and Ida were affiliated with the First Methodist Church in Meyersdale⁴⁶¹.

Ephriam and Ida had the following children:

June Dietle ^{61,131a}, born June 23, 1918 ^{131a}, died May 30, 1950 ^{131a}
Edna Dietle ^{61,131a}, born January 12, 1920 ^{131a,461}, and
Harold Dietle ^{61,131a}, born July 2, 1924 ^{61,131a}.

June Dietle, daughter of Ephriam Dietle and Ida (Siegner) Dietle, died relatively young and had no children¹¹¹.

* Ida Jane Siegner is a distant cousin of ours on our father's side through the Werner family. Her ancestors may be traced in REF. 61,78,131a and 432.

Edna Dietle, daughter of Ephriam Dietle and Ida (Siegnier) Dietle, married Richard Kimmel^{61,64,131a}, who was born May 30, 1914⁴⁶¹. Richard "Dick" Kimmel died circa 1986⁴⁶¹. She and her brother Harold currently (1996) live at a Rockwood, PA address near the Seven Springs resort⁴⁶¹. A newspaper article also listed her residence as a Rockwood rural delivery address in 1967⁷⁸. They had a "Bed & Breakfast" business^{111,461} which is now owned by a daughter and son in law. Edna worked 10 years as a book keeper for an electric company⁴⁶¹. She and her husband had a "Red & White" grocery store in Trent (Rockwood RD#2) for 26 years⁴⁶¹. Edna and Richard had the following children^{131a,461}:

Patricia Ann Kimmel, born May 30, 1949 (twin), and
Pamela Jean Kimmel, born May 30, 1949 (twin).

Patricia Ann Kimmel, daughter of Richard Kimmel and Edna (Dietle) Kimmel, married Barry Enos⁴⁶¹. They are living in Mount Joy, near Lancaster, and have the following children⁴⁶¹:

Merideth Enos,
Laura Enos, and
Matthew Enos.

Pamela Jean Kimmel, daughter of Richard Kimmel and Edna (Dietle) Kimmel, married Clarence Robert "Bob" Shrock⁴⁶¹. They have two children⁴⁶¹:

Jarod Shrock, and
Sara Shrock.

Harold Dietle, son of Ephriam Dietle and Ida (Siegnier) Dietle, never married⁶¹. He is a retired Farmer⁶¹ who is (1993) living near Rockwood, PA.

Eliza Dietle, daughter of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, married Marshall Arnold^{60,61,64}, son of John D. and Elizabeth (Faidley) Arnold¹¹¹. Marshall H. ¹¹⁹ Arnold was born on Feb. 4, 1889^{111,119} and died Oct. 21, 1963¹¹¹. A John D. Arnold 1852-1931 and his wife Elizabeth April 7, 1857-May 20, 1904 are buried in the Hostetler Cemetery in Greenville Twp²⁸⁶; this is presumed by the authors to likely be the last resting place of Marshall Arnold's parents.

In the 1920 census records of Greenville Twp.⁵⁴, the Marshall Arnold family is enumerated only two families ahead of the William Dietle family, which probably means the families lived in close proximity to one another. Marshall is enumerated as a self-employed 30 year old farm manager working on his own account, and owning his own farm free and clear⁵⁴.

Eliza was born on Dec. 20, 1891^{119,250} and died June 4, 1972^{111,250}. Her given name was Eliza, and her nickname was "Liza"¹¹¹. Her daughter Doretha recalls that Eliza participated in church groups, and enjoyed quilting¹¹¹. When she was older, she went to the hospital every Monday with other older women volunteers to do mending¹¹¹. In regards to her volunteer work, Doretha recalls that Eliza described her self as a "Go-Go Girl"*; when someone said go, she went¹¹¹. Eliza remained an active person up until her death at age 80¹¹¹. She and her husband Marshall are buried in the Union Cemetery in Meyersdale, which is right in Meyersdale, and not to be confused with the Greenville Union Cemetery¹¹¹.

Marshall was a Farmer in Pocahontas until moving to Meyersdale in 1937, at which time he began working as a self-employed Carpenter¹¹¹. Eliza's address was still Meyersdale in 1954¹⁹⁸. Eliza and Marshall had the following children:

Clarence^{60,61, 119,291} Franklin¹¹¹ Arnold,
John^{61,119,291} or Johnny⁶⁰ William¹¹¹ Arnold,
Floyd^{60,61,400} Robert^{111,400} Arnold⁴⁰⁰, b. March 7, 1926^{111,119}, and

* This was evidently a spoof on the slang of the 1960's era, when a Go-Go girl was a performer who danced in places like cocktail lounges to entertain the customers. Go-Go girls typically wore mini-skirts and knee-high "Go-Go Boots". They were often depicted in magazines, movies and TV shows of the day.

Doretha ^{60,61,111,119} Jane^{111,472} Arnold, b. April 5, 1931¹¹¹.

Clarence F. Arnold, son of Eliza Dietle and Marshall Arnold, was born April 3, 1912¹¹¹ and died Oct. 5, 1987¹¹¹. He lived in Finzel (between Frostburg and Pocahontas) and is buried in the Finzel Cemetery¹¹¹. He was once a Truck Driver with his own truck, and after that he was a Carpenter¹¹¹. He married Emma Clark ^{111,119} (who died Dec. 26, 1995¹¹¹) and had the following children¹¹¹:

Paul,
Harold,
Ronald,
Blaine,
Darrel, and
Patricia.

Paul, son of Clarence F. Arnold, died at the age of 9 months circa 1936¹¹¹.

Harold, son of Clarence F. Arnold, married Betty Capel¹¹¹ and had the following children¹¹¹:

Shelly,
Mark, and
Kelly.

Ronald, son of Clarence F. Arnold, married Rose Mankameyer¹¹¹ and had the following children¹¹¹:

Kathy,
Rodney, and
Lori.

Blaine, son of Clarence F. Arnold, married Margie Haer¹¹¹ and had the following children¹¹¹:

David, and
Michelle.

Blaine also married Andrea Kross and had a child named Matthew¹¹¹.

Darrel, son of Clarence F. Arnold, married Darlene Stinebaugh¹¹¹ and had the following children¹¹¹:

Dara, and
Derek.

Patricia, daughter of Clarence F. Arnold, married John Urbas and had a son named Brian¹¹¹.

John William Arnold, son of Eliza Dietle and Marshall Arnold, was b. June 1, 1916 ¹¹¹ and died in Jan. 1973 ¹¹¹. He was reportedly named for his grandfathers¹¹¹. He lived in Akron, Ohio and worked for Goodyear, and is buried in that area ¹¹¹. He married Betty Baer ^{111,119} and had the following children¹¹¹:

Larry Arnold, and
Philip Arnold.

Larry Arnold, son of John Arnold, married Sherrie _____, and has (1994) no children¹¹¹.

Phillip Arnold, son of John Arnold, married Jan _____ and had the following children¹¹¹:

Tammy,
Scott, and
Amy.

Floyd Arnold, son of Eliza Dietle and Marshall Arnold, married Virginia ^{111,119,400} Rose⁴⁰⁰ Brant ^{111,400} on Oct. 17, 1947¹¹⁹. She was born Jan. 16, 1927¹¹⁹. Floyd was born March 7, 1926^{119,400} in Greenville Twp., Somerset County, PA ¹¹⁹ and died Nov. 15, 1994^{119,400} at the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh⁴⁰⁰. A member of the former Center Lutheran Church, Garrett, his interment was at the Garrett Highland Cemetery⁴⁰⁰. Virginia worked for the Meyersdale Manufacturing Co.¹¹⁹. Floyd graduated from Meyersdale High School in 1944 and served in the U.S. Army during WW II⁴⁰⁰. He was a Mechanic for many years, working at the New Standard Motor Company from 1946 to 1963, and then with Gnagey Oldsmobile from 1963 to 1969⁴⁰⁰. He was also a Custodian for Somerset Rural Electric ^{119,400} Cooperative⁴⁰⁰ (REA) for 18 years¹¹¹. Floyd was living outside of Meyersdale in 1994, and had a Garrett address ^{111,400}. He had the following children¹¹⁹:

Norman^{119,400} D.^{119,400} Arnold¹¹⁹, and
Mark^{119,400} T.^{119,400} Arnold¹¹⁹.

Norman D. Arnold, son of Floyd Arnold, was born on Nov. 8, 1955¹¹⁹ and was alive in 1994⁴⁰⁰. He married Pamela Gallagher^{111,119,400} of Meyersdale⁴⁰⁰ (who was born on Sept. 24, 1957¹¹⁹) on June 18, 1977¹¹⁹ and had the following children¹¹¹:

Norman^{111,119} "Doug" Arnold II¹¹⁹, born Dec. 17, 1979¹¹⁹,
Joshua^{111,119}, born Nov. 24, 1982¹¹⁹, and
Christopher^{111,119}, born June 9, 1984¹¹⁹.

Mark T. Arnold, son of Floyd Arnold, was born on Jan. 21, 1961¹¹⁹. He married Janet Sechler^{111,119,400} of Meyersdale⁴⁰⁰ on Oct. 3, 1981¹¹⁹ and had a daughter named Miranda^{111,119} who was born on Sept. 6, 1992¹¹⁹. Janet Sechler was born on Feb. 2, 1962¹¹⁹.

Doretha Jane Arnold, daughter of Eliza Dietle and Marshall Arnold, married Glen¹¹¹ Berg⁴⁷² Hoover¹¹¹, son of Isaiah and Tillie Ann (Berg) Hoover ¹¹¹. Glenn was born on Nov. 5, 1927 at Barronzale, and was a Heavy Equipment Operator (cranes, etc.) on construction jobs ¹¹¹. Doretha went to school with our father Roy Dietle ⁶⁰, and was living at Meyersdale Rt 3 in 1993 ^{21,111}. She retired from the Meyersdale Area School District in June of 1993 after working 29 years in the school cafeteria ¹¹¹. She worked in the Meyersdale Elementary School⁴⁷². She said "I told them I was retiring after feeding several hundred who are parents now and saw their children go through. I can hardly believe their grandchildren are now starting school." ¹¹¹

Doretha reported in 1994 that she is helping with her 45th High School class reunion, and that they help with the annual Meyersdale Maple Festival, which is held two weekends in April¹¹¹. She reports that the festival has a Maple Queen contest, crafts, parades, entertainment, etc., and that this is the only time of the year that Meyersdale has any traffic!¹¹¹

Doretha attended the Meyersdale High School, and in her Sr. Yearbook she was chosen “Most outstanding Personality” by the Senior Class, and was described as having blue eyes²⁸⁸. For her 4 years of high school, 17 extra-curricular activities were listed, with many of these being pursued for more than one year²⁸⁸. She must have been a very industrious student indeed!

Doretha and Glen had the following children, who are (1994) all living within about 7 miles of her¹¹¹:

Glenda^{111,472} Kay⁴⁷² Hoover¹¹¹, born Aug. 19, 1949¹¹¹,
Paul^{111,472} William⁴⁷² Hoover¹¹¹, born Nov. 4, 1951^{111,472}, and
Eddy¹¹¹ “Ed”^{111,472} Lee⁴⁷² Hoover¹¹¹, born Jan. 10, 1954^{111,472}.

Glenda Hoover, daughter of Glen B. Hoover and Doretha (Arnold) Hoover, married Kenneth Kreider. She is (1996) a secretary at the Meyersdale High School⁴⁷². Ken works for Croner Inc. as a mechanic⁴⁷². Glenda had the following children:

Kevin^{111,472}, Philip⁴⁷², born Nov. 1970⁴⁷².
Denise^{111,472} Christine⁴⁷², born Sept. 8, 1973⁴⁷², and
Melissa^{111,472} Melissa Jane⁴⁷², Born March 8, 1977⁴⁷².

Kevin, son of Glenda Hoover, Kevin is (1996) working for Fleetwood Folding Campers⁴⁷².

Denise, daughter of Glenda Hoover, married Rodger Lee Foor, Jr. on Oct. 14, 1995⁴⁷². Rodger is the son of Rodger Lee Foor, Sr. and Carol⁴⁷². He is (1996) working at Zane Lumber, Berlin⁴⁷². Denise is (1996) working at Picture Perfect, Inc. Somerset⁴⁷².

Melissa, daughter of Glenda Hoover, is (1996) going to California University of Pennsylvania* ⁴⁷².

Paul Hoover, son of Glen B. Hoover and Doretha (Arnold) Hoover, married Dee Ann Baker¹¹¹, who was born Aug 11 circa 1956⁴⁷². Dee Ann is (1996) working at the First Philson Bank, New Centerville⁴⁷². Paul is (1994) a self-employed Electrician. He had the following children:

Matthew^{111,472} Paul⁴⁷², born May ,1976⁴⁷² going to Devry Inst. in 1996⁴⁷²,
Daniel^{111,472}, Ryan⁴⁷², born Feb.⁴⁷², and
Jonathan^{111,472} Adam⁴⁷², born Jan. 27⁴⁷².

Eddy Hoover, son of Glen B. Hoover and Doretha (Arnold) Hoover, married Debra^{111,472} Elizabeth⁴⁷² Nicholson^{111,472}. According to his mother his given name is Eddy, but he goes by “Ed”¹¹¹. His mother reported that he was (1994) a Heavy Equipment Operator on a coal stripping job. His sister reported that he is (1996) working at Sanner Coal Company⁴⁷². Eddy had the following children:

Joel^{111,472} Edward⁴⁷², born Nov. 4, 1978⁴⁷²,
Andrea^{111,472} Elizabeth⁴⁷², born Oct. 16, 1981⁴⁷², and
Sara^{111,472} Bethany⁴⁷², born Dec. 8, 1983⁴⁷².

* Formerly California State College, Lannie’s Alma Mater.



This photo was labeled "Billy Deitle". We believe that it is a photo of Will and Christie Dietle's son.

William Henry ^{359,84} Dietle, son of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, was born on Nov. 17, 1893 ^{359,96} at Meyersdale ⁸⁴. William first married Minnie Bowser*, a daughter of James Bowser ^{22,60} (b. Oct. 14, 1851³⁵⁹ or Oct. 15, 1851 ⁹⁹, d. July 9, 1917³⁵⁹ or July 16, 1917 ⁹⁹). William and Minnie had a daughter named Pauline Dietle ⁶⁰. Minnie Bowser was born in 1897 ⁹⁹. After Minnie's death, William Dietle married Minnie's first cousin Cora Pearl Bowser. Cora, one of 5 children of Perry Bowser, was born on Sept. 7, 1895 ³⁵⁹. **The Bittinger, Bittner, Biddinger, and Bidingher Families--and Their Kin--of Garrett County, Maryland**, indicates that James and Perry Bowser's parents were Gabriel Bowser, b. July 24, 1812 and Hester Pearl "Hetty" (Weitzel) Bittinger, the former wife of George Bittinger ³⁵⁹. The Poorbaugh book lists Perry Bowser's wife as Amy Emma Biddinger²², while the Bittinger book lists Perry's wife as Amy Ellen Bittinger, daughter of Solomon P. Bittinger and Rebecca Broadwater ³⁵⁹. William Dietle was a Farmer and Construction Worker ³⁵⁹ in the employ of the Baughman Construction Company ⁸⁴. He had a Corriganville, MD address in 1954¹⁹⁷. William died on March 21, 1967 ^{359,84,96} at his home in Potomac Park, Cumberland, MD after several years of failing health ⁸⁴. He was a member of the Livingstone Church of the Brethern, and a member of the Senior Citizens Club, Cumberland ⁸⁴. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fenton H. Platter ⁹⁶. William is buried in the Grantsville Cemetery ^{84,96}.

The marriage to William Dietle was Cora's second marriage ⁶⁰, and she was employed at one time as a Celanese Worker ²². Her first marriage was to Hampton Talmage Dashiell, an Insurance Salesman, who was the son of Talmage Dashiell ³⁵⁹. Darius Dietle knew Cora's first husband as "Harry" Dashiell ⁶⁰. Her third marriage was to Nello N. Caporossi ^{359,60}, a Chef in Allegany Co. MD ³⁵⁹, who was born on Feb. 10, 1896 and died in October, 1979 ³⁵⁹. Cora was still living at the time of William's death ⁸⁴.

Pauline B. ⁸⁴ Dietle, daughter of William Dietle and Minnie (Bowser) Dietle, has been married several times, and we have been told that she lives (1993) in TX ⁶⁰. She had a son named William D. Guillory with her first husband Jeffery Guillory ^{21,84}. Darius Dietle referred to this son as "Billy" ⁶⁰. Pauline's second husband was named Sherwood Diehl ²¹, her third husband was named Herbert Kuykendoll ²¹, and her fourth husband was named Clyde Flemming ²¹. Pauline was living in Beaumont, TX in 1967 ⁸⁴.

Harvey Dietle, son of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, was born on Nov. 4, 1897 ^{21,98,433} in Greenville Township ⁸¹. He married Minnie Bowser's sister ^{60,99} Ruth May Bowser of

* The ancestry of sisters Minnie Bowser and Ruth May Bowser can be found in Ref. 21, 85, 99, and 359.

Grantsville, MD, who was born on Nov. 27, 1903 ²¹. Ruth's parents were James Bowser and Sophia (Yommer) Bowser^{**}, according to her son Darius Dietle ²¹, who referred to his mother's father as "Jim" Bowser ⁶⁰. Ruth was living in a nursing home August 1993 ²¹. One of her hobbies was making quilts ²¹.

Harvey Dietle, was a Farmer ^{21,81}, and had also been employed by the Garrett Co. Roads Department ⁸¹. He was a member of the Maple Grove Church of the Brethern, where he had served as Deacon. He had a Frostburg, MD address in 1954¹⁹⁷.

Harvey died at age 68 ⁸¹ on July 14, 1966 ^{21,98} or July 15, 1966 ⁸¹ at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Cumberland ⁸¹. Funeral services were held on July 17, 1966 by Rev. Jesse Whitacre ⁹⁸. He is buried along side of his brother Will in a cemetery located very near Grantsville, MD⁶⁰. Social Security records show that Harvey's last place of residence was Grantsville, MD 21536⁴³³. His Social Security card was issued in MD⁴³³.

Brothers Harvey and Will Dietle lived on the farm of Ruth and Minnie Bowser's father James Bowser ⁶⁰. This farm is located about 6 miles south of Grantsville, MD on Route 495 ⁶⁰, and was directly across the road from the farm of James Bowser's brother Perry ⁶⁰. The only natural son of Harvey and Ruth Dietle was Darius Dietle, however Harvey Dietle adopted Ruth Bowser's son Robert ⁶⁰ when he married her ²¹. Harvey Dietle knew our Grandfather Irvin H. Dietle, according to his son Darius Dietle ²¹, who can remember hearing his father talking about Irvin. Further evidence that they knew each other is that a funeral card for Harvey was found in Irvin's effects after he died.

Darius Dietle, son of Harvey Dietle and Ruth (Bowser) Dietle, was born on Oct. 5, 1926 ²¹. Darius is a retired Cumberland, MD Firefighter ²¹. His job was that of Driver and Equipment Operator ⁶⁰. His wife is Edna Wilda (Rumer) Dietle, who was born on June 10, 1934 ²¹. Darius and Edna were married on Sept. 3, 1949 ²¹. Edna's parents were Siple Vanmeter Rumer, who was born June 19, 1904 and died January 1, 1947, and Lola Wilda (Dawson) Rumer, who was born Sept. 12, 1912, and died January 17, 1987 ²¹. Darius and Edna have one child, a daughter Norma Ruth (Dietle) Redinger, who was born on August 23, 1950 ²¹.

Norma Ruth Dietle, daughter of Darius Dietle and Edna (Rumer) Dietle, married Russell Alan Redinger ²¹, who goes by his middle name "Alan" ⁶⁰. Alan Redinger's profession is in the field of electronics ⁶⁰. Alan and Norma live about 2 miles from Darius, and have two children, as follows:

Russell Alan Redinger ²¹, born August 4, 1977 ⁶⁰, and
Crystal Gayle Redinger, born May 19, 1980 ⁶⁰.

Robert Dietle, the adopted son of Harvey Dietle and the natural son of Ruth (Bowser) Dietle, married Mary M. Hetrick ¹⁴⁹ or Hedrick ^{21,60}, who died on Dec. 25, 1991 ¹⁴⁹. Robert was born May 29, 1922 at Bittinger ¹⁴⁹, and died at Sacred Heart Hospital on Jan. 25, 1994 ¹⁴⁹. He is buried at the Saint John's Lutheran Church Cemetery ¹⁴⁹. His home was at Star Route, Grantsville, MD at the time of his death¹⁴⁹, and he was retired from working for Harbison-Walker Refractories as a Truck Driver ¹⁴⁹. Robert served in the Army in World War II ¹⁴⁹, and belonged to the Grantsville American Legion and the Salisbury VFW ¹⁴⁹. He was also a member of the Woodsman of the World Camp 41 ¹⁴⁹.

^{**} In The **Burbach-Poorbaugh-Purbaugh Families in America 1771-1974**, Ruth Bowser is listed as the only child of Edwin Franklin Bowser (born circa 1885) and Bessie Alice (Kelly) Bowser (born circa 1882) of Sang Run, Garret Co. Md²², who were married by the Reverend James W. Beeghly²². According to the Burbach- Poorbaugh book, Edwin Franklin Bowser is the son of James Bowser and Sophia Younner, and James Bowser was born circa 1852²². Ruth (Bowser) Dietle's parentage as given in the Burbach-Poorbaugh book is in conflict with that given by her son Darius Dietle, and we believe that the Burbach-Poorbaugh book is incorrect.

Robert Dietle has a daughter named Linda ^{60,149} D. ¹⁴⁹ Dietle. Linda is married to Howard ^{60,149} C. ¹⁴⁹ Hoover^{60,149}, of Grantsville ¹⁴⁹, who is known as "Clark" ⁶⁰.



Harvey and Emma Dietle

Emma Dietle, daughter of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, married Reid⁶¹ H.³¹⁵ Meese ⁶¹, son of Daniel and Mary Ellen Meese ¹⁰⁷. Reid was a Farmer by occupation ¹⁰⁷. He was born on Jan. 2, 1897, and died on May 26, 1956³¹⁵. Emma was born on Nov. 4, 1897 and died Feb. 9, 1899³¹⁵. They are buried side by side in the Greenville Union Cemetery and share the same headstone³¹⁵. Emma and her brother Harvey were twins, and she gave birth to twin sons Donald and Dale Meese ^{60,61}. Emma had a Salisbury address in 1954¹⁹⁷. Emma and Reid's children are:

Alverta ⁶¹"Vertie"⁴⁷³ Meese ⁶¹, born Aug. 9 1917⁴⁷³, died Oct. 14 1988⁴⁷³.
Harold Meese ⁶¹, born in 1925⁴⁷³ who died at age 8 ¹⁰⁷ on Oct 25, 1933⁴⁷³,
Donald Meese ^{60,61},
Dale Meese ^{60,61}, born May 21, 1937 ¹⁰⁷, and
Dorothy Meese ⁶¹ born 1935⁴⁷³.

Alverta Meese, daughter of Emma Dietle and Reid Meese, married Frank McKenzie¹⁰⁷. On July 5, 1955 Frank was killed by lightning¹¹¹. His two children were with him at the time, but were not seriously injured¹¹¹. Alverta and Frank had the following children:

Ernest McKenzie, the eldest son¹¹¹, and
Rodger McKenzie ^{101,111}

Rodger McKenzie, son of Frank McKenzie and Alverta (Meese) McKenzie, married Caroline, and has one son Michael who is about 17 in 1996⁴⁷³. Ernest and Caroline are divorced⁴⁷³.

Rodger McKenzie, son of Frank McKenzie and Alverta (Meese) McKenzie, was living in Meyersdale in 1993 ¹⁰¹. Rodger is (1996) working at Maple City Tire⁴⁷³. He married Mary Zinn and had the following children:

Andrea, and
Lonnie.

Donald Meese, son of Emma Dietle and Reid Meese, married Lois Clark ¹⁰⁷, who was born June 10, circa 1939⁴⁷³. Donald was living in Somerset in 1993 according to Darius Dietle ²¹. Donald has the following children:⁴⁷³

David Meese, born Feb. 1, circa 1964, and
Natallie Meese, born April 8, circa 1965/66.

David Meese married Renee _____, their children are McKenzie and Max⁴⁷³.

Natallie Meese married and divorced Tony Herchand, and goes by Meese now (1996)⁴⁷³. They Have one child Nicole Beth Herch, born Oct. 29 1986⁴⁷³.

Dale Meese, son of Emma Dietle and Reid Meese, married Jo Ann or JoAnne Thomas, daughter of Ken and Pauline Thomas. Jo Ann was born on Dec. 20, 1939. Dale, a Truck Driver, was living in Salisbury in 1993²¹. He (1996) drives truck for Oester, and drives long distance⁴⁷³. Dale and Jo Ann have a son Dale F. Meese, Jr. who was born on Aug. 8, 1959¹⁰⁷.

Dale F. Meese, Jr., son of Dale Meese and Jo Ann (Thomas) Meese, is (1996) working for Harbison as a brick layer⁴⁷³. He has two children, as follows:

Erin^{1,47307} Nicole^{107,473} Meese¹⁰⁷, born Sept 1, 1980⁴⁷³, and
Chadwick^{107,473} Dale^{107,473} Meese, born May 14, 1984⁴⁷³.

Dorothy Meese, daughter of Emma Dietle and Reid Meese, married Harold Feinstein¹⁰⁷ and moved away¹¹¹.

Adam Dietle

Adam Dietle is our direct ancestor, and will be discussed in a separate chapter.

Mary Dietle

John Adam and Margaret's daughter Mary Dietle married Ephriam Geiger^{1,322} on March 31, 1887³²². Ephriam was the brother of our Grandmother Mary (Geiger) Korn³²² (on our mother's side) and the son of Aaron Geiger and Lavina Bowman³⁵. In a surveyor's draught of Ephriam's farm, the farm of his father Aaron Geiger is shown adjacent to Ephriam's farm³⁹³, and Ephriam's obituary indicates he was born next door³²².



A drawing of Ephriam Geiger's caplock rifle.

Mary is recorded as a 58 year old widow in the 1920 census, which lists her trade as "Farm Manager"⁴⁸. Her 17 year old niece Margaret Crissner (sic) was listed in the 1920 census as staying with Mary as a "Farm Helper", and her 25 year old nephew Harry Dietle (son of Adam and Susan Dietle) was also staying with her with the listed occupation of "Farmer"⁴⁸. We surmise from this that they were helping her run the farm after Ephriam's death. Margaret Cristner was the daughter of Calvin Christner and Mary's sister Sara (Dietle) Christner⁴⁹, and had already been staying with Mary and Ephriam several years at the time of Ephriam's death in 1919³²².

The 1920 census also lists Mary (Dietle) Geiger as the mortgage-free owner of a farm in Larimer township⁴⁸, which was the farm which Harry Dietle owned^{10,200} briefly before his untimely death in a sawmill accident in 1926^{12b}. Our Grandfather Irvin H. Dietle then purchased the farm^{1,200} and spent most of his adult life there, as described elsewhere here-in. Ephriam and Mary spent the entire 32 years of their married life there, and Ephriam was born on the farm next door³²². Ephriam Geiger bought the farm in two separate tracts. On April 3, 1886^{341,395} he bought 98 acres 50 perches³⁹⁵ from Richard and Christian Mankmyer and their wives^{341,395} for \$1,600.00³⁹⁵. On Nov. 13, 1909 he bought an adjacent 12 acres and 17 perches from Frank L. Bittner for \$222.00³⁹⁶. This 12 acres was part of the tract conveyed from the heirs of Jeremiah Bittner to Frank L. Bittner in 1909³⁹⁶. The deed for the 12 acres was recorded on Dec. 30, 1919³⁹⁶.

Mary was born on Dec. 31, 1861^{53,254} in Greenville Twp.²⁵⁴. She was baptized as "Mary Deittle" on May 14, 1881 by Pastor R. Smith²⁵⁴. Ephriam Geiger was born on August 9^{53,322}, 1859^{53,312,322} and died on Dec. 17^{200,322,341}, 1919^{200,312,341}, leaving Mary to survive him^{200,341}. They are buried side by side in

the cemetery of the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church³¹². Ephriam was a member of the White Oak Mt. Carmel Church, being confirmed there on June 10, 1876³²². He was a Trustee in the Church at the time of his death, and had served there in official capacity for many years³²². Mary was evidently deeply religious, for she willed \$500.00 to the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, to be used by the Trustees in the best interests of the Church³⁰⁵. She also willed that "Harry Dietle shall have the first right to purchase the farm, whether sold at public or private sale..."³⁰⁵ Harry Dietle was also one of the executors she appointed; the other being Howard Mazer³⁰⁵. The will was certified on June 10, 1925, so she died before then³⁰⁵.

Ephriam Geiger and Mary (Dietle) Geiger had a son John^{12a,271} William²⁷¹ Geiger²⁷¹, who died young^{12a,271}. John was the only child they had^{319,322}. Ephriam and Mary Geiger's large family Bible, which contains the Apocrypha, is in the possession of our father Roy E. Dietle⁵³. It was originally purchased on August 18, 1881⁵³. It indicates that their son John Wilson Geiger was born on Nov. 16, 1889, and was baptized on Jan. 19, 1890⁵³. The Bible contains a receipt for \$5.00 from the National War Finance Committee of the American Red Cross which is dated May 23, 1918, and is signed F.L. Bittner to Ephriam Geiger & wife⁵³.



John William Geiger, only son of Ephriam Geiger and his wife Mary (Dietle) Geiger.

John William Geiger²⁷¹, the only child of Ephriam and Mary (Dietle) Geiger^{271,320}, was born Nov. 16, 1889^{271,320}, and died Oct. 1, 1912^{271,320,322} at the age of 22 years^{271,320}. He was born and raised at the Larimer Twp. farm where he died³¹⁹. He was a member of the White Oak³¹⁹ Lutheran^{271,319,320} Church, having joined at the age of about 15³²¹ or 16³²⁰. One of his obituaries said he was a "young man of fine spirit and great promise"²⁷¹. Another said "His place was always occupied in the Sunday School, and in all the public services of the church."³²⁰ His funeral was attended by an unusually large group of mourners^{271,320} and "The church was crowded in every part..."³²⁰ One obituary remarked on the cause of death as follows²⁷¹:

The young man complained of a headache on Friday night a week ago. On the following Sunday the family physician was called who saw symptoms of typhoid fever."

Another obituary commented as follows³¹⁹:

"... the cause of death is somewhat hard to determine.

It may or may not have been due to an accident which happened to the young man on Thursday of Meyersdale's Old Home Week celebration.

On the Thursday mentioned, young Geiger was a passenger on the East-bound Western Maryland excursion train, and when the train was nearing Deal station it was running at a rate of speed that caused some of the passengers to think that no stop would be made there, and

young Geiger jumped from the train while it was still in motion, falling as he struck the ground.

He complained of being badly wrenched after arising to his feet, and in a few days became quite (word missing).

F.E. Sass, of Pocahontas, and Dr. Rowe, of Meyersdale, both visited the patient the day he died, and while they thought he showed some symptoms of typhoid fever, his death taking place so soon thereafter, it is not unlikely that death was due to some internal injury caused by the accident in falling when alighting from the train."

Sarah Dietle

Sarah Dietle, daughter of John Adam Dietle and Margaret (Ritter) Dietle, married Calvin^{12a,101,269} M.²⁶⁹ "Cal"²³ Christner^{12a,101,269}. Calvin was the son of Jonas^{86,324,352} Christner^{86,324}, (b. Sept. 14,³³⁷ 1816^{86,337}, d. June 26, ³³⁷1884^{86,337}) and the grandson of Joseph^{86,337} "Zep"³⁵² Christner^{86,337,352}, (b. Aug. 19⁸⁶, 1783^{86,352}, d. 1850⁸⁶) and Barbara Burkholder^{337,352} (b. 1789³⁵²). Calvin was born on April 29²⁶⁹, 1863^{269,412}, and died Sept. 8²⁶⁹, 1947³¹⁴ at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shuck²⁶⁹ after an illness of 10 months duration²⁶⁹. He is buried at what was St. John's Evangelical Church at White Oak²⁶⁹. It is now (1994) St. John's United Methodist Church³¹⁴. Mary is buried there as well⁴⁶³. Calvin spent all of his life in Somerset Co., where he was a Mail Carrier^{269,275} and School Teacher²⁶⁹. He was a member of the Church of the Brethern, where he received a medal for 50 years service as a Sunday School Officer. One time when our father was going to the Geiger school as a child, Calvin Christner stopped by to visit the teacher Irvin Dietle, and recited a large number of poems from memory²³.

Sarah was born on March 30²⁷⁵, 1865^{275,314}. She died 31 years before Calvin²⁶⁹ on July 7²⁷⁵, 1916³¹⁴ at the age of 51 years, 3 months, and 6 days²⁷⁵. She was found dead in bed²⁷⁵. She is buried beside Calvin at what is now (1994) the St. John's United Methodist Church³¹⁴. For 18 years prior to her death, Sarah was a member of the Brethern Church²⁷⁵. After she died, he married Eleanor Weimer, who died 11 years before him²⁶⁹. His third wife, Etta Miller Mort, also preceded him in death²⁶⁹.

Two of Calvin Christner and Sarah (Dietle) Christner's children died in infancy^{269,275}. The children who survived to adulthood, and their known spouses, are as follows:

Clarence^{12a,269,275} Caladso⁴⁶⁴ Christner^{12a},
Walter^{12a,35,269,275} C.²⁶⁹ Christner^{12a,269}
Linnie^{12a,101,269}, Little²⁸⁷ or Lennie²⁷⁵ Christner^{12a,101},
Mary^{12a,101,269,275} Christner^{12a,101}, born March 7, 1893¹⁶³,
Margaret^{12a,101,275,278} Christner^{12a,101,278},
Miles^{269,275} E.²⁶⁹, and
Sadie^{132,269,275} Christner¹³².

Linnie Christner, daughter of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, married Eli Weimer^{101,269,287}. In her father's obituary, Linnie's residence was given as Sand Patch, Larimer Twp.²⁶⁹. Mildred Sass recalls that they lived near Deal, and that Eli worked for the Railroad²⁸⁷. In her mother's obituary, her age was given as 26²⁷⁵. A possibly incomplete list of Mrs. Eli Weimer's children, taken from a list of attendees at the birthday party of Mrs. Ephriam Geiger circa 1922, is as follows²⁷⁷:

Howard,
Wilbert,
Florence, and
Wilma

The above list of children differs from what Mildred Sass recalled in 1994 of Eli Weimer's 4 children, which she gave as follows²⁸⁷:

Oldest child which she thought was probably a daughter,

Archie,
Betty, and
Shirley, who became Homer Paul's second wife.

Mary Christner, daughter of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, married Milton Shuck^{101,163,269,278} or Shook²⁷⁵ who was born Nov. 28, 1895¹⁶³ and was still living in 1966²⁷⁸. Milton Shuck's parents were William Shuck and Rachel May (May is the last name)⁴⁶³. Milton was a Railroader by occupation, and Mary was a Housewife¹⁶³. In her father's obituary, Milton and Mary's residence was given as Sand Patch, Larimer Twp.²⁶⁹. In her sister Margaret's 1966 obituary, her residence was given as Meyersdale RD²⁷⁸. In her mother's obituary, Mary's age was given as 22²⁷⁵. Mary and Milton are buried at St. John's Church at White Oak⁴⁶³. They had the following children:

Bernice^{163,463} Marie⁴⁶³ Shuck^{163,463}, b. Sept. 18, 1914⁴⁶³,
Karl^{163,463} Christner⁴⁶³ Shuck^{163,463}, born March 19, 1917⁴⁶³,
Margaret^{163,463} Jane⁴⁶³ Shuck^{163,463}, born Nov. 12, 1919⁴⁶³,
Wauneta^{163,463} Shuck^{163,463}, b. May 25, 1923⁴⁶³,
Ada^{9,163,434,463} Kathryn^{9,434} Shuck^{9,163,434,463}, b. Sept. 24, 1925⁴⁶³, and
Pauline^{163,463} Eleanor⁴⁶³ Shuck^{163,463}, born May 7, 1929⁴⁶³.

Bernice Shuck, daughter of Milton Shuck and Mary (Christner) Shuck, married Eugene Housel on July 3, 1942¹⁶³. Eugene was reported as no longer living in 1994, and Bernice was reported as having a Wellersburg, PA address in 1994¹⁶³. They had no children⁴⁶³.

Karl Shuck, son of Milton Shuck and Mary (Christner) Shuck, married Thelma Sturtz^{163,463} on June 19, 1949¹⁶³. Karl was reported as having a Hyndman, PA address in 1994¹⁶³. Our father said that Karl was a Minister²³. His sister Pauline says that Karl was a Weigh Master for coal trucks, and a Minister for over 30 years⁴⁶³. Karl and Thelma had the following children⁴⁶³:

Sheila Ann,
and Diane.

Sheila Ann, daughter of Karl and Thelma Shuck, married Denvin Bard and has two children, Darelle and Scott⁴⁶³. Sheila and Denvin live in Warfordburg, Pa⁴⁶³.

Diane, daughter of Karl and Thelma Shuck, married Rodger Smearman, and has two children, Holly and Kara⁴⁶³.

Margaret Shuck, daughter of Milton Shuck and Mary (Christner) Shuck, married Clifton Petenbrink on September 19, 1942^{35,163}. Clifton was reported as no longer living in 1994, and Margaret was reported as having a Wellersburg, PA address in 1994¹⁶³. He was known as "Cliff", and had a big farm along the road between Garrett and Meyersdale not far from the big railroad trestle²³.

They had the following children:

Joyce^{35,463} Maxine⁴⁶³,
Richard Eugene^{35,463}, b. March 1950⁴⁶³.

Joyce, daughter of Clifton Petenbrink and Margaret Shuck, married Wayne Baker^{35,463} and had the following children:

Dickie³⁵,
Rex^{35,463} Eugene⁴⁶³ Baker⁴⁶³, and
Krissann^{35,463} Baker⁴⁶³.

Rex and Eura Baker was reported to have 3 children in 1996⁴⁶³:

Rex, Jr.,
Shannon, and
Julian.

Khrisanne Baker married Fred Witt and they have 3 children⁴⁶³:
Fred, Jr.,
Brandon, and
Jerry Witt.

Richard, son of Clifton Petenbrink and Margaret Shuck, served in the Army Reserves in 1970³⁵, and married Kathleen³⁵ La Verne³⁵ "Kathy"⁴⁶³ Hetz^{35,463} in Oct. 1971³⁵. Richard has a son named Richard⁴⁶³.

Wauneta Shuck, daughter of Milton Shuck and Mary (Christner) Shuck, married Cecil Boyce on December 27, 1941¹⁶³. Wauneta and Cecil were no longer living in 1996⁴⁶³. Wauneta and Cecil had the following children⁴⁶³:

Gary Clayton Boyce,
Sharon Kay Boyce,
Mary Marlene,
Larry,
Pamela,
Ronald Boyce,
Laurie,
and Timothy.

Gary Clayton Boyce, son of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, married Nancy Swager, and has the following children⁴⁶³:

Scott Boyce who married Renee _____,
Michael, unmarried in 1996, and
David, unmarried in 1996.

Sharon Kay, daughter of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, married Cary or Gary Starkey⁴⁶³. They have a daughter Susan who married Brian Reiber⁴⁶³. Brian and Susan have a daughter named Kiley who was born in May, 1992⁴⁶³.

Mary Marlene, daughter of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, first married Jacob Knotts, then Joe Henry⁴⁶³. She has two daughters, Teena Knotts and Melisa Knotts⁴⁶³.

Larry, son of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, married Patty Getty and has 3 boys, Brian, Jamie, and Joshua Boyce⁴⁶³.

Pamela, daughter of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, married Rodger Dean, and has a daughter named April⁴⁶³.

Ronald Boyce, son of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, has 2 children, Heather and Brett⁴⁶³.

Laurie, daughter of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, was married, then divorced⁴⁶³. She has a daughter named Christie⁴⁶³.

Timothy, son of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, married Becky _____, and has a daughter named Elizabeth⁴⁶³.

Ada Kathryn Shuck, daughter of Milton Shuck and Mary (Christner) Shuck, married James^{9,163,434} Alton^{9,434} "Jim"¹⁶³ Briskey^{9,163,434*} on June 12, 1948^{9,163,434} at Ellerslie, MD⁹. James Alton Briskey was born b. March 6, 1927⁹, and is the son of Alton C. Briskey⁹ and Grace^{9,374} Miller⁹. Ada was born in Meyersdale, PA on September 24, 1925¹⁶³. James was born in Garrett, PA⁹ on March 6, 1927¹⁶³. He worked at Dean O'Neil Ford as a Mechanic^{163,434}, and Ada is (1994) a housewife¹⁶³. James and Ada were living in Larimer Twp circa 1963⁹. Ada had a Meyersdale address in 1994¹⁶³. James and Ada had the following children:

* James Briskey's ancestors can be traced in Ref. 9 and 14. He is a distant cousin to us through the common ancestor Jacob Peter Miller on our father's side.

Kimberly^{9,163,374,434,463} Jane^{9,163,434} Briskey^{163,434}, daughter of James Briskey and Ada (Shuck) Briskey, was born April 23, 1964^{163,434}. She married Michael ^{163,434} Wayne⁴³⁴ Dirienzo ^{163,434} on Feb. 15, 1992⁴³⁴. Michael was born on Feb. 14, 1960⁴³⁴. They have a daughter named Cassidy^{163,434} Cathrine⁴³⁴ Dirienzo⁴³⁴ who was born June 2, 1992^{163,434}, and a son Chase Michael Dirienzo, b. Nov. 2, 1995¹⁶³.

Wayne^{9,163,374,434,463} Eugene^{9,163,434} Briskey^{9,163,434}, son of James Alton Briskey and Ada Kathryn (Shuck) Briskey, was born October 25, 1950^{9,163,434} in Larimer Twp.⁹. He married Deborah Campbell ¹⁶³ or Deborah Campbell Barlow⁴³⁴ on May 4, 1973⁴³⁴. Deborah was born on March 16, 1949⁴³⁴. Wayne has the following children:

Heather Lee Barlow Briskey, who was born on June 5, 1968⁴³⁴. Heather married Bradley Hartford on May 23, 1990⁴³⁴. Bradley was born on Nov. 26, 1965⁴³⁴.

Adrienne Adella Briskey was born on Sept. 30, 1975⁴³⁴.

Shawn^{163,434,463} James^{163,434} Briskey^{163,434}, son of James Alton Briskey and Ada Kathryn (Shuck) Briskey, was born May 12, 1970^{163,434}. Shawn was said to be living at home in 1996⁴⁶³.

Pauline Shuck, daughter of Milton Shuck and Mary (Christner) Shuck, married Michael Nider on August 6, 1949⁴⁶³. Michael was born in 1920, and was a Building Construction Iron Worker by trade⁴⁶³. Pauline had a Meyersdale, PA address in 1996⁴⁶³. Pauline's children are⁴⁶³:

Cary Michael, born June 28, 1950,
Denise Marie, born July 30, 1954,
Mark Anthony, born July 22, 1958, and
Jeffery Alan, born Jan. 22, 1962.

Cary married Becky Ankeny, and has the following children⁴⁶³:

Carly Nicole, who will be 16 on Nov. 5, 1996, and
Casey Michael.

Denise married Cary McDonald, but they are divorced⁴⁶³. Denise has the following children⁴⁶³:

Danielle Mary, b. Feb. 20, 1982,
Derek Ryan, who will be 13 on Feb. 9, 1996, and
Michelle Carie, who will be 8 on Sept. 26, 1996.

Mark lives in Houston, TX and works for Wills Brothers Engineering, Inc. on the old Katy road⁴⁶³. He was married to Teresa Mills, but was divorced in August, 1994. They have the following children⁴⁶³:

Jessica Lynn, born Dec. 1983, and
Julie Marie, born June 26, 1985.

Jeffery Alan Nider married Phylis Kormanik, and has the following children⁴⁶³:

Austin Jeffery, born May 20, 1993,
Joshua Paul, born Feb. 20, 1996, and
Corey Michael, born Feb. 20, 1996

Clarence C. Christner, son of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, married Mary^{101,313,464} Leona⁴⁶⁴ Knepp^{101,464}. Clarence was born on Oct. 9²⁶¹, 1895^{261,313,464} and died on June 22^{132,261}, 1971 ^{132,261,313}. He is buried at the White Oak Cemetery²⁶¹ at the little Church beside the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church³¹³. Mary is buried by his side³¹³. She was born in 1899 and died in 1994³¹³. In his father's obituary, Clarence's residence was given as Sand Patch, Larimer Twp.²⁶⁹. In his sister Margaret's 1966 obituary, his residence was given as Meyersdale RD²⁷⁸. In his mother's obituary, Clarence was listed as being age 20²⁷⁵. Clarence worked on the Western Maryland Railroad, and lived

near Calvin Christner²⁸⁷. His daughter reports that he was a foreman on the Western Maryland Railroad, and worked on the railroad for something like 43 to 45 years⁴⁶⁴. Clarence and Mary had 4 children, as follows:

Lewis^{70,101,464} Calvin⁴⁶⁴ "Buss"^{49,464} Christner⁴⁶⁴, b. Aug. 26, 1918⁴⁶⁴, d. 1967⁴⁶⁴,
Lester^{70,101,464} Leo⁴⁶⁴ "Les"^{49,464} Christner⁴⁶⁴, b. Oct. 12, 1921^{464,468}, not alive in 1996⁴⁶⁴,
Clarence⁴⁶⁴ Eugene^{70,101,464} "Gene"⁴⁶⁴ Christner^{70,101,464}, b. 1924⁴⁶⁴, not alive in 1996⁴⁶⁴.
Ruth Christner^{49,101,464}, b. May 3, 1939⁴⁶⁴.

Lewis "Buss" Christner, son of Clarence & Mary Christner, married Anna Belle Walker from Boynton. Lewis worked at the Kelly^{464,466} Springfield Tire Company⁴⁶⁶. Anna Belle is (1996) living with her son Parris⁴⁶⁸ in Finzel, MD⁴⁶⁶. Lewis and Anna Belle had 3 children:

Bonnie⁴⁶⁴,⁴⁶⁶ Lou⁴⁶⁴, b. Aug. ^{464,468} ⁴⁶⁸ or 8⁴⁶⁴ 1947⁴⁶⁴,
Parris Christner⁴⁶⁴, and
Cheryl Ann⁴⁶⁴.

Bonnie, daughter of Lewis Christner, married Henry⁴⁶⁸ McKenzie^{464,468}, and is (1996) living along old Route 40, just up from Frostburg⁴⁶⁸. She has a son named Scotty McKenzie⁴⁶⁸.

Parris Christner, son of Lewis Christner, married Debora Wymer⁴⁶⁸. He lives along the Finzel road not far from Leotta Christner⁴⁶⁸. We have been told that he was named after a service friend of Lewis⁴⁶⁴. He has no children⁴⁶⁸.

Cheryl Ann, daughter of Lewis Christner, married _____ McMannis⁴⁶⁸. She had two children, one is named Lacy⁴⁶⁸. She is (1996) living near Frostburg⁴⁶⁸.

Lester Christner, son of Clarence & Mary Christner, married Leotta⁴⁶⁴ Finzel^{464,468} from Finzel, MD⁴⁶⁴, who is the daughter of Howard Finzel and Alberta Bolden⁴⁶⁸. Leotta was born Aug. 12, 1924⁴⁶⁸. Lester had our Grandpa Irvin Dietle as a teacher at the Pine Grove School⁴⁶⁸. He worked at a Celonese plant in MD, then at a steel mill, then worked for the state at Frostburg⁴⁶⁴. Lester had two children:

Ronald^{464,466} Lee^{464,466} Christner⁴⁶⁶, b. April 28, circa 1946⁴⁶⁸, and
Wyade Leo Christner⁴⁶⁶, born Nov. 6, 1948⁴⁶⁶.

Ronald Lee Christner, son of Lester Christner, married Shirley^{466,468} Frazee⁴⁶⁸ from Friendsville⁴⁶⁸, MD, and they are (1996) living in Fort Worth, TX. Shirley's parents are Jerome and Pauline⁴⁶⁸. Ronald has two children:

Ronald Lee Christner, Jr.⁴⁶⁶, b. April 18⁴⁶⁸, and
Stacey Lynn⁴⁶⁶, b. July 26⁴⁶⁸.

Wyade Leo Christner, son of Lester Christner, married Sharon Virginia Stanton, who took the married name Sharon Stanton Christner⁴⁶⁶. Sharon was born Nov. 9, 1949⁴⁶⁶. Her parents were Lawrence Stanton and Carmella Arnone⁴⁶⁶. Wyade is (1996) living in Lewisville, TX, which is near Dallas, and is a Sales Representative for a trucking firm⁴⁶⁶. He reports that his mother was of Italian heritage and a Catholic, and so he was raised as a Catholic and attended St. Michaels in Frostburg⁴⁶⁶. When Wyade was little, his parents called him Leo, and now he answers to either Leo or Wyade⁴⁶⁸. Wyade has two children:

Michael Leo Christner⁴⁶⁶, b. Nov. 26⁴⁶⁸, and
Kathryn Leigh⁴⁶⁶ "Katie"⁴⁶⁸ Christner⁴⁶⁶, b. April 26⁴⁶⁸.

Gene Christner, son of Clarence & Mary Christner, worked on the railroad, then at the sand quarry in Corriganville⁴⁶⁴. He had two sons:

Terry Eugene Christner⁴⁶⁴, b. Nov. 17, 1943⁴⁶⁷, and

Gary⁴⁶⁴.

Terry Christner, son of Gene Christner, is (1996) living in Meyersdale. He was (1996) unmarried and had no children⁴⁶⁷.

Gary, son of Gene Christner, is married to Rita Bittinger, and has a daughter named Kelly Jo^{467,468}.

Ruth Christner, daughter of Clarence & Mary Christner, married Wayne¹³⁵ Stone ¹⁰¹, and was living in Salisbury in 1993¹⁰¹. They were divorced in 1975⁴⁶⁴. Wayne worked on the railroad, then for the state, then for a beer distributor⁴⁶⁴. He died in 1995⁴⁶⁴. Ruth's children were⁴⁶⁴:

Rex Wayne Stone, b. April 24, 1951, and
Sherri Lynn Stone, b. Jan. 21, 1954, not married in 1996.

Rex was named by Ruth's brother "Buss"⁴⁶⁴. Rex married Sandra Martz, and has the following children⁴⁶⁴:

Jaime Lynn Stone, b. Aug. 16, 1976, and
Christopher Rex Stone, who will be 16 on June 6, 1996.

Walter^{12a,269} C.^{269,312} Christner ^{12a,269}, son of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, married Lydia^{35,101,312} L.³¹² Smith ^{35,101}. Walter had a little general store in Wittinburg which also had gas pumps²⁸⁷.

Walter Christner was born on Jan. 14^{243,245}, 1899^{243,245,312} and died on December 27^{243,245}, 1974^{243,245,312}. He is buried at the Mt. Carmel³¹² White Oak Cemetery^{243,245} beside Lydia³¹², who was born in 1904 and died in 1990³¹². In an oral interview, our father said that Walter Christner's nickname was "Bud", and his wife was known as "Litty"⁴⁹. We have been told her given name was Lydia ^{70,101}. In his father's obituary, Walter's residence was given as Sand Patch, Larimer Twp.²⁶⁹. In his sister Margaret's obituary, his address was given as Meyersdale RD²⁷⁸. In his mother's obituary, Walter was listed as being age 17²⁷⁵. Bud and Litty had two children, as follows:

Norma^{35,55} Christner⁵⁵, and
Jo Anne⁵⁵ Christner⁵⁵.

Norma Christner, daughter of Walter and Litty Christner, married Bernard^{35,55} A.³¹² Murray^{35,55}. Bernard and Norma had an adopted daughter Lisa Murray ^{70,101} who was born on March 22, 1961 ¹⁰¹. Dana and Donna Saylor used to go to the fair with Lisa. Norma was born in 1924 and died in 1983³¹². After Norma's death, Bernard married Lerene (Geiger) Dietle, widow of dad's brother Luther "Bud" Dietle, on Sept. 15, 1984 ⁷². Bernard, the son of Allen Murray and Anna (Lapp) Murray⁷², was born on Nov. 13⁷², 1925^{72,312}, and died April 18⁷², 1986 ^{72,312}. Bernard and Norma are buried side by side in the White Oak Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church Cemetery³¹². Bernard was the Grandson of Owen Murray, who lived to be 100 years old⁷². Grandpa Dietle told our father Roy that Owen Murray was a Civil War Veteran ¹³⁵, but this may not actually be correct as Ref. 62 shows an Allen Murray b. May 15, 1889 who was the son of Owen Murray, Sand Patch PA. who was himself said to be born on Oct. 6, 1856 and therefore apparently too young to have actually served. Then again, birth dates in such books are not always correct, and we are not positive that the Owen Murray in Ref. 62 is actually the right Owen Murray. Further clarification is needed.

Bernard was a Rifleman in the 69th Infantry Division in WW-II, and served overseas for 18 months ⁷². He enlisted on Feb. 15, 1944 and was discharged on May 18, 1946⁷². He participated in the Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns and was present when the 69th linked up with the Russians at the end of the war ⁷². Bernard's second wife Lerene wrote "He told me there were only 8 of his group left when the fighting ended that were not injured." ⁷² Bernard was spared from injury when a bullet went through his sleeve, but missed his arm⁷².

Lisa Murray, adopted daughter of Bernard Murray and Norma (Christner) Murray, was married to B. Hetz but they are now (1993) divorced ¹⁰¹. They had one daughter named Krystal Hetz ^{70,101} who was born on April 28, 1980.

Margaret Christner, daughter of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, was born Feb. 6, 1902 in Larimer Twp. and was residing in Johnstown at the time of her death²⁷⁸. She died Nov. 7, 1966^{132,278} in the Johnstown Memorial Hospital at the age of 54, and is buried in the Grandview Cemetery, Johnstown²⁷⁸. She went to live with Myra Bowman in Johnstown ⁷⁰, and left many beautiful items at the home of Irvin and Alma Dietle, our grandparent, for the remainder of her life⁴⁹. The 1920 census from Larimer Twp. shows Margaret living at the home of Mary (Dietle) Geiger as a Farm Helper. In her mother's obituary, Margaret was listed as being age 14²⁷⁵, which could be used to calculate the year of her mother's death.

Margaret was the Supervisor of Cafeterias for the Johnstown School System²⁷⁸. She belonged to the Johnstown Business and Professional Women's Club, and was a member of the St. Paul's EUB Church²⁷⁸.

Sadie Christner, daughter of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, married Joseph²⁶⁹ Lint ^{12a,101,269}. She was living in Holsopple at the time of her father's death²⁶⁹, and she may have died in 1952 ¹³². In her mother's obituary, Sadie was listed as being age 12²⁷⁵.

Miles E., son of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, was living in Johnstown at the time of his father's death²⁶⁹. In his mother's obituary, Miles was listed as being age 8²⁷⁵. In 1966 Miles was living in Johnstown²⁷⁸.

Catharine Dietle

Catharine "Kate" Dietle, daughter of John Adam Dietle and Margaret (Ritter) Dietle, married Harvey^{12b,272} R.12b Faidley^{12b}, Faidly¹⁰¹ or Fadely^{272,291} on Feb. 25, 1892 and moved to Burr Oak Kansas, where she lived until 1915²⁷². In 1915 she and her family moved to Topeka, Kansas. She lived in Topeka until moving to the home of her daughter Mrs. H. L.^{272,294} Harrell²⁹⁴ of Kansas City, Missouri^{272,294} 2 1/2²⁷² or 3²⁹⁴ years prior to her death²⁷².



The children of Catharine (Dietle) Faidley
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

Catherine was born in Greenville Twp. on Sept. 24^{272,291}, 1869²⁷². She died at the Research Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri at age 69 on Dec. 28, 19__²⁷². She had been in poor health since a stroke which occurred 5 1/2 years prior to her death, and she had a heart attack two days before her death²⁷². Funeral services were held at the Lowman Methodist Church, Topeka, and Catherine was buried at the Memorial Park Cemetery²⁷². In her youth she belonged to the Greenville Lutheran Church, and she remained a Lutheran until the Easter preceding her death, when she united with the Melrose Methodist Church South in Kansas City²⁷². Some of her passions in life were flowers and gardens, and her obituary said she was also interested in political and civic problems²⁷². Two of her favorite Hymns were sung at her funeral service; "In the Garden" and "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"²⁷². Her daughter Mrs. H. L. Harrell said in a letter to Irvin and Alma Dietle that "Mother was always vitally interested in Meyersdale and Somerset and we heard so much about the people she new.... Perhaps that is why we have always been interested in coming back to visit as it almost seems one of my past homes."²⁹⁴

The known children of Harvey Faidley and Catherine (Dietle) Faidley are as follows:

Letty F.²⁷² or Lotty^{12a,101},
Richard^{12a,101,272,291} T. Fadely²⁷²
Catherine^{12a,101,272} Fadely²⁷², and
Margaret.

An 1897 obituary found in the effects of our Grandfather Irvin Dietle, Sr. states in part that "Sweet little Florence Lucile only child of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Fadely a bright and lovable child, whose winsome ways had been the sunshine of the home for fifteen short months was taken away on Thursday, November 4."³⁰⁶ It is very possible that this was the first child of Harvey Faidley and Catherine (Dietle) Faidley. The child was buried in the Burr Oak Cemetery³⁰⁶.

Letty F.²⁷², daughter of Harvey Faidley and Catherine (Dietle) Faidley, married a Harrell^{12a,101,294}, and was living at 402 Denver, Kansas City, MO at the time of her mother's death. On March 21, 1939, which was after her mother's death, she wrote a letter to Irvin and Alma Dietle and was living at 4426 Sunrise Drive, Kansas City, MO at the time. Her return address on the envelope was addressed as "Mrs. H. L. Harrell", and within the letter she mentions that Leon has been growing plants under lights in the basement to set out in the spring²⁹⁴. From this, we surmise that Leon must have been her husband. She also mentioned that "We get out alot and it seems like we just don't have enough time."²⁹⁴

Richard T. Fadely, son of Catherine (Dietle) Faidley, was living in Topeka at the time of his mother's death, and was the County Treasurer of Shawnee Co. Kansas²⁷². In his mother's obituary, it was said that his mother was survived by 3 grandchildren; "Nancy Sue, John Richard, and Gary Dean Fadely of Topeka, Kansas."²⁷² It seems logical to assume that these 3 were probably Richard's children.

Catherine Fadely, daughter of Harvey Faidley and Catherine (Dietle) Faidley, was unmarried and living in Topeka at the time of her mother's death. She *may* be the same Catherine Fadely which the Social Security records list as born on Sept. 29, 1903 and died Feb. 1981 with a lump sum payment to zip code 66601⁴³³.

Margaret, daughter of Harvey Faidley and Catherine (Dietle) Faidley, was referred to as Mrs. Margaret Madison in her mother's obituary, and was living in Kansas City, Missouri at the time of her mother's death.

Chapter 6

Great-Grandparents Adam Dietle & Susan (Werner) Dietle

Our G-Grandfather was Adam Dietle, who was born in Greenville Twp., Somerset Co. PA^{2,12b} on August 28, 1859^{2,12b,71a,131b,298,315} and died on Dec. 27, 1930^{2,46,71a,123,315} on the farm where he was born^{2,298} and where he resided all of his life²⁹⁸. Death occurred after about one year of failing health, but he was only bedfast for the last two weeks²⁹⁸. His wife was Susan Werner[†], who was born March^{108,131a,315} 5³¹⁵ or 6^{108,131a}, 1864^{108,131a,315} in Somerset Co.¹⁰⁸ and died on July 27, 1932^{2,108,123,131a,315} at the Wenzel Hospital²⁶⁷ in the Borough of Meyersdale¹⁰⁸, where she had been a patient for a week²⁶⁷. They are buried side by side in the Greenville Union Cemetery and share the same headstone³¹⁵. Our Grandfather referred to this as the “Greenville Lutheran and Reformed Church Cemetery”².



George Werner, father of Susan (Werner) Dietle

Susan* was the daughter of George Werner^{71a,267} (b. Sept. 11, 1828^{131a}, d. Feb. 1, 1899^{131a}) and Elizabeth (Shroeder) Werner^{71a} (d. March 30, 1876^{131a}). The book **The Werner Family** reported the following on the life of George Werner^{131a}:

“George Werner was born September 11, 1828, in Germany, where he was confirmed a member of the Reformed church at the age of fourteen years. He learned the weaving trade in

[†] Susan Werner’s ancestors may be traced in Ref. 57, 131, 241, and 286.

* Ref. 432 gives her name as Susannah.

early life. He spent three years in the German Army. In 1852 he married Elizabeth Shroeder of his native village.

In 1854, he with his parents and three brothers, came to the United States of America.

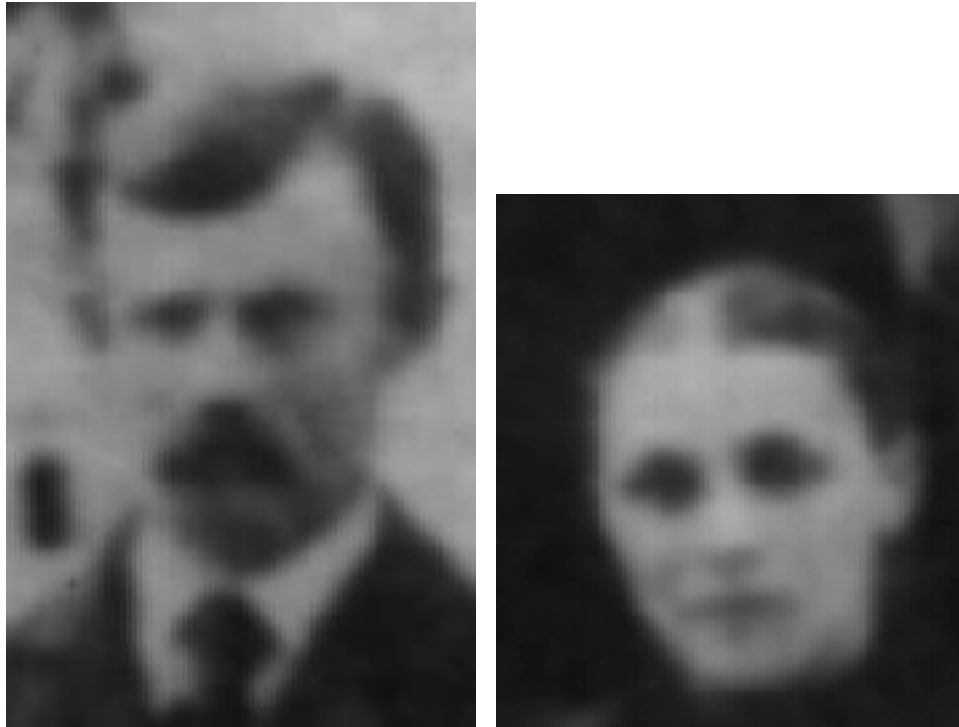
The following year he sent one hundred dollars to his wife, to make it possible for his wife, their daughter Anna Catharine and his wife's parents to come to America too. They went to house-keeping on the Emanuel Erkley farm in Summit Township, near what is now known as Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, which was then a place of less than a dozen houses.

They were listed among the original members of the Amity Reformed Church, Meyersdale, where Mr. Werner served as Deacon, Elder, Trustee, and otherwise when called upon for 39 years.

In 1865 he purchased a farm, where he raised his family of six girls and four boys. One girl died in infancy on March 24, 1876. Six days later his wife Elizabeth died.

Mr. Werner was in charge of a crew of workmen on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad when it was laid through Meyersdale in the early 70's where he earned the money to pay off his farm.

In 1890 he married Minnie Markel. They had no children, but lived in great contentment until his death in February 1, 1899. His wife Minnie died in 1930. He and his two wives are buried in the Reformed Church Cemetery, Meyersdale".



Adam Dietle and his wife Susan (Werner) Dietle (enlarged from a small group photo.)

Adam Dietle was one of the most successful farmers of the day in Greenville Township^{2,12b,298}, and known for being, busy, industrious, and generous^{2,12b}. He was a lifelong²⁹⁸ member of the Greenville Lutheran Church^{2,12b,298}, and Susan was said to be a member of the Greenville Reformed Church²⁶⁷, and both are buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery there^{46,57}. His obituary noted "It is said that he never spoke a harsh word to any of his family and none ever spoke an unkind word to him", and also mentioned that he was noted for his absolute honesty and prompt payment of debts²⁹⁸. The children of Adam and Susan, and their birth and death dates, were as follows:

Mary Elizabeth Dietle^{2*}, b. Sept. 5^{2,131a}, 1888 ^{131a},
d. March 26, 1899 ^{12b,131a} or 1889 ^{2,70,71a} or 1886⁵⁷ at the age of 8 months 21 days⁵⁷,
Sadie^{2,12b, 71a,270} Naomi Dietle^{2,12b, 71a}, b. March 21^{2,12b,71a}, 1890^{2,12b,71a,315},
died Nov. 12^{2,12b,71a}, 1955 ^{2,12b,71a,315},
John^{2,71a} Milton^{71a} Dietle,^{2,71a} b. April 21, 1892, died Oct. 20^{2,71a}, 1950 ^{2,71a,268},
Harry Dietle, b. June 16, 1894, died Nov. 5, 1926 ^{2,12b,46,57,71a,200,315},
Simon^{2,71a} Albert^{71a} Dietle^{2,71a}, b. Nov. 9, 1896^{2,71a}, died Dec. 5, 1954 ^{2,71a},
Irvin Henry Dietle ^{12b,71a,252}, b. April 6, 1899 ^{2,12b,14,71a,252,257},
died Oct. 13, 1986 ^{71b,135,257},
Clara Belle Dietle, born June 5, 1901 ^{2,12b,131a,242,256}, died Dec. 3, 1974 ^{2,12b,242,256}, and
Lloyd^{2,71a,291} Mahlon^{71a} Dietle^{2,71a}, born Dec. 22, 1903, died Nov. 11, 1931 ^{2,71a}.

All of the above-named children except Mary Elizabeth Dietle are also listed in the family tree which Grandpa helped me make circa 1968 ³. Mary Elizabeth is buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery ⁵⁷.

The Somerset Co. deed index ⁹⁵ lists the following real estate transactions which involved Adam and/or Susan:

Grantor John Dietle to Grantee Adam Dietle on Dec. 13, 1897 in Greenville Twp.
Grantor Jacob Steinle to Grantee Adam Dietle on July 2, 1894 in Greenville
Grantor Adam & Susan Dietle to Grantee H. J. Ebbecka on Dec. 9, 1889 in Meyersdale
Grantor Adam & Susan Deitle to Grantee al Benford Tille on Jan. 27, 1890 in Meyersdale
Grantor Adam Dietle to Grantee ux William Dietle on April 26, 1898 in Greenville
Grantor Susan Dietle to Grantee al H.C. & John Werner on Jan. 17, 1901
Grantor Adam Dietle to Grantee ux Irvin H. Dietle on April 9, 1927 in Larimer Twp.
Grantor Adam Dietle to Grantee ux Alma C. Dietle on April 9, 1927 in Larimer Twp.
Grantor Adam Dietle to Grantee ux Lloyd M. Dietle on Nov. 8, 1927 in Greenville Twp.
Grantor Adam Dietle to Grantee ux Anna M. Dietle on Nov. 8, 1927 in Greenville Twp.
Grantor Simon A. Dietle to Grantee Susan Dietle on Dec. 30, 1931 in Greenville Twp.
Grantor Susan Dietle to Grantee Simon & Ruth Deitle on Dec. 30, 1931 in Greenville

The 1900 census ²⁵ shows the family of Adam Deitle (sic) along with two hired hands; this information is abstracted as follows:

Head of Family: Deitle, Adam, white, born August 1859, age 45,
Birthplace: Pennsylvania, County: Somerset, M.C.D. Greenville
Twp.
Deitle, Susan, wife, b. March 1864, age 51, Birthplace: PA
Deitle, Sadie, dau, b. Mar. 1890, age 10, Birthplace: PA
Deitle, John, son, b. April 1892, age 8, Birthplace: PA
Deitle, Harry, son, b. June 1894, age 5, Birthplace: PA
Deitle, Simon, son, b. Nov. 1896, age 3, Birthplace: PA
Deitle, Irvin, son, b. April 1899, age 1, Birthplace: PA
Crissinger, Wm., Se, b. July 1884, age 15, Birthplace: PA
Stouby, Henry, Se, b. Mar. 1857, age 42, Birthplace: Germany

The 1910 census from Greenville Twp. ⁵¹ gives Adam's surname spelling as "Dietle" and lists all of his children as still living at his home, and indicates that Adam was a farmer and owned his farm free and clear. The 1910 census indicates that the parents of Adam's wife Susan were both born in Germany, but it erroneously (we believe) lists Adam's parents as having been born in PA ⁵¹.

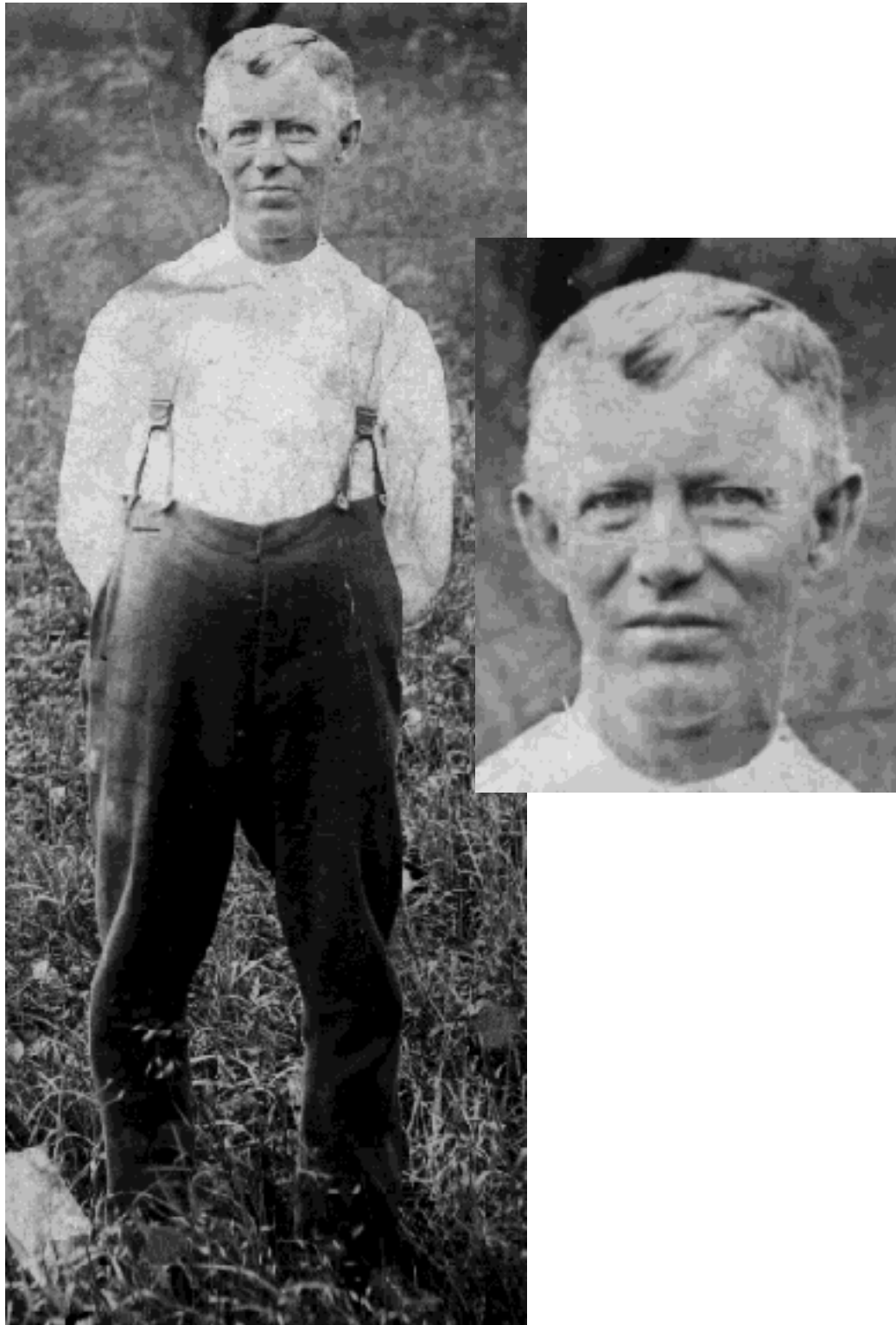
By the time of the 1920 census (Greenville Twp.), only Irvin, Clara and Lloyd are listed as living at home; Irvin as a public school teacher and Lloyd as a farmer ⁵⁴. The 1920 census indicates that Adam and Susan

* The book **Tombstone Inscriptions, Cemeteries of Somerset County, Pennsylvania**⁵⁷ indicates that the date of death of Mary Elizabeth was March 26, 1886 at the age of 8 months, 21 days; this disagrees with the other birth and death information that we have, and may be a typographical error.

were born in PA, that Adam's father was born in Bavaria and his mother was born in Germany, and that Susan's parents were born in Germany ⁵⁴.



This is an old photo of the farm house of Adam Dietle. The house still looked much the same in 1993, but by then it did have an addition on the right hand side.
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)



This postcard style photo (which I have enlarged at right) was handed down to one of Nicholas Dieddle's descendants who wishes to remain anonymous. The photo is labeled "Adam Deitle", but we are not sure if it is the original immigrant or his grandson, our G-Grandfather. The face has obvious similarities to the face of our G-Grandfather which is shown on page 2.



Another view of Adam Dietle's house. This photo was taken in 1993, when David Jackson was living there. Note the old foundation in the foreground. (Courtesy Irvin Dietle, Jr.)

Chapter 7

Descendants of Adam Dietle & Susan (Werner) Dietle

Sadie Naomi Dietle

Sadie Naomi Dietle, daughter of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, married Millard^{2,12b,101,131a,270} E.²⁷⁰ Steinly^{12b,101,131a,270} or Steinley². Dad recalls her as a calm, easy going person⁵³. She was born on March 21^{132,270}, 1890^{132,270,315} and died intestate³³⁵ on Nov. 12^{132,270}, 1955^{132,315} at her home²⁷⁰. Millard was born on March 22^{71a}, 1886^{71a,315} and died in Jan. 1957^{71a} or on Nov. 26¹³², 1956^{132,315}. Sadie and Millard were farmers who lived close to (but possibly not in) Greenville Township⁵³. They were affiliated with the Reformed Church at Pocahontas in Greenville Twp^{53,465}. The church is (1993) no longer there⁵³. Sadie and Millard are buried side by side in the Greenville Union Cemetery³¹⁵. She and Millard had the following children:

Ralph^{2,71a,270,291,335} Millard^{71a} Steinly^{71a,270,335}, born June 17, 1911^{2,71a}, died approximately in late 1995⁴⁶²,

Rosella^{2,71a,291,335} Steinly^{12b,71a,335}, b. Oct. 15, 1913^{2,12b,71a}, died May 21^{71b}, 1992^{71b,432}, and Velma^{2,12b,71a,291,335} Steinly^{12b,71a,335}, born May 13, 1916^{2,12b,71a}, died Sept. 11, 1992^{71b}.

Ralph Steinly, son of Millard Steinly and Sadie Naomi (Dietle) Steinly, married Lenora^{2,12b,131a} or Elnora^{132,315,462} McKenzie^{2,12b,131a}. She was born on Dec. 18²⁵⁵, 1909^{255,315} in Greenville Twp.²⁵⁵ and died July 2, 1970^{71b,131b,132,255}. She is buried in the Greenville Cemetery²⁵⁵. Ralph was born in 1911, and was apparently still living in 1994³¹⁵.

Dad recalls that before Ralph Steinly got married (and possibly after) he worked on Grandpa Irvin H. Dietle's farm in the springtime (before the boys got out of school for the summer) to help with the spring plowing and getting the fields ready to plant¹³⁵. Dad also remembers that when Grandpa Irvin H. Dietle traded in his 1936 Chevy for a new 1940 Chevy, Ralph bought the 1936 Chevy from the dealership¹³⁵. In his mother's obituary, Ralph's residence was given as Meyersdale RD 3²⁷⁰. Ralph and Lenora had the following children:

a son born and died Oct. 15^{2,71a}, 1938^{2,71a,315},
Paul Ralph^{2,71a} Steinly^{71a}, born Jan. 15, 1943^{2,71a}, and
a son born and died July 27^{2,71a}, 1947^{2,71a,315}.

Paul Ralph Steinly, son of Ralph Steinly and Lenora McKenzie, married Sandra Bowman^{2,71a,131b}. Paul is (1996) living in the Meyersdale area⁴⁶², and had the following children^{71a}:

Melinda^{71a} or Melissa⁴⁶², Marie^{71a} Steinly^{71a}, born August 16, 1966^{71a},
Leonard^{71a} Michael^{71a} "Lenny"⁴⁶² Steinly^{71a}, born May 3, 1968^{71a}, and
Neil⁴⁶².

Rosella Steinly, daughter of Millard Steinly and Sadie Naomi (Dietle) Steinly, married James Bittner^{2,12b,71a,465}. In her mother's obituary, her residence was given as Sand Patch²⁷⁰, which is in Larimer Twp. James worked for the state, and before that at a sand pit⁴⁶⁵. He also had a farm⁴⁶⁵. James died on May 5, 1974^{71b}. Several years after James died, Rosella married Lewis^{23,438,465} Eli⁴³⁸ Shockey^{23,438,465} Sr.⁴³⁸, who worked on the railroad²³. Lewis was born in 1905 and died in 1993⁴³². James and Rosella are buried at the Hostetler Church of the Bretheren⁴⁶². James and Rosella had the following children:

Paul James Bittner, born July 13, 1934 ^{2,12b,71a},
Carl^{2,12b,71a} or Karl² Emory^{2,12b,71a} Bittner^{2,12b,71a}, b. Feb. 8, 1936 ^{2,12b,71a}, and
Doris Marie Bittner, born August 4, 1939^{2,12b,71a}.

Paul James Bittner, son of James Bittner and Rosella (Steinly) Bittner, married Iva Lou Smith ^{2,12b,131b}, and had the following children:

Terry Paul Bittner, born Feb. 26, 1959 ^{2,12b,71a,131b},
Gary Roy Bittner, born July 3, 1960 ^{2,12b,71a,131b},
Debbie Sue Bittner, born Feb. 16, 1962 ^{2,12b,71a,131b}, and
Larry James Bittner, born Feb. 22, 1963 ^{2,12b,131b}.

Carl Emory Bittner, son of James Bittner and Rosella (Steinly) Bittner, married Donna Jean, and had the following children ^{2,12b,71a}:

Mark Allen Bittner, born Oct. 5, 1957,
Dwayne Keith Bittner, born July 15, 1961,
Lori Ann Bittner, born May 3, 1963.

Doris Marie Bittner, daughter of James Bittner and Rosella (Steinly) Bittner, married Daniel Elliot^{2, 12b,71a}. They reportedly had no children⁴⁶⁵.

Velma Steinly, daughter of Millard Steinly and Sadie Naomi (Dietle) Steinly, married Lawrence E. ⁴³² Jackson^{12b,131a}. They were affiliated with the Hostetler Church of the Bretheren⁴⁶². In her mother's obituary, her residence was given as Meyersdale RD 3²⁷⁰. The Somerset C. Deed Index ⁹⁵ shows a real estate transaction in Greenville Twp. on March 27, 1945 between John M. & Bertha N. Dietle and Lawrence E. & Velma S. Jackson. This transaction almost certainly the sale of the old Adam & Susan Dietle place. Velma is buried in the Meyersdale Union Cemetery⁴⁶². Lawrence Jackson is (1996) living in the Meyersdale area⁴⁶². Lawrence and Velma Jackson had the following children:

Marian Marie Jackson ^{2,12b,131a}, b. May 21, 1940 ^{2,12b,131a},
Lois Jane Jackson, b. May 27, 1940 ^{2,12b} or 1942 ^{2,71a} and died Mar. 29, 1943 ^{2,12b,71a}, David
Lawrence Jackson^{12b,71a}, born June 13, 1944 ^{2,12b,71a}.

Marian Marie Jackson, daughter of Lawrence Jackson and Velma (Steinly) Jackson, married David^{2,12b,247} Corliss²⁴⁷ Sutton ^{2,12b,12b,247}, son of Mr. & Mrs. William E. Sutton, Sr. of Keysor, West Virginia²⁴⁷. Marian and David were married on Oct. 14, 19__ at the Hostetler Church of the Brethern²⁴⁷. Marion graduated from the Meyersdale Joint High School in 1958, and later graduated from the Cumberland Memorial School of Nursing²⁴⁷. David graduated from the Fort Ashby High School, and served 4 years in the U.S. Air Force²⁴⁷. He was employed by the Western Maryland Railroad at the time of their marriage²⁴⁷. Marian's father reported in 1996 that Marian is employed as a visiting Nurse out of Cumberland, and David works at the West Vaco paper mill⁴⁶⁵. The newspaper announcement of their wedding indicated that they planned to reside in Cumberland²⁴⁷. Marian and David had the following children:

Lois Marie Sutton, born June 30, 1963 ^{2,12b,71a,131b}, who married ____ Spencer⁴⁶⁵,
Janet Susan Sutton, born Oct. 17, 1964 ^{2,12b,131b}, who married ____ Merschat⁴⁶⁵,
Nancy ^{71a,465} Sutton ^{71a}, born Sept. 1966 ^{71a}, and
Willy⁴⁶⁵, who is (1996) in the service⁴⁶⁵.



David Lawrence Jackson, 1993

David Lawrence Jackson, son of Lawrence Jackson and Velma (Steinly) Jackson, married Linda ^{2,12b} or Lynda ^{71a} Baker. David Lawrence Jackson is (1996) the present owner of the old Dietle farm which was once the residence of Adam Dietle and his wife Susan (Werner) Dietle ^{135,462}. After Adam, the farm went to Lloyd Dietle⁴⁶⁵. When Lloyd died, the farm went to John and Bertha Dietle, then Lawrence Jackson, then David Jackson⁴⁶⁵. David reports that the old foundation on his place was that of an old log cabin or house that he had to take down because of it's poor condition⁴⁶². Neither he nor his father know the history of the log house or cabin^{462,465}. David and Linda had the following children:

Duane David ^{2,12b,131b,463} ** Jackson, born April 16, 1966^{2,12b,71a,131b,462} , and Gary^{71a,462} Eugene^{71a} Jackson^{71a}, born July 24, 1968 ^{71a, 462}.

Duane Jackson, son of David Jackson and Linda (Baker) Jackson was married, but is now (1996) divorced⁴⁶². Duane lives in Meyersdale, and works at Gilmore's in Somerset, which makes garden hose and fittings⁴⁶². His children are⁴⁶²:

Derick Jackson, and
Shayla Jackson.

Gary Jackson, son of David Jackson and Linda (Baker) Jackson was married, but is now (1996) divorced⁴⁶². Gary is (1996) a diesel mechanic at Furlow's in Cumberland. He is (1996) living at home with David and Linda.

John Milton Dietle

John Milton Dietle, son of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, married Bertha^{2,12b,62,101,131a,268} Naomi²⁶⁸ Steinley^{2,12b,101,131a}, or Steinly²⁶⁸, daughter of Lewis^{35,268} and Susan³⁵ or Susannah^{62,268} (Housel^{35,62,268}) Steinley³⁵ or Steinly^{62,268}. Bertha* was born on April 11, 1892⁶². She has a brother named Millard⁶² who married John Milton Dietle's sister Sadie Naomi Dietle.

John worked some in timber, enjoyed hunting, and was a member of the Greenville Lutheran Church ⁵³. The 1920 census lists him as a Farmer living in Greenville Twp with his wife Bertha and son Carl (sic) and daughter Dorthy ⁵⁴. The census indicates he owned his farm free and clear in 1920 ⁵⁴. His address was R.F.D. #1, Sand Patch, PA in 1927³⁹⁴.

** Ref. 71a incorrectly gives this name as Dwayne. According to his father, it is spelled Duane⁴⁶².

* Bertha Steinley is a distant cousin of ours through the common ancestor Owen Beal on our mother's side. Bertha's ancestry may be traced using Ref. 2, 12b, 35, 62, 91, 101,131a and 268.



John Dietle and Bertha (Steinley) Dietle



The John Milton Dietle family, L to R: Bertha, Hubert, Carl, Dorothy, John.
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

Dad recalls that John was a jolly sort, always joking, and that John and his brother Irvin liked to kid each other. Some time after Irvin and John had aged enough to require glasses, John also had to get false teeth and was having a rough time with them. Irvin kidded him by saying it wasn't so bad for someone to have to get glasses, but when you had to have glasses *and* false teeth, well, that was pretty bad! Of course,

eventually Grandpa had to get false teeth too. John told a funny story about driving home after getting his first pair of bi-focals, saying he saw two bridges instead of one, and didn't know which one to take.

Bertha was born on April 11, 1892^{249,268} in Greenville Twp.²⁶⁸ and died on Dec. 7, 1969^{71b,132,249} in Mt. Holly, NJ²⁶⁸. She is buried at the Greenville Cemetery^{249,268}. John and Bertha had a big farm down the road from the farm once owned by John's father Adam, then later by John's brother Lloyd⁴⁶⁵. This farm did border at least partially on his father's farm⁴⁶⁵. After Lloyd died, John and Bertha got the farm, and eventually sold it to Lawrence Jackson⁴⁶⁵. John died intestate³³⁵. John and Bertha had the following children:

Karl^{53,335} or Carl^{2,71a,291} Dietle^{2,335}, born March 9, 1914^{12b,131a},
Dorothy² or Dorthy^{12b,131a,262,291} A.²⁶² Dietle^{2,12b,131a,262}, born June 1^{12b,131a}, 1917^{12b,131a,315}, and
Hubert^{2,12b,131a,291} A.^{2,12b,131a} or Herbert A.^{71b} Dietle, born June 23, 1923,
and died in 1932^{2,12b,71a}.

Dorthy Dietle, daughter of John Dietle and Bertha (Steinley) Dietle, married the Rev. Ralph^{2,53,131a,262} I.²⁶² Shockey^{2,53,131a,262}, who was a Lutheran minister⁵³. They were married at the Greenville Lutheran Church on Easter Sunday, April 9, 19__²⁶². Ralph was born in 1915³¹⁵. His parents were Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Shockey of Meyersdale²⁶². Ralph graduated from the Meyersdale High School in 1932, and in 1936 received an A.B. from Susquehanna University²⁶². Their wedding announcement stated that Ralph was scheduled to graduate from the Lutheran Theological Cemetery in Gettysburg in the month following the wedding²⁶². In 1938 Dorothy graduated from the Lutheran Deaconess Training School with special classes in Christian Service²⁶².

Ralph's first charge was at Winber, PA¹³⁵. Dorthy and Ralph eventually went to live in the New Jersey area⁵³. In Grandma Dietle's notebook, his address was listed as Moorestown, NJ¹³², and in Dorthy's mother's 1969 obituary, Dorthy's residence was also given as Moorestown²⁶⁸. Grandpa Dietle always thought very highly of Ralph Shockey, and named one of his own sons Ralph in his honor¹³⁵. Dad recalls that Ralph once owned a 1949 Buick Road Master; this was a large luxury car, and left a lasting impression with dad¹³⁵. Dorthy and Ralph had the following children^{12b}:

Ann Shockey, born Sept. 19, 1941^{2,12b,71a}, who married Richard Pulliam^{71a},
David Shockey, born Jan. 4, 1944^{2,12b,71a} who married Patricia McGinley^{71a}, and
Bonnie Shockey, born Aug. 8, 1948^{2,12b,71a}.

Karl Dietle, son of John Dietle and Bertha (Steinley) Dietle, married Anna^{95,432} Catherine⁵³ or Catharine^{2,131a} Siegner^{53,131a}, daughter of John Frederick Siegner^{131a} (b. 1878⁴³², d. 1955⁴³²) and Mary Seiler^{131a} d. 1968⁴³²). Catharine* was b. Dec. 14, 1919^{131a}.

The Somerset Co. deed index⁹⁵ lists a real estate transaction between Grantor John M. Dietle and Grantees Karl F. & Anna Catherine Dietle in Greenville Twp. on Nov. 20, 1940.

Karl was a Farmer⁵³. He sold his farm sometime in middle age and went to New Jersey to work on a large farm there⁵³. Grandma Dietle's notebook gives their address as Riverton, NJ¹³². Karl was not listed as a survivor in his mother's 1969 obituary. Karl and Catherine had the following children^{2,12b,71a}:

Mary Ann Dietle, born Oct. 10, 1941,
Nancy Dietle, born Oct. 2, 1942, and
Sally Dietle, born Nov. 16, 1948.

Mary Ann Dietle, daughter of Karl Dietle and Catharine (Seigner) Dietle, married William Beck^{2,12b,71a}. They had the following children:

* Catherine Seigner is a distant cousin of ours through the common ancestor George Werner on our father's side. Catherine's ancestry can be traced in Ref. 432^{53, 78,131a, and 432}.

Susan Renay^{71a} “Susie”^{2,12b,131b} Beck, born July 23^{2,12b,131b} or 24^{71a}, 1961², and
William Karl^{71a} “Billy”^{2,12b,131b} Beck, born June 19, 1962^{2,12b,71a,131b}.

Nancy Dietle, daughter of Karl Dietle and Catherine (Seigner Dietle), married Robert M. Wence^{71a}.

Hubert A. Dietle, son of John Dietle and Bertha (Steinley) Dietle, died at a young age^{**}. Hubert, his brother Karl, and his sister Dorothy all attended the Spruce Dale School in 1930, along with Alverta Meese³⁴⁹, daughter of Emma Dietle and Reid Meese. The teacher that year was Emma (McKenzie) Murray³⁴⁹. A Spruce Dale school photo from 1930 shows 21 children of all ages, including Hubert³⁴⁹.

Harry Dietle

Harry Dietle, son of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, was engaged to be married²⁴ at the time of his untimely death at age 32^{77,297}. He was a farmer, and died on Nov. 5, 1926^{12b,57} in a horrible accident at a sawmill which he and his brother Irvin owned⁵³. Their business was known as the Dietle Bros. Lumber Company^{77,297}. They had recently finished sawing at what was known as the Ephriam Geiger farm^{77,297} which Harry owned³⁴¹, and had moved the steam driven mill to the Joseph Bittner tract²⁹⁷. Harry was working in the pit under the mill at about 5:30 PM on a Friday, and was apparently drawn into the revolving saw blade by the “drag” which carried the sawdust to the sawdust pile^{77,297}. He was in the pit to apply grease and oil, and the accident split his head in two²⁹⁷. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren at the time of his death^{77,297}. He is buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery^{46,57,77,297}. The funeral services were conducted by The Rev. Samuel Sigler of Salisbury and the Rev. T. Rodney Coffman of Meyersdale⁷⁷. John and Irvin Dietle were the administrators of Harry’s estate³⁸⁸. Total cost of the funeral was \$495.75³⁸⁸. The appraised value of Harry’s estate was \$2,600 for real estate and \$2189.27 personal property, less debts of \$2802.62³⁹⁴.



Harry Dietle

In 1920 Harry was living at the farm of Mary Geiger in Larimer Twp.⁴⁸. On June 19, 1920 Harry bought the following items from Mary Geiger for \$800: 2 horses, 3 cows, 3 hogs, lot of chickens, 1 mowing machine, plows, harrows, wagons, cream separator, and farm implements and tools³³⁸. He eventually

^{**} According to the book **Tombstone Inscriptions, Cemeteries of Somerset County, Pennsylvania**, there is a Robert A. Dietel buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery who was born in 1923 and died in 1932⁵⁷. Based on the identical years of birth and death, the similarity of the given names, and the inability to otherwise place Robert, we believe that “Robert” is a typographical error. The Pennsylvania Vital Records department has no 1932 record of death on file for a Robert A. Dietle or Dietel¹¹⁶.

bought the farm from her for \$2,500.00³⁴¹. She conveyed the property to him in a deed dated January 7, 1925^{200,341} which let her use the house jointly with Harry as long as she lived³⁴¹. This deed is recorded in the Somerset Record Book of Deeds, Vol. 263, page 571²⁰⁰. The text of the deed, which lists several previous owners, is included in Appendix B. The deed transferred a 98 acre+ tract and a 12 acre+ tract. This farm (The Ephriam Geiger farm) eventually became the home of our Grandfather Irvin H. Dietle.



The sawmill of brothers Irvin & Harry Dietle
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

Simon Albert Dietle

Simon Albert Dietle, son of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, married Ruth^{2,50} Ada⁵⁰ Arklie^{2,50}, who was born on Dec. 3, 1897⁵⁰ and died on May 24, 1945^{2,12b,71a} or May 25, 1945¹⁸⁷. Ruth's father Eugene⁵⁰ "Gene"¹⁷⁷ Arklie⁵⁰ was born in 1873 and died in 1948, and her mother Magie (sic) Cline was born in 1874 and died in 1932⁵⁰. Simon was a Farmer^{50,53}, and later in life he worked at a sawmill in Meyersdale¹⁸⁷. Simon was also a member of the Greenville Lutheran Church⁵³. Simon and Ruth's daughter Catherine remembers them as hard working, and good parents¹³⁶. Dad recalls Simon as a likable fellow who liked to hunt⁵³. A number of Dietle family members went hunting together with Simon, including (in different combinations) Sylvester, Dad, Bud, June, John, Karl, and Grandpa⁵³. Dad also recalls that Simon was very good at playing the violin, and liked what would now be called Country-Western music¹³⁵. Simon's daughter Ada recalls that Simon frequently played the violin¹⁸⁷. This love of music has been noted in 3 subsequent generations.

Simon died intestate³³⁵ and is buried at the Greenville Lutheran Church, Pocahontas, PA^{50,164,187,315}, along with his wife Ruth^{164,187,315}. The 1920 census lists Simon, age 23, as living in Greenville Twp. as a Farm Laborer with his wife Ruth, daughter Catharine (sic) Susan Dietle, and son Sylvester S. Dietle⁵⁴. The 1920 census also indicates that Ruth was born in Kansas, but both of her parents were born in PA.

Simon and Ruth lived between Greenville and Sand Patch⁵³, about 8 miles away from Grandpa Irvin H. Dietle²³, and often came to visit Grandpa's home when our father Roy Dietle was still a youth²³. Simon's daughter Ada recalls that visiting the homes of their Uncles was one of the things that they did for pleasure after church on Sundays¹⁸⁷. They alternated, going to Uncle Irv's one week, Uncle John's the next, and so forth. Ada also recalls that farming took a lot of their time, and didn't leave a lot of time for recreation¹⁸⁷.

She said “We got up with the chickens, and went to bed with the chickens”¹⁸⁷. There weren’t a lot of modern day conveniences on the farm either. Ada recalls that when she was growing up, they had no electricity, no indoor plumbing, and no running water¹⁸⁷.



Simon Dietle & his wife Ruth (Arklie) Dietle

The Somerset Co. deed index ⁹⁵ lists the following real estate transactions which involved Simon:

Grantor Simon Dietle to Grantee Clarence A. Obringer on May 1, 1946 in Greenville, and
Grantor Simon A. Dietle to Grantee ux Susan Dietle on Dec. 30, 1931 in Greenville Twp.

Clarence Obringer was from Pittsburgh, and lived back on the neighboring farm¹⁸⁷, and was no relation to the family¹⁸⁷.

Simon and Ruth had the following children:

Catherine ^{50,291,335} or Catharine ^{2,131a} Susan ¹³⁶ Dietle ^{2,50,335}, born Feb. 4^{2,12b,71a}, 1918 ^{2,12b,71a,317},

Sylvester^{2,12b,71a,260,295} S.²⁹⁵ Dietle^{2,12b,71a,260,295}, born May 19, 1919 ^{2,12b,71a,260,295},
died July 10, 1970 ^{71b,260,295},

Bruce^{2,50,335} Carl⁵⁰ Dietle ^{2,50,335}, born Jan. 19, 1924 ^{2,12b,71a,164,315}, and
Ada^{2,137,335} Ruth¹³⁷ Dietle ^{2,137,335}, born Feb. 8, 1932 ^{2,12b,71a,137} in PA¹⁸⁷.

Catherine Susan Dietle, daughter of Simon Dietle and Ruth (Arklie) Dietle, married Harvey^{2,12b,131a,136} E.³¹⁷ Deal ^{2,12b,131a,136}, son of John M. Deal and Alice (Garlitz) Deal ¹³⁶. Catherine and Harvey farmed ⁵³. Harvey was also a State Highway Worker ¹³⁶, and Catherine was a Homemaker¹⁸⁷. Harvey was born in 1911³¹⁷ and died on Sept. 18^{1a,132}, 1959 ^{71a,132,317}. Catherine recalls him as a very good husband and father ¹³⁶. Catherine was living near Meyersdale in 1994 ¹³⁶, and had a Meyersdale RD address in 1970²⁹⁵. Catherine and Harvey had the following children:

Infant, born and died Aug. 13^{2,12b,131b}, 1947 ^{2,12b,131b,317},

Larry Deal, born Sept. 24, 1949 ^{2,12b,71a},

Brenda Deal, born Sept. 17, 1952 ^{2,12b,71a,132}, and

Wanda Kay Deal, born Nov. 22, 1956 and died June 12, 1962 ^{2,12b,71a,131b,317} of Leukemia¹⁸⁷.

Larry Deal, son of Harvey Deal and Catherine (Dietle) Deal, married Renate Beachy¹³⁶. They were divorced and had no children ¹³⁶. Larry's occupation is (1994) that of Mason Tender ¹³⁶. He is (1994) reportedly living in Meyersdale¹⁸⁷.

Brenda Deal, daughter of Harvey Deal and Catherine (Dietle) Deal, married Lawrence E. Ringler, Jr.¹³⁶, who is (1994) reportedly a Construction Worker¹⁸⁷. Brenda is (1994) reportedly living near Meyersdale, and works in the office of the Meyersdale High School¹⁸⁷. Brenda had the following children ¹³⁶:

Craig Matthew Ringler, and
Christian Mark Ringler.

Sylvester Dietle, son of Simon Dietle and Ruth (Arklie) Dietle, married Elizabeth S. Sipple ⁷⁹, who was known as "Betty" ^{2,12b,71a}. Betty was the daughter of Harold Sipple and Mary (Fike) Sipple, and was born in Meyersdale on July 26, 1920 ⁷⁹. Sylvester died at home²⁹⁵ on July 10, 1970 ^{132,260,295} after 6 years of ill health²⁹⁵, and is buried in the Meyersdale¹⁸⁷ Union Cemetery^{187,260,295}. Betty, who was a member of the Amity United Church of Christ of Meyersdale, died at age 69 on May 30, 1990 at the Johnstown Memorial Hospital ⁷⁹. Both Sylvester²⁹⁴ and Betty⁷⁹ were living at Meyersdale RD #4 at the time of her death. The Rev. Carl Mitchell conducted her funeral service, and she is buried in the Union Cemetery, Meyersdale ⁷⁹. Sylvester farmed all of his life, and was exempted from military service in WW-II due to his occupation¹⁸⁷. His obituary noted that he was formerly a Deacon at the Amity United Church of Christ, and formerly a member of the Lions Club²⁹⁵.

Sylvester and Betty had the following children, who were both still living at home at the time of Sylvester's death²⁹⁵:

Linda^{2,12b,71a,295} Kay^{2,12b,71a} Dietle^{2,12b,71a}, born July 10, 1952 ^{2,12b,71a},
Faye^{2,12b,71a,295} Diane^{2,12b,71a} Dietle^{2,12b,71a}, born July 8, 1956 ^{2,12b,71a}.

Linda Kay Dietle, daughter of Sylvester Dietle and Betty (Sipple) Dietle, married Paul William Deal on Oct. 7, 1978^{52,244} at the Amity United Church of Christ²⁴⁴ in Meyersdale^{52,244}. Paul was born on June 21, 1947 at Meyersdale ⁵². He is the son of LeRoy Deal^{52,244} and Betty Margueritte (Beachy) Deal ⁵². Paul and Linda have a son named Myron ^{52,79} Wayne ⁵² Deal ^{52,79}. Linda Kay had a Meyersdale rural route address in 1990 ⁷⁹. She is (1994) a nurse in Meyersdale¹⁸⁷.

Faye Diane Dietle, daughter of Sylvester Dietle and Betty (Sipple) Dietle, had a Meyersdale rural route address in 1990 ⁷⁹. She is (1994) a nurse in Meyersdale¹⁸⁷.

* Reference 71a incorrectly attributes four children to Sylvester and Betty by inadvertently giving the names of two of Bruce Dietle's children. Sylvester's sister Ada has confirmed that Sylvester only had two children, Linda and Faye¹⁸⁷.



Bruce Dietle, son of Simon Dietle, in 1990.

Bruce Dietle, son of Simon Dietle and Ruth (Arklie) Dietle, was a close friend of our Uncle “Bud” Dietle at one time ²³. Dad recalls that Bruce was an energetic and entertaining talker; the type of person who is the life of the party¹³⁵.

Bruce was in the Armed forces in WW-II ^{23,187}. At least part of his military service involved the use of gliders ²³. He went into the service with the 17th Airborne in 1942, and was discharged from the 82nd Airborne Troopers in 1946⁵⁰. He was still in Germany when his mother died, and was not able to come home for the funeral¹⁸⁷.

Dad recalls that at one time Bruce owned his own business, and did back hoe and bulldozer work ⁵³. Bruce married Susan^{2,50,131a,315} F.³¹⁵ Belcher ^{2,50,131a}, who was the daughter of Frank Belcher and his wife Elizabeth (Bisbing) Belcher¹⁶⁴. Susan was born on November 12, 1927^{50,164,315} and died Oct. 10, 1990^{71b,164,315}. She is buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery³¹⁵. Joyce Hertsch reports that Bruce enjoys country-western dancing, and participates in it frequently¹³⁷. Joyce recalls that Susan lived her life for her children, and also enjoyed the outdoors, working with her plants and flowers¹³⁷. Susan’s son Daryl also recalls Susan’s love of flower gardening and recalls that she also had an interest in hummingbirds, and enjoyed feeding and observing them ¹⁷⁷. Susan also worked summers at a fruit and vegetable stand that was near their home ¹⁷⁷. Bruce and Susan had the following children^{12b,50}:

Daryl^{12b,50,71a,164,177} Bruce¹⁷⁷ Dietle^{2,12b,50,71a,164,177}, born Nov. 3, 1948^{2,12b,71a,177},
Marlin Dietle^{50,71a,164}, born Oct. 23, 1950^{2,12b,71a},
Melissa^{2,12b,50,164} Anne^{131b} Dietle^{2,12b,50}, born July 19, 1957^{2,12b,131b,164}, and
Diane Elizabeth Dietle^{2,12b,50,164}, born Dec. 5, 1960^{2,12b,131b,164} at Baltimore¹⁶⁴.



Daryl Bruce Dietle, son of Bruce Dietle, in 1990.

Daryl Dietle, son of Bruce Dietle and Susan (Belcher) Dietle, married Beverly¹⁷⁷ Jane^{50,177} Miller^{50,177}. Jane, who was born July 10, 1952 in Baltimore, MD is the daughter of Desmond Dean Miller and Elizabeth Jane (Sellers) Miller ¹⁷⁷. Before their children were born, Jane worked at a bank, but now (1994) she is a Housewife, and is home-schooling her children¹⁷⁷. Daryl runs heavy equipment¹⁷⁷ in a landfill ^{137,177} for Baltimore County ¹⁷⁷. He and his wife are members of the Jehovah's Witness Church¹³⁷. They live on Jane's Grandfather's farm in the country, near Kingsville, MD, which borders a State Park ¹⁷⁷. Their residence is fairly close to Daryl's father's home, and about 20 miles north of Baltimore ¹⁷⁷. Daryl was in the Army, and was stationed in Augsburg, Germany in 1968 ¹⁷⁷.

Daryl's main interest is music¹⁷⁷. He plays fiddle and guitar, and has his Grandfather Simon's fiddle¹⁷⁷. He likes bluegrass and country music, and plays at the Deer Creek Fiddler's Convention¹⁷⁷. Both of his children like music too¹⁷⁷. Daryl also likes landscaping, fishing, and riding a Honda "4-wheeler" all terrain vehicle off-road. He operates a part-time business with a dump truck and front-end loader, and sells topsoil, mulch and firewood. His wife Jane enjoys photography, flower gardening, hummingbirds, and travel.

Daryl and Jane had the following children:

Travis^{50,177} Eric¹⁷⁷ Dietle^{50,177}, b. May 12, 1985¹⁷⁷, and
Kelsey^{50,177} Amber¹⁷⁷ Dietle^{50,177}, b. March 31, 1987¹⁷⁷.



Kelsey Dietle, daughter of Daryl Dietle, in 1994.

Travis Dietle, son of Daryl Dietle and Jane (Miller) Dietle, is (1994) taking piano lessons, and his father is teaching the guitar to him¹⁷⁷. He is (1994) in the third grade, and loves country music and singing Garth Brooks songs. He likes riding a Susuki "4-wheeler" off-road, and also enjoys swimming, bicycling, roller blading, bass fishing, baseball, gymnastics, and other sports.

Kelsey Dietle, daughter of Daryl Dietle and Jane (Miller) Dietle, is (1994) taking music lessons¹⁷⁷. She likes country music, particularly Reba McIntire and Dolly Parton¹⁷⁷. She (1994) enjoys roller blading, bicycling, and swimming, and has fun with makeup and pierced ear-rings¹⁷⁷.

Marlin Dietle, son of Bruce Dietle and Susan (Belcher) Dietle, married Darlene Dowell and had a son named Brian Dale Dietle⁵⁰. Marlin is (1994) presently living in Bradshaw, MD¹³⁷, and is an Auto Mechanic^{137,187}.

Melissa Dietle, daughter of Bruce Dietle and Susan (Belcher) Dietle, married Philip Williams⁵⁰ who is a Machinist¹⁷⁷. Melissa has no children, according to information provided by her father in 1993⁵⁰. She is (1994) working for Nation's Bank ¹³⁷ or First National Bank ¹⁷⁷. She has (1994) been working there about 15 years, and is believed by her brother to be in the field of accounting ¹⁷⁷.

Diane Elizabeth Dietle, daughter of Bruce Dietle and Susan (Belcher) Dietle, did not marry, according to information provided by her father in 1993⁵⁰. She received her B.S.¹⁸⁷ degree in Horticulture^{137,187} or Agriculture¹⁷⁷ and works for Wang Computers in Marketing¹⁷⁷. She had a Baldwin, MD address in 1994 ¹⁶⁴.

Ada Ruth Dietle, daughter of Simon Dietle and Ruth (Arklie) Dietle, married John Goodwin* ^{2,137}, and according to Dad, was living near Baltimore, MD⁵³ in 1993. Grandma Dietle's address book gave their address as Perry Hall, MD⁵³. They were still residing in Perry Hall in 1994¹⁸⁷. Ada Ruth's name is based upon her mother's name Ruth Ada, but she is also named after a town in Kansas named Ada, where relatives reportedly still live¹³⁷.

Before she was married, Ada moved to MD to seek employment because there wasn't much work around home in PA¹³⁷. When she first moved to MD, she worked for a box and container factory¹³⁷. Most of her working career has been with box and container factories, but she also worked as a Waitress when she was first married¹³⁷. According to her daughter Joyce, some of Ada's hobbies are following the horoscopes and the daily lottery¹³⁷. When I interviewed Ada in the spring of 1994, she reported that she had just retired from MacMillan and Bloedell, a corrugated box company¹⁸⁷.

John Goodwin, the son of John and Teresa Goodwin¹⁸⁷, was born on October 14, 1928¹³⁷. He was the only son in a family of 8 sisters, and had to help support the family after his father died when he was in the second grade. John worked in the Esskay Butcher Plant as a Butcher, and also worked as a Mechanic in a gas station in Hollandtown¹³⁷. His working career ended when he was about age 40/42 when he was badly crushed in a near fatal automobile accident¹³⁷. He likes to work with his hands mechanically, and presently (1994) does small engine repair on lawn mowers, roto-tillers, etc.

Ada and John had the following children:

Joyce^{2,137} Ada¹³⁷ Goodwin², born Aug. 13, 1952 ^{2,12b,71a,131b,137},
David^{2,71a,137} John^{71a,137} Goodwin², born Sept. 7, 1956^{2,12b,71a,131b},
Jerry^{2,137} Francis¹³⁷ Goodwin², born Sept. 22, 1957^{2,12b,71a,131b},
Denise^{2,137} Ann¹³⁷ Goodwin², born Dec. 4, 1958^{2,12b,71a,131b}, and
John Oliver, Jr. ¹³⁷, born Aug. 19, 1966 ¹⁸⁷

Joyce Ada Goodwin, daughter of John Goodwin and Ada (Dietle) Goodwin, married Stephan Gary Hertsch, son of Roland Hertsch and Elaine (Maisel) Hertsch¹³⁷. Stephan was born on March

* Reference 71a incorrectly gives John Goodwin's last name as Goodman.

10, 1951¹³⁷. He is a Truck Driver for a liquor distributor¹³⁷. Stephan likes to make things with his hands¹³⁷. For example, he has refinished their basement, built an out-building, and built a fort and jungle gym for the children¹³⁷. Stephan also enjoys a good thriller or suspense movie to relax and unwind¹³⁷. Joyce and Stephan are presently (1994) living in Westminster, MD¹³⁷. Joyce is employed with the Social Security Administration in a career which began at age 17 a week and a half after graduating from high school¹³⁷. Joyce and Stephan have the following children¹³⁷:

Gary Stephan Hertsch, born August 4, 1986, and
Kathleen Joyce "Katie" Hertsch, born July 25, 1988.

David John Goodwin, son of John Goodwin and Ada (Dietle) Goodwin, married Jean^{137,427} Marie⁴²⁷ Travers^{137,427}, who was born Jan. 6, 1956⁴²⁷. They presently live in Lutherville, MD¹³⁷. David is a County Supervisor for the Baltimore, Md. Recreation and Parks Dept.¹³⁷. Jean is (1994) working for a Stockbroker firm¹⁸⁷. David and Jean have two sons, as follows:

Oliver^{137,427} John⁴²⁷ Goodwin^{137,427}, b. Jan. 5, 1982⁴²⁷, and
David^{137,427} John⁴²⁷ Goodwin^{137,427}, b. Feb. 21, 1983⁴²⁷.

Jerry Francis Goodwin, son of John Goodwin and Ada (Dietle) Goodwin, married Ivy^{137,427} Frances⁴²⁷ Smith^{137,427} who was b. Dec. 8, 1959⁴²⁷. They presently (1994) live in Perry Hall, MD¹³⁷. Jerry is the Project Manager for a Plumbing and Heating company¹³⁷. Ivy is (1994) a Certified Public Accountant, and works for a CPA firm¹⁸⁷. Jerry and Ivy have two sons, as follows¹³⁷:

Jeremy¹³⁷ Frances^{137,427} Goodwin^{137,427}, born March^{137,427} 25⁴²⁷, 1991^{137,427},
Christopher^{137,427} Ryan^{137,427} Goodwin^{137,427} born May^{137,427} 3⁴²⁷, 1993^{137,427}

Denise Ann Goodwin, daughter of John Goodwin and Ada (Dietle) Goodwin, married James^{137,427} William⁴²⁷ Barrett^{137,427}, who was born June 24, 1957⁴²⁷. James is (1994) a Plumber¹⁸⁷. They have two daughters, as follows:

Nichole^{137,427} Ashley⁴²⁷ Barrett⁴²⁷, b. Sept. 7, 1985⁴²⁷, and
Michelle^{137,427} Lindsey⁴²⁷ Barrett⁴²⁷, b. March 7, 1988⁴²⁷.

John Oliver Goodwin, Jr., son of John Goodwin and Ada (Dietle) Goodwin, married Pamela^{137,427} Ann⁴²⁷ Howard^{137,427} in 1993¹³⁷. Pamela was born on April 20, 1966⁴²⁷. John is (1994) working for the Baltimore County Water and Sewage Utility¹⁸⁷. Pamela is (1994) a Registered Nurse¹⁸⁷. They presently (1994) have no children¹³⁷.

Irvin Henry Dietle

Irvin Henry Dietle is our direct ancestor, and will be discussed in a separate chapter.

Clara Belle Dietle

Clara Belle Dietle, daughter of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, married Harvey^{2,72} "Harve"²³ Alfred⁷² Geiger^{2,72}, who was born on Dec. 26, 1897⁷² and died Oct. 21, 1981⁷². Harvey was the son of Ezra Geiger and his wife Martha (Lowry) Geiger, and is related to our mother and Lerene Viola (Geiger) Murray through the Geiger family. Ezra and Martha are buried in the cemetery of the White Oak Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church³¹².



Harvey Geiger, his wife Clara and daughter Betty.
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

Our father recalls that Clara Belle was a very quiet person⁵³, as does Clara's son Harvey Geiger, Jr.¹⁰⁶. Harvey, on the other hand, was talkative by nature¹⁰⁶. Clara and Harvey lived and farmed near Wittenburg, and attended the White Oak Lutheran Church⁵³. Harvey did a lot of huckstering⁵³. Every Friday he had his route, selling butter, eggs, meat and produce⁵³. Clara collected beautiful glassware, dishes, etc⁷⁰. According to Grandma Dietle's notebook, Clara broke her leg or hip on Sept. 4, 1971¹³². She is buried at the White Oak Cemetery^{242,256}. In her father's 1930 obituary, Clara was residing at Corriganville, MD, and in her mother's 1932 obituary, Clara was also said to be living in Maryland²⁶⁷. Clara and Harvey had the following children:

Betty Geiger^{2,12b,131a}, born July 8, 1926^{2,12b,71a}, died Jan. 10, 1993^{70,71b}, and
Harvey Geiger, Jr.^{2,12b,131a}, born March 30, 1930^{2,12b,71a}.

Betty Geiger, daughter of Harvey Geiger and Clara Belle (Dietle) Geiger, married Robert Bittner^{2,12b,71a}, who was born on May 2, 1925³⁵. He was an only child²³, the son of Frank Bittner³⁵ and Annie Alice Petenbrink³⁵ (b. Dec. 9, 1880³⁵, d March 26, 1949³⁵).^{*} Robert served in the Army in

^{*} Robert Bittner is a distant cousin of ours through Peter Frederick Petenbrink, an ancestor on our mother's side. Robert's ancestry can be traced in Ref. 35,72,91, and 273.

1945³⁵. He worked for the railroad and lived on the farm which he inherited from his parents²³. Betty Geiger died sometime prior to 1995, probably in 1993²³. Robert and Betty had the following children:

Richard^{2,12b,35,71a} Eugene^{2,12b,71a} Bittner^{2,12b,71a}, born Feb. 8^{2,12b,71a}, 1951^{2,12b,35,71a}, Cheryl^{2,12b,35,71a} Diane^{2,12b} or Diana^{71a} Bittner², born Nov. 29, 1954^{2,12b} or 1955^{35,71a}, and Kevin^{2,3571a} Robert^{71a} Bittner^{2,71a}, born Jan. 6^{2,12b,71a}, 1960^{2,12b,35,71a}

Cheryl Diane Bittner, daughter of Betty (Geiger) Bittner and Robert Bittner, married Randy Klink⁷⁰ and had the following children⁷⁰:

Ryan Klink, and
Mark Klink.

Harvey Geiger, Jr., son of Harvey Geiger and Clara Belle (Dietle) Geiger, married Vida Yoder^{2,12b,71a}, the daughter of Menno L. Yoder and his wife Mildred G. (Shuck) Yoder¹⁰⁶, on June 14, 1957^{131b}. He was residing in or near Corriganville, MD in 1993. They had the following children:

Teresa Lynn Geiger, born Oct. 9, 1958^{2,12b,131b} or Sept. __ 1958^{71a},
Gary Allen Geiger^{2,71a}, born Oct. 10 1959^{2,71a,106,131b}, and
Linda Rae Geiger, born Nov. 14, 1963^{2,12b,71a,131b}.

Teresa Lynn Geiger, daughter of Harvey Geiger, Jr. and Vida (Yoder) Geiger, married Donald Waldo¹⁰⁶. They have the following children¹⁰⁶:

Jarett N. Waldo, born July 18, 1989, and
Tara L. Waldo, born August 4, 1992.

Gary Allen Geiger, son of Harvey Geiger, Jr. and Vida (Yoder) Geiger, married Rhonda Bennett¹⁰⁶. Gary is (1993) a Fork Truck Operator at the Hershey Pasta plant at Winchester, Virginia¹⁰⁶. Gary and Rhonda have the following children¹⁰⁶:

Rachelle N. Geiger, born March 3, 1987, and
Greg A. Geiger, born Feb. 13, 1989.

Linda Rae Geiger, daughter of Harvey Geiger, Jr. and Vida (Yoder) Geiger, married Duane Miller¹⁰⁶. They have a daughter Jessica L. Miller who was born on Feb. 5, 1991¹⁰⁶.

Lloyd Mahlon Dietle

Lloyd Mahlon Dietle, son of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, married Annie Mildred Miller (a sister of Alma Catharine (Miller) Dietle) on October 9, 1927^{9,14}. Annie Mildred Miller was born on October 2^{9,14,132}, 1906^{9,14,132,315}. She is known as Mildred². Lloyd and Mildred farmed in Greenville Township, Somerset Co.⁹ on his father Adam's farm⁵³. They had a daughter Agnes Marie Dietle who was born on April 24, 1930^{9,14,315} or March 24, 1930^{2,71a} and died on March 7, 1936¹⁴ or March 9, 1936^{2,9,71a,315} of appendicitis⁹. Lloyd died intestate³³⁵ of pneumonia⁹ on November 11⁹, 1931^{9,315} and buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery^{46,57,315}. Agnes Marie is also buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery³¹⁵.

In an oral interview, our father Roy Dietle recalled that after Lloyd's father Adam Dietle died, Lloyd ran Adam's farm⁴⁹. After Lloyd died, John Dietle owned the farm, and eventually sold it to Lawrence Jackson and Velma (Steinly) Jackson⁴⁹. (Velma, who was the daughter of Sadie (Dietle) Steinly, was John's niece⁴⁹.) In 1993 the farm was being run by Lawrence's son David Jackson⁴⁹ as a dairy farming operation⁷⁰.



Mildred (Miller) Dietle
(Courtesy of Roy Dietle)



Agnes Marie Dietle
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

The Somerset C. Deed Index⁹⁵ shows that a piece of ground in Greenville Twp. changed hands between Grantor Adam Dietle and Grantees Lloyd and Anna M. Dietle on Nov. 8, 1927, shortly after Lloyd and Mildred's marriage. This was evidently the sale of Adam's home place. The Somerset C. Deed Index⁹⁵ also shows a transaction in Greenville Twp. on Dec. 16, 1931 (shortly after Lloyd's death) between Grantor Anna M. Dietle and Grantees John M. and Bertha N. Dietle. Another transaction between Grantor Lloyd M. Dietle and Grantees John M. and Bertha N. Dietle occurred in Greenville Twp. on Oct. 5, 1926.

Mildred spent most of her lifetime living in Greenville Twp. except for a short time when she lived with her sister and brother-in-law Vaughn and Maggie Williams of Everett PA, which is in Bedford County⁶⁴. During this time her little girl Agnes Marie became ill with appendicitis and passed away in the Bedford Memorial Hospital⁶⁴. After this, Mildred came home and lived with her parents on the Harvey Miller farm⁶⁴ east of Pocahontas on the Finzel road³⁰⁷. Later she worked and retired from the Meyersdale shirt factory, and eventually built a home on a portion of her father's farm where she was living in 1993⁶⁴. She was living in this home already by 1963, because it was mentioned in a Miller genealogy printed in that year⁹ which also mentioned that she was working for the Meyersdale Manufacturing Co.. She moved into a nursing home in 1995, and her household, which contained some of her parent's furniture, was auctioned off in the summer of 1995.

Chapter 8

Grandparents Irvin H. Dietle & Alma C. (Miller) Dietle



Mr. Irvin Dietle, his wife Alma (Miller) Dietle, and their children. Back row, L to R Luther, Roy, Irvin, Jr. Front row, L to R: Ralph, Irvin, Sr., Alma, Julia. This picture is from the early 50's.

Grandfather Irvin Henry Dietle, son of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, was born on April 6, 1899^{1,14,73,83,122,252,257} in Greenville Twp.^{73,83,252,257} and died at age 87^{83,257} on Oct. 13, 1986^{1,122,257} in Summit Twp.¹³⁵ at his son Ralph's home. He was known as "Grandpa" or "Grandpap" Dietle to me. His wife was Alma Catharine Miller*, eldest daughter of Harvey Miller (b. Sept. 21, 1873^{9,14,35,132,281,372}, d. June 8, 1957^{9,14,281}) and his wife Belinda (Baer) Miller^{9,14} (b. May 28, 1875^{9,14,35,290,372}). She was born on Feb. 7, 1901^{9,14,73,122,132,253,265} in Greenville Twp.^{73,253} and died of a stroke on Jan. 9, 1974^{12b,80,122,265} after 49 years of marriage^{12b}. The official cause of death was a cerebral vascular accident due to arteriosclerosis²⁶⁵. Irvin and Alma were married on June 15,

* The ancestry of Alma Catharine Miller can be traced using Ref. 9, 12b, 14,35, 46, 62, 63, 91, 122, 132, 158, 227b, 281, 286, 290, 308, 315, 356, 357,358, 359, and 372.

1924^{9,14,132} at the bride's home⁹. They had a large ornate framed marriage certificate which hung on their bedroom wall when Dana and I were growing up. This certificate had a light blue background, white flowers with green leaves, and near the bottom a picture of Jesus within a circle.

The names of their children, in order of birth, are as follows:

Luther^{2,9,14} Lloyd^{9,14} Dietle^{2,9,14}, born May 3, 1925^{2,9,14,132}, died Nov. 12, 1976^{9,14,131a},
Julia^{2,9,14} Lavaughn^{9,14} Dietle^{2,9,14}, born Oct. 13, 1926^{2,9,14,132},
Irvin Dietle, Jr.^{2,9,14,131a,257*}, born May 28, 1928^{2,9,14,131a,132},
Roy^{2,9,14} **Emerson**^{9,14} **Dietle**^{2,9,14,257}, born Jan. 3, 1932^{2,9,14,131a,196}, and
Ralph^{2,9,14} Eugene^{9,14} Dietle^{9,14}, born July 18, 1944^{2,9,14,132}.

All of the children except Ralph were born at home; Ralph was born at Dr. Glass's Hospital³²⁵.

Like many of the Somerset County Dietle's, Grandpa was short in stature. His sons all grew up to be much taller than he was. Our father has always attributed his own height (6 ft.¹⁹⁶) and size to the Miller blood flowing in his veins. According to dad, Grandma Dietle's family were all big people. Tradition has it that the original Miller immigrant (the father of the Peter Miller who married Elizabeth and Rebecca Gaver) was 6'6" tall and could cut and stack 6 cords of wood in a day⁴⁰.



Harvey Miller, father of Alma (Miller) Dietle
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)



Belinda (Baer) Miller, mother of Alma (Miller) Dietle
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

Before Grandma and Grandpa married, she worked in a confectionery store at Somerset, PA⁹ and he taught school. He and his brother Harry also bought and ran a sawmill^{9,24}. Harry, who was engaged to be married²⁴, borrowed money from their father Adam to buy a farm from Ephriam and Mary (Dietle) Geiger¹⁰. (Mary was the daughter of our GG-Grandparents John Adam Dietle & Margaret (Ritter) Dietle^{12b} and Ephriam Geiger was the brother of our Great-Grandmother Mary (Geiger) Korns.) Harry died intestate²⁰⁰ (without a will) in an accident at the sawmill⁷⁷, and his parents Adam and Susan Dietle inherited his farm and its contents²⁰⁰. Grandpa then sold the sawmill²⁴. He and Grandma bought Harry's farm for \$2,900.00²⁰⁰, borrowing \$1900.00 from Adam and Susan to do so³⁸⁹. The terms of the loan were \$200.00 annually (with a final payment of \$100.00) without interest, except in the event of deferred payments, which were to bear interest at 3%³⁸⁹. This purchase also included the stock, farm implements, and the household furniture²⁰⁰. One of Grandpa's pocket notebooks indicates what he paid for the personal property, and what the value of Harry's estate was, as follows³³⁶:

Appraisment at Harry Deatle (sic)

What I paid for personal property

Potatoes	125.00
Churn	1.00
Buggy Harness	2.00
grind stone	50
Kettle	3.00

Hogs	100.00
Sleigh	3.00
Spring wagon	5.00
1,000 Shingles	5.00
2 Pigs	10.00
Hand spray	2.00
Harness	10.00
Horses	40.00
Wagon	20.00
Hog ladders	2.00
Hay Rake	2.00
Hay	80.00
Straw	<u>40.00</u>
	450.50

Appraisement at Harrys Death (*new page*)

Oats	90.00
Mower	20.00
Corn	15.00
80 chickens	40.00
1916 Model Ford	10.00
1921 Model Ford	20.00
3 Cows	90.00
3 young Cattle	<u>60.00</u>
	345.00
	450.50
	<u>51.00</u>
What Irvin Bought	846.50
Farm	<u>2100.00</u>
Farm and Personal	2946.50
Mill	500.00
Lumber	210.00
Account Collectable	400.00
in Bank	<u>232.77</u>
	4289.27

The deed for their purchase of the farm was made and recorded on April 8, 1927^{200*}. A copy of the deed is included in Appendix B. This farm of 110 acres[§] was in Larimer Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania²⁰⁰, and was one and one half miles east of the White Oak Church²³⁸. The house was quite old, as evidenced by the simple board construction of the upstairs doors, and the simple iron latches which were used instead of door-knobs. The attic was filled with interesting antiques, such as a dovetailed rocking cradle with heart shaped cut-outs that Irvin Dietle, Jr. now owns, an ancient rope bed which I now own, and assorted German books which I presume were left there by Ephriam Geiger or a previous family. The house and barn were directly at the base of a very steep hill which was used for pasture, and the cultivated fields were at the top of the hill. The hillside pasture behind the house, like many Somerset Co. pastures, was so steep that it was often joked that the cows had to have longer legs on one side in order to keep from rolling down the hill. When I was young, I found some interesting fossils of tiny marine-like creatures lying atop the ground in that pasture. Grandpa's barn still contained a horse-drawn buggy and sleigh when he held an auction to sell the house-hold contents and left-over farm equipment after Grandma died.

When Bud and Sis were born, Grandma and Grandpa Dietle were still living in Wittinburg in a rented home¹³⁵. Dad recalls hearing that not long after Sis was born, they moved to the farm in Larimer Twp.

* The Somerset Co. Deed Index ⁹⁵ incorrectly indicates that this transaction occurred on April 9, 1927.

§ The farm consisted of a 98 acre tract and a 12 acre tract.

where he was born and raised¹³⁵. The move was accomplished by going across the fields in sleds¹³⁵. Dad speculates that the roads may have been blown shut by snow at the time¹³⁵. The fields would have been bordered by rail fences, which could have been easily parted for passage of the sled(s)¹³⁵. Dad recalls that the road from the White Oak Church down to the farm often blew shut. The neighbors would get together on Saturdays and shovel it out so that they could get into town. Grandpa often had to walk to the Witt Schoolhouse to teach due to the roads being snowed shut. He would have to leave home before daylight, so he'd take up a shotgun and away he would go, taking a shortcut through the woods. Grandpa himself made note of this in a pocket notebook he owned, as follows³⁰⁹:

“Winter of 1939-40 Was an old fashioned winter The ground was covered with snow from Christmas until the first of april There were plenty of drifts and our road was closed for 3 months I brought the car home on the first day of April only had it home once since before Christmas There was no plowing done untill April. I taught Witt school and walked both ends about 6 miles a day.”



The White Oak Mount Carmel Lutheran Church as it appeared in 1994. The left hand portion of the church is a recent addition that was carefully made to match the original architecture.

Grandpa and Grandma Dietle attended the White Oak[†] Mount Carmel Lutheran Church in Somerset Co. during my lifetime, but are buried at the Greenville Lutheran Church along with many of Grandpa's

[†] The locality known as White Oak is located along the old Plank Road about 10 miles south of Berlin at the confluence of several country roads, and is conspicuous by the presence of 3 country churches. The area was known as White Oak at least as early as 1842, when Rev. Christian Lepley began to preach in a school house there⁴⁰⁹ that was evidently made of logs⁷⁴. In 1844, after preaching in the school for 2 years, Rev. Lepley organized a congregation that took the name “Mt Carmel Evangelical Lutheran Church of Larimer Township, Somerset County”⁴⁰⁹. This congregation⁴⁰⁹ joined forces with the Reichards Reformed congregation in 1847 to build the original White Oak Church, which has been known in recent years as the Grace Reformed Independent Bible Church⁷⁴. The first church was jointly dedicated by the Lutheran Minister Rev. Christian Lepley and the Reformed Minister Rev. William Uhl⁷⁴. The Lutherans withdrew from the congregation in 1891^{38,409} and built the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church nearby, and the Reformed began the third church in 1900³⁸. These churches are said to have been built near the original site of a Breastworks fort that dates back to 1755⁷⁴. As a deed for a seven acre church tract at White Oak was executed on Feb. 3, 1819, which indicates the presence of some type of congregation at that early date⁴⁰⁹.

ancestors. According to a large (12" x 16"), colorfully decorated confirmation certificate[†] which is in Dana's possession, Grandma was confirmed as a member of the Greenville Lutheran Church on July 23, 1916⁵⁹.

The reason they attended the White Oak church rather than the Greenville church was probably because it was much closer to their home in Larimer Twp.. They formally moved their membership to the White Oak Lutheran Church on March 24, 1957^{72,132}. Grandpa and Grandma were faithful church members, and Grandpa was the Sunday School Superintendent at Mt. Carmel for many years⁵³.

Grandpa Irvin H. Dietle was a School Teacher and Farmer⁵³. He went to Normal school in Meyersdale, and took correspondence courses from Penn State¹⁰. He also took classes from the Southwestern State Normal School, California, PA (My Alma Mater) during the term of 1923-24³⁷⁸. He received his permanent teaching "standard certificate" in 1934³⁸⁴, after having a partial certificate from 1923 to 1932³⁸⁵, and a non-permanent standard certificate from 1932-1934³⁸⁶ in the elementary curriculum^{385,386}. He also had Teacher's Provisional Certificates for the years 1915 through 1919 which were awarded via examination; each certificate contains grades in 13 different categories ³⁸⁷. It is interesting to note that he was only 16 years and 3 months old when he received the 1915 provisional certificate. The name on the 1917, 1918, 1919, and 1923 certificates is spelled "Deitle", while the 1915, 1916 and 1932 certificates have the spelling "Dietle".



The Geiger School
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

At one time or another Grandpa taught all of his children⁵³ in school. He also taught his daughter-in-law Lerene, and Bud and Lerene's daughter Judy Dietle⁷². Judy had him in the fourth grade, and reported that "It was very difficult to call him Mr. Dietle instead of Grandfather"⁷³. His daughter Julia had him for Grades 1, 2, 5 and 6, and recalls that she was afraid of him in the classroom¹⁰¹. His son Irvin Dietle, Jr. remembers calling him "Mr. Dietle Daddy" in school. Our father Roy E. Dietle was taught by him in Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 in the one room Geiger school^{53*}. Dad has joked to me that he was once first in his class because he was the *only* student enrolled in his grade level. I can recall waving to Grandpa as he stood outside a one room school house (probably during recess) as our family drove by on the way to visit his home. He did most of his teaching in the Geiger, Pine Grove, Wittinburg, and Wit schools, but retired from the Meyersdale Joint Schools^{53,237} after 36³¹⁸ years of service⁸³ on June 6, 1962²³⁷. He was teaching 4th grade at the time of retirement³⁷³. His first teaching job was at Spruce Dale in 1917-18³¹⁸, which was evidently in Greenville Twp.³⁶⁷. He also taught at the Pocahontas, Miller, and Somerset Twp. schools³¹⁸.

[†] Julia (Dietle) Saylor has a smaller, plainer certificate that commemorates the same occasion; and which refers to the church as the Greenville Evangelical Lutheran Church.

* The one room Geiger school no longer exists. It was within about 3/8ths of a mile from Grandpap Irvin Dietle's driveway. Dad showed the ruins of it to me when I was in my 20's. To get there from Grandpap's house, one turned left at the end of Grandpa's driveway, turned right at the first road, and it was up the road a hundred yards or so on the right⁵³.



This photo shows our Grandmother Alma (Miller) Dietle posing with her children. Left to right are Roy, Alma, Ralph, Luther, Julia, and Irvin Jr.

The Wittinburg School in Larimer Twp. where Grandpa taught was one of the last one room schools in Somerset County²⁹³. A newspaper article about it in its last year of operation (1958-1959³¹⁸) describes Irvin Dietle as Principal, Grade Teacher, Janitor, and Handyman, with a class of 36 children in several grades²⁹³. Wittinburg was described in the same article as consisting of a few scattered homes and barns, Mrs. Walter Christner's store, and a gas station. A teaching observation report at Wittinburg in the previous school year (April, 11, 1958) mentioned that he had 6 grades in his classroom, and did "A very nice job for such a wide range of grade placement"³⁶⁸.

As in today's society, the pay for being a Schoolteacher was not astronomical. Grandpa's contract of May, 1937 provided for a salary of \$100 per month for 8 months of teaching in Larimer Twp. (less deductions for the Teacher's Retirement Fund), and had this extra provision written in: "School to be Scrubbed Not less than Three times"³⁶⁹. By 1959, his teaching salary was \$3,100 for a 9 month term³⁷⁰, which is equivalent to 344.44 per month worked.

Grandpa was a very hard worker⁵³. For example, he walked about 4 miles each way to teach at the Witt school, then still did his morning and evening milking and other farm chores⁵³. Grandma and Grandpa also kept a garden.

His son Irvin Dietle, Jr. recalls that he was thrifty, and a respected schoolteacher in the community, and was a hard worker who farmed with very little equipment¹³⁰. For many tasks he had to make do with hand

equipment, such as the grain cradle, the scythe, and the fork¹³⁰. He did his milking by hand, and the corn was husked by hand¹³⁰. The manure was hauled to the fields with a wagon or sled and spread by hand¹³⁰. The barn was filled with loose hay, which was dug out with a fork in the winter to feed the cows¹³⁰. He used horses on the farm to work the ground, pull wagons, sleds, logs, etc¹³⁰. Irvin Jr. also recalls that Irvin, Sr. cut firewood and mine props, and in the winter walked to school to teach¹³⁰. Aside from being a good provider, Irvin, Jr. also recalls his dad as a caring father who liked to take the family for sled and wagon rides on the weekends¹³⁰.

Irvin H. Dietle's daughter-in-law Lerene remembers him as a man of few, but stern words, with a shy grin⁷². His daughter Julia recalls that he was a very loving, but stern, father¹⁰¹; Dad also recalls that he was very strict when it came to disciplining his children. I recall that his manner had something of the air of a Patriarch, which of course he was to all of us. His daughter Julia recalls that he "made you realize the value of a dollar"¹⁰¹; a statement which I believe all of his children would endorse heartily.

Grandpa enjoyed rabbit hunting, and I have fond memories of hunting with him and my father behind an eager and talented though aged beagle named Butch. Granddad also played the violin, and could recite long verses of poetry from memory, even in his latter years. When Grandpa visited Bud and Lerene, sometimes he and Bud played the violin, while Lerene played the piano and the rest of the family gathered around the piano to sing⁷². Lerene remembers that "It was inspiring and a very happy time for us all"⁷². In a high school report that was made circa 1969, Irvin's Grand-daughter Judy Dietle wrote that some of Grandpa's favorite hobbies were "making maple syrup, hunting, and fishing"⁷³. I recall that he and/or Ralph made maple syrup in a big black kettle.

Grandma was a quiet, kindly soft-spoken person. She kept a very clean house, and was a very good cook^{53,101} and homemaker¹⁰¹. One of her traits which dad recalls is that she was very careful not to intentionally hurt other people's feelings⁵³. Her daughter-in-law Lerene expressed this as "She was a lovely lady who never said anything bad about anyone"⁷². Her daughter Julia expressed the same sentiment by writing that she "never gossiped about anyone". Grandma Dietle enjoyed quilting and crocheting¹⁰¹, and each of her grandchildren inherited one of her quilts⁷⁰. She was very loving and hard-working, and did without many things for the sake of her children¹⁰¹.

Irvin, Jr. remembers his mother as a caring woman, and a great homemaker¹³⁰. He recalls that she was a hard worker, and went many years without electricity¹³⁰. It wasn't installed until 1940^{24,238}, at which time they had 33 lights* and 16 receptacles in the residence and outbuilding(s)²³⁸. She had to carry wood for the cook stove, then carry out the ashes¹³⁰. For cooling food she used the stone spring house and her pantry. She papered all the rooms in the house, and washed clothes in the "summer house" with a gas powered washer¹³⁰. She canned much of the meat, vegetables and fruit which they ate, and she also picked wild berries and canned them¹³⁰. Irvin, Jr. also fondly remembers that his mother was a source of encouragement when the children were sad¹³⁰.

* Dad believes that there were no more than 22 lights total.



The home of Irvin Dietle, Sr. Note the full length porch, the steep hill in back, and the “summer house” on the left. This farm house was also once the home of Ephriam Geiger.

On Dec. 1, 1969 Grandpa & Grandma sold the farm to a land development company named The Flintlock Corporation³⁸³ which was buying up adjoining property to make a Community Resort named Callimont which was incorporated as the borough of Callimont²⁸⁵. He sold the farm on the condition that he and Grandma could remain living in the house for as long as they wanted to^{382,383}, and use the summer house, garage, spring house, and the land immediately surrounding the house³⁸². They received \$16,000 for the farm³⁸². They did stay at the farm after selling it, but Grandpa eventually went to live with his son Ralph Dietle near Meyersdale after Grandma died. He released the right to live on the farm on June 7, 1974³⁸³. Grandpa remained healthy, mobile and alert up until the time of his sudden death at an advanced age. Both grandparents are buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery.

Callimont was not successful, and the property was sold to the Pennsylvania Game Commission for use as State Game Lands. The house and all of the out-buildings on Grandpa Dietle’s farm were torn down by the Game Commission, but the fields were still in cultivation the last time I was there, which was in the summer of 1994. It is difficult to accept the fact that the house which held so much love is no longer there, but I appreciate the fact that the farm is now public property, and the family can go back and visit the grounds anytime.

When Grandpa bought the farm and contents from Harry’s estate, it included a Pennsylvania long rifle made by the J.H. Johnston Great Western Gun Works of Pittsburgh, PA. This gun, which has a cherry half-stock, brass furniture, and an extraordinarily long (36 11/16 in.) hexagonal barrel of roughly .36 caliber, had belonged to Ephriam Geiger, who reputedly used it to kill pigs and beef¹¹. Grandpap Dietle never fired this gun¹¹. He kept it under a dresser in the bedroom which our family always stayed in when we visited. This rifle stimulated my curiosity as a boy. When I was yet too small to lift the rifle, Dad would get it out from under the dresser, then hold the front end while I held the stock to my shoulder. It had a very deeply curved butt-plate, and Dad always used to joke that the gun “killed at one end and crippled at the other”. Dad and Mom purchased this rifle from Grandpap Dietle and gave it to me as a college graduation present. It was accompanied by the original powder horn and a two compartment leather accessory bag which was tanned with the hair on. The rifle is not in working order; in fact it is quite worn out from many years of hard use, but it still makes a nice memento of the old home place. I also have an antique cherry night-stand with dovetailed drawers which was from the same room; I bought it at the auction which Grandpap had when he moved away. I also bought a rope bed which was kept in the attic. Uncle Ralph & Aunt Marg bought

Grandma's antique hutch at the auction, and use it in their kitchen. Pat and June bought the antique cradle, and dad bought a Stevens .32 rimfire rifle which at one time was used on the farm for slaughtering. Most of the household was sold at the auction; Grandpa thought that it was fairest if the children bought the items which they really wanted. A part of the contents of the sale, as recorded in Grandpa's hand, were as follows¹³⁰:

- tupper ware
- Old table
- Old Kitchen stool
- laundry cart
- Meat saw
- Old Pie pans
- Meat grinder
- old crocks
- jars, 1858 & green
- 2 shoe stands and lasts
- 2 wooden tubs
- 2 Barrels
- butter Churn
- Butcher planks
- 2 Iron kettles (butcher)
- Grain Cradle
- Old cream separator (sic)
- garden tools
- Chains
- Lard can's
- corn dryer
- Oil stove
- wash tub
- maytag washer
- wash basin
- Old antique table (Round)
- 1 wood ironing board
- 1 new ironing board
- Mug tree
- Butter mold
- easter grass
- Antique curling iron
- strawberry boxes
- rolling pin
- straight razors
- painting supplies
- large pans
- Cleaning utensils (mop, broom, etc.)
- Sweeper Old eureka
- Antique Iron Holder or rest
- wash bowl & pitcher
- Old pitcher - Blue
- coal oil lamps
- scales - Modern
- strip cup
- quilt Material
- light fixtures
- Antique suitcase
- trundle bed

2 R.C.A. Victor record player's One works & one doesn't
Vases
light Bulbs
thermos Bottle
oyster can 1 gal.
curtain rods
funnel & colander
tongs
canister set
planters
quilt patches
Old suitcase
Wicker Basket -(clothes)
rolls of rug rags
pillows (bed)
garment bag
toss pillow
lawn chairs
cattle Marker Tattoo
cane
dust cloths
1 game board
rugs
Old antique cradle
1 Hobby horse
organ stool
Quilt Frames
upright sweeper
old pans
Old stands
Old radio cabinet
Chairs
Old antique fruit dish
Hot water Bottle
T.V. light
picture - crewel work
1 Box nick nacks
Antique mirror (sic) & comb
hangers - Bundle of 12
fancy work
Kitchen curtains
Old comfort(er)
2 Bedspreads
2 candle rings
Old Box jewelry
crochet thread
foam ice chest
Hassock
Antique iron (Alcohol Iron) (one piece handle) flat iron
Old dresser set Box
Map on stand
window screens lot of them
venelater (sic)
card table
Living Room

living room suit
General Electric black & white TV
2 old Rocker
Recliner chair-ottoman
floor light
pole light
TV light
4 TV trays
phone chair
card table
magazine rack
clock & sconces
nick nack shelf
throw rugs
living room rug
vases (sic)
drapes
ash trays
sewing machine (old singer)
mirrows (sic)
Super "C" Tractor
Hay wagon
trailer for tractor
10 ft dump hay rake
1 string sleigh bells
1 wood frame harrow
2 wheel barrows
ropes & pullys
Lawn mower (good)
Hand garden tractor
extension ladder
Kitchen
old kettle
stainless - 8 & 6 complete (pot & pan set?)
stove (gas) Maytag
dryer G.E.
refrigerator GE
china cupboard (ant)
Kitchen cabinet (ant)
White metal utility cupboards
utility cart
table 7 8 modern chairs
step stool
freezer GE (new)
set dishes (10 complete)
pans
pressure cooker
small appliances (good used)
Sears electric oven
toaster
knife
2 mixers
iron
pop corn popper
ice cream freezer

Sears sweeper
Waring blender
kitchen clocks
III - Bed-springs & mattress
1 antique stand
1 Library table
1 Plank Bottom chair
1 swivel desk chair
1 picnic basket
1 washstand
1 typewriter
1 metal & fiberboard wardrobe
pictures 7 frames
1 mirror (sic) for bathroom dresser
Box of arrangements & what nots
plastic drapes
picnic jug
Old wood box (antique)
Heating pad
Old Brownie camera
Old books
electric blanket
afgan - new & used
flag
Old clock

Irvin H. Dietle's children and grandchildren have many fond memories of the farm, and came from far and wide to visit at Thanksgiving and Christmas-time. Thanksgiving dinner was one of my favorite events, because Grandma, her daughter, and her daughter-in-laws were all excellent cooks, and put on a memorable holiday spread. I can still taste Grandma's gravy to this very day, and can recall the sense of love and fellowship which surrounded us at the table. Often times, in lieu of, or in addition to the meal-time prayer, Grandpa would lead us in singing a hymn; a pleasant tradition which I try to uphold at Thanksgiving in my own home.

For as far back as I can remember the first Monday in December was always the opening day of buck season, which Uncle Irvin, Uncle Ralph and Dad (and eventually myself, when I became old enough) participated in religiously at Grandpa's farm. The weekend before the big day was usually taken up with small-game hunting, big-game scouting, stand selection, and checking the zero on our deer rifle sights. I recall one time after a long and tiring "Opening Day" at Grandpa's, someone asked dad "Did you see anything?" He replied, "I saw 13, but 12 got away." If I recall correctly, dad was the only one of the family who got a buck on that particular day. This was in 1969⁷⁰. In the fall of 1994, dad told me that he had harvested 40 deer in his lifetime¹³⁵.

Larimer Township Background Information

Larimer township, where our Grandfather Irvin Dietle settled, was created from parts of Greenville and Northampton townships in 1854^{63,375}. This township of 20 square miles³⁷⁵ was named for General William Larimer^{63,375} Jr.⁶³ one time President of the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad^{63,375}. Larimer Township's rugged terrain is covered by shale, and isn't really very good for farming⁶³, but the chief occupations have long been farming and lumber^{63,375}. A visit to Grandpa's old farm in 1994 revealed that the topsoil in the ridge fields was of poor quality, consisting in part of shale stone.

The main communities in Larimer Twp. are the small towns of Wittenburg, Deal and Sand Patch³⁷⁵. Wittenburg, which is in the central part of Larimer Township³⁷⁵, got its name from being built on property which was originally owned by John Witt³⁷⁵. Wittenburg was at one time a stage coach stop on the old

plank toll road, which is now Route 160³⁷⁵. The first store in Wittenburg was opened by a Mr. Frichter³⁷⁵ or Fichtner⁶³ circa 1852^{63,375}.

Deal is located at the spot where Daniel Lepley built a grist mill in 1850^{63,375}. The mill burned down when it was only two years old^{63,375}. It was powered by water from Flaugherty creek³⁷⁵. Edwin Deal rebuilt the mill^{63,375}, and eventually the town was named after him³⁷⁵. Edwin Deal also had several sawmills³⁷⁵. Both the Western Maryland and Baltimore and Ohio Railroads came through Deal, and there was a Western Maryland station there at one time³⁷⁵. Wittenburg was the business center of the township before the coming of the railroads, which drew some of the business to Sand Patch⁶³.

Sand Patch, which is in the southwest part of Larimer Township³⁷⁵, was founded in 1872. A building built by the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad was the first to be constructed, followed shortly by a Post Office³⁷⁵. For many years Sand Patch was a shipping point for lumber products³⁷⁵ and at one time Sand Patch had a store, a hotel, and a woolen factory³⁷⁵.



Alma C. Miller
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)



Irvin Henry Dietle
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)



Alma Miller working at a confectionary store
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

Chapter 9

Descendants of Irvin H. Dietle & Alma C. (Miller) Dietle

Luther Lloyd Dietle

Uncle Luther Lloyd Dietle, eldest son of Irvin H. Dietle and Alma C. (Miller) Dietle, was born on May 3^{9,14,82,331}, 1925^{9,14,82,312,331}. Luther was known by the nickname “Bud”. He was an easy going, kind individual who would do anything for anyone if he could⁵³. He played the violin, and liked to hunt⁵³. Uncle Bud graduated from the Meyersdale High School in 1942⁷³. He was inducted into the U.S. Army and served in the Counter Intelligence Corps in the rank of Sergeant¹¹. Ten months of his 18 month military hitch were spent in Italy as a Special Agent of the CIC ⁷³. Lerene recalls that he went into the service on March 29, 1946, and returned in August of 1947⁷². Dad recalls that Bud had the uniforms of an officer and of an enlisted man so that he could assume different roles in his investigations of black market activities¹³⁵.



Luther “Bud” Dietle with Lerene

Uncle Bud was married to Lerene^{2,73} Viola⁷³ Geiger^{2,73} on June 20, 1948^{14,71b,132}. She was born Feb. 23, 1925^{9,14,73} at Wittenburg⁷³, in Larimer Twp.³⁷⁵. Lerene* is the daughter of John Henry Geiger^{73,239} (b. May 5, 1892^{62,72,73,239}, d. June 25, 1974⁷²) and Lydia Gertrude Petenbrink^{72,73} (b. March 29, 1888^{72,73,273}, d. July 4, 1972^{72,273}). Lerene graduated from the Meyersdale High School in 1943, and was then employed at the Meyersdale Manufacturing Co. as a seamstress for 9 years⁷³. Bud and Lerene knew each since childhood, as their families attended the same church and visited one-another⁷³. Their daughter Judy noted in a high school report (during her junior year) that Lerene liked to spend her free time knitting, crocheting, baking, sewing, and preparing new food dishes for her ladies club meetings⁷³. I recall that she used her hand-made crafts as decorations in her well kept home, and on occasion gave them as gifts.

Bud worked for the Saylor Motor Co. as Parts Man for 18 years^{72,73}. After that, he was the Manager of the Somerset Auto Parts store in Meyersdale for 9 years⁷². I went to his place of employment one time as a boy, and there saw my first paint can shaker, which was quite a spectacular contraption to an impressionable youngster. Another spectacular contraption from about the same time period (1959/62) was Bud's shiny new, bright red Dodge with gigantic tail fins; it too left a vivid impression on my young mind. When I was a youngster, Bud and Lerene lived in a well kept frame house in Meyersdale, PA. With all the care and pride they put into it's upkeep, they were understandably very upset when someone built a shabby-looking (in my opinion) car repair shop next door.

Later on, in 1975, they bought a house in Somerset, PA. After moving to Somerset, Bud was employed in the Research Department of Wheeler Brothers, Inc. up until the time he passed away in 1976. After moving to Somerset, Lerene first worked at Grants, and then later was a Receptionist and Accounts Payable Clerk for Wheeler Brothers until her retirement in 1985⁷². She now (1993) does volunteer work at the Somerset Court House. Her hobbies are crafts and traveling in the States, abroad, and on cruises. Bud and Lerene's children are:

Judy Ann Dietle, born June 21^{9,14,131a} or 28³⁵, 1951^{9,14,131a}, and

Kay Colleen Dietle, born Oct. 18, 1955^{2,9,14,35,71b,132}.

Uncle Bud died of a heart condition at age 51⁸² on November 12^{14,82,331}, 1976^{14,82,312,331} in the Somerset Community Hospital⁸². The seriousness of his condition wasn't discovered until a few days before he died, and his doctor inexplicably delayed action due to a weekend or holiday, during which time Uncle Luther passed away. He was much loved by those of us in his extended family, and it was very distressing to lose him at a relatively young age. He is buried at the White Oak Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church³¹². I was a pall-bearer at his funeral, where he was given a formal rifle salute by a local Army or VFW unit. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset at the time of his death⁸².

On Sept. 15, 1984, eight years after Bud passed away, Lerene married the widower Bernard A. Murray ⁷². Bernard, who is also mentioned elsewhere herein, had been married to Norma Christner (a Dietle descendant) until she passed away⁵⁵. Tragically, Bernard died on April 18, 1986, not long after marrying Lerene⁷². He had been an employee of the B&O Railroad for 30 years⁷². Lerene says he was an Engineer who took his work very seriously, and his pipe smoking just as seriously⁷². His fellow workers admired his love for his job⁷². She recalls that when people saw his train go by, they would say "That's Bernard and his pipe"⁷². He was an accomplished card player, and one of his pleasures in life was driving nice cars⁷².

Lerene reports that all of her family are (1993) active members of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset⁷². Bernard was a member of the White Oak Lutheran Church⁷².

* Lerene is a distant cousin of ours through common ancestors Peter Frederick Petenbrink and George Klingeman on our mother's side. Lerene's ancestry can be traced using Ref. 38, 62,72,73,179, 239, 273, 302, 312, 326, 329, 354, 360, 362, and 405.



Judy (Dietle) Zeigler & husband Joseph Zeigler

Judy Ann Dietle, daughter of Luther Dietle and Lerene (Geiger) Dietle, was born at the Hazel McGilvery Hospital at Meyersdale, PA⁷³. Judy was married to Joseph Alan Zeigler^{14,35} on Aug. 19, 1972^{14,35,132}. Joseph, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Zeigler³⁵, was born on June 4, 1954¹⁴. Joseph was formerly (1993) a Plant Man for the Somerset Limestone, Blacktop and Concrete Co.⁷². He started working for the Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home in Somerset as a Funeral Assistant on April 15, 1994⁷². Joseph was a member of the volunteer fire department for 12 years, and one of his hobbies is (1993) driving his black 1987 Corvette sports car⁷². Judy is the Billing Secretary for Dr. Debrah Baceski⁷². Judy and Joseph live in Somerset⁷², and have a daughter Jill Elaine Zeigler, who was born on Feb. 3, 1973^{14,132}. Judy's hobbies are travel and reading⁷².



Jill Zeigler

Jill Zeigler, daughter of Judy (Dietle) Zeigler and Joseph Zeigler, was attending Allegany Community College and working part time as a Sales Clerk at Leather Loft in 1993⁷². She graduated on May 15, 1994 as a certified Dental Assistant, and also has an Associate Degree in Business Administration⁷². She is (July 1994) living in Cumberland, MD and working in MD as a Dental Assistant for Dr. Frank Mitchell⁷². Her hobbies are cross-stitching and music⁷².



The family of Donald and Kay Albright, 1994.

Kay Colleen Dietle, daughter of Luther Dietle and Lerene (Geiger) Dietle, was married to Donald Charles Albright on June 25, 1976¹⁴. Don was born on Sept. 19, 1951¹⁴. He is (1993) the Inside Sales and Purchasing Agent for Penstan Plumbing and Heating Supply⁷². Kay is (1993) a Paraprofessional at the Somerset Area Schools⁷². Kay's hobbies are reading, walking, and trying out new recipes. Don's hobbies are hunting and walking⁷². Kay's sister Judy noted in a high school report that Kay had quite a sense of humor as a youth, and liked to play tricks on her⁷³. Kay and Don have the following children:

Candace Renee Albright, born Jan. 11, 1978^{14,72}, and
Valerie Dawn Albright, born May 9, 1981⁷².

Candace is (1993) a Sophomore at the Somerset Area Senior High School. She loves to read, and does baby sitting.

Valerie is (1993) attending the Somerset Area Junior High School. She loves animals, and sometimes dog-sits for the neighbors.

Julia Lavaughn Dietle

Julia Lavaughn Dietle, the only daughter of Irvin H. Dietle and Alma C. (Miller) Dietle, was born on Oct. 13, 1926⁹. She is quiet and has an easy going personality⁵³, and is known among the family by the nickname "Sis". She learned to cook quite young⁵³, and graduated from the Meyersdale High School in May 1944²³⁶. After graduation she worked at home for \$4.00 a week, with \$2.00 going for room and board, which she says helped her learn the value of a dollar¹⁰¹. She also worked in a grocery store before she was married⁵³.



Julia Dietle

Julia married Irving L.⁴³⁵ Saylor^{2,9,14,71b,132} on October 23, 1946^{9,14,71b,132}. Irving, who was the son of "Jerry" Saylor and Ardella^{101,435} L.⁴³⁵ (Benning) Saylor^{101,435}, was born on April 1, 1923^{14,435} or 1924¹³² in Mance⁴³⁵ and died on July 30, 1995 at Somerset Hospital⁴³⁵. Jeremiah²³⁹ "Jerry" Saylor, son of Peter Saylor and Ellen (Beal) Saylor^{101,239,274}, was born on Sept. 11^{101,239,251} 1891²³⁹ or 1892^{101,251,274} in Brothersvalley Twp.^{239,274} and died on Nov. 11¹⁰¹ or Nov. 15^{132,251,274}, 1970^{101,132,251}. Ardella (Benning) Saylor, daughter of Adam Benning and Sarah (Oyler) Benning, was born on May 14, 1900¹⁰¹ and died July 17^{101,132}, 1961^{101,132,274}. Irving Saylor is buried at the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery⁴³⁵.

Jerry Saylor was a World War I veteran^{101,274} who saw action in France¹⁰¹, including the Marbache Sect. and Meuse-Argonne engagements²³⁹. Dad recalls hearing that Jerry was involved with using horses to draw artillery there, and also recalls fondly that Jerry took the time to write letters to him when he was in the Army¹³⁵. Jerry joined Battery D, 319th Field Artillery as a Private on Oct. 6, 1917 at Rockwood, PA, and served overseas from May 19, 1918 to May 12, 1919²³⁹. He was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church²⁷⁴, and is buried at the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery^{251,274} in Glencoe²⁷⁴.

"Sis" and Irving lived most of their adult lives on a dairy farm in Larimer Twp. (the Saylor home place which is adjacent to Grandpa Dietle's farm) and raised Jersey cows. Sis worked very hard on the farm with Irving⁵³. There were two houses on the Saylor place. Sis and Irving lived in one house, and Irving's father Jerry Saylor lived in the other. In my opinion, Irving and Jerry had the most pleasant and interesting voices of anyone I've ever heard; no doubt Irving acquired his unique inflections from his father. The Saylor home place was atop a steep and lonely mountain, and in the wintertime the road up was subject to severe drifting. This meant that it could be something of an adventure to visit them at Christmas time, often requiring tire chains, an experienced foot on the throttle, and a firmly clenched jaw. I have memories of being driven there as a child when the snow seemed impossibly deep, but somehow we always made it up and back without mishap.

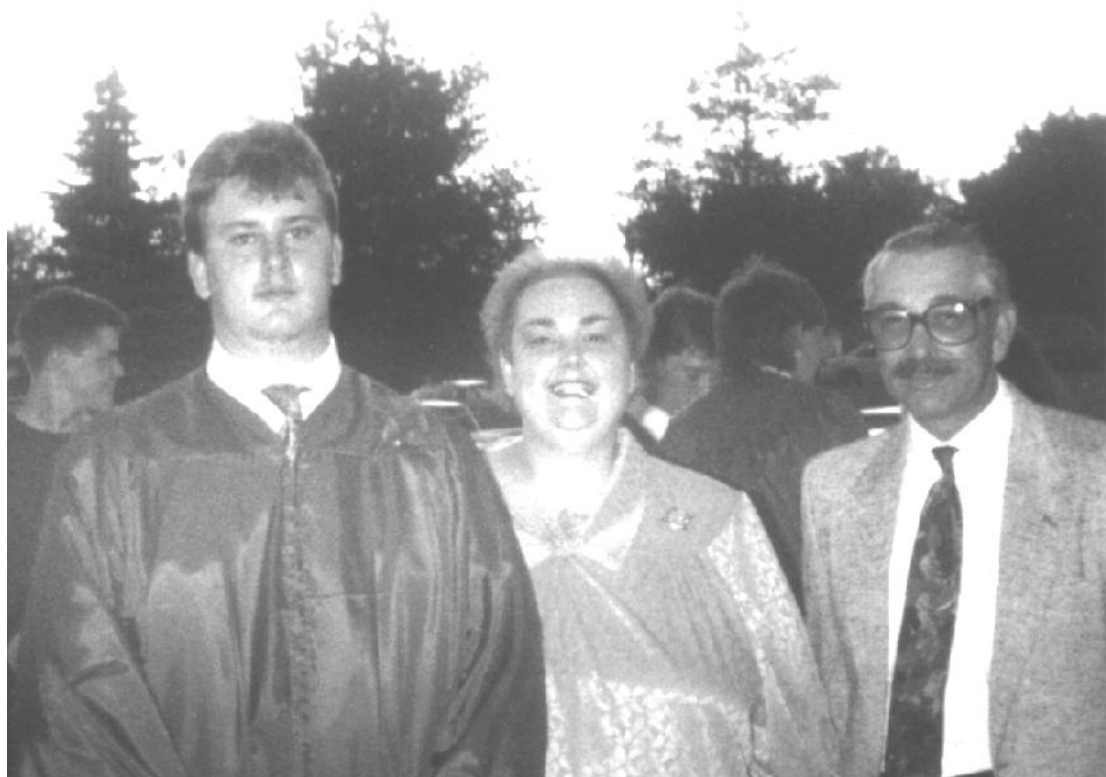


Irving Saylor, Sr. and his wife Julia (Dietle) Saylor

Irving served in World War II in the 702nd Tank Battalion. He saw action in France and Germany¹⁰¹, and participated in the Battle of the Bulge^{101,435}. One of the few tales I ever heard him tell about his military service was the practice of shooting the tank's machine gun in combat until the barrel got so hot that it started to droop from its own weight (At least this is how I recall the story over 30 years later). The barrel would then have to be replaced with a spare. He also spoke once of his involvement with tanks that carried whole batteries of rockets on top. He was injured in WW-II, and discharged in 1945¹⁰¹.

Irving was a member and the Secretary of Church Council at the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, and for many years was the Larimer Township Secretary⁴³⁵. When Irving retired from farming, they put their farm up for sale and bought a pleasant brick house in Berlin. Sis got a job at the Snyder's potato chip factory in Berlin as a bagger and packer⁵³. Irving tended a neat, well kept vegetable garden in the back yard which any gardener would be proud of. Sis and Irving's children are:

Irving^{12,132,435} Leroy¹³² Saylor, Jr.^{2,132}, born July 5, 1948^{2,9,14,71a},
Linda Dianne Saylor, born March 2, 1951^{2,14,71a,132}, and
Donna Jean Saylor, born June 11, 1960^{2,9,14,71a}.



Irving Saylor, Jr., his wife Debra, and son Matthew.

Irving Saylor, Jr., son of Irving Saylor and Julia Lavaughn (Dietle) Saylor, has always been known to the extended family as “Junior”. He was married to Debra^{14,435} Ann¹⁴ Weyant^{14,435} on September 14, 1974¹⁴. She was born on Sept. 6, 1951¹⁴. At one time they ran an antique store together. Debbie is (1993) a Real Estate Dealer, and Junior is the Maintenance Supervisor at the Somerset Mall¹⁰¹. In 1995 their address was listed as Central City⁴³⁵. Irving, Jr. and Debbie have a son Matthew Aaron Saylor, who was born on May 18, 1975^{14,101}.

Matthew Aaron Saylor, only child of Irving Saylor, Jr. and Debra Ann (Weyant) Saylor, was attending the University of Pittsburgh in Johnstown in 1993¹⁰¹.



Linda Dianne (Saylor) Shirley with her husband Frankie Shirley and children, Franklin Chad (top) and Jeremiah Adam (bottom).

Linda Dianne Saylor, daughter of Irving Saylor and Julia Lavaughn (Dietle) Saylor, was married to Frankie Shirley on Feb. 5, 1971^{14,132}. Frankie was an Army cook at the U.S. Military Academy Prep School in Ft. Belvoir, VA prior to their marriage¹⁰¹. He is presently (1993) employed as a technical Plant Manager for Asheboro Sox and Active Wear¹⁰¹. Linda is (1993) the Business Manager of the Randolph County Public Library.

They presently (1995) make their home in Asheboro, North Carolina⁴³⁵. Frankie was born on March 8, 1947¹⁴, and enjoys cooking for the family. Dad and Mom have visited Frankie and Linda, and tell us that Frankie has a pleasant sense of humor, and is also an entertaining story teller. Frankie and Linda have two children, as follows:

Franklin Chad Shirley¹⁰¹, born July 6, 1971^{14,132}, and
Jeremiah Adam Shirley¹⁰¹, born June 6, 1982¹⁰¹.

Franklin Chad Shirley is known as Chad. He was in the Army in 1992, which is the last time I have seen him. His grandmother Julia Saylor reports that he served in the 82nd Airborne, and was

an Aircraft Armament Missile System Repairer¹⁰¹. He was in Dhahran and Al Hufuf during the Gulf War¹⁰¹. In 1993 Chad was working for Klaussner Furniture in Asheboro and studying micro-computer technology at Randolph Community College¹⁰¹. He was married in the fall of 1995.



Donna Jean Saylor, daughter of Irving Saylor and Julia Lavaughn (Dietle) Saylor, 1978

Donna Jean Saylor, daughter of Irving Saylor and Julia Lavaughn (Dietle) Saylor, graduated from the Meyersdale Area High School²⁸². She was married to Clark Evans Brant¹⁰¹, Jr.²⁹² on Nov. 5, 1977^{12b}. Clark, the son of Clark Brant, Sr. and Patricia (___) Brant²⁹², was born on May 29, 1957¹⁴. They had a son Michael^{101,280,292} Ryan Brant^{280,292} who was born in May 31, 1978¹⁰¹. Michael died tragically at the age of 33 months due to smoke inhalation²⁸⁰ in a home fire which occurred on the morning of Feb. 8, 1981¹⁰¹. The home was completely gutted, and all of the family's belongings were lost²⁸⁰. Five fire trucks and 30 Firemen responded to the blaze, but the Firemen were hampered in reaching the home by snow and ice on the road, and by smoke which obscured the road²⁸⁰. Donna, Clark, and their overnight guests were forced to jump to safety from a second story window, and were unsuccessful in their attempts to re-enter the home to rescue the child²⁸⁰. Michael was buried in the Berlin Cemetery²⁹².

Donna and Clark were divorced, and Donna was subsequently married to David Ansell on July 24, 1984, but they are now (1993) also divorced¹⁰¹. She presently (1993) lives in Berlin and works at the Giant Eagle store in Somerset as a Health and Beauty Care Assistant Manager¹⁰¹.



Michael Ryan Brant

Irvin Dietle, Jr.

Uncle Irvin Dietle, Jr., son of Irvin H. Dietle and Alma Catharine (Miller) Dietle, was born on May 28, 1928⁹. Dad recalls that Irvin, Jr. was a tease in his childhood days, and played coronet in the high school band⁵³. As children, Dad and Irvin, Jr. liked to fish together in the stream which ran through their father's farm⁵³. Fishing and hunting are activities which dad and Irvin have also pursued together as adults. They have taken several fishing trips to Canada, and have often visited one another in the fall for bird and deer hunting.



Irving Dietle, Jr. & his wife Patricia (Smith) Dietle

Irvin was married to Patricia^{2,14,71b,132} Lou³²⁵ Smith^{2,14,71b,132} on October 7, 1950^{14,71b,132} at the White Oak Church³²⁵. For a time after they were married they stayed at the home of Irvin Dietle, Sr.¹³⁵. Aunt Patricia was born on Oct. 29, 1931^{9,14}. She was the daughter of Elmer Samuel Smith (b. 1904, d. 1981) and his wife Irene Cathern (Benning) Smith (b. 1907, d. 1935), and the grand-daughter of Harvey Samuel Smith. Patricia's mother died of cancer when she was only 3 1/2 years old¹³⁰. Her mother was confined to bed for about a month before dying, during which time her sisters came to the house to care for her¹³⁰. Pat can remember taking turns sleeping at the bottom of her mother's bed, and recalls that the day she died she came and sat at the table while the family ate¹³⁰. Pat's dad tried to keep the family together in their home in Berlin, but with her brother Dale only a year old and her brother Harold only 5 years old, it was too much¹³⁰. Her Grandparents Harvey and Elizabeth Smith raised her awhile¹³⁰, then when she was a teenager she went to live with Jerry & Ardella Saylor⁵³. Ardella and Pat's mother were sisters⁵³. Jerry Saylor, father of Julia Dietle's husband Irving, was Grandpa Irvin H. Dietle's neighbor.

Our family has traditionally called Aunt Patricia and Uncle Irvin by the nicknames "Pat and June", however since Grandpa has died there is more of a tendency to call Uncle Irvin by his given name. Uncle Irvin received a B.S. in Agriculture from Penn State University⁵³. Irvin is retired now, but in his working days taught school⁹, managed a Farm Bureau store⁹, and worked for Agway after Farm Bureau and Agway merged. He was employed with Farm Bureau and Agway for a total of about 34-35 years⁵³. He started to work at Farm Bureau as a Field Man and Salesman, and then managed the farm store at Chambersburg⁵³. Later he worked for Agway as a Dairy Specialist and Soils & Crops Specialist⁵³.

After Pat and June's children were all in school, Pat went to work for the Tuscarora School District as a Teacher's Aide¹³⁰. Later she transferred to the Chapter I Program as a Teacher's Assistant, then as a Chapter I Reading Assistant¹³⁰. Chapter I is a Federally funded remedial education program¹³⁰. She retired in 1993 so that they could travel, which is one of their biggest joys in life¹³⁰. During 1993 they

drove 12,000 miles during a trip to Alaska on a motor-camping trip with our parents Roy and Estalene Dietle¹³⁰.

Pat and Irvin have lived in a rural area near Chambersburg, PA for as long as I can remember. They are both active members of the St. Thomas Lutheran Church, where both have been choir members for about 30 years¹³⁰. They have also served as Teachers and Council Members, and served on numerous Committies¹³⁰. One of them also served as Sunday School Superintendent for about 10 years¹³⁰. They are also both active in the St. Thomas Ruritan club, where they have served as officers and workers in community service¹³⁰.

Pat and Irving's children are:

Sandra Lynn Dietle, born Aug. 24, 1951^{2,9,14,71a,132,154},
Debra Lou Dietle, born Feb. 14, 1953^{2,9,14,71a,132},
Craig Irvin Dietle, born Jan. 11, 1958^{2,9,14,130} and died Dec. 5, 1990¹³⁰, and
Kimberly Sue Dietle, born Sept. 15, 1964^{2,14,132}.



Sandy (Dietle) Michaels, her husband Barry Michaels, and children.

Sandra "Sandy" Dietle, daughter of Irvin Dietle and Patricia (Smith) Dietle, married Barry Michaels on Aug. 12, 1972^{132,154} at the Mercersburg Academy Chapel³⁸¹. Barry, the son of Philip Michaels and Joyce (_____) Michaels ¹⁵⁴, was born on July 16, 1951¹⁴. He graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1969 ¹⁵⁴. He received a degree in Elementary Education from Shippensburg State University, and has (1994) worked at Pittsburgh Plate Glass as an Inspector for 20 years ¹⁵⁴.



Sandy (Dietle) Michaels

Sandy graduated from James Buchanan High School in 1969, and graduated from Harrisburg General Hospital as an RN in 1972 ¹⁵⁴. At one time Sandy worked as a Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at the Carlisle Hospital ¹⁵⁴. She presently (1994) works at the Newville Nursing Home-Retirement center, where she has been a Nursing Supervisor for 4 years ¹⁵⁴. She has also been a Lactation Consultant for 10 years, and was among the first to receive nursing certification in this field ¹⁵⁴.

Sandy and Barry live (1994) in Newville, PA ¹⁵⁴. Their children are as follows ¹⁵⁴:

Justin David Michaels, born July 26, 1976,
Ryan Craig Michaels, born Oct. 4, 1980, and
Dean Stewart Michaels, born Jan. 11, 1982.

Justin David Michaels, son of Sandra (Dietle) Michaels and Barry Michaels, will graduate from High School in June, 1994, and has been accepted at Penn State University, Mt. Alto in Engineering ¹⁵⁴. His Grandmother characterizes him as a tall, quiet mannered A-Student who enjoys reading and watching TV ¹⁵⁴.

Ryan Craig Michaels, son of Sandra (Dietle) Michaels and Barry Michaels, is (1994) attending Big Spring High School, where he excels in his studies ¹⁵⁴. He is (1994) very sports minded, and participates in soccer, basketball and baseball ¹⁵⁴. He is also talented at writing and art ¹⁵⁴.

Dean Stewart Michaels, son of Sandra (Dietle) Michaels and Barry Michaels, is (1994) attending Big Spring Middle School, where he is an A student ¹⁵⁴. Like his brother Ryan, he loves sports, and participates on the soccer and baseball teams ¹⁵⁴. He enjoys playing the piano, and has knife, baseball card, comic book, coin and rock collections ¹⁵⁴.

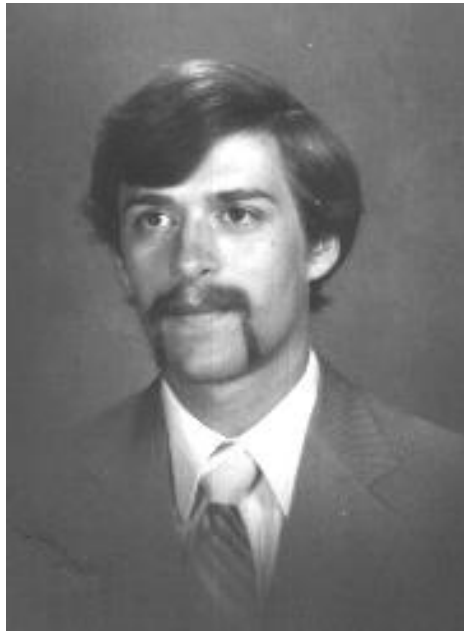


Glenn Irvin Martin, Jr., his wife Debra Lou "Debbie" (Dietle) Martin, and their children.

Debra Lou Dietle, daughter of Irvin Dietle and Patricia (Smith) Dietle, married Glenn Irvin Martin, Jr.³⁹⁰ on Sept. 1, 1973¹⁴. Glenn was born on April 18, 1952¹⁴, and is a self-employed Cabinet Maker. His company makes furniture, showcases, kitchen cabinets, baths, vanities, etc.³⁹¹. Debra had previously worked in Washington, DC for the FBI¹³⁰. They live on Shimpstown Road near Mercersburg, PA³⁹¹. Their children are as follows:

April Marie Martin, born Sept. 11, 1978^{12b,390},
Any^{12b,390} Adel³⁹⁰ Martin^{12b,390}, born Oct. 4, 1980³⁹⁰,
Amelia Dawn Martin, born Sept. 21, 1982³⁹⁰, and
Aileen Rebecca Martin, born Feb. 24, 1988³⁹⁰.

When I spoke with Debra in July of 1994, she said that April played the clarinet, Anya played the flute, and Amelia played the french horn, and Anya is involved with gymnastics³⁹⁰.



Craig Dietle's college graduation photo.

Craig Dietle, son of Irvin Dietle and Patricia (Smith) Dietle, made his home in the Bronx¹³⁰, NYC and never married. He graduated from the James Buchanan High School in 1976²⁹⁶, and graduated with honors from Penn State University in 1980 with a B.S. In Political Science¹³⁰. He accepted a President's Fellowship in Political Science at Columbia University, NYC, where he received his Master's degree in 1982¹³⁰. While attending Columbia, Craig started working for the publisher R.R. Bowker in Manhattan, NY, and continued working there after graduation as an Editor¹³⁰. They were in the business of publishing lists of unpublished works for libraries¹³⁰. Craig worked his way up to Manager of Electronic Publishing, which provided a computer service to clients¹³⁰. He died of cancer of the liver on Dec. 5, 1990, having worked up until three weeks before his death¹³⁰. I never knew him as an adult, but as children we often played and explored Grandpa's farm and woods together.



Michael Vuocolo, his daughter Lauren and wife Kim in 1994.

Kimberly Dietle, daughter of Irvin Dietle and Patricia (Smith) Dietle, married Michael¹³⁰ Anthony³⁷⁹ Vuocolo¹³⁰ at the St. Thomas Lutheran Church³⁷⁹. Michael is the son of Lewis Vuocolo and Shirley (_____) Vuocolo³⁷⁹.

When we saw Kim and Michael in July of 1994, they were living in Williamsport, PA³⁷⁹ in a colonial style home. They enjoy camping and hiking together, and Michael plays the Piano³⁷⁹. Kim has an Associates Degree from the Central Pennsylvania Business School, and Michael has a B.S. from Lockhaven University³⁷⁹.

Kim and Michael have the following children:

Lauren Elise Vuocolo^{130,379}, born July 27, 1992³⁷⁹, and
Caleb Michael Vuocolo, born January 4, 1995³⁹¹.

Roy Emerson Dietle

Our father, Roy Emerson Dietle, is the fourth child of Irvin H. Dietle and Alma Catharine (Miller) Dietle. He was born at the Larimer Township, Somerset County, PA farm home of his parents on January 3, 1932. While growing up on the farm, he attended the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church at White Oak with his parents. He attended the Geiger one room school for grades 1-8, and attended the Meyersdale High School for grades 9-12.

Our mother[†], Estalene (Korns) Dietle, is the daughter of Allen Lester Korns (b. Nov. 7, 1904^{1,246}, d. May 8, 1974^{1,35,246}) and his wife Gladys Edna (Bittner) Korns (b. May 9, 1904¹), and was born on April 13, 1933^{14,15,35} at her grandmother Bittner's house¹³⁵. She grew up on her parents' farm in Southampton

[†] Mother's ancestry can be traced using Ref. 1, 9, 14,15, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 45, 47, 52, 62, 66, 72, 73, 77, 83, 84, 86, 91, 114, 147, 152, 225, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 240, 246, 266, 283, 284, 286, 289, 299, 300, 301, 303, 304, 310, 311, 314, 316, 323, 328, 330, 332, 333, 339, 340, 351, 353, 359, 360, 361, 363, 364, 365, 366, 403, 404, and 429.

Township, Somerset County, PA near Wellersburg.[§], which was originally owned by our GGG-Grandfather Daniel Korns, Sr.¹⁵ and has been in the family ever since. Mother attended the Korns School for grades 1-8, and then attended the Meyersdale High School³⁹¹.



Our father & mother Roy Dietle & Estalene (Korns) Dietle, circa 1994.

Father and Mother were married on Nov. 22, 1952^{14,132,195} at the E.U.B. Church in Ellerslie, MD¹³⁵ by Rev. A.W. Raley¹⁹⁵, the Pastor of Mother's home church in Wellersburg¹³⁵. Rev. Raley had also married mother's parents. Both churches were part of the same charge, and both churches eventually became Methodist Churches¹³⁵. Dad believed he would soon be drafted, so they decided to get married before it happened¹³⁵. His hunch was right, as he received his draft notice the day after they returned from their honeymoon¹³⁵. He was employed for the H.A. Miller Saw Mill Co. of Meyersdale as a Power Saw Man before being called to the Army^ø ¹³⁶.

Dad was inducted into the Army in Pittsburgh¹⁹⁶ on December 10, 1952^{53,196} near the end of the Korean War, and served through November 1954^{53,196}. His basic training was at Ft. Hood, TX in Company A of the 4th Medium Tank Battalion⁵³. During his basic training, mother stayed at home with her parents¹¹⁰. When dad was stationed at Fort Smith, Arkansas, they rented a small two room apartment¹¹⁰. Later, when dad was stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, they lived in a 25 foot long trailer (including the tongue) at a trailer park in West Point¹¹⁰. When they moved to Killeen, TX. (Ft. Hood) they took the trailer with them, losing a wheel and having 7 flat tires along the way¹¹⁰. Dad had only been stationed at Ft. Hood for 4-6

[§] The Korns farm is shown as the D. Korns farm in the approximate middle of the Korns District shown on the 1876 map of Somerset County included on page 249 of **The Reiber Genealogy**.

^ø Once when father was sawing trees for the lumber mill he found the skeletal remains of a man. It was determined from artifacts found with the skeleton that it was the remains of an elderly man who wandered off into the forest and died.

weeks when he got word that he was being shipped to Germany, so they sold the trailer to some other "lucky" GI, and went back to Somerset Co., where Mother stayed while Dad was away¹¹⁰. Dad was shipped to Germany from New York, and was stationed at Bad Hersfeld (occupied Germany) for a year¹¹⁰ in Company G of the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment. When dad came back, they stayed temporarily at the Korns farm while Dad secured a job on the pipeline¹¹⁰. They followed this job to West Virginia, staying for a brief time at Wheeling, Elkins, and Buchanan¹¹⁰.

After the pipeline job they moved back to the Korns farm in a new 35 ft. (including tongue) mobile home¹¹⁰. While living there, dad attended a machinist's school in Cumberland and worked at a gas station¹¹⁰. My earliest memory is from this time; the trailer and the farm house were connected by an old crank telephone, but one cold day the phone wouldn't work, and mother bundled me up and had me take a note down to Grammy.

After dad finished machinist school, he set out looking for work in Altoona, Allegheny Co. and many other places¹¹⁰, and finally found work in Western PA as a machinist at Westinghouse¹¹⁰. As a result, when I was about 3-4 years old, we moved, trailer and all, from Somerset Co. to a mobile home park in Mercer Co. PA just off of Route 62 at the top of Wallace hill near Charleston. As with most family displacements, this one was for economic opportunity. During this time we attended the Methodist Church in Charleston, PA. As young as I was, I remember this time of my life clearly. We lived there about a year¹¹⁰.

Dad & Mother purchased a 25 acre parcel of land along the Millbrook road in Jackson Twp. and moved the trailer there in October 1957¹¹⁰. This property had a completed, roofed basement on it at the time of the purchase, but the house had never been built. On January 1, 1958 dad started working for Farm Bureau in Mercer, which later merged with Agway. This, finally, was the steady work which he was hoping for. He spent the rest of his working days with the company, and retired as an accomplished Master Service Technician on Oct. 31, 1992¹¹⁰.

In the spring of 1959 they added a garage to the basement for their 1955 Plymouth, and in the fall of 1959 we moved from the trailer into improvised basement living quarters, and sold the trailer¹¹⁰. Pappy Korns came up to help us with this chore¹¹⁰, after which the trailer was sold. In the spring of 1960 they began building a frame house on top of the basement¹¹⁰. They completed the house themselves with very little outside help*, and no borrowed funds except a small amount from parents. Dad traded work with Don Smith and next door neighbor Vic Marburger when he needed an extra hand¹¹⁰. Pappy and Melvin Korns came for 2 weeks to help, and dad's brother Bud came for a weekend, but Mom and Dad did the rest¹¹⁰. I was too little to help, but enjoyed playing in the excavated dirt while Mother and Father toiled. We moved upstairs in the fall of 1961, and the kitchen was finished in 1962¹¹⁰. Mother built a beautiful tiered rock retaining wall (using rocks from local farm rock piles) following the curved driveway which provided space for flower gardening, one of her life-long hobbies.

We led an idyllic existence there, nestled between two dairy farms, but 3 years after finishing the house, our lives were rudely interrupted by the construction of Interstate Highway 79¹¹⁰, which was destined to cut lengthwise through the property. The state intended to give them a nominal amount for the land taken for the highway, and leave them cornered between the noise of the interstate a few yards away, and the eyesore of an bridge embankment in their front yard. This would have given them a tortuously steep driveway which would have been impractical to maintain, and would have left them with the un-lovely view of a dirt embankment right out of their living room picture window. This proposed settlement was unacceptable to them, and they successfully fought it.

With funds from the settlement, they moved the house to it's present location on Millbrook road, which is about 1 mile from the original site¹¹⁰. Chester Shepp performed the move by jacking up the house and placing 2 sets of tandem wheels under it, then towing it to the new location¹¹⁰. The house was backed into the hole for the basement, jacked up to the correct height, then the basement walls were built up to meet the house¹¹⁰. Dad, myself and friends and neighbors poured the basement floor, bringing all the cement down by hand in wheelbarrows. The land had to be cleared, the driveway had to be laid, a new well and septic

* The total expenditure for outside help was \$63.00¹¹⁰.

system were required, the plumbing had to be redone, and the electric and furnace had to be reconnected¹¹⁰. This was a time of intensive labor for Dad and Mom, but their efforts produced a beautiful place which we are all proud to call home.

While we were working on the place, James and Francis Magargee let us stay the winter in their farm house near Jackson Center while they visited a son in California - which was a real blessing for us. Of course, trust and friendship like that don't happen by accident. Mom and Dad have always had a quiet, unselfish way of helping out when other members of the community needed a helping hand, particularly the elderly. Not too long ago, an elderly neighbor woman passed away whom dad and mom had been helping for over thirty years. Soon after her death the neighbor's grandsons stopped by to give their heart-felt thanks, as they had found their Grandmother's diary which was filled with references to Mom & Dad's generous assistance.

Mother has been gifted with a sharp intellect and a strong work ethic which she applies with good effect to any task she tackles, whether it be husbanding the family finances, preparing an elaborate meal, or decorating the home. Some of her passions in life have been sewing, gardening and landscaping, cooking, and service to the church. Her interest in sewing became focused when she received a sewing machine as a high school graduation gift. In the 40+ years since then she has honed her skills to perfection, and the dresses which she makes for her grand-daughters are wonders of craftsmanship and fine detail. Once she even reupholstered a reclining rocking chair for Amy and I, which involved the meticulous hand fitting of 52 pieces of heavy fabric. After Dana and I were out of school, mom went to work part-time for Interstate Auto Auction in the office, and is still employed there in 1995³⁹¹. Mom and Dad both enjoy traveling & camping, particularly in the American west³⁹¹. They have also seen parts of Alaska, Canada and Mexico³⁹¹. They attend the Vincent United Methodist Church in Jackson Center, where they have served as Teachers and Board Members³⁹¹. Mother has been active in the United Methodist Women group there, and has served as President³⁹¹. Both have been choir members in one church or another since they were teenagers³⁹¹.

Mom and Dad have two children, as follows:

Lannie Laroy Dietle (myself) born on August 23, 1953³², and
Dana Doreen Dietle, born July 14, 1959^{14,132} at Grove City, PA.

I, Lannie Laroy Dietle, only son of Roy E. Dietle and Estalene (Korns) Dietle, was born on August 23, 1953 at the U.S. Army Hospital, Fort Knox, Hardin Co., Kentucky³². Dad was a soldier, and he and mother were living at West Point, Ky³². The total delivery cost for me was only \$5.30⁵³. We lived in several states when I was a baby, including Texas, then moved into a trailer on Pappy Korns' farm in Somerset Co.. When I was about 4, we moved near Charleston, PA, and not long afterwards we moved to the neighborhood where Dana and I grew up near Mercer and Jackson Center, PA on the Millbrook road.

I graduated from Lakeview High School in 1971, and graduated with honors from California State College, California Pa with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Arts Education on May 18, 1974. After graduation I worked as a truck mechanic at Agway Petroleum Corporation in Mercer, PA for about 3 1/2 years.



Lannie Dietle & his wife Amy (Jones) Dietle

My wife Amy Lou (Jones) Dietle was born on November 20, 1960¹⁶ at the Mercer Cottage Hospital, Mercer, PA²⁰. Amy* is the daughter of Donald Charles Jones³⁹ (b. Dec. 16, 1915³⁹, died April 8, 1968³⁹) and Eleanor Ruth Davis³⁹, b. October 14, 1917). Amy graduated from the Mercer Area High School on June 7, 1978. One of her fondest high school memories is her starring role as the singing “Maria” in the Senior Class Play, *The Sound of Music*. She was also a vocalist in the Sr. Jazz Band.

Amy and I were married on March 1, 1980²⁰ at the Bethany United Presbyterian Church in Mercer, PA by Rev. Ronald Sellers, who served at the Vincent Methodist church when I was growing up. The next day Amy and I flew from Pittsburgh to my apartment in Houston, TX to begin our married life together.

I was a draftsman with NL Baroid at the time of our marriage. Amy and I had met when I was working for Agway Petroleum Corp. in Mercer, PA. There was an oil shortage in the late 1970’s, and I sensed that my job with Agway wasn’t necessarily very secure. I had by chance been to the Agway bulk storage facility with the District Manager, and learned that the company barely had any product on hand. This same petroleum shortage was driving a booming economy in Houston, so when NL invited me down for an interview and made me a job offer, I accepted.

Unfortunately, the boom turned to bust, and in 1982, just after Emily was born and we had bought a house in NW Houston, I was laid off when the plant was closed down. Amy was working at Traveler’s Insurance at the time which gave us a financial buffer, and I stayed home for a few months to raise Emily. As often happens, the layoff seemed tragic, but turned out to be opportunity in disguise. Baroid had used a small 4-person consulting mechanical engineering firm named Kalsi Engineering, Inc. (KEI) on a project before the layoff, and since KEI had no draftsman, I did the drafting. The owner of the company is M.S. Kalsi, PhD, an immigrant from India, and the former Director of Research and Development at WKM Valve. After the layoff, KEI hired me because they were already familiar with my capabilities. I’ll always be grateful to Dr. Kalsi for taking the risk of hiring me in such a depressed local economy. It has been enjoyable to participate in the growth of the company, and today KEI has a

* Amy’s ancestry can be traced using Ref. 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 155, 224, and 380.

well-deserved reputation for valve expertise in the U.S. nuclear industry, and also has a proprietary rotary shaft seal product line which is used in oil well drilling*.

In Pennsylvania I had a keen interest in deer hunting, and collected deer with bow, pistol, flintlock, and center-fire rifle. This interest waned after moving to Texas due to the different hunting philosophy found here, so my interest evolved into competitive target shooting. Pistol Silhouette was my forte, and for a number of years I was the club champion at Bayou Rifles, Inc., a club of about 1000 members. Pistol Silhouette involves knocking down metal targets at 25, 50, 75 and 100 meters. On my best weekend, I won a Texas Regional Championship on Saturday, and on Sunday won the Bayou Rifles club championship and set new range records at 25 and 100 meters. The 25 meter record had been 35 in a row, and I managed to raise it to 134. My interest in the shooting sports also lead me to service in the club, where I have served as Vice Chairman of the Pistol Silhouette Division, Director at Large, Newsletter Editor, and on various committees.

One of my other interests is writing, and I have had a number of articles published on shooting and drafting, including one about a computer program I created which was translated and reprinted in Japan.

Amy and I have the following children:

Emily Christine Dietle, b. Sept. 15, 1982 at Memorial Hospital SW, Houston, TX.

Carl Jacob Dietle, b. October 27, 1995 at .

Emily Dietle was born in Houston, Texas at the Memorial Hospital SouthWest on September 15, 1982^{17,33}. She has done well at school, and had distinction of having the highest TAAS test score of all pupils in her grade at Ermel Elementary.



Emily & Carl Dietle, children of Lannie & Amy Dietle

* Lannie has several U.S. Patents which are used by KEI.



Dana (Dietle) Moore & husband Dale Moore

Dana Doreen Dietle, only daughter of Roy E. Dietle and Estalene (Korns) Dietle, was born July 14, 1959^{14,132} at Grove City, PA. Dana married Dale Wilson Moore on Jan. 26, 1979^{12b} at the Vincent United Methodist Church, with our Great Uncle Rev. John Sass[†] presiding. Dale grew up on his parents' Holstein dairy farm near Mercer, PA. Dale and Dana met each other through the 4-H club, where both participated in square dancing. Dale was born on June 3, 1958. He is the son of Arthur Wilson Moore (b. Oct. 13, 1939) and his wife Shirley Mae (Vogan) Moore (b. Sept. 13, 1938). He attended Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and presently works there as a Senior Research Systems Programmer. Dale takes a 10 1/2 mile bicycle commute to work and back, and typically takes a 40-50 mile bike ride on Sundays. Dana enjoys sewing, crafts and gardening. She the de-facto chauffeur for her teen-age daughters, and is the leader for their 4-H club. Dana is (1995) working for the Shaler School District as a substitute clerical worker. Dale and Dana recently acquired a new home in Allison Park, PA. Their former home was in Stanton Heights, Pittsburgh. They have two children, as follows:

Lisa Laura Moore, born May 9, 1979^{12b}, and
Wendy Renee Moore, born April 4, 1980^{12b}.



Lisa & Wendy Moore

Lisa Moore is (1996) a Jr. in Shaler High School where she is taking accelerated classes. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the marching Band. She is also a volunteer at West

[†] Rev. Johnny Sass is the husband of Mildred (Bittner) Sass, the younger sister of our Grandmother Gladys (Bittner) Korns.

Penn hospital. Lisa is active in her church youth group and belongs to a 4-H club. She hopes to pursue a career in medicine.

Wendy Moore is (1996) a sophomore in Shaler High School where she is taking accelerated classes and has had five years of Japanese. This year Wendy was able to spend ten days in Japan. She is working at Shaler North Hills Library. She is active in her church youth group and belong to a 4-H club. She hopes to become a teacher.

Ralph Dietle

Uncle Ralph Dietle, the youngest son of Irvin H. Dietle and Alma C. (Miller) Dietle, was born on July 18, 1944^(9,14). He was still living at Grandpa's when I was growing up, and I recall that as a teenager he raised strawberries for income.

Ralph married Margaret Hahn^{2,14,132} on Feb. 3, 1965^{14,132}. "Marg", as she is known by the extended family, was born on April 26, 1944^{14,132}. Ralph and Marg make their home in a scenic rural area near Meyersdale, PA. They have no children. Ralph collects metal John Deere toy farm implements, and for many years maintained a dog for rabbit hunting. Ralph and Marg also enjoy trailer camping and country music¹³⁵.

Ralph has an easy going personality, and dad says he is the type of person who would do anything for you if he could⁵³. Ralph has worked in farm equipment maintenance all of his adult life. He first worked as a John Deere mechanic, then as shop foreman and parts man for Cecil Jackson John Deere⁵³. He presently (1993) is working as a farm implement parts salesman for one of Cecil Jackson's sons. Marg worked at Clapper's Manufacturing from 1962-1984, and for Cecil E. Jackson during 1984/85. From 1985-1989³⁴⁸ Marg had a clothing store in Meyersdale¹³⁵ known as Dietle's Apparel³⁴⁸. She is now (1994) working for the Dean O'Neal Ford Dealership^{70,348} and has worked there since 1989³⁴⁸.



Ralph Dietle, son of Irvin Dietle, Sr.



Margaret (Hahn) Dietle

Ralph has always been a big fan of trout fishing. When he was small and had no equipment, he would go fishing with a string and use a safety pin for a hook⁵³. This occurred in the mid-1950's when he was 7 or 8 years old³⁴⁸. He wrote the following to us in 1994³⁴⁸:

I would go fishing in the barnyard below the corn crib in the upper end of Will's Creek. I took a steel rod approximately four feet long and put a piece of cord string on it with a safety pin bent in a hook fashion. I would bait this with a red worm, push the steel rod in the bank and throw the hook in the water. I would come back the next day to find the worm gone but no fish. It's a wonder I didn't get disgusted with fishing at an early age, but as I got older my equipment got better. I went from the steel rod to a five foot wood stick to a five foot fiberglass rod to an 8 1/2 foot graphite rod with a graphite reel. My love for trout fishing has been my favorite pastime. Years ago you went fishing in April and maybe in May. Now I go every chance I get; spring, summer and fall. It is a way of relaxing and getting away from everyday stress. I only enjoy stream fishing where I can walk - the further back into nowhere, the better. The last few years I've had fishing licenses in PA, WV and MD. It is not how many, or how big, but being out in God's country.



Ralph Dietle's High School picture.

Chapter 10

History of the Dietle Surname

Early U.S. Spelling Variations

As documented in the first few chapters, the surname of our immigrant ancestor and his sons is spelled many different ways in the surviving records, including Dietle, Deitle, Dietel, Diettle, Deittle, Dieddle, Deitle, Deutle, Deetle, Detel, Tietle, Tietel, Deatle, Tittle, Dittle, Diddle, Dieddle, Diedle, Diettel, Deatte, and Deate. Such wide spelling variations are common in many German-American families which immigrated in the 18th and 19th centuries. Sometimes immigrants intentionally attempted to Anglicize their surname to disguise German origin, or to make the name easier for their fellow Americans to spell phonetically using English spelling conventions. Sometimes census takers, ministers, lawyers, tax collectors, etc. entered a name into a record carelessly, or just spelled it the way they thought it sounded, rather than inquiring as to how it should actually be spelled. Immigrants have also been known to be illiterate, and not actually know how to spell their own name. All of these factors may have played a role in the many different spellings of the Dietle family name which are present in the documents of record. The variations in the old records are not surprising to anyone who has done genealogical research, nor should they come as a surprise to those who bear the Dietle/Deitle name today, for who among us doesn't regularly receive mail with corrupt spellings? The phone company just sent our household a letter addressed to "Dedall", for example!

American Pronunciation

The American descendants of Johann Adam Dietel which I have spoken to seem to pronounce the name Dee-tull or Deed-ul. In my opinion, when asked how to pronounce the name, we carefully enunciate "Dee-tull" with a somewhat awkward t sound in the second syllable, however when we say it quickly without thinking about it so much, we (again, in my opinion) actually pronounce it "Deed-ul", which is a little easier to say.

At least one other American family with the spelling Deitle (but no known relation to us) pronounces the name "Dye-tull" with the ei in the first syllable pronounced "eye"¹⁹¹. The family member who I spoke to said that in German, the "ei" and "ie" sounds are backwards, meaning "ei" is pronounced "eye" and "ie" is pronounced the same as the "e" in he¹⁹¹. Another American family, with the spelling Dietle (but no known relation to us) also pronounces the surname as "Dye-tull", with the first syllable having a long i sound¹⁷¹. Another family in Michigan pronounces Dietle as "Deet-Lee"¹⁷⁰.

Current Spelling Variations

Given the many surname spelling variations encountered in the first two American generations, it is amazing that there are now just two stable variations among Johann Adam Dietel's descendants. The descendants of his son Nicholas use the spelling "Deitle", and the descendants of his son John use the spelling "Dietle". The exact reason for these two spellings cannot be known perfectly, but surviving records and stories do provide insight. It appears that at one time there was a consensus to use the name "Deitle" in order to facilitate pronunciation, then part of the family changed to "Dietle" in order to retain German spelling.

Grandpa Irvin H. Dietle told his son (our father) Roy E. Dietle that he changed the family name from "Deitle" to "Dietle" because of advice he received from a professor who knew something of German spelling and who informed Grandpa that in Germany the name would have been spelled with "ie" rather than "ei". In the 1923-24 School Report of Somerset County, Penn'a., Grandpa Irvin's last name is spelled Deitle³⁷⁶, and our dad has told us that on his own birth certificate the name is given as "Deitle". Since Dad was born on Jan. 3 1932, Grandpa must have changed the name from Deitle to Dietle some time after that. As I understand the story, Grandpa first changed the name from Dietle to Deitle, and then back to Dietle. This is supported by the record of his Teacher's Provisional Certificates ³⁸⁷; the name on the 1917, 1918,

1919, and 1923 certificates is spelled “Deitle”, while the 1915, 1916 and 1932 certificates have the spelling “Dietle”.

Darius Dietle reports that “I heard the name change from Deitle to Dietle was by a school teacher in the Dietle family (who) said that the “i” comes before “e” except after “c” and that is where we get the Dietle name.”²¹ This account may relate to our Grandfather Irvin H. Dietle, who was a school teacher, and who was known personally by Darius’s father.

Edna (Dietle) Kimmel did not know how the name came to be spelled two ways, but did express the belief that German “ie” names are expressed “ee”, and “ei” names are pronounced “eye”⁴⁶¹.

Mrs. Chuck Deitle says that her husband was told that his grandfather or Great-grandfather didn’t like the name being mispronounced as Dye-Tell in America, and inquired as to how to alter the spelling to achieve the correct pronunciation of Dee-Tull, and followed someone’s suggestion of swapping the ie to ei¹⁸⁹. This seems plausible, because one genealogical handbook indicates that Germans were usually concerned more about correct pronunciation than spelling¹⁴¹. Chuck’s grandfather was Herman, and the name on Herman’s tombstone is spelled “Deitle”³¹⁵.

When I talked to Roy E. Deitle (son of James) in April of 1994, he said that his dad or grandfather (he thought it was his grandfather) used Dietle, but didn’t like it being pronounced Dye-tell, so he changed it to Deitle so that people would pronounce it Dee-tull. This agrees with the story related above by Mrs. Chuck Deitle.

Vivian Timblin¹⁸⁰ remembers a tradition of a disagreement over the spelling of the name, but doesn’t remember any details. She remembers hearing Herman Deitle and Jake Paul* sitting in the kitchen and discussing how the name should be spelled. Jake Paul had a sawmill across the road from Herman Deitle’s driveway. (She remembered going back many years later and seeing that the remains of the sawmill were still there.) She said there was quite a discussion over the spelling. She lived there at Herman’s as a child, and visited in the summers and heard this conversation personally. She elaborated and said that in the discussion, Herman said that his father Nicholas spelled the last name Deiddle (which is supported by records), but Herman thought that was too long¹⁸⁰. She said somebody came up with the spelling Dietle and Herman spelled his name that way for awhile¹⁸⁰. This is supported by surviving records. For example, in the 1920 census results from Greenville Twp.⁴, Herman’s last name is spelled “Dietle”, and in the 1910 census results, his father Nicholas’s last name is also spelled “Dietle”⁵¹.

Vivian’s story is supported by a telephone conversation that our father Roy Dietle had with James’ Deitle’s son Roy Deitle. In that conversation Roy Deitle related a tradition of an argument that led to the Deitle spelling.

In a 1947 letter of genealogical inquiry, Mrs. Margaret (Deitle) Beutel referenced her Grandfather as Nicholas Deiddle, and stated “Who revised the name here is unknown to me.....our name was spelled either way, Dietle or Deitle¹⁸⁹. By comparing these oral traditions handed down in the several branches we probably understand the name change better than Margaret, but the actual details of the early evolution of the spelling remain lost to time, just as they were in 1947.

Etymology

The ancient history of the name has been very difficult to pursue because of the barriers of language, distance and time. There are three books we have encountered which are written specifically on the topic of the origin and history of German surnames. Unfortunately, all three are written in German, and to make matters worse, they are very cryptic, heavily abbreviated and difficult to comprehend, even for those who understand written German. We have, with the translation help of others, *attempted* to develop an

* Jacob Paul lived on what was known as the George Warner (sic) farm 1/2 mile northwest of the Greenville Lutheran Church⁹. In the 1910 census⁵¹ his family is enumerated immediately after the Nicholas Dietle (sic) family. His wife Sarah was the oldest daughter of our GG-Grandfather Jacob Peter Miller⁹. He and Sarah are buried in the Greenville Union Cemetery³¹⁵.

understanding of what these German family name books say about our surname, and our understanding is presented below. Please recognize that there is no proof that the etymological information in any of the 3 books applies specifically to our family bloodline, for there very well may have been a number of independent families with similar names but no direct blood relationship.

The **Familiennamenbuch**⁴⁴³ (Family Name Book) groups the names Diet(e)l, Tietel, and Tittel together under the same surname entry. Douglas M. Addison interprets this as meaning that they are alternate forms of the same name⁴⁴⁶. The initial part of the Familiennamenbuch entry for Diet(e)l, Tietel, and Tittel reports on information provided in three other sources, as follows:

- (1) The Familiennamenbuch first states that according to the **Hans Bahlow Deutsches Namenlexicon** "1361 Dityl = Diterich luerlin"⁴⁴³. More on this below.
- (2) The Familiennamenbuch next states that according to E. Schwarz in **Sudetendeutsche Familiennamen aus vorhussitischer Zeit**, 1957 (Southern German family names prior to the Hussiten), the name "Ditel" was known in 1384. Ingrid Bender of Houston, TX reports that her German encyclopedia indicates that the Hussiten were followers of Johann Hus, members of an anti-feudal movement of Tchecks⁴⁴⁵. She notes that there were fierce battles in the Hussiten wars of 1419-1436, causing much destruction, and that the Hussiten moved through Austria, Selesia, and Sachsen⁴⁴⁵.
- (3) The Familiennamenbuch also states that according to V. Hellfritzsche in **Vogtländische Personennamen** (First Names in the Vogtland), an examination of materials in the area of the towns of Plauen and Oelnitz (Berlin: **German Slavic Research of Origins of Names and Settlement History**, 1963), the name was seen as Dittl in 1460. From the Familiennamenbuch entry, it is unclear to me if this is a 1460 reference to a first name or last name.

According to Douglas M. Addison, the Familiennamenbuch indicates that the surnames Diet(e)l, Tietel, and Tittel are shortened forms of the first name Diederich or similar old German names which begin with the old high German word "thiot/diot" which means people or folk⁴⁴⁶. The "thiot/diot" beginning is coupled with "helm" to produce the complete name Diet(e)l/Tietel/Tittel⁴⁴⁶. The literal translation for "Helm" is helmet^{446,445,448}, but it implies strength⁴⁴⁶, as in force⁴⁴⁸, might⁴⁴⁸, strength⁴⁴⁶ and power^{446,448}, or ruling⁴⁴⁶, administrate⁴⁴⁸, and reigning⁴⁴⁶. To sum this all up in my own words, in my opinion it seems that Familiennamenbuch may be saying that our surname may mean something approximately like "People Power" or "People Leader". The Familiennamenbuch also briefly notes that in middle high German, the word "tütel" is a diminutive of teat or nipple, and "tüteln" means to flatter⁴⁴⁵.

Ingrid Bender also notes that the modern day German word "titel" has the same meaning as the English word "title"⁴⁴⁵. My German-English dictionary uses "titel" in the sense of form of address, such the title one should use when addressing a Bishop⁴⁵⁰.

The **Hans Bahlow Deutsches Namenlexicon**⁴⁴⁴ groups the names Dietel, Dietlein*, Dietle, and Dietl together under the same surname entry. The complete entry reads "Dietel, Dietlein, Dietl (obd) = Dietrich, auch Diethelm u.ä. Dityl=Diterich luerlin 1361 Brsl. Patronym: Dietler (vgl. Seidel: Seidler)." It is difficult to extract much information from the cryptic text "Dityl = Diterich luerlin 1361 Brsl", but it seems to at least indicate that as early as the year 1361 a name similar to ours existed in the form "Dityl", and had some relationship or equivalency to the name Diterich. According to the **Bahlow** abbreviation key, "Brsl" is an abbreviation for Breslau. According to Ingrid Bender, Diterich is an old German spelling of a male first name, but she didn't know what "luerlin" meant⁴⁴⁵. Robert E. Ward of Fairview, OH, who has access to **Bahlow**, states "luerlin is the surname. Diterich is the first name. A Ditrach Luerlin was living in 1361. Today all surnames are capitalized. Back then, in medieval German, they were not." The **Bahlow** abbreviation key does not state what = means, however it may mean the same thing established for = in the 1857 book named **Etymologisches Wörterbuch der Deutschen Familiennamen**⁴⁴⁷ i.e. "gleich", which according to Ref. 450 means harmony, accord, equal to, or to match. **Bahlow** also indicates that Dietler is

* Ingrid Bender speculates that Dietlein could possibly mean "little Diet", since "lein" denotes diminutive.

a patronymic** just as Seidler is a patronymic of Seidle. According to the **Bahlow**⁴⁴⁴ abbreviation key, “(obd)” stands for “oberdeutsch”, which means “Upper, or Mountain German”⁴⁵³. According to Robert Ward, u.ä. means “among others” and “vgl.” means “compare”.

Bahlow⁴⁴⁴ also has a separate surname entry for Dietle(in) which reads “Dietle(in) s. Dietel! – Dietleip (obd., Steiermark), Held er Dietrich-Sage, s. ndd. Detlef!”. Ingrid Bender indicates that the “in” portion of “Dietle(in)” refers to feminine⁴⁴⁵. I can’t make much out of this entry. The **Bahlow** abbreviation key indicates that “nnd” means “niederdeutsch”, and “s.” stands for “siehe” which means sight, vision, see. “Niederdeutsch” means “low German”, which is a term for a German dialect spoken only above the so-called Benrath line⁴⁵³.

Etymologisches Wörterbuch der Deutschen Familiennamen⁴⁴⁷ has two entries, one for Dietel, and one for Dietle(in). The entry for Dietel reads in its entirety “Dietel < VN Diet(rich). 1523 Seb. Dietell, Pleban zu Lorch: WV. (NF.) XI, 264.” According to the abbreviation key in **Etymologisches**⁴⁴⁷, “<” means from or out of and “VN” stands for “Vorname” which means first name⁴⁵¹. I believe that “Dietel < VN Diet(rich)” clearly means “The family name Dietel originates from the first name Dietrich.” The remaining part of the entry “1523 Seb. Dietell, Pleban zu Lorch: WV. (NF.) XI, 264.” is less clear. Franz X. Fackler⁴⁵¹ of Muenchen, Germany and I are of the opinion that “Seb.” stands for the first name of Sebastian. It is clear that other surname entries in this book use an abbreviated first name, so Seb. is pretty sure to be an abbreviation for a first name. “Seb” is unlikely to be an abbreviation for a German word, because there are no German words beginning with “Seb” in my 280,000 entry German dictionary⁴⁵⁰. I don’t know for sure what “Pleban zu Lorch” means, but it sounds like it may possibly be some kind of position title. Zu means “to” and “Lorch” is a town name, and “Pleban” may refer to common man, as similar words do in Latin, German and English. There are two towns named Lorch on my Freytag & Berndt map of Germany, one which is west of Stuttgart near Schwäbisch Gmünd, and the other which is east of Frankfurt near a river. “WV. (NF.) XI, 264.” is a reference to a regional history quarterly, **Württembergische Vierteljahrshefte für Landesgeschichte** that was printed in 1892. Robert Ward believes the phrase “Pleban zu Lorch” means “a person from Lorch”⁴⁴⁹. Ernst Hoffman of St. Augustin, Germany says “I have seen the term Pleban used to denote that priest in a chapter who was tasked to deal with the lays being subject to that monastery”⁴⁵².

The **Etymologisches Wörterbuch der Deutschen Familiennamen**⁴⁴⁷ entry for Dietle(in) reads “Dietle(in), Koseform < Kurzform Diete, s.d. 1425 Joh. Hagnau gen. Dietlein zu Markdorf: REC. III Nr. 9104, u.a.” The entry “Dietle(in), Koseform < Kurzform Diete” indicates that Dietle(in) is a short form or endearment for Diete, or possibly vice a versa—it’s not completely clear to me. Koseform means an “affectionate or familiar form of a proper name” and it has a feminine connotation⁴⁵⁰. Kurz means shortened and form is the same in English and German⁴⁵⁰. According to Ingrid Bender’s interpretation⁴⁴⁵, “1425 Joh. Hagnau gen. Dietlein zu Markdorf: REC.” references Johann Hagnau, reigning bishop of Constantiensium in 1425, who was known as Dietlein at a town named Markdorf. According to the abbreviation key in **Etymologisches**⁴⁴⁷, “REC” stands for “Regesta episcoporum Constantiensium”, which Ingrid interprets to mean reigning bishop of Constantiensium, which was an empire. “u. a. means “and others” (et. al.)⁴⁵¹ or “among others”. According to Franz X. Fackler, “s.d.” means “look there”⁴⁵¹. The **Etymologisches**⁴⁴⁷ abbreviation key indicates that “s.d.” means “Siehe diesen Artikel”. My dictionary⁴⁵⁰ indicates that “siehe” means sight, vision, so “Siehe diesen Artikel” must mean something like “see this article, entry or item”. Franz X. Fackler thinks that “gen” stands for “genannt” which means “also called”⁴⁵¹. the abbreviation “gen” could also be short for “genitive”, meaning showing possession, source, or origin.

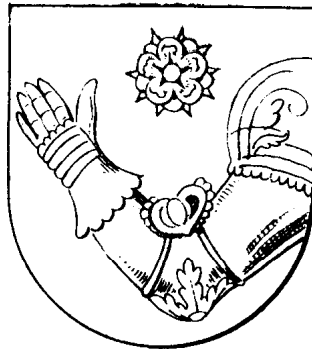
German Place Names

** A patronymic is a surname developed from an ancestor’s name by adding an affix which indicates descent, such as Davidson or MacAndrew.

Daryl Dietle reports that when he was in Germany in 1968, he was in a town named Dietl¹⁷⁷; however we don't know if this town has any actual link to our family. There are also several other towns which incorporate Dietl in their names, such as Dietlas in Bad Salzungen County, Thüringen, Dietldorf which is part of Burglengenfeld in Schwandorf County, Bayern, and Dietlingen, which is part of Keltern in Enzkreis (Pforzheim) County, Baden-Württemberg⁴³⁹. The "dorf" suffix in Dietldorf means "village"⁴⁴⁰. The "ig" portion of the "igen" suffix in Dietlingen translates roughly as the English "y"; for example durst, durstig in German is thirst, thirsty in English⁴⁴¹. The "en" portion of the "igen" suffix in Dietlingen is a gender based German word ending⁴⁴¹.

Wappen

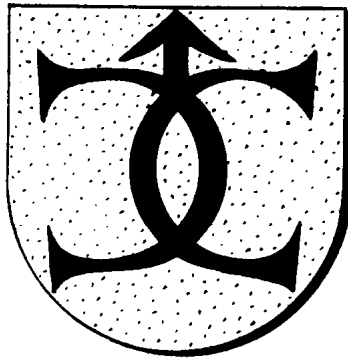
The German term for "coat of arms" is "Wappen", a low German word meaning "Weapon"⁴⁵³. In the German book titled **Die Wappen bürgerlicher Geschlechter Deutschlands und Schweiz**⁴⁵⁴ are found four different Wappen for families with surnames similar to ours. These Wappen are shown below, along with the text (or a translation thereof) provided with them. The term "bürgerliche Wappen" relates to civil coats of arms, as compared to "adlige Wappen" which is in reference to nobility coats of arms, and "bäuerliche Wappen", which relates to the peasant use of coats of arms⁴⁵³. Please bear in mind that there is no proof that any of the Wappen shown hereafter actually apply to our family bloodline.



Ernst Hoffman's⁴⁵² translation of Ref. 454 for the above Wappen: "Dittel, Valentin, Pub-owner (or more likely house-owner < you need to check the local usage) came, as a craftsman, into the new council in 1548". Ingrid Bender's⁴⁵⁶ translation of Ref. 454 for the above Wappen: "Diettel, Valentin, Inn keeper at Augsburg changes from a group of skilled manual workers to the new council in 1548". Joachim Schubert's⁴⁶⁰ translation of Ref. 454 for the above Wappen: "Dittel, Valentin, innkeeper in Augsburg, joined the council as representative of the artisans."



Ingrid Bender's⁴⁵⁶ translation of Ref. 454 for the above Wappen: "Dietl, Jacob died in Vienna (Wein) on April 28, 1609".



Ernst Hoffman's⁴⁵² translation of Ref. 454 for the above Wappen: "Diettel, Valentin from the livery-company of Salt-producers of the council at the city of Augsburg 1548". Ingrid Bender's⁴⁵⁶ translation of Ref. 454 for the above Wappen: "Diettel, Valentin, of the guild of salt refiners from the council of Augsburg 1548." Joachim Schubert's⁴⁶⁰ translation of Ref. 454 for the above Wappen: "Diettel, Valentin, member of the guild of salt merchants (4) of the Augsburg town council, 1548." Regarding the translation of the word "Salzfertiger", Joachim⁴⁶⁰ says "My guess for Salzfertiger. 'Salz' is salt, while 'fertiger' implies somebody who produces (or finishes) something. He must therefore have either produced or traded in salt, the second being more likely."



Ernst Hoffman's⁴⁵² translation of Ref. 454 for the above Wappen: "Dietel: protestant-Lutheran Family from the Vogtland (the south-western typ of Saxon), which first appears with Lorenz Dietl from Kloschwitz near Plauen in 1491. Since the Beginning of the 18.th century it belonged to the textile-industry of Greiz. It also has extended ("verzweigt" sic!) into academic professions. The princely Reus older line (=ae.L.) Real Secret Advisaor and President of the government (a local subdivison of the complete government) Theodor Dietl (born 1830 died 1900) became a hereditary nobleman in 1892. He was a cousin of the founder of Herman Dietel Inc at Graz. The "burgerliche" (=non noble) Coat of arms, which was adopted in 1941, was leaned on his (Theodor Dietl's) coat of arm by taking (Ubernahme sic!) the star over. Send in by Dr Alfred Lindner from Crimmitschau/Saxonia , Carolaplatz 4 < That adress is non existing today Carola of Wasa was a Queen of Saxonia)".

Ingrid Bender's⁴⁵⁶ translation of Ref. 454 for the above Wappen: "Evangelical Lutheran generation from the Vogtland (located in Sachsen) which first began in 1491 with Lorenz Ditell in Kloschwitz near Plauen. They belonged to the textile industry in Greiz since the beginning of the 18th century and later branced out into academic occupations. The dukely Russian (?), actual privy councilor and chief adminstrator Theodor Dietel (1830-1900), a cousin of the founder of the firm Hermann Dietel in Greiz, received heriditary nobility in 1892. Closely related to his (Herman Dietel's) coat of arms, is the middle class coat of arms of 1941, as described below, to which a star has been added."

Joachim Schubert's⁴⁶⁰ translation of Ref. 454 for the above Wappen: "Dietel: ev. luth. family from the Vogtland; first appeared with Lorenz Ditell in Kloschwitz bei Plauen; involved in the textile industry of Greiz; branched out into numerous academic professions. Theodor Dietel (1830-1900), who was a cousin of the founder of the company Herman Dietel in Greiz, was an advisor (1) and president of the government for the House of the Princes of Reuss in the older line, and was raised to hereditary nobility in 1892. The common (2) coat of arms which was accepted in 1941 and which is described hereafter, was based on Theodor Dietels coat of arms by including the star. Submitted by Dr Alfred Linder, Carolaplatz 4, Crimmitschau, Saxony. Notes: (1) The actual title given here is difficult to translate. It is Wirklicher Geheimrat. A Geheimrat is a title for a burocrat or civil servant, while the Wirklicher implies that he actually was a civil servant, ie it was not an honorary title. He was therefore a true civil servant, but as he became government president, he must have been relatively senior. (2) common as opposed to noble. This refers to the coat of arms borne by the non-noble branch of the family."

Chapter 11

Roy Dietle's Memories of Growing Up in Somerset County

Written by Dana from conversations with Dad^{24,135}

As a little boy, Dad (Roy E. Dietle) would help the family make hay, hoping all the while that it would rain. Grandpa, June, and Bud would fork the hay onto the wagon while dad stomped it down. Once the wagon was full they took it to the barn to unload it. In the barn there was a hay fork on a track which would pick up the hay and carry it to the back of the barn, where the boys scattered it about. After Ralph was old enough to stomp hay on the wagon, Dad graduated to forking hay onto the wagon. Dad recalls that when they were in the field working, Grandpa could tell when it was noon, and time to go back to the house for lunch, by when he could place his foot on the head of his shadow.



This is my favorite picture of Grandpa Irvin Dietle. He is posing with his sons in front of his Larimer Twp. farm house, which was once owned by Ephriam Geiger. Note the full length porch on the front of the house, and the steep hill which comes right up to the back of the house. This house once belonged to Ephriam Geiger. L to R: Irvin, Jr., Luther, Irvin, Sr., Roy.

Back then Grandpa (Irving H. Dietle) grew 2-3 acres of potatoes and 5-6 acres of sweet corn for resale. The corn was planted with a planter, then picked by hand and sold to a cannery in Somerset. The potatoes were planted and picked by hand, then huckstered (peddled) in Mt. Savage, Wellersburg, and Barrelville. Dad remembers going door to door when he was little and asking families if they wanted to buy potatoes. Grandpa also raised wheat, oats, rye and field corn. (During WW-II Grandma used rye to make ersatz coffee by browning it the oven before boiling.) The grain was harvested by shocking it by hand, then taking

it to the barn to wait until the threshing machine could come by the farm. *(I can remember helping shock grain at Grandpa's circa 1965. L.D.)* The corn was cut, shocked and husked by hand, then taken to Sam Baer's feed mill to be ground into cattle feed, cob and all. Dad remembers riding a horse to cultivate the corn field. He had one cousin who always liked to ride the horses at the fair. Dad wouldn't go with him because dad had more than his fill of riding horses on the farm. Grandpa also raised chickens, hogs, beef cattle and Brown Swiss dairy cows. The beef were raised for sale. Sometimes Grandpa took the Brown Swiss to the fair to show them, and did pretty well. The hogs were customarily butchered on Thanksgiving or the last Saturday in November. Dad's Uncle John and Uncle Simon came with their families to help with the butchering, then Grandpa and Grandma would reciprocate by taking their family to help John and Simon butcher.

In 1930 Grandpa and Grandma had a hand pump installed in the kitchen. This meant no more hauling water from the spring for cooking, cleaning, drinking, and washing clothes. They had a coal heating stove in the living room and a cooking stove in the kitchen. Grandma was a very good cook, and for many years cooked on a wood and coal burning stove. In 1940 they had electric connected to the house. In 1941 they had a coal steam boiler added for heating, and before long they had also a gas stove. They got their first refrigerator circa 1948/49. The new refrigerator meant that they no longer had to hand carry food and milk to and from the spring house for preservation.

Grandpa's family were devoted members of the White Oak Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church. In the wintertime, if the snow was too deep to drive the mile and a half to church, the family walked. One time their 1932 Chevy went down over a hill and turned over, and they had to get the team of horses to pull it out. Before the 1932 Chevy, Grandpa had a 1928 Chevy, and before that a Model T Ford. After the 32 Chevy, Grandpa had a 1936 Chevy, which he traded in on a 2 door 1940 Chevy which had a sticker price of \$611.00. The three oldest boys learned to drive in this car, which Grandpa had to keep for a long time due to WW-II and the post-war demand for cars. His next car was a 1949 Dodge, and all of his remaining cars were also Dodges; a maroon 53, a pink & black 56, a 58, a maroon 65, and a green 73.

When dad was growing up, one thing the family liked to do together was drive to the fire tower that was about halfway to Berlin, and see if they could pick out the farm. They also liked to go to parades in Meyersdale. Sometimes the whole family would go to Grandma and Grandpa Miller's home in Greenville Township for Sunday dinner, where there were lots of other kids to play with. Dad and Grandpa often would go for walks together in the woods on Sunday afternoon.

Usually once a year, after the sweet corn was ready, they held a corn and weiner roast near the stump fence on Grandpa Dietel's farm. The stump fence was located in the meadow about 100 yards behind the garden in the direction of the White Oak Church. The fence was made up of stumps which had been pulled for clearing, and the stumps were used in the evening fire. Dad's Uncle John and Uncle Simon and their families came, and possibly others. It was at this event that dad recalls eating as many hot-dogs as he was old. The fire was started in the late afternoon, and then the families spent the whole evening together sitting around the fire and talking, with the fire as a focal point in the darkness. Dad recalls these campfires with great fondness, and he likes to renew the evening campfire tradition whenever his friends and family come to visit his home.

Another social event which the family attended was the White Oak Picnic, which was an affair held jointly by the White Oak Reformed and Lutheran Churches. The two churches split the profits. The picnic was held on the third or fourth Saturday in July. They started setting up around 10:00 AM, and by 11:00 AM many people from miles around were there. The folks would bring a picnic lunch and eat together. After lunch there were games for all ages. In some games, you divided up by age, and the winner would win a prize, such as a box of Cracker Jacks. There were also games where one paid to play, such as one where a watermelon was placed on the ground, and if you could hit it blindfolded with a wheel-barrow you won it. Also, you could pay to join the cake walk, where everyone walks in a circle past a cake while music played. When the music stopped, the person closest to the cake won it, but everyone got to enjoy a piece of the cake. Sam Baer brought a big sliding board for the kids each year. The picnic had a bandstand with music and singing. There was also a "shop" (as Dad called it) where ice-cream cones, hot dogs, hamburgers, candy bars, Cracker Jacks, balloons, paddle-balls, and so forth were sold. *(When I was growing up, this was popular with the kids. The first paddle ball I ever saw was from the White Oak picnic. I can remember being very envious of the cousin who had it! LLD)* When evening came, the men would go home to do their

barn work, and then come back. In the evening, the teenagers would go into the church lot and play more games, such as Drop the Hanky, Fly Dutchman, etc. After a fun-filled day, everyone would head home. The next day after church and Sunday-School, the kids would go over to the “Shop” and look for lost coins in the wood chips around the shop.

Chapter 12

Beginner's Luck; The Story of Roy Dietle's First Deer

By Roy Dietle with Lannie Dietle



I was born in 1932, and was raised on the mountainous Somerset County, Pennsylvania farm that was my birthplace. Deer weren't too plentiful, so I grew up hunting small game. Well.....sort of hunting small game. Daddy had strict ideas about the proper age for a boy to start toting a shotgun, so for the first 15 years I just tagged along with him. After age 15, however, I accounted for many rabbits, squirrels, and groundhogs on my own, and bagged my first turkey when I was 16.

I didn't get around to deer hunting until the fall of 1949, shortly after graduating from high school. Although money was scarce, I managed to buy a Wards bolt action 20 gauge, complete with a box and a half of shells, from my cousin Karl Dietle for nine dollars*. The shells came in handy that fall, because without school I had plenty of time to roam the home place in search of small game. When buck season rolled around, I decided to try my luck with the new gun, so I bought a box of five punkin balls from the Meyersdale hardware store. If you've ever tried punkin balls, you know that they're not too hot in the accuracy department. As opening day drew nearer, I consumed one shell in target practice, and managed a complete miss on a 2 ft x 4 ft target about 50 yards away. I didn't take a second practice shot, because there weren't many shells to spare, and I couldn't afford to waste any.

By the day before the season opening I was really raring to go, and didn't get much sleep that night. The reality of buck hunting wasn't quite what I had imagined, however. After 4 days I was getting a little bit discouraged, as I had seen only 5 deer, and three of them were about a mile away on another mountain. Daddy, rabbit hunter that he was, wasn't too sure about this deer hunting stuff, and constantly reminded me to be absolutely certain that a deer had legal sized horns before shooting. (A legal buck had to have at least 2 points on 1 antler.)

I couldn't start hunting right away the fifth morning because I had to help a neighbor butcher a large hog. We finished about 9:30, so I grabbed my trusty 20 gauge and headed out in the blowing snow to check my trap line. I didn't catch anything, but on the way home I spotted some enormous deer tracks. I knew they

* Dad sold this shotgun several years later to Irving Saylor.

had to be really fresh, because tracks don't last long in such weather. I thought I might as well follow them, because I had nothing better to do. Sometimes the tracks were nearly blown shut and hard to pick out, but I traced them up over a steep hill, across a field, then along a rail fence and into some Hemlock woods. There beneath a Hemlock stood the biggest buck I'd ever seen, and only 50 feet away. Up came the shotgun with a bang, and the deer ran off seemingly untouched. Given my lackluster performance at target practice, I figured I must have missed him for sure, but I vowed to myself that I'd follow that buck to the far end of the state if I had to. I was wrong about missing, however, because when I got to the Hemlock there was a good blood trail, and I found the deer piled up after about 100 yards. I drug it downhill for about 400 yards, but after that it was just too heavy for one person to drag, even over snow, so I hid it and went over to Jerry Saylor's farm for help.

We took it home and hung it out in the barn. I could hardly wait for Daddy to come home that night so I could show off, and I took enormous pleasure in asking him to come out to the barn to see if he thought the horns were legal. The deer had a beautiful 11 point rack measuring 22 inches inside, so Daddy allowed that it should be legal! Unfortunately we didn't weigh it in a field dressed condition, but completely dressed, without hide, legs, head, and internal organs, the carcass still weighed 125 pounds. It was definitely a b-b-i-i-g-g deer. By way of comparison, the average field dressed Pennsylvania deer goes about 90-100 pounds with the head, hide and legs still intact. Shortly after bagging it a city fellow from Pittsburgh offered me \$25.00 for the rack, which was a lot of money back in 1949. I told him he wouldn't sell it, even for a hundred dollars, and he gave up and went away. Many years later, I had the rack measured by the Game Commission and it made the Pennsylvania record book with a Boone & Crocket measurement of 140.9. Not bad for a farm kid with punkin balls!



Roy Dietle with his first deer, taken with a punkin ball.

Appendix A

Miscellaneous Individuals and Families

During the course of researching this book, we have found information regarding a number of miscellaneous individuals and families with names similar or identical to ours. One Dietel family is obviously unrelated, and is included here to document this fact. The other families and individuals share variations of the family name, but we have not been able to determine whether or not they are related to our Somerset County, PA clan. We include them here as a subject for further research, and because we believe the descendants of the Somerset Co. Dietle/Deitle family will be delighted to know that there are many others in the world who use variations of our surname.

Daniel Schumacher's Baptismal Register⁴⁴²

The baptismal register of Daniel Schumacher, an early Lutheran minister in Pennsylvania, shows several families living in Pennsylvania long before ours arrived. On Dec. 4, 1763 Johannes Dittel, father, and Anna Catharina, mother, had their daughter Anna Catharina baptized. Anna Catharina was born the morning of Nov. 13 in Linn Twp. On June 16, 1764, Johannes Dittell, father, and Anna Catharina, mother, had their daughter Anna Christina baptized at Allemangel church (Friedens congregation) at Stony Run Or Wesnersville, Albany Township, Berks County. Anna Christina was born the evening of June 9th, and her baptismal sponsors were Friderich Dittell and Christina Fenstermachern. On Oct. 9th, 1773, Friederich Dittell, father, and Christina, mother, had their daughter Catharina Margaretha baptized. Catharina Margaretha was born on Sept. 26th.

John Diddle, Revolutionary War Soldier²²¹

On Dana's first fact finding trip to Somerset she searched in a Revolutionary War Pension book quite by accident and found a Revolutionary War Veteran named John Diddle listed who received a pension in 1833. He was in the Virginia Contin'l, and held the rank of private and Sergeant.

An Unrelated Dietel Family From Texas

The history of a Dietel family from Texas which is unrelated to ours is documented in a pamphlet entitled "German Families in Texas"¹⁸. The progenitor of that family was Johann Christian Tietel. He was born in Rodemisch, Germany in 1742, and moved to Hirschfeld, Saxony in 1770, where he died in 1840. His first wife was Johanna Magdalena Schöniger, who died in 1782. His second wife was Johanna Seyfert, who died in 1840. His only son, who was also named Johann Christian Tietel, was born in 1792 at Hirschfeld, and married Christine Caroline Fretag. The third son of Johann and Christine Tietel, who was named Johann Traugott Tietel, was born in Hirschfeld in 1818 and died in 1882 in Cleveland, Ohio. Long before coming to the United States, Johann Traugott Tietel changed the spelling of his last name to "Dietel" to facilitate pronunciation in German. Johann Traugott Dietel and his wife Christiane Ernestine Schurer had 11 children, all born in Hirschfeld, as follows¹⁸:

Christiane Antonie Dietel, born Sept. 1842, married Christian Dörfel
Ernst Anton Dietel, born July 1844, married Thekla Bäumgartel,
Ernestine Pauline Dietel, born June 1846, married Hermann Helbig.
Christine Wilhelmine Dietel, born November 1848, married Rudolph Martin,
Maria Bertha Dietel, born May 1850, married Anton Dörfel,
Minna Hulda Dietel, born Sept. 1852, married Ernst Bretschneider,
Ernst Albin Dietel, born July 1855, married Anna Krauss,
Ernst Hermann Dietel, born Nov. 1857, married Katherine Mina Pape,
Lina Bertha Dietel, born October 1860, married Franz Hergett,

Ernst Bernhard Dietel, born May 1863, married Eleanor _____, and
Anna Hulda Dietel, born Dec. 1865, married Fritz Beutel.

Ernest Hermann Dietel, son of Johann Traugott Dietel, also emigrated to Texas, and his descendants now live in the United States. We do not know if any of the other children of Johann Traugott Dietel also came to the United States. The obvious conclusion from the birth date of Johann Traugott Dietel and the date given for his name change from Tietel to Dietel is that none of the descendants of Johann Christian Tietel could possibly be ancestors of the Dietel/Deitle family of Somerset county. The *Dietel* descendants* of Ernest Hermann Dietel are as follows, using the numbering scheme found in "German Families From Texas"¹⁸:

- I. William Dietel, b. Aug. 25, 1886 in Schummansville, TX, d. Aug. 15, 1956
 1. Norman Dietel, b. June 25, 1911 in New Braunfels, TX
 - a. Kathleen Dietel, b. Sept. 27, 1943 in Fredericksburg, TX
 - b. William Randolph Dietel, b. July 11, 1945 in Fredericksburg, TX
 - (1) Gretchen Louise Dietel, b. Dec. 27, 1975 in Texas City, TX
 - (2) Jacques Kristian Dietel, b. Jan. 26, 1979 in Texas City, TX
 - c. Rosemary Dietel, b. July 13, 1952 in Fredericksburg, TX
 2. Harold Dietel, b. June 2, 1913 in Fredericksburg, TX
 - a. Betty Ann Dietel, b. July 19, 1942 in Fredericksburg, TX
 - b. Arthur William Dietel, b. Feb. 16, 1946 in Fredericksburg, TX
 - c. Bonnie Lee Dietel, b. Sept. 24, 1947
 - d. Danny Patric Dietel, b. March 5, 1954 in San Antonio, TX
 - (1) Daniel Patrick Dietel, b. Sept. 7, 1979
 - (2) Jennifer Lynn Dietel, b. Sept. 19, 1981
 3. Erna Lee Dietel, b. Jan. 10, 1915 in Mercedes, TX
 4. Alma Susanna Dietel, b. Nov. 3, 1916 in Comfort, TX
 5. William Dietel, Jr. b. Oct. 24, 1919 in Comfort, TX, missing in action July 28, 1943
 6. Frederick Eby Dietel, b. Aug. 25, 1923 in Fredericksburg, TX
 - a. Deborah Dietel, b. Sept. 21, 1941 in Fredericksburg, TX
 - b. Denise Dietel, b. April 11, 1954 in Fredericksburg, TX
 - c. Dean Fred Dietel, b. Oct. 18, 1958 in Fredericksburg, TX
 - (1) Logan William Dietel, b. Nov. 3, 1981 in Fredericksburg, TX
- II. Albin Dietel, b. Nov. 21, 1887 in Schummansville, TX
- III. Bruno Dietel, b. April 2, 1889 in Schummansville, TX, d. June 2, 1958
 1. Marvin Raymond Dietel, b. Sept. 20, 1911 in New Braunfels, TX, d. May 10, 1956
 - a. Robert Carl Dietel, b. Nov. 7, 1935 in Dallas, TX
 - (1) Loren Lou Dietel, b. Oct. 31, 1958 in Dallas, TX
 - (2) Robert Todd Dietel, b. April 3, 1961 in Dallas, TX
 - (3) Bonnie Sue Dietel, b. May 28, 1964 in Dallas, TX
 - (4) Mark David Dietel, b. Sept. 4, 1971 in Arlington, TX
 - b. Elinor Jean Dietel, b. April 4, 1939 in Dallas, TX
 - c. Marvin Ray Dietel, b. Feb. 3, 1947 in Dallas, TX
 - (1) Kelli Michelle Dietel
 - (2) Christopher Jason Dietel, b. Sept. 29, 1974
 - d. Marilyn Kay Dietel, b. Feb. 3, 1947 in Dallas, TX
 2. Bernhard Hermann Dietel, b. Jan. 12, 1914 in New Braunfels, TX
 - a. James Edwin Dietel, b. Sept. 14, 1941 in Dallas, TX
 - (1) Elizabeth Lindsay Dietel, b. Oct. 28, 1972 in Washington, D.C.
 - b. Margaret Ellen Dietel, b. Sept. 14, 1949 in Dallas, TX
 3. Thelma Elizabeth Dietel, b. Sept. 9, 1917 in New Braunfels, TX
- IV. Herman Dietel, Jr., b. Jan. 16, 1891 at Schummansville, TX, d. March 26, 1971
 1. Bettie Katherine Dietel, b. Aug. 5, 1928 at Ripley, Tennessee, d. Dec. 11, 1977
- V. Hulda Dietel, b. Sept. 7, 1894 at Schummansville, TX, d. July 19, 1896

* Descendants who did not have the Dietel name are not included.

- VI. Herbert Dietel, b. Aug. 25, 1898 at Schummansville, TX, d. Oct. 5, 1958
 - 1. Herbert Dietel, Jr. b. Aug. 21, 1923
 - a. Jo Ann Dietel, b. May 26, 1947
 - b. Nancy Dietel, b. April 11, 1952
 - 2. Harvey Dietel, b. March 25, 1928, d. June 3, 1931
 - 3. Baby Girl, b. & d. Oct. 6, 1946
 - 4. Ronald August Dietel, b. Aug. 20, 1949
 - a. Randy Lynn Dietel, b. Jan. 24, 1975
 - b. Deborah Renee Dietel, b. July 11, 1978
 - 5. Lois Ann Dietel, b. June 18, 1952
- VII. Gertrude Dietel, b. Dec. 14, 1902 at Schummansville, TX
- VIII. Edwin Dietel, b. Nov. 23, 1905 at Schummansville, TX, d. Sept. 1929 in plane crash

A Dietle Family From Wurtemberg

(The material on this family is from Ref. 170 unless otherwise noted)

George Simon Dietle, who was born August 4, 1821 in Wurtemberg, Oberstat Nogalt (Nagold) Germany, is the first known progenitor of a Dietle family having its American roots in Michigan. It is not known when he came to America, but he was married to Elizabeth Catherine Grossman in Chelsea, Michigan on Dec. 27, 1856. Elizabeth was born on April 23, 1853 in Rohrdorf ober on Nagold, Wurtemberg, Germany and died Jan. 6, 1917. After residing in Chelsea for 13 years, they relocated to Bridgewater, Michigan. George died in Bridgewater on Sept. 28, 1897. Elizabeth was living with her daughter Lena in Manchester at the time of her death, January 6, 1917. Both George and Elizabeth are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Manchester. George and Elizabeth are believed to have had 8 children, but only the following are known by name:

George Simon Dietle, Jr., b. 1860, d. 1919.
Eva Maria, b. Oct. 20/22, 1862, d. April 13, 1896
Frederick Dietle, b. 1865, d. 1915.
Katherine or Kathryn, b. 1868, d. 1925,
Lena,
Johann Adam "Eddie" or "Edward" Dietle, b. March 21, 1870, d. Oct. 10, 1948
Henry, b. 1890, d. 1909

George Simon Dietle, Jr., son of George S. Dietle and Elizabeth (Grossman) Dietle, married Amelia Brown and had the following children:

Edma Dietle,
Edith,
Edwin, b. 1897,
Helen, b. 1903,
Margaret, b. 1904,
Harold.

Eva Maria, daughter of George S. Dietle and Elizabeth (Grossman) Dietle, had no children.

Frederick Dietle, son of George S. Dietle and Elizabeth (Grossman) Dietle, married _____ Pfeifle, but had no children.

Katherine or Kathryn, daughter of George S. Dietle and Elizabeth (Grossman) Dietle, married John Landwehr and had the following children:

Clara, b. 1876 (sic)*,

* The birth dates that we have been given for Clara and Emma seem too early to be the children of Katherine unless Katherine's birth date is wrong. We have no other source to cross-reference for this

Emma, b. 1881 (sic)*,
Bertha, b. 1886,
Laura, b. 1888,
Henry J., b. 1898, and
Julia, b. 1903.

Lena, daughter of George S. Dietle and Elizabeth (Grossman) Dietle, married George Lehman and lived in Manchester, Michigan. She had the following children:

Clara, b. 1898,
Amanda, b. 1892,
Esther, b. 1892, and
Lulu, b. 1895.

Johann Adam “Eddie” or “Edward” Dietle, son of George S. Dietle and Elizabeth (Grossman) Dietle, married Eva Gappa, who was born March 30, 1875, and died Feb. 2, 1947. They are both buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Manchester. They had the following children:

Clarence Frederick, b. June 2, 1894, d. June 6, 1947,
Walter E., b. Aug. 15, 1896, d. July 21, 1976,
Viola Eva, b. April 16, 1898, d. Feb. 21, 1992,
Alma E., b. Feb. 6, 1____, d. Jan. 9, 1989,
Ruth Edith, b. April 25, 1903, d. March 26, 1991, and
Carroll Eugene Dietle, b. Feb. 16, 1908, living in 1994.

Johann Adam and Eva’s son Clarence married Margaret Beatty and had the following children and/or grandchildren:

Lawrence C., b. Feb. 19, 1924,
Marion, b. May 21, 1927,
David, b. Aug. 15, 1947,
Jean, b. Sept. 15, 1950,
Carole, b. Dec. 29, 1954,
Lawrene B, and
Kirk,

Johann Adam and Eva’s son Walter married Harriet Watkins and had the following children and/or grandchildren:

Dianne, b. Nov. 23, 19____,
James, and
Stephanie

Johann Adam and Eva’s daughter Viola married H. Glenn Shutes and Wilbur Harrison, and had a son named Robert who was born on Jan. 18, 1927, and had what are apparently two grandchildren; Chris, b. Jan. 14, 1952, and Majorie, b. Aug. 14, 1953.

Johann Adam and Eva’s daughter Alma married Raymond Mayer and had no children.

Johann Adam and Eva’s daughter Ruth married Marion R. Sanford and had no children.

Carroll E. Dietle, son of Johann Adam “Eddie” Dietle and Eva (Gappa) Deitle, married Martha M. Haley, who died April 29, 1974. Carroll is the source of information regarding this Michigan Dietle family. He has told us that they pronounce the Dietle name as “Deet-Lee”. Carroll was living in Chicago, IL in 1946, and was listed in the **Roster of Professional Engineers**, 6th Ed. 1946¹⁸⁹. He was living in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1994, and has an interest in the genealogy of his family. Carroll and Martha have a son Carroll Eugene Dietle II who was born Jan. 4, 1940.

Carroll Eugene Dietle II, son of Carroll E. Dietle was a lawyer in the insurance business in Phoenix, AZ¹⁷⁰. and was included in the 1975-1980 editions of the book **Who’s Who in**

family, so we have quoted this birth date as we have received it. Use this information with caution; we present it as a basis for future research only.

Insurance¹⁴⁰. His wife's name was Donna, and he went by the nickname of "Gene". He and his father attended U of M, and had a warm relationship with one-another. He lived the last 33 years of his life in Phoenix, and died on Aug. 29, 1994 of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease after taking his usual early-morning fast walk. His cremation urn was planned to be interred near the grave of his mother in the Vernon Cemetery in Mukwonago, Wisconsin. He has the following children:

Aimee Marie, b. May 11, 1979,
Brandon, b. Nov. 8, 1980, and
Chad, b. April 2, 1983

John Dietle, Michigan⁴³³

Social Security records show that a John Dietle was living in Detroit, Michigan 48219 at the time of his death in Jan. 1976. He was born on Sept. 17, 1909.

Ralf Dietl, Wachtberg, Germany⁴⁶⁹

Ralf Dietl is (1996) living in Wachtberg-Niederbachem, which is near Bonn, Germany⁴⁸³. He lives with Monika Clever⁴⁸³. One of their hobbies is riding motorcycle, and they have taken trips in the US and Germany⁴⁸³. Ralf's motorcycle is (1996) a Honda Gold Wing⁴⁸³. He has been teaching in a comprehensive school in Bonn since 1995⁴⁸³. He has dark hair and a full beard⁴⁸³.

When I wrote in early 1996 to Ralf Dietl of Wachtberg, Germany requesting information for this Appendix, he kindly replied with the following E-mail note:

"Hi,
good to know someone's caring for our names. There's not very much of information I'm able to add: all I know is the information my father gave me. His father was from Bavaria and had the name "Kaufmann" (dealer). When he opened a shop of his own, he didn't want to keep his name, because the Bavarians usually mention the profession with the name, what would have been "Kaufmann Kaufmann" (dealer dealer). So he got his name changed to the popular name (in Bavaria) Dietl (root: Dieterle = little Dieter) and he was called "Kaufmann Dietl" (dealer Dietl). I don't know, if the story is true. Anyway, it wasn't unusual to change his name, so maybe that's about it.
Many greetings from Germany
(which is cold, snowy now)
Ralf."

A Dietle Family From Austria¹⁹¹

In April, 1994 I obtained records of the names and addresses of all U.S. telephone listings under the name "Deitle". This list contained 20 different names, 19 of which appeared to be recognized members of our Somerset County Deitle/Dietle family. The 20th name was that of Frank Deitle of Mishawaka, IN. I called and talked to his widow Mary, and was able to ascertain that their Deitle family is not connected to ours by any relationship occurring on this side of the Atlantic ocean.

This family pronounces their name Die-tull with the ei in the first syllable pronounced "eye". Mary said that in German, the "ei" and "ie" sounds are backwards, meaning "ei" is pronounced "eye" and "ie" is pronounced the same as the "e" in he.

The original immigrant ancestor of this family was Frank's grandfather, who came from Christendom, Austria. Family tradition has it that his wife was disowned by her family for marrying him, which helped them decide to come to America. He first went to Napiersville, __, but ended up in Benton Harbor, Michigan. In or near Benton Harbor he cleared the land for his farm. One of the trees felled during the

clearing of the land was used to make a walnut table or tables that are in the possession of Frank's widow Mary Deitle with whom I spoke.

Frank, his father, and his Grandfather the original immigrant all had the same first name. All three of these Frank Deitle's are buried in a Catholic Cemetery in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Frank's widow Mary says that they have been to Germany, and (with the help of someone who spoke German) tried to call a Deitle that they found a telephone listing for. The Deitle they called was on the other side of the Iron Curtain, and was unwilling to talk to them—perhaps out of fear of the government there. Mary reports that her daughter now has an interest in genealogy, and that they have some of the papers of the original immigrant.

The Social Security records show that Frank Deitle was born on Nov. 1, 1903 and died in January, 1978, and that his last place of residence was Mishawaka, Indiana 46544⁴³³. His Social Security card was issued in Michigan⁴³³.

A Dietle Family from California²²³

Contact has been made with a Dietle family from California. What we know of this family has been gained from a questionnaire which was returned by James Dietle of Paradise, California in 1994. It is not clear on the questionnaire if some of the women's names are maiden names, middle names, or married names.

James believes, but isn't sure, that his father's father was named Charles. His father's mother was named Bessie. James' father was Arthur Thomas (presumably Dietle), an Optometrist, who was born on April 11, 1903, and his mother was Mary Rita, daughter of Angelena Paventi. Mary Rita was born Feb. 2, 1905. James Dietle was born Aug. 19, 1928 in Oroville, California, and he has a sister Sarah Ann who was born April 16, 1923. James is married to Alma Dean, who was born March 30, 1931. James has two children, as follows:

Keith Eugene, born Aug. 31, 1951 in Oroville, California, and
Thomas Edward, born Jan. 3, 1954 in Paradise, California.

A Dietle Family from Connecticut¹⁸²

Contact has been made with a Dietle family from Connecticut. What we know of this family has been gained from a questionnaire which was sent to Donald Dietle of Wallingford, Connecticut.

The oldest members of this family which we know of are Goethrth and Regina Dietle, who had the following children:

Joseph Francis Dietle Sr., b. April 8, 1900
Carl Dietle
Helen

Joseph Francis Dietle Sr.*, son of Goethrth and Regina Dietle, married Arlene Paecht. Arline, the daughter of Otto F. and Otlie Paecht, was born on Dec. 6, 1909. They had the following children:

Joseph Francis Dietle, Jr., b. May 27, 1927
Donald Dietle, Sr., b. Oct. 4, 1930 in New Haven, CT

Joseph Francis Dietle, Jr., son of Joseph Francis Dietle and Arlene (Paecht) Dietle, married Joan McNally. He lived for a time in California. He now lives in Peach Tree City, Georgia. Joseph has the following children:

James Joseph Dietle who is recently married in California (reported in 1994),
Janace Ann, who is (1994) married and living in California, and

* Joseph Francis Dietle, Sr. had a cousin Arthur Dietle who lived in New Haven, and had a son Art, Jr. who married and lived in Durham, Ct.

a daughter in Georgia who is married.

Donald Dietle, Sr., son of Joseph Francis Dietle and Arlene (Paecht) Dietle, married Jerrine Hall, who was born Oct. 7, 1931. Donald has the following children:

John Joseph Dietle, b. August 30, 1959,
Donald "Don" James Dietle, Jr., and
Dona Jerrine Dietle, b. Feb. 24, 1973

John Joseph Dietle, son of Donald Dietle, Sr., lives in Middletown, Ct. He married Elizabeth Scala and had the following two children:

Matthew John
Aimee

Donald "Don" James Dietle, Jr., son of Donald Dietle, Sr., married Susan Cricco and lives in Wallingford, CT.

Dona Jerrine Dietle is not yet married in 1994. She lives in Wallingford, CT.

Carl Dietle, son of Goethrth and Regina Dietle, married Mae Lynch. He lived in New Haven, CT, but is now (1994) deceased. Carl had the following children:

Margaret, and
Regina

Regina Cravin is (1994) living in RI. We speculate that Cravin is her married name.

Helen McLaughlan, daughter of Goethrth and Regina Dietle, is (1994) no longer living. She had 2 children. We speculate that McLaughlan was her married name.

A Dietel/Dietle Family from Illinois

Contact has been made with a Dietle family that has been traced to Illinois. What we know of this family has been gained from material graciously supplied by Donald Dietle of Jefferson City, Missouri.

The German military records of the original immigrant ancestor of this family alternately gives his name as Johann Leonhardt Dietl and Leonhard Johann Dietel, and states that he was 5'8" tall¹⁸³. In the United States he called himself John L. Dietle¹⁸⁴. He was born on May 25, 1820^{183,184} at Ohrenbach, kglen Landgerichts Rothenburg* ¹⁸³ in Mittelfranken, Bavaria^{183,184} and died on May 29, 1897¹⁸⁵. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and is buried in the Fletcher Cemetery¹⁸⁵. He landed in Baltimore, MD on August 28, 1846¹⁸⁴ and went to Hancock Co. in 1856¹⁸⁵. he was married to Wilhelmine¹⁸⁵ or Wilhelmina¹⁸⁶ (Oehlert¹⁸⁵) Roth¹⁸⁵ on July 15, 1859¹⁸⁵. She was the former wife of Conrad Roth, and with Conrad had 3 children¹⁸⁵. She was also known as Minnie or Winnie¹⁸⁵. Wilhelmine was born in Neystad a d Orl, Saxony on September 26, 1834¹⁸⁴ and died April 14, 1907¹⁸⁶. She was the daughter of Georg and Hannah Ochler, and came with them to the United States in 1847¹⁸⁴. John and Wilhelmine's children (not including the Roth children) were 3 girls and 3 boys, all born in Illinois, as follows:

Miene Dietle, b. Aug. 9, 1860 in Lima Twp., Adams Co.¹⁸⁴,
John L. Dietle, Jr., b. May 23, 1860 (sic) in Lima Twp., Adams Co.¹⁸⁴,
Franklin¹⁸⁴ "Frank"¹⁸⁶ Dietle¹⁸⁴, b. July 1, 1864 in Lima Twp., Adams Co.¹⁸⁴,
William Dietle, b. Oct. 18, 1866 at Rocky Run¹⁸⁴,
Hanna Teresia Dietle, b. Feb. 20, 1870 at Rocky Run¹⁸⁴,

* We believe that the Ohrenbach mentioned may be the village so-named which is located 10-15 km (6-9 miles) north of Rothenburg ob der Tauber¹⁸⁸. Rothenburg is located along Autobahn A7 about 50 km (31 miles) south of Wurzburg. This is about 130 km (81 miles) in a direct line from Bad Berneck, which we believe to be the home of our immigrant ancestor Johann Adam Dietel.

T(F?)iene Dietle, b. Nov. 14, 1872 at Rocky Run¹⁸⁴.

In Wilhelmina's obituary, her daughters with John Dietle were listed as Mrs. Minnie Herzog and Mrs. William Baker of Tioga and Mrs. Louis Hohalter of Mallard¹⁸⁶. In the same obituary, their sons John and Frank Dietle were listed as living in Palmyra, Missouri, and their son William was listed as living in La Grange, Missouri¹⁸⁶. The obituary said she had 9 children, 25 grandchildren, and 2 gg-grandchildren.

Franklin Dietle, son of John L. Dietle, Sr. and Wilhelmine (Oehlert) Dietle, had a son named John Albert Dietle with Barbara Estella Gallagher¹⁷¹.

John Albert Dietle, son of Franklin Dietle and Barbara^{171,194,209} Estella^{171,194} Gallagher^{171,194,209}, was born on Sept. 18, 1902^{171,194,209} and died Nov. 15, 1987²⁰⁹. John married²⁰⁹ Ofeleita P. (Austin)^{171,194,209} Dietle²⁰⁹, who was born on Feb. 18, 1905^{171,194,209}. She was the daughter of Carlton^{171,194,209} Sage^{171,209} Austin^{171,194,209} and Martha^{171,209} Jane¹⁷¹ Jones^{171,209}. One of John's children said he was the owner/operator of a grain and feed business. Another said that he was a trucker and bus driver, and owned a store²⁰⁹. John Albert Dietle had the following children:

Earl Dean Dietle^{171,194,209}, b. Sep. 1, 1924^{171,194,209} at Palmyra, MO¹⁹⁴, died Dec. 25, 1980²⁰⁹,

Donald^{171,194,209} Lee²⁰⁹ "Don"¹⁷¹ Dietle, born July 7, 1926^{171,194,209} at Palmyra, MO¹⁷¹, alive in 1994¹⁷¹,

Doris^{171,194} Marie¹⁷¹, b. Nov. 19, 1927^{171,194}, who married Harry^{171,209} Mae¹⁷¹ Roberts^{171,209},

Albert^{171,209} Dewayne^{194,209} Dietle, b. July 30, 1931^{171,194,209}, married 3 times¹⁷¹, one of which was Betty Sprinkle²⁰⁹,

Roy Gene^{171,194,209} Dietle, b. May 13^{171,209} or 14¹⁹⁴ 1933^{171,194,209}, married Helen¹⁷¹ Ann¹⁷¹ or Anne²⁰⁹ Reading^{171,209},

Harold Robert^{171,194} Dietle, b. Oct^{194,209} or Nov. 21, 1935¹⁷¹ at Palmyra, MO²⁰⁹, alive in 1994²⁰⁹, married Wanda Sue Gibbs^{171,209},

Shirley^{171,194,209} Ruth^{171,209}, b. Sept. 27, 1938^{171,194,209}, who married Olen²⁰⁹ Dierling^{171,209},

Richard Dale^{171,194,209} Dietle, b. May 14, 1940^{171,194,209}, who married Carolyn¹⁷¹ or Carlyn²⁰⁹ Fitzpatrick¹⁷¹,

and Linda^{171,194,209} Rose^{171,209}, b. Dec. 11, 1942^{171,194,209}, who married Elmer Ellis^{171,209}, Jr¹⁷¹.

Earl Dean Dietle, son of John Albert Dietle and Ofeleita P. Austin¹⁹⁴, married Barbara^{194,209} Ann¹⁷¹ Hutchenson¹⁷¹ or Hutcherson^{194,209}, who was born Dec. 14, 1930¹⁹⁴. Barbara was living in Hannibal, MO in 1994. Earl and Barbara have a son named John Stephan Dietle who was born April 17, 1952¹⁹⁴.

John Stephan Dietle, son of Earl Dietle and Barbara (Hutcherson) Dietle, married Rebecca Samuelson, who was born Feb. 21, 1952¹⁹⁴. They have the following children¹⁹⁴:

James Samuelson Dietle, b. Sept. 30, 1983, and
Drew Thomas Dietle, b. Dec. 2, 1986.

Donald Dietle, son of John Albert Dietle and Ofeleita D. Austin¹⁷¹, married Jaunita¹⁷¹ Louise¹⁷¹ Murphy^{171,209}, who was born on May 7, 1931¹⁷¹. Donald reports that they pronounce the surname as "Dye-tull", with the first syllable having a long i sound¹⁷¹. Donald was living in Jefferson City, Missouri in 1994, and has the following children¹⁷¹:

Jana Beth, b. Nov. 15, 1958, who married John Ronald Revell, and
Eden Gay Dietle, b. Aug. 17, 1965.

Harold Robert^{171,194} Dietle, son of John Albert Dietle and Ofeleita D. (Austin) Dietle, married Wanda Sue Gibbs^{171,209}, who was born on July 11, 1937²⁰⁹. Harold has the following children²⁰⁹:

Julie Anne Dietle, b. Sept. 30, 1957, who married Roger Dale Colbert on Aug. 7, 1976,

Robert Lee Dietle, b. March 29, 1959, who married Sorrel Rose on March 14, 1991, Carla Rae Dietle, born May 15, 1964, who married Timothy Frederick Bourne on July 23, 1983, and

Everett Austin Dietle, b. April 13, 1970.

The Family of Heinz Dietel¹⁷²

Robert Ray Dietel, who was living in Lakewood, Ohio in 1993, wrote to us that his father was Heinz, b. August 23, 1926, and his mother was Gertrud _____, born Nov. 4, 1938. Heinz is or was a tool and die maker. Robert also reports that Anna _____ was the mother of Heinz, and Edgar _____ and Frieda _____ were the parents of Gertrud. Robert Ray Dietel was born on July 13, 1965 at Fairview Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. He is (1993) married to Jo Ellen "Gance" (_____) Dietle; they have (in 1993) no children. Robert has two siblings; a sister Linda, born July 21, 1963, who married Richard Pavlek, and a brother Alfred, born April 29, 1968.

The Family of John Edward Dietel¹⁷³

Bob Dietel, who was living in East Berlin, PA in 1993, wrote to us that his father was Martin J. Dietel, with a possible birth date of March 30, 1927, and his mother was Virginia (Rein) Dietel, with a possible birth date of August 7, 1923. The parents of Martin J. Dietel were John Edward and Dorthy F. Dietel, and the parents of Virginia (Rein) Dietel were George and Florence V. Rein. Bob Dietel has two brothers, James Martin Dietel, born August 15, 1947, and John Rodger Dietel, born May 8, 1952. James Dietel married Paulette Rehkugler, but has since divorced. Bob tells us that his father Martin was an employee of Amp, Inc.. Bob was born in Malden, Mass. on March 6, 1950, and is (1993) married to Jayne Prosser Way, who was born on July 24, 1949. Bob and Jayne have no children.

Cathern Dietel³⁷⁷

In 1993 I did a computer search of PA telephone listings using various potential spellings of the surname, and found a Cathern Deitel in Harrisburg. I sent her a letter of inquiry and she replied as follows:

"Dear Lannie-

The correct spelling of the name I 'had' was Dietel. That is the name of my ex-husband. I don't have his current address, but, his name is Robert Dietel. I think he may still be in the Harrisburg area. Good Luck!

Cathern Onufrak"

John Dietle, Civil War Casualty

A Civil War Soldier named John Dietle appears on the Muster Roll of Company E., 105th Regiment of Pennsylvania Infantry as a Private^{138,139,142}. He enlisted for 3 years of service on Sept. 1, 1861¹³⁸. He was originally mustered into Captain Dick's Co. on Sept. 4, 1861 at Pittsburg (sic)¹³⁸. This organization subsequently became Company E, 105th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers¹³⁸. John Dietle was 18 years of age at the time of his enlistment, and was 5 ft. 7 1/2 inches tall with brown eyes and a dark complexion¹³⁸.

Our main source of information regarding John Dietle is his Civil War military records, which are available at the National Archives¹³⁸. In these papers his surname is alternately spelled Dietle and Deitle¹³⁸. These papers indicate that he was killed in action at the battle of Fair Oaks on May 31, 1862, and make no mention of his next of kin, or where he was from¹³⁸.

According to a list included in the book **History of Bedford and Somerset Counties Pennsylvania**, John Dietle is not included among the Somerset County Civil War casualties which are listed on the Somerset County Soldier's Monument. In the 1850 census of Somerset Co. the only Dietle family we have found has been that of our "first" Adam, in which only two sons are enumerated, John Adam and Nicholas⁹⁴. In the 1860 census of Somerset Co. the only Dietle families that we have found are one of the "first" Adam¹⁰⁴, and one of his son John Adam¹⁰⁵. It therefore appears that John Dietle, the Civil War soldier, was not a third son of the "first" Adam, and was not staying with the "first" Adam or his son John Adam in 1860. If he was staying as a boarder with another family, he would be very difficult to find in the census records, which are indexed by heads of the households. It also does not appear that John Dietle, the Civil War soldier, is our ancestor John Adam, given the discrepancy in age, and the fact that John Adam did not die in the Civil War.

Dana has unsuccessfully searched the 1860 census of Westmoreland Co., and various books on Westmoreland Co. (including a cemetery index) for individuals having a name similar to Dietle¹⁴³. Six Tittle families were found in the 1860 census; one with a family member aged 34, who is far too old to be the John Dietle of Co. E. We have found no evidence that John Dietle of Co. E was living in Westmoreland Co. prior to his enlistment.

A muster-roll and brief history of Company E of the 105th Regiment is given in the book **History of the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers**¹⁴². This book also indicates that John Deitle enlisted on Sept. 4, 1861, and was killed at Fair Oaks, Va. May 31, 1862¹⁴². This book gives an account of the origins of Company E as follows¹⁴²:

"Company E was enlisted at Camp Markle, which was situated on the farm of General Markle, about three miles from West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pa. Some tents had been procured by Captain M.M. Dick, and the company remained there until their ranks were full, their enlistment dating from August 25, 1861. They were partially uniformed while at Camp Markle. On the 3d day of September they marched to West Newton, where a large crowd had assembled to witness their departure, and, before leaving, the company was presented with a beautiful flag, and each member with a beautiful needle-case and handsomely bound Bible by the ladies of West Newton. They left West Newton that evening, and arrived in Pittsburgh, where they went into Camp Wilkins, and were mustered into the United States service, September 4th, by Captain H. B. Hays, Sixth United States Cavalry. The company numbering one hundred and six men, five had to be sent home, as the complement for a company was one hundred and one. This caused some dissatisfaction, as all were anxious to go. The company left Camp Wilkins September 9th, and arrived in Washington on the 11th, where they joined Colonel Leasure's "Roundhead" Regiment, which then lay at Kalorama Heights. Here they drew Harper's Ferry muskets and clothing.

Some difficulty arising between Colonel Leasure and Captain Dick, the latter withdrew his company from Colonel Leasure's regiment, September 20, 1862 (sic-evidently a typographical error and supposed to be 1861), and joined Colonel McKnight's, which was also encamped at Kalorama.....

During the entire term of service there were on the rolls of the company one hundred and ninety-three men; of these forty nine were drafted men and substitutes. They lost twenty-six men killed and died.

This company not being originally raised for the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment, and coming from a locality remote from the other companies, all of which were originally intended for this regiment, it necessarily has a history of its own before it entered the One Hundred and Fifth."

A roster and brief history of the 105th Regiment is given in the book **History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861-5**¹³⁹. This book indicates that Company E was recruited in Westmorland County (which is adjacent

to Somerset County) and lists among it's members John Deitle, killed at Fair Oaks, Va. May 31, 1862¹³⁹. This book gives an account of the Battle of Fair Oaks as follows¹³⁹:

"Having moved up and crossed the Chickahominy, it was posted with the corps of Heintzelman and Casey covering the roads leading toward Richmond and the White Oak Swamp, where, on the 31st of May, the enemy attacked. Kearney's Division being on the extreme left, was not ordered into action until the battle had been raging for some time on the right, in front of Fair Oaks, where Couch and Casey stood. "I had disposed of all of my command," says General Jameson, "at different points, with the exception of three hundred and forty eight men of the One Hundred and Fifth Pennsylvania, under Colonel McKnight. All our men had fled from the abattis in the vicinity of the Richmond Road. Our only alternative was to make the best stand possible with the handful of men under Colonel M'Knight. We led them across the open field and up the Richmond Road into the abattis, at a double quick, and under a most terrible fire, deploying one-half on either side of the road. For more than an hour and a half this small force held every inch of ground. At last the enemy broke and ran, and M'Knight pursued them through Casey's old camp. During the time that M'Knight was engaged on the Richmond Road, our line had been gradually giving way about a quarter of a mile to his right. Just as M'Knight succeeded in routing the force in his front, our line gave way *entirely* at the point above indicated, and the rebel force came pouring into the Richmond Road directly in his rear, and while the gallant M'Knight was pursuing the South Carolina chivalry towards Richmond, the rebel forces directly in his rear were pursuing a portion of our forces towards the Chickahominy. I then received orders to withdraw my men if possible. With great difficulty they succeeded in filing off to the left in the woods towards White Oak Swamp, retreating along the edge of the swamp back to our second line of defenses." When the regiment went into action company G was on guard at the bridge in the rear, and companies C and I were away on fatigue duty. On being relieved these companies hastened forward, but unable to join the rest of the command were ordered by General Heintzelman to form on the right of the Fifty-seventh Pennsylvania, and with that regiment did excellent service. The regiment lost forty-one killed, one hundred and fifty wounded, and seventeen missing..... Headley, in mentioning this regiment in the battle, says, "Napoleon's veterans never stood firmer under a devastating fire.""

Another Dietle Civil War Soldier ?

Richard Deitle, son of Walter and Thelma Irene (Cox) Deitle, wrote the following to us in 1993 regarding a family Civil War tradition "This info goes back to the Civil War. I am not sure, but I think, this person was my great-great-great grandfather. He was killed at Gettysburg & the name appears on the memorial. We found it perhaps 25 years ago. The spelling at that time was Dieddle, I think." In a telephone interview, Richard said it might have been spelled Diettle, and he thought it was on the main monument of the tour which had an eternal flame. Julia Prokop has also seen the name on a Gettysburg Monument. We have conclusive evidence to show that Richard's Great-Grandfather Nicholas Dieddle served in the Civil War and lived until 1918, but we don't have any evidence that Nicholas Dieddle, or any other Dietle family member, fought at Gettysburg. Still, it is an interesting possibility that some other Dieddle did serve in the Civil War and fight at Gettysburg. I called the Gettysburg park service in Nov. 1993, and they searched the park records and said that the name "Dieddle" was not included on any monument in the Gettysburg park. It *seems* logical that the individual who is or was listed on the Gettysburg Memorial is not John Dietle, as he was killed at the Battle of Fair Oaks, long before the battle of Gettysburg. Still, it is known that the names included on Gettysburg memorials were sometimes made from obsolete rosters which contained the names of soldiers which could not possibly have participated in the battle. The 105 Regiment, Penna Infantry to which John Dietle belonged *did* participate in the battle of Gettysburg, so perhaps the name of John Dietle is or was included on a monument there by mistake. Our parents visited the Pennsylvania Monument at Gettysburg in April 1994 and looked on the monument and on the alphabetical list of the Park Service and could not find any Dietle or similar name. They did, however, see where some names had been removed from the monument. Perhaps the Dietle name was included 25 years ago by mistake, but was removed. I have heard that some correction of the names on the monuments has taken place over the years.

Francis Ray “J.R.” Dietl⁴⁰⁶

Francis Ray “J. R.” Dietl of Tulsa, Oklahoma is the son of Francis Adolph Dietl and Dorothy Rae Frosch. His father, a Pharmacist, was born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and his mother was born in Grimms, Wisconsin. He was born on January 26, 1995 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and grew up there as well. He generally goes by “J.R.” instead of his given name Francis which he shares with his father. Both he and his parents did not like him being called Junior, so he took the initials “J.R.” and they have stuck ever since, starting way before the character “J.R. Ewing” of the “Dallas” television show made the initials famous.

When J.R. was only 14 his father died at age 61. His father had suffered massive bleeding from a ulcer lodged in his upper airway shortly before death. He survived surgery to remove the ulcer, and the bleeding stopped. After a week of recovery, however, he suffered a cardiac arrest. The nursing staff did not know CPR, and so he died before the physician arrived. Shortly after that, J.R.’s mother had a double stroke and also died. After becoming orphaned, he lived at his best friend’s house with his parents for one year, and then was allowed to live at home by himself with a conservatorship for bookkeeping.

J.R. has no known living relatives, and originally contacted me via E-mail to inquire about the Dietl family name. He had not heard of any other Dietl’s except an individual named Bo Dietl whom he saw on television (CNN) relative to the O. J. Simpson murder trial, and he desires additional information on his particular family’s history. If anyone has information on his parents’ families, please let me know and I will pass it on to him.

J.R. attended Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa and majored in Physical Education with a minor in Biology. He also completed courses at the University of Iowa in Paramedicine, and received a certificate as an Advanced EMT (Paramedic level); the first in the state. He is now (1995) a paramedic in Oklahoma, and works for Alliance Medical out of Russellville, Missouri. He sells and provides training on EMT/Paramedic equipment in Oklahoma and Texas. He teaches Basic Level Ambulance Care (EMT and Advanced level (Paramedic) in both Oklahoma and Texas, and also does guest lectures in both states. He has also designed several new products which are presently being marketed.

J.R.’s hobbies are tennis, fishing, and model airplanes. His father’s hobbies were fishing and carpentry, and his mother’s hobbies were Church social events and fund raising. J.R. was associated with the Lutheran church before marriage, and has been associated with the Methodist denomination afterwards. He is married to Julie Ann (Gram) Dietl, and has an adopted son named Matthew Robert Dietl, who was born February 16, 1991 and adopted February 26, 1991.

Beau Dietl & Assoc.

Beau Dietl and Associates Security and Investigations, Inc. is a security firm based in Maspeth, N.Y. in 1993⁴²⁴. In 1993, the Executive Director of the company was Christopher Rush⁴²⁴. The firm was referenced in 1993 & 1994 in articles dealing with corporate security^{424,425}. A Park Ave., N.Y. address was given in the 1994 article⁴²⁵.

Bo Dietl

Bo Dietl is or was a New York Homicide policeman in 1990⁴⁸⁸. In a 1990 article, it was said that he was the subject of a forthcoming movie named “One Tough Cop”⁴⁸⁸. In the 1990 “Tinseltown Showdown Celebrity Boxing Show” (a fundraiser for CORE) at the Taj Mahal Casino in Atlantic City, Bo Dietl fought actor Burt Young⁴⁸⁸, who in the Rocky V film⁴⁸⁹ starred as “Paulie”, the brother-in-law⁴⁸⁸. Tickets were \$50.00 to \$250.00⁴⁸⁸. Bo Dietl lost to Young⁴⁸⁹. The same Bo Dietl also reportedly played a policeman in “Goodfellas”⁴⁸⁹. In 1986 a man named Bo Dietl, said to be a “private investigator and former police officer” was running as a Republican for a Rep. seat in the borough of Queens, New York⁴⁹¹. We don’t know if Bo Dietl is in any way related to the Beau Dietl and Associates firm which is mentioned above.

Peter Dietl⁴²⁶

In 1992 Peter Dietl was reported to be General Manager of the Krueger Co., a recycling processor located in Tempe, Arizona. He was quoted extensively in **American Metal Market** in 1992 on the subject of electronic component recycling from comments he made at a “Precious Metals Roundtable” which was sponsored by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries Inc..

Jerzy Dietl

According to two articles in **Management Review** in 1990, Jerzy Dietle was then a member of Poland’s Parleмент^{422,423}. He was part of a delegation which visited New York⁴²³, and he visited Eastern Washington University, apparently to attend a two week seminar on western business management practices ⁴²². He also attended the 1991 “Transition to a Market Economy—Institutional Aspects” conference in the U.S., and was mentioned in an article as Vice Chairman of Poland’s Commission of National Economy, as well as a member of Poland’s Senate⁴⁹⁰. 13 In a 1996 internet WWW page relating to the 1993 Alliance of Universities for Democracy (AUDEM) Fourth Annual Conference, it was noted that Jerzy Dietl presented a paper entitled **Economic Expansion and Educational Reform: Closing the Gap**. He was listed as being a Professor at the University of Lodz, Poland, and President of the Educational Enterprise Foundation.

Gulshan Dietl

According to Akbar Mahdi’s internet WWW page publicizing the 1995 Program of the The Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Center for Iranian Research and Analysis (CIRA) at Ohio State University, Gulshan Dietl (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India), was to present a paper or talk titled “Iran: Options and Opportunities in the Gulf”.

Rolland Dietel⁴¹⁹

According to an article in the Portland **Business Journal** in June, 1991, Rolland Dietel, a Systems Consultant, retired from heavy truck manufacturer Freightliner Corp. after 34 years of service. One of his contributions there was developing the firm's materials planning systems.

Mark Dietel

According to an articles in the **Progressive Grocer** in 1994, Mark Dietel is President of Mr. D's Food Market^{418,419}, which has seven stores, five of which are in Indianapolis, Indiana⁴¹⁸. In one of the articles relating to his competition, he said that some of the things his business does well are "good meat, a service image, and friendly people"⁴¹⁹.

Colonel General Eduard Dietl

Eduard Dietl, a Bavarian, was born on July 21, 1890 in Aibling. On Oct. 1, 1909⁴⁰⁷. He joined the Imperial German Army as an Ensign, and in 1911 he became part of the 5th Bavarian Infantry III⁴⁰⁷. He remained on in the Reichsheer after WW-I, and was eventually promoted to Major General⁴⁰⁷. He received command of 3rd Gebirgs xx (which was made up of Austrian units) on May 1, 1938, and led it during the German invasion of Poland as part of the 17th Armee Korps⁴⁰⁷. He later captured the port of Narvik in northern Norway, but was forced to yield it to superior Allied forces after losing his Naval re-supply line⁴⁰⁷. He had 2,600 Sailors (from destroyers which had been sunk) and 2,000 mountain troops, and was driven out after a siege lasting seven weeks⁴⁷⁹. Support from Germany was difficult, because the only land route to Narvik was through Sweden, and Narvik was beyond easy range of German air power⁴⁷⁹. Despite their isolation, his 3rd Gebirgs xx kept on fighting and eventually retook Narvik⁴⁰⁷. As I understand it, Dietl faced 24,500 Allied troops at about this time, but Allied forces were crumbling in France, and so they decided to withdraw from Norway⁴⁷⁹.

On June 14, 1940 Dietl was given command of Gebirgs Korps Norway, which he led into Finland in 1941 as part of the invasion of Russia, and subsequently took part in fighting near Murmansk⁴⁰⁷. On June 1, 1942 he was promoted to Colonel General⁴⁰⁷. During 1942-1944 he was well known in the German press as Commander of the 20th Gebirgs Armee in Finland and Norway⁴⁰⁷. He died in 1944 when his airplane crashed during a trip to Austria⁴⁰⁷. One of his military decorations was the seldom awarded Knight's Cross to the Iron Cross with Oak Leaves and Swords⁴⁰⁷. He was known as Hitler's "Soldier in the Snow"⁴⁸⁰.

Helmut Dietl

Helmut Dietl is a prominent director of German-speaking films⁴¹⁶. He recently made the movie "Schtonk!"^{410,411} that was a big success in Germany. This controversial⁴¹¹ political comedy was about the Hitler Diaries hoax, and was a big success in Germany⁴¹⁰. "Schtonk!" is one of a very few German films dealing with World War II Nazis, as it has been difficult for Germans to come to terms with this evil part of their past⁴¹¹. The film was eventually released in English⁴¹¹, and was nominated for an Oscar for best foreign film in 1993⁴¹¹. The title "Schtonk!" is Yiddish for "A Terrible Mess"⁴¹¹, and the term was used as an expletive by Charlie Chaplin in "The Great Dictator"⁴¹⁰.

Josef Dietl⁴²¹

According to an article in **Intelligent Highway**, Josef Dietl left his job as Vice President for Marketing and Sales of European Geographic Technologies (EGT), on Oct. 17, 1994. EGT is a Best, Netherlands, based digital mapping company.

William Dietel⁴²⁰

According to an article in **Communications Daily**, William Dietel was the Chairman of American Public Radio from 1988 to 1993. William Miller, Chairman of Irwin Financial Corp., was elected to a five year term to succeed Mr. Dietel in office.

Enrique Dietl⁴¹²

According to an article in **Forbes** magazine in 1991, Enrique Dietl was the Finance Chief of a company named La Celulosa, Argentina's biggest producer of pulp and paper. Citicorp Capital Investors teamed with local investors to purchase La Celuosa from an Argentina state-owned bank circa 1990/91, and La Celuosa stock became a hot item in 1991 when the value of shares rose from \$1.80 to \$5.00 in less than a year. Company revenues were \$120 million in 1990 and \$150 million in 1991.

Warren & Christine B. Dietel

In a 1991 article Warren Dietel was reported as a Principal in⁴¹³, and the Accounts Manager⁴¹⁴ of Puff'n Stuff Catering, a family owned and operated⁴¹³ catering firm which had a revenue of 1.2 million dollars in 1990⁴¹⁴, and which was reported to be a 25 year old business in 1991⁴¹³. Christine B. Dietel was reported to be a Co-Owner in a 1992 article⁴¹⁵. Puff'n Stuff Catering is (1991) located at 3535 Forsyth Road, Winter Park, Florida⁴¹³, and in early 1991 the firm had a part time staff of about 150⁴¹⁴. Warren is the son of Christine Dietel, the daughter of Barbara O'Brian, and Glenn Dietel⁴⁸⁴.

Ron Dietel

In 1996 Ron Dietel was listed in the Pathways internet home page as the E-Mail contact for the Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards and Student Testing (CRESST), UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, Los Angeles, CA. Ron's father's name is Vernon K. Dietel and his grandfather's name was George Dietel⁴⁷⁴.

A Village Named Dietel in Russia

According to the 1996 internet WWW page of Kevin Spreir, there is or was a village named Dietel in Kanton Frank in the Volga Region of Russia that was established by Baron Jean deBoffe and Meunier dePrecourt on July 1, 1767. The name of the town originated from the name of it's first Vorstheher (Mayor). In 1769 the village of Dietel had 284 individuals including 68 families, and 30 houses. There were also 24 stables and 24 granaries. The families were recruited from the Hessian states in 1766.

Misc. Businesses

According to a 1996 internet listing of hotels in München, Dietl is the name of a hotel at Schwanthalerstraße 38, 80336 München. In 1995 Margaret Dietl and Alan Schniderman were the owners of the DNA Clothing Co., a men's and women's clothing store located on Rose Avenue, Venice, CA that specializes in current clothing styles at near-wholesale prices⁴⁷⁵. One of their specialties is Big Star Jeans⁴⁷⁵. In 1990 Werner Dietl was the general manager of the Sans Souci Hotel at Ocho Rios, Jamaica. According to a 1996 internet listing of used merchandise stores, Dietel's Antiques is at 2124 Ludlam Road Miami, FL and 6572 Bird Road Miami, FL. In 1993 Jody Dietel was the President of a company named Creative Benifits, Inc., a Vista consulting firm⁴⁷⁸. According to a 1996 internet WWW page, Dietl International Services is "the leading art shipper and customs insurance broker for the worlds foremost art galleries, museums, and auction houses worldwide". At the Emma Willard School there is a 34,000 volume Dietel Library⁴⁸¹. The Emma Willard School is an all girls school in Troy NY, and was the site of the recent film "Scent of a Woman" starring Al Pacino⁴⁸¹. Berlin radio personality Monica Dietl pioneered the radio airing of "techno" music in Germany⁴⁸². In 1986 Mike Dietl of Dietl Enterprises, Mission Viejo, was quoted in the Los Angeles Times about the gray market in federal conversions of foreign cars for the U.S. Market⁴⁸⁷. According to the Aug. 1994 issue of **Art in America**, Fritz Dietel's art was on display at a museum or gallery.

Misc. Publications

Ulla Dietl wrote **The Plant-and-Grow Project Book**, a gardening book for children (Sterling)⁴⁷⁷. In a 1996 Internet WWW page, the course book for a computer class was listed as **C++ How to Programm** by H.M. Dietel and P.J. Dietel. According to a 1996 internet WWW page, Harvey M. Dietel wrote **An Introduction to Operating Systems**, Addison-Wesley Publishing Co. According to the 1996 internet WWW page of Leonard Pfeijffer, K. Dietel wrote **Das Gleichnis in der fruhen griechischen Lyrik**, Diss. Muenchen, Wuerzburg, 1939. J. (probably Jerzy) Dietl, authored "Industrial Product-buyer Behaviour in a Centrally Planned Economy", which was printed in the **Journal of Business Research**, Vol. 14 No. 4, 1986, pp. 285-93. According to the P. Roberts Publication List, an internet WWW page, C. Dietel was a co-author of the 1989 document titled **Data Summary for Dense GEOS Array Observations of Seismic Activity Associated with Magma Transport at Kilauea Volcano, Hawaii**, U.S. Geol. Surv. Open-file Report, 89-113. In the April 21, 1991 edition of the Los Angeles Times, Ron Dietle wrote an article titled **Remodeler's Diary**. M. Dietel was a co-author of the 1994 article titled **Reversion of multidrug resistance in the P-glycoprotein-positive human pancreatic cell line (EPP85-181RDB) by introduction of a hammerhead ribozyme**. According to an article in the Sept. 18, 1988 **Times**, Bo Dietl was the co-author of **One Tough Cop: The Bo Dietl Story**. According to a 1996 internet WWW page, C. Dietel was a co-author of **A Multimedia Environment for Distributed Learning**, IEEE, London, 1994. According to a 1996 internet WWW page, J. Edwin Dietel wrote **Leading a Law Practice to Excellence**, Philadelphia, PA : ALI-ABA Committee on Continuing Professional Education, 1992. O. Dietle was a co-author of **V/R Variability and Global Oscillations in Be Star Disks**, which was published in the BE Star Newsletter No. 30, Sept. 1995. In or around 1995, Michael A. J. Dietl was issued a German patent titled "Method and apparatus for operating a defibrillator"⁴⁹². M. Dietel was a co-author of **Detection and quantification of lipoprotein(a) in the arterial wall of 107 coronary bypass patients** in 1989. T. Dietl was a co-author of an article in the European Journal of Biochemistry in 1975.

Families found in the LDS IGI⁴²⁸

The LDS **International Genealogical Index**tm contains a computer listing of approximately 500 European Dietle family members, evidently taken from church records, which date from the 1600's. Since no positive match could be made for the family of our original immigrant ancestor Johann Adam Dietel, the LDS IGI

family group information was not pursued further by us. Those interested are encouraged to review the LDS records themselves.

Passenger & Emigration Lists

Many Germans bearing surnames similar to ours have traveled to America. The names of a few shown below have been identified from indexes to surviving German Emigration lists, and from indexes to ship passenger lists. Many individuals who appeared on such passenger lists were probably immigrants. The names of these individuals are included below as a subject for future research, although their relationship to our Somerset Co. Dietle family, if any, has not been established. For those who are interested, many additional Dietle immigrants are listed in the book **Germans to America**, which is available at Clayton Library, Houston, TX. German emigrants used two primary points of departure from Germany; Bremen and Hamburg. The Wanderbuch of Johann Adam Dietel indicates that he emigrated from Bremen. Most of the Bremen emigration lists were destroyed in World War II. The Hamburg lists are intact, but didn't start until 1850. We have not found definitive passenger or emigration records for our immigrant ancestor or for his family members.

Dietle Passengers and Emmigrants^{58,144,145,181,216}

Name	Age	Destination	Date	Misc.
Didel, Hans Adam		Philadelphia	1738	Came on the ship Charming Nancy*
Dittel, Johann		America	1781	
Didiel, J.		Philadelphia	1812	Came on the ship Sch Jefferson
Deitle, John		Philadelphia	1847	
Diet____, Marie	25	New York	1850	This servant came on the Coriolanus, arriving from Obermoellrich on Sept. 25, 1850
Dietel, Jacob from	22	New York	1850	This shoemaker Obermoillrich came on the Richard Anderson, arriving on July, 1850.
Dietel, George	24	New York, NY	1853	This group arrived
Relative: Helen Cath.	45	New York, NY	1853	on June 13, 1853
Relative: Anna	22	New York, NY	1853	a ship named Ocean.
Relative: Nicolaus	20	New York, NY	1853	Apparently they are
Relative: Margrethe	13	New York, NY	1853	from Bavaria.
Diddle, J.		Baltimore	1854	
Diddle, Daniel		Philadelphia	1860	Came on "Wyoming"
Dietle, Johann Georg		North America	1864	
Dietle, Johann Adam		North America	1864	Born Sept. 4, 1844 in Iselshausen
Deitel, Elizabeth	20	New York, NY	1866	

* Jacob Hochstetler, our ancestor and the ancestor of numerous Somerset Co. individuals, is also believed to have immigrated on this 1738 trip of the Charming Nancy²²⁹.

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Deitel, Cuningund	24	New York, NY	1866
Dietle, Johan Conrad		North America	1868
Dietl, Mathias	25	New York, NY	1869
Dietel, John George		Wisconsin	1870

Appendix B

Somerset County Legal Transactions

The Somerset County, PA deed index ⁹⁵ lists many real estate transactions which involved Dietle family members. These transaction summaries are extracted below. In most of these deeds which we have actually seen, the date given in the deed index was the date of recording, which is not necessarily the same as the date of the transaction.

Grantor of Inst.	Grantee	Date	Book/ Page	Kind or
Location				
Deitle John A	ux Deitle Jno Adam	Sep 10 1867	39/153	Greenville
Dittle Jno A Bo	ux Frasier Henry	April 18 1868	40/124	Somerset
Steinle Jacob	Deitle Anna M.	June 23 1868	40/272	Greenville
Deitle Anna M	Deitle John	October 15 1869	42/204	Greenville
Ditel Anne M	Ditel Nicholas in Trust	Sep 16 1870	44/114	___
Deitle Ann M	Deitle John	April 17 1874	50/175	Agrt
Deitle Adam	al Ebbecka H J	Dec. 9 1889	74/39	Meyersdale
Deitle Susan	al Ebbecka H J	Dec. 9 1889	74/39	Meyersdale
Deitle Adam	al Benford Tillie	Jan 27 1890	74/296	Meyersdale
Dietle Susan	al Benford Tillie	Jan 27 1890	74/296	Meyersdale
Fadely Samuel E	Dietle Adam	July 2 1894	83/580	Greenville
Dietle John	Dietle William	Dec. 9 1895	87/438	Greenville
Dietle John	Dietle Adam	Dec. 13 1897	92/505	Greenville
Dietle Adam	ux Dietle William	April 26 1898	93/210	Greenville
Dietle William Greenville	Baer William	Mar 5 1900		101/230
Dietle Susan	al Werner H C	Jan 17 1910	106/700	Rel
Dietle Susan	al Werner John	Jan 17 1910	106/700	Rel
Dietle William Greenville Twp	Dietle Franklin	October 14 1920		235/76
Dietle John H Twp	Dietle Amanda E	May 16 1923	256/98	Summit
Miller Howard Twp	Dietle Amanda E	May 16 1923	256/97	Summit
Fike Irvin W Brothersvalley	Deitle Ephriam	May 23 1923		256/123
Dietle Lloyd M Greenville Twp	Dietle Bertha N	October 5 1926		277/284
Dietle Lloyd M Greenville Twp	Dietle John M	October 5 1926		277/284
Dietle John M Greenville Twp	ux Dietle Lloyd M	October 5 1926		277/283
Dietle Adam Twp	ux Dietle Irvin H	April 9 1927	279/237	Larimer
Dietle Adam Twp	ux Dietle Alma C	April 9 1927	279/237	Larimer

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Dietle Adam Greenville Twp	ux Dietle Lloyd M	Nov. 8 1927	283/23
Dietle Adam Greenville Twp	ux Dietle Anna M	Nov. 8 1927	283/23
Ditel Nicholas Hrs/Gdn Greenville Twp	Deitle Herman W	July 10 1928	284/451
Ditel Nicholas Hrs/Gdn Greenville Twp	Deitle Minnie	July 10 1928	284/451
Deitle Nicholas Hrs/Gdn Greenville Twp	Deitle Herman W	July 10 1928	284/451
Deitle Nicholas Hrs/Gdn Greenville Twp	Deitle Minnie	July 10 1928	284/451
Deitle James E Meyersdale	Shoemaker John	Mar 11 1929	291/116
Deitle Lulu A Meyersdale	Shoemaker John	Mar 11 1929	291/116
Deitle James E Meyersdale	Shoemaker Mary E	Mar 11 1929	291/116
Deitle Lulu A Meyersdale	Shoemaker Mary E	Mar 11 1929	291/116
Dietle Anna M Greenville Twp	Dietle John M	Dec. 16 1931	303/158
Dielte Anna M Greenville Twp	Dietle Bertha N	Dec. 16 1931	303/158
Dietle Simon A Greenville Twp	ux Dietle Susan	Dec. 30 1931	303/187
Dietle Susan Greenville Twp	Dietle Simon A	Dec. 30 1931	303/188
Dietle Susan Greenville Twp	Dietle Ruth A	Dec. 30 1931	303/188
al Glotfelty Edgar Dower	Dietle Bertha N	Mar 21 1933	305/310 Rel of
al Glotfelty Walter Dower	Dietle Bertha N	Mar 21 1933	305/310 Rel of
al Gltfelty Miles L Dower	Dietle Bertha N	Mar 21 1933	305/310 Rel of
al Glotfelty Charles R Dower	Dietle Bertha N	Mar 21 1933	305/310 Rel of
al Werner Naomi Dower	Dietle Bertha N	Mar 21 1933	305/310 Rel of
al Hartle Ruth Dower	Dietle Bertha N	Mar 21 1933	305/310 Rel of
al Ringler Chas E Dower	Dietle Bertha N	Mar 21 1933	305/310 Rel of
Deitle Lulu Brant Brothersvalley	al Brant Charles H	Nov. 7 1938	317/322
Deitle Lulu Brant Brothersvalley	al Brant Nancy M	Nov. 7 1938	317/322
Deitle Charles E Brothersvalley	al Brant Charles H	Nov. 7 1938	317/322
Deitle Charles E Brothersvalley	al Brant Nancy M	Nov. 7 1938	317/322
Deitle Charles M's Gnd Brothersvalley	al Brant Charles H	Nov. 7 1938	317/322
Deitle Charles M's Gnd Brothersvalley	al Brant Nancy M	Nov. 7 1938	317/322
Deitle John M Greenville Twp	ux Dietle Karl F	Nov. 20 1940	322/482

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Deitle John M Greenville Twp	ux Dietle Anna Catherine	Nov. 20 1940	322/482	
Baer John F	Alma C Dietle	Dec. 23 1941	328/206	Asgmt
Deitle Herman W Greenville Twp	Baer Earl F	Sep 21 1944	340/370	
Deitle Minnie Greenville Twp	Baer Earl F	Sep 21 1944	340/370	
Dietle Clara R	al Brown Frank R	Sep 27 1944	340/412	Rel
Dietle Clara R	al Brown Edna M	Sep 27 1944	340/412	Rel
Deitle John M Greenville Twp	Jackson Lawrence E	Mar 27 1945	342/404	
Dietle Bertha N Greenville Twp	Jackson, Lawrence E	Mar 27 1945	342/404	
Deitle John M Greenville Twp	Jackson Velma S	Mar 27 1945	342/404	
Dietle Bertha N Greenville Twp	Jackson, Velma S	Mar 27 1945	342/404	
Dietle Sylvester	Penna Elec Co	May 31 1945	344/188	R of W
Dietle Betty	Penna Elec Co	May 31 1945	344/188	R of W
Dietle Franklin Greenville Twp	ux Wright Harvey H	Nov. 21 1945	347/15	
Dietle Franklin Greenville Twp	Wright Prema	Nov. 21 1945	347/15	
Dietle John H	Penna Elec Co	Feb 6 1946	348/357	R of W
Dietle Sylvester	ux Penna Elec Co	Jan 16 1946	348/231	R of W
Dietle Betty	ux Penna Elec Co	Jan 16 1946	348/231	R of W
Foley Pete Twp	Dietle Elizabeth	Dec. 12 1946	356/355	Summit
Dietle Karl	ux Hogue M R	April 20 1948	380/426	Lease
Dietle Anna C	Hogue M R	April 20 1948	380/426	Lease
Himes Harold S Twp	Dietle Elizabeth S	July 26 1948	386/214	Summit
Himes Elizabeth Twp	Dietle Elizabeth S	July 26 1948	386/214	Summit
Dietle Sylvester	ux Penna Elec Co	Mar 8 1949	395/540	R of W
Dietle Betty	ux Penna Elec Co	Mar 8 1949	395/540	R of W

Deed Jacob Steinle to Anna M. Deitle ²¹²
(Somerset County Deed Book 40 Page 272)

This Indenture made the twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty Eight Between Jacob Steinle of Greenville township Somerset County and the State of Pennsylvania of the first part and Anna Maria Deitle of the township county and State aforesaid of the second part Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part of and in consideration of the sum of Fourteen hundred and fifty dollars lawful money of the United States of America unto them well and truly paid by the said party of the second part at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed released conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release convey and confirm All that certain message tenement or tract of land situate in Greenville township Somerset County and State of Pennsylvania bound as follows by adjoining lands of W^m Baer Benj Lowry Jacob Garlitz heirs and others, beginning at a post north forty five degrees west 177 perches to stones from thence north 89 degrees east 97 perches to a post. from thence south 113 3/4 degrees east. 85 perches to a maple tree south 82 degrees east 18 1/2 perches to a beech thence south 115 degrees west. 81.5 perches to place of beginning containing Sixty acres and allowances Together with all and singular the buildings improvements ways waters water courses rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances and the revisions and remainders rents issues and profits thereof and all the estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever of the said parties of the first part, in law equity or otherwise howsoever of in and to the same and any part thereof. To have and to hold to said hereditaments and premises hereby grated or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns forever and Jacob Steinle is the said parties of the first part their heirs executors and administrators do by these presents do grant and agree to and with the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns that they the said parties of the first part and their heirs all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein above described and granted or mentioned and intended so to be wit the appurtenances unto the said party of the second party and her heirs and assigns against them the said parties of the first part and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof Shall and will warrant and forever defend.

In witness whereof the said parties of the first part....(the last part of this document was missing from the authors' notes.)

Agreement Between Ann Mariah Deitle To John Deitle ¹⁶²
(Somerset County Deed Book 50 Page 175)

Article of Agreement made and entered into this 3rd Day of July A.D. 1869 Between Anne Mariah Dietle of Greenville Township Somerset County and State of Pennsylvania of the first part And John Deitle of the township County and State aforesaid of the second part. Witness that she the said Anne Mariah Deitle for the consideration hereafter mentioned hath agreed and by these presents doth covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part that she the said party of the first part shall and will sell unto her son John Deitle all her right title interest and claim of a tract of land where she now resides on ni (sic) Greenville Township Somerset County Penna Containing Sixty Acres more or less together with all the personally property adjoining lands of William Bare, Benjamin Lowry, Jacob Garlits heirs and others for the sum of Fourteen hundred dollars in hand paid. the said Anne Mariah Deitle reserves a life estate of the above mentioned property and need not give possession during her life if she don't willfully want to do so. And the said party of the second part doth hereby covenant and agree on his part that he will receive his mother Anne Mariah Deitle on his own premises in case she wishes to do so or in case of sickness and take good care of her as becomes a son toward his mother and for the time and faithful performance of the covenants and agreement aforesaid the parties aforesaid do hereby respectively bind themselves their heirs, executors, and administrators each to the other in the sum (??) One hundred dollars for the faithful performance. In Testimony whereof set our hands and seals the day and year first above.

Witness: Josiah Miller

J.L. Buechly

Anne Mariah Deittle (seal)

John Deittle (seal)

Recorded 17th April 1874 J.?. Walter Recorder

Deed John A Dietel & wif (sic) To John Adam Dietel ¹⁶¹
(Somerset County Deed Book 39 Page 153)

This Indenture made the 20th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five Between John A. Dietel of Greenville (sic) township Somerset County and State of Pennsylvania and his wife of the first part and his son John Adam Dietel of the same township County and State aforesaid parties of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Twelve hundred dollars lawful money of the United States of America unto them well and truly paid by the said party of the second part at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold enfeofed released conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents have grant bargain sell enfeof release convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns all of two certain tracts of land situate (sic) in Greenville township said County & State aforesaid the first containing one hundred acres and allowances adjoining lands of Peter Shultz and others the same tract conveyed to Jacob Shultz by Jonathan by release dated the 5th day of November A.D 1842 Recorded in Record Book Vol 19 Page 129 and Phinias (?) Compton (?) and Aldine his wife by Release dated the 24th of November 1845 unto unto (sic) the said Jacob Shultz and by deed dated the 28 of November 1845 conveyed to Peter O. Shultz by the said Jacob Shultz and Lydia his wife Recorded in the office for records of deeds to(?) in and for said County of Somerset in Record book Vol 21 Page 107 & 108 on the 5th of January 1846. The second tract now to be described beginning at a post thence south fifty five and a half degrees east thirty one and a half perches south fifty one and a half degrees east ten and a half perches to a post thence north twenty two and a half degrees east seventeen and two twenty fifth perches to post (unknown word) north twenty nine degrees west six and three forth perches north twenty degrees west thirty six and a half perches to a post south thirty two degrees west thirty six perches to place of beginning adjoining lands of Jost J. (?) Stutzman Jerome (?) Glotfelty and others containing six acres one hundred and six and a half perches warranted in the name of _____ conveyed by John A. Dietel Sr. to his son John Adam Dietel by good deed bearing date the 10th day of February AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty one Recorded in the office for recording of deeds in aforesaid County in Record Book Vol. 24 Pages 242 & 243 Together with all and singular the improvements ways waters watercourses rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging (unknown words) appertaining and the (unknown word) and remainders unto issues and profits thereof and all the estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever of the said party of the first part in law equity or otherwise (unknown word) of in and to the same and every part thereof. To have and to hold the said tract of land (unknown word) and promises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the (unknown word) unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns to and for the any proper use and behalf of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever and the said parties of the first part their heirs executors and administrators do by these presents covenant grant and agree to and with the said party of the second part his heirs assigns that the said party of the first part their heirs all and singular the hereditaments.....described and granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the (unknown words) unto the said party of the second part to his heirs and assigns against all the said party of the first part and their heirs and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof Shall and will warrant and forever defend

In witness whereof the said party of the first part to these presents set their hands & seals dated the day and year first above written

sealed & delivered in
the presence of
William Weimer (?)

Johann Adam Dietel (seal)
Anne Mariah (?) Dietel (seal)

Received the day of the date of the above indenture of the above named John Adam Dietle the sum of twelve hundred dollars lawful money of the United States being the consideration money above mentioned in full

Witness (unknown signature)
William Weimer (?)
Josiah Miller
Somerset County SS

On the 20th day of September Anno Domini 1855 before me a Justice of the peace in and for the said county (unknown word) the above named John A. Dietle and Ann Mariah Dietle and acknowledged the above indenture to be their act and deed and desired that the same might be recorded as such The said Ann Mariah Dietle being of lawful age and separate and apart from her said husband by me examined and the contents of the said indenture being first made fully known to her declared that she did of her own free will and accord sign and seal and as her act & deed deliver the same without any coercion or compulsion of her said husband

Josiah Miller JP (seal)

Recorded the 20th of September AD 1869

Aug. Davis (?)

Recorder

Deed Anna Maria Deetle To John Deetle ¹⁶⁶

(Somerset County Deed Book 42 Page 204)

This Indenture made the 3rd day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine Between Anna Maria Deetle of Greenville Township Somerset County and State of Pennsylvania party of the first part and John Deitle of the Township County and State aforesaid party of the second part. Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Fourteen hundred and fifty dollars lawful money of the United States of America well and truly paid by the said party of the second part to the said party of the first part at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed released conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns All that certain (unknown word) tenement and tract of land situated in Greenville Township Somerset County State of Pennsylvania Bounded as follows by adjoining lands of W^m Baer Benjamin Lowry Jacob Garlets heirs & others Beginning at a post north 45 degrees west 177 perches _ stones from thence north 89 degrees east 97 perches to a post from thence south 113 3/4 degrees east 85 perches to a maple tree south 82 degrees east 1822 perches to a beech three thence south 58 degrees east 13 perches to stones from thence south forty five degrees west 18 and 5/10 perches to the place of beginning containing 60 acres and allowance-Together will all and singular the buildings improvements woods ways waters water courses rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in (unknown word) appertaining and the reversions and remainders rents issues and profits thereof and of any part and parcel thereof and also all the estate right title interest property possession claim and demand whatsoever both in law and equity of the said party of the first part of in and to the said premises with the appurtenances to have and to hold the said premises with all and singular the hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs & assigns and for the any proper use benefit and behalf of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever - and the said Anna Maria Deelte party of the first part her heirs executors and administrators do by these presents covenant grant and agree to and with the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns that they the said party of the first part and heirs and assigns that she the said party of the first part and her heirs all and singular the (unknown word) and premises herein above described and granted or mentioned and intended (unknown words) unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns against her the said party of the first part and her heirs and against all and all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully (unknown word) or claims to same or any part thereof. Shall & will warrant & forever defend (unknown word) witness whereof the said party of the first part of these presents has (unknown word) her hand and seal dated the day & year first above stated.

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of
Josiah Miller J.S. Beachy(?)

Anna Maria Dietle (seal)

Somerset County SS

On the 3rd day of July anno domini 1869 before me a Justice of the Peace in & for said County personally appeared the above named Anna Maia Deelte (sic) and in due form of law acknowledged the above Indenture to be her act & deed and desired the same might be recorded as such and the said Anna Maria Deelte being of full age and the full contents of the above deed having first been made known (unknown word(s))

Witness my hand and seal the day & year aforesaid

Josia Miller (seal)
Justice of the Peace

Recorded October (?) 13th 1869
Aug Davis (?)
Recorder

Deed Elizabeth Werner's heirs to Tillie Benford ²¹⁴

(Somerset County Deed Book 74 Page 296)

This Indenture made the Eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine, Between George Werner, Jacob Baer and Daniel D. Baer, John Werner and Paul Werner all of Summit Township Somerset County Penna Annie Seichner and Andrew Seichner Henry Werner and Eve Werner of Meyersdale Borough Barbara Broud and Conrad Broud of Frostburgh (sic) State of Maryland Susan Dieddle and Adam Dieddle of Somerset County Pa legal and representatives of Elizabeth Werner wife of George Werner des' of the first part and Tillie Benford of the Borough of Meyersdale County of Somerset and State of Pennsylvania of the second part: Witnesseth

that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred and fifty Dollars lawful money of the United States of America well and truly paid by the said party of the second part to the said parties of the first part at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed released conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns, All that certain lot of ground situate and lying in the Borough of Meyersdale County of Somerset and State of Pennsylvania numbered on the old plan of said Borough as lot number Thirty seven (37) Bounded on the North by North Street, On the East by lot number Thirty eight (38) on the South by Dale Street and on the West by an Alley, Fronting sixty Six feet on North Street and running back south one hundred and sixty five (165) feet to Dale Street, Being a certain lot of ground conveyed to Henry Schrader by Jacob Olinger & wife by deed dated April 2nd 1866 and recorded at Somerset in Record Book vol. 37 page 83, said lot became vested in Elizabeth Werner only heir of said Henry Schrader at his death and by reason of the death of Elizabeth Werner wife of George Werner the title to said Lot became vested in George Werner her surviving husband and the children of George Werner parties of the first part to this Indenture. Together with all and singular the buildings improvements woods ways rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders rents issues and profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof and also all the estate right title interest property possession claim and demand whatsoever both in law and equity of the said parties of the first part of in and to the said premises with the appurtenances: To have and to hold the said premises with all and singular the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns to the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns forever.– And the said George Werner Sarah Baer & Samuel Baer John Werner Paul Werner Annie Seichner & Andrew Seichner Henry Werner and Eva Werner his wife Barbara Brode and Conrac Brode Susan Dieddle Adam Dieddle their heirs executors and administrators do by these presents covenant grant and agree to and with the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns forever that they the said parties of the first part their heirs all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein above described and granted or mentioned.....(the last part of this document was missing from the authors' notes.)

Deed Anna Mariah Detel to Nicholas Detel in trust ¹⁶⁷
(Somerset County Deed Book 44 Page 114)

This Indenture made the Nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seventy Between Anne Mariah Ditel of Greenville Township Somerset County Pennsylvania party of the first part & Nicholas Dilte (sic) in trust of his children during the term of his Natural life and his wife after his decease. Should She Survive him in her trust during her Natural life if She so long Remains his widow parties of the Same place of the other part Witnesseth That the Said party of the first part for and in Consideration of the Sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars lawful money of the United States of America unto her well and truly paid by the said party of the Second part at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has granted bargained Sold aliened enfeoffed released and confirmed and by these presents does grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release and confirm unto the Said party of the Second part his heirs and assigns all the following Real Estate to wit a tract of land Situate in Greenville Township in the County and State aforesaid adjoining lands of George Werner Jeremiah Glotfelty John A Ditel W^m Baer & others Containing one hundred acres More or less being Same land conveyed by John A. Ditel (Jr. or Sr.; looks like Jr.) to Anne Maria Ditel by his deed bearing date May 28th AD 1860 Reference having been had more fully Shown. To use of Said Nicholas Ditel during his Natural life and Should he die before his wife mary during her life if She Should Survive him if She Should So long remain his widow but if She Should again Marry then for the use & benefit of his surviving children unencumbered by debt & otherwise Together with all and Singular the houses barns improvements waters ways water Courses rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and the (unknown word) and remainders rents issues and profits thereof and all the Estate right title interest claim and demand whatsoever of the party of the first part in law-equity-or otherwise of and to the Same and every part thereof To have and to hold the Said hundred acres of land in trust as stated Hereditaments and premises hereby (unknown word) or mentioned or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said parties of the Second part his heirs and assigns to and for only proper use and behoof of the Said parties of the Second part their heirs and assigns forever. And the Said Party of the first part her heirs and Executors and administrators does by these presents covenant grant and agree to and with the Said party of the Second part his heirs and assigns the She the Said party of the first part her heirs all and Singular the Hereditaments and Premises herein above described and granted or mentioned and intended So to be with the appurtenances unto the Said partys of the Second part their and assigns against her the Said Party of the first part her heirs and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully Claiming or to Claim the Same or any part thereof. Shall and will warrant & forever defend (Unknown words) In witness whereof the Said parties to these presents have herein (unknown words) set their hands and seals Dated the day and year first above written,

Sealed & Delivered in the
presents of us: Attest
John Lowry
Donnie (?) Deal
Somerset County SS.

Anne Maria Ditel (seal)

On the 19th day of March AD 1870 before me a Justice of the peace in and for Said county County (sic) Came the above named Anne Marria Ditel and acknowledged the above indenture to be her act and deed and desired that the Same may be Recorded as Such hereby certifying that this is of full and legal age Witness my hand and Seal the day and year above written

Benjamin Lowrey J.P. (Seal)

Recorded Sept. 16th A.D. 1870
(Unknown Signature)
Recorder

Deed Samuel E. Fadely & wife to Adam Diedle ²¹³
(Somerset County Deed Book 83 Page 580)

This Indenture, made the twenty third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four Between Samuel E. Fadely and Eliza Fadely his wife of Burr Oak Jewell County State of Kansas parties of the first part and Adam Dietle of Greenville Township, County of Somerset an State of Pennsylvania of the second part Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of four thousand (4000) dollars lawful money of the United States of America unto them well and truly paid by the said party of the second part at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, aliened, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns all those two certain tracts of land which were originally one tract situate in Greenville township, County of Somerset and state of Pennsylvania adjoining lands of John D. Arnold John Dietle, Jacob P. Miller & W^m A. Zufall the courses and distances being as follows Beginning at a white oak thence North 60 Deg. West 86 perches to a Red Oak thence by Little Meadow Mountain North 24 Deg. East 114 Perches to a Red Oak thence North 49 Deg. East 48 Perches to a Black Oak Thence North 22 Deg. E 134 Perches to a White Oak thence North 60 Deg. East 68 Perches to a Post by a White Oak thence by land, South 59 Deg. East 122 perches to a post thence by vacant land South 30 Deg. West 96 Perches to stones south 60 Deg. West 95 Perches to a chestnut South 67 Deg. West 80 perches to place of Beginning Containing hundred and forty two acres more or less Being the same tract of land that E. J. Fadely & wife conveyed to the grantor by deed dated 18th day of April AD 1893 Recorded at Somerset in Record book Vol. 49 page 104 & c Together with all and singular the said property, improvements, ways, waters, watercourses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the revisions and remainders, rents, issues and profits whereof and all the Estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand Whatsoever of the said parties of the first part in law, equity or other wise howsoever in and to be each and every part thereof. To have and to hold said tract of (242) acres being the same more or less hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever the said parties of the first part for themselves heirs executors and administrators do by these presents covenant, grant and agree to and with the said party of the second part heirs and assigns that they the said parties of the first part and their heirs all and singular the heriditaments and premises hereinabove described and granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part and their heirs and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof Shall and will warrant and forever defend In witness whereof the said parties of the first part have to these presents set their hands and seals Dated the day and year first above Written

sealed and delivered
in the presence of
W.S. Callow

Samuel E. Fadely (seal)
Eliza Fadely (seal)

Received the day of the date of the above Indenture of the above named Adam Deitle the sum of Four thousand dollars lawful money of the United States, being the consideration money in full. Samuel E. Fadely

State of Kansas
County of Jewell

On this 23 day of May A.D. 18 before me the subscriber a Notary Public personally came the above named Samuel E. Fadely and Eliza Fadely his wife who in due form of law acknowledged the foregoing Indenture to be their act and deed and desired that the same might be recorded as such the said Eliza Fadely being of full age and by me examined separate and apart from her said husband and the contents of said indenture being first made fully known to her, declared that she did voluntarily of her free will and accord sign and seal and as her act and deed deliver the same without any coercion or compulsion of her said husband Witness my hand and official seal the day and year aforesaid

W.S. Callow
Notary Public
My com. ex. July 7, 1887

Recorded 2nd July 1894
Jacob P.(?) Miller
Recorder

Deed John Dietle to Adam Dietle ²¹⁰
(Somerset County Deed Book 92 Page 505)

This Indenture, made the Twenty Eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Ninety-Six between John Dietle of Greenville Twp Somerset County and State of Pennsylvania party of the first part

and Adam Dietle of Greenville Township State and County aforesaid Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty two hundred and fifty One Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, unto him well and truly paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents deed, grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns, that certain farm or tract of land situate in Greenville Township County of Somerset and State of Pennsylvania Containing One hundred and 12 acres and allowances, adjoining lands of John D. Arnold and Saml J. Miller ____ North, Simon Glotfelty and Jacob Miller on the South, Samuel Fadeley farm on the West, and on the East by Jacob Miller and the ____ farm, And is the same land that John A. Dietle Conveyed to the present grantor by deed bearing date the 20th day of September 1855, and is recorded in Somerset in Record Book Vol. 39 Page 153 & 154.

Deed Adam Dietle and wife to William Dietle ²¹⁵

(Somerset County Deed Book 93 Page 210)

This Indenture, made the Twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Ninety eight Between Adam Dietle and Susan his wife of Greenville Twp Somerset County and State of Pennsylvania parties of the first part and William Dietle of the Township County and State aforesaid party of the second part Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.⁰⁰) lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, all that part of two original tracts of land Situate in Greenville Township Somerset County and State of Pennsylvania containing 137 acres 107 Perches and allowances and described as follows ____ Beginning at a stake ____ Adam Dietle and J.D. Arnold, ____ along land of Adam Dietle South ____ degrees West 96 Perches to stones, thence along land of J. ____ Miller South 61 degrees West 54.6 Perches to st__e, thence along ____ south ____ degrees West ____ Perches to ____ Stone, thence with land of Adam Dietle ____ bearing North ____ degrees west 107 Perches to ____ Oak ____ thence with original with land of W.H. Zufall north ____ degrees east 132 Perches ____ white oak thence along same North 61 degrees east 69 Perches to white Oak thence South 22 degrees ____ ____ Chestnut Stump(?) thence ____ ____ South 38 1/2 East degrees 111 Perches to place of beginning Being a part of the same tract of land that E/J Faidley* & wife conveyed to Samuel E. Faidley by deed dated 28th day of April AD 1873 and by Samuel Faidley and Eliza his wife who conveyed the same of which this is a part to Adam Dietle by deed dated 23d day of May AD 1894 and recorded At Somerset Recorders Office on the 2d day of July A.D. 1894 in the Deed Book Vol. 83 page 580.

* "E/J Faidley & wife" may be Elijah J. and Elizabeth Faidley who were both listed as age 52 in the 1872 census enumeration⁴ of Greenville Twp. This family was listed two families after John and Margaret Tittle (sic), and 4 families after Nicholas and Mary Dittle.

Abstracts of Misc. Somerset Co. Deeds ²²²

In Deed Book Vol. 256 page 97 Howard Miller and his wife Ethal V. Miller of Summit Twp. are the parties of the first part. John H. Dietle and Amanda E. Dietle (husband and wife) of Summit Twp. are the parties of the second part, and purchased land in Summit Twp. for \$72.00 on Oct. 4, 1922.

In Deed Book Vol. 256 page 98 John H. Dietle is the party of the first part. Amanda E. Dietle is the party of the second part, and for one dollar bought "The undivided one-half of those two certain parcels of ground situated in Summit Twp." on May 16, 1923.

In Deed Book Vol. 256 page 123 Irvin W. Fike and his wife Emma Fike of Brothersvalley Twp. are the parties of the first part. Ephriam Dietle and his wife Ida Dietle of Summit Twp. are the parties of the second part, and bought two tracts of land for \$6,000.

In Deed Book Vol. 277 page 284 Lloyd M. Dietle (single) of Greenville Twp. is the party of the first part. John M. Dietle and his wife Bertha Dietle of Greenville Twp. are the parties of the second part, and bought land in Greenville Twp. for \$1,500.00 on Sept. 23, 1926.

In Deed Book Vol. 235 page 76 William and wife Christiana Dietle of Greenville Twp. are the parties of the first part. Franklin Dietle of Greenville is the party of the second part, and bought property in Greenville Twp. for \$3200.00 on Oct. 13, 1920.

In Deed Book Vol. 283 page 23, Adam Dietle and his wife Susan Dietle of Greenville Twp. are the parties of the first part. Lloyd M. Dietle and his wife Anna M. Dietle of Greenville Twp. are the parties of the second part, and paid \$6,000.00 dollars for land in Greenville Twp. adjoining that of John Dietle. It is the "Same land that John A. Dietle conveyed to John Dietle by deed dated Sept. 20, 1855 and recorded at Somerset in Vol. 39 page 153 & 154 and by John Dietle the same was conveyed to the present grantor by deed dated Nov. 28, 1896 and recorded at Somerset in Vol. 92 page 505."

In Deed Book Vol. 303 page 158 Anna M. Dietle, widow of Lloyd Dietle of Greenville Twp. is the party of the first part. John M. Dietle and his wife Bertha N. Dietle of Greenville Twp. are the parties of the second part, and bought the home farm for "\$10.00 and other goods and valuable considerations, Dollars, in hand paid" The deed also stated "It is understood and agreed between the parties hereto, their heirs or assigns, that the grantors herein shall have the right and privilege of a one bed-room located on the south corner of the dwelling now standing on the above farm as long as either parties (Adam or Susan Dietle) shall live, they shall have free use of any part of any other part of and shall have free boarding also, during their natural lifetime." All of the furniture stayed in the house along with the livestock, farm tools, hay, feed, grain, etc. were included with the sale on Dec. 9, 1931.

In Deed Book Vol. 322 page 482 John M. Dietle and wife Bertha N. Dietle of Greenville are the parties of the first part. Karl F. Dietle and wife Anna Catherine Dietle were the parties of the second part, and bought property for \$6,000 that was formerly owned by Nicholas Dietle on Nov. 18, 1940.

In Deed Book Vol. 338 page 206 on June 30, 1941 Irvin and Alma Dietle of Larimer Twp paid off a mortgage to John F. Baer, and land was transferred to Irvin and Alma Dietle. The mortgage is recorded in Mortgage book Vol. 40 page 166. The last payment was \$315.00.

In Deed Book Vol. 305 page 310 Edgar Glotfelty of Berlin, Walter Glotfelty of Meyersdale, Charles R. Glotfelty of Oakland Alameda Calif. etc. are the parties of the first part. John M Dietle and Bertha N. Dietle are the parties of the second part, bought land in Greenville Twp. for \$2,000.00 on June 24, 1932.

In Deed Book Vol. 356 page 355 Pete Foley and wife Mary Catherine Foley of Summit Twp are the parties of the first part. Sylvester Dietle and wife Elizabeth Dietle, parties of the second part, bought land for \$100.00 and other good and valuyble (sic) considerations on Nov. 5, 1946.

In Deed Book Vol. 380 page 426 Karl Dietle and wife Anna C. Dietle sold land adjoining land of J.M. Dietle to M.R. Hogue for \$44.50 for 3 months. It appears that Karl was living at Salisbury R.D. # 1 at the time, as that is where payments were to be directed.

In Deed Book Vol. 386 page 214 Harold S. Himes and Elizabeth Himes sold land to Sylvester Dietle and wife Elizabeth S. Dietle for "\$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration."

Mineral Rights Lease ¹⁶⁸

This copy of a mineral right lease was handed down to a descendant of Nicholas Deitle. In those days it would have probably been the practice to have two copies of such an agreement that were signed by both parties, so that each party would have a signed copy. Certain parts of this copy of the lease are not filled in, such as the part that identifies the second party, yet Mary Deitle signed her mark to it, and the agreement it was witnessed. We do not know if any copy of this lease was ever signed by the second party. The missing items on Mary's copy may have merely been an oversight during transcription, or possibly not knowing how to read, she may not have realized that items were missing. It is of course also possible that the agreement was never finalized.

This Lease made this 14th day of August A.D. 1899 by and between Mary Deetle of the County of Somerset and State of Pennsylvania of the first part and _____ (name not filled in) of the second part, Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, in consideration of the stipulations, rents and covenants hereinafter contained, on the part of the said parties of the second part, their executors, administrators and assigns to be paid, debt and performed has granted, demised, and let unto the said parties of the second part their executors, administrators and assigns, for the sole and only purpose of mining and excavating for Petroleum, Oil or Gas, all of that certain tract of land situated in Greenville township, Somerset County, and the State of Pennsylvania bounded, and described as follows, to wit: on the south by lands of Simon Glotfelty on the West by lands of Adam Deitle by lands of Jacob P. Miller deceased and on the East by lands of George Werner Containing one hundred acres more or less.

To Have and to Hold the said premises for the said purposes only, unto the parties of the second part, their executors, administrators or assigns for, during until the full term of one year next ensuing the day and year above written, or while oil or gas is found in paying quantities.

The said parties of the second part hereby covenants in consideration of the said grant and demise, to deliver unto the said party of the first part her heirs and assigns, the full equal one Eighth part of the Petroleum Oil discovered, excavated, pumped and raised on the premises herein leased, as produced, excavated, or pumped in the crude state and the said parties to deliver the same in pipe lines.

The said party of the first part to fully use and enjoy the said premises for the purposes of tillage, except such as shall be necessary for said mining purposes, and a right of way over and across the said premises The said party of the second part is further to have the privilege of using sufficient water from the premises herein leased to run the necessary engines. The said party of the first part covenant to grant the said parties of the second part the right to remove all machinery and fixtures placed on said premises by them, also the exclusive right to lay and operate pipe lines to convey oil or Gas. It is further agreed that if gas is only obtained in sufficient quantities, to utilize the consideration in full to the party of the first part shall be one Eighth for each and every well drilled on the premises herein described of twenty-five pound pressure and one dollar per pound for each additional pound pressure per annum, payable within sixty days after completion of such well, and thereafter yearly in advance at Salisbury. It is further agreed by the parties hereto that the capacity of all gas wells shall be determined by accurate pressure gauge on the pipe or casing at well with all apertures from the same closed for one minute in the presence of the party of the first part or her authorized representatives. It is further agreed that if a well should be obtained so large that its capacity can not be ascertained with the escapes closed it shall be taken with them open and _____.:_____ per pound thus registered shall be paid as yearly rental. Such gauges shall be taken in like manner at the end of each year after completion of each well..... computed on the above mentioned basis. Operations on the above mentioned premises shall be commenced within one year from the date hereof and be prosecuted with due diligence to completion and in case of a failure to commence operations at such time, the parties of the second part hereby agree to pay the party of the first part the sum of Fifty dollars for another year after the time commencing above specified, payable at Salisbury, and the part of the first part hereby agrees to accept such sum as full consideration and payment for such yearly delay until operations are commenced, and a failure to make any such payments within such time and at such places as above Mentioned renders this lease null and void and to

It is understood by and between the parties to this agreement that all conditions between the parties hereto shall extend to their heirs, executors & assigns. In witness whereof, we, the said parties to the first and second part have hereunto Set our hand and seals the day and year above written.

Witness
J.M. Metzger

her
Mary X Deitle
mark

The party of the first part hereby acknowledges the receipt of one dollar in hand & paid the day and date hereof

Attest
J.M. Metzger

her
Mary X Deitle
mark

Deed Mary Geiger (widow) to Harry Dietle. ³⁴¹
(Somerset County Deed Book 263 Page 571)

This Deed, Made the Seventh day of January in the year Nineteen hundred and twenty five (1925) Between Mary Geiger (widow) of Larimer Township, County of Somerset and State of Pennsylvania, party of the first party, and Harry Dietle of Larimer Township, State and County aforesaid, of the second part.

Witnesseth, that in consideration of Twenty five hundred (\$2,500.00) in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said grantor does hereby grant and convey to the said grantee, all that certain tract of land situate and lying in Larimer Township, Somerset County and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a post, thence by land of Richard Geiger S.40° W.64 perches to a post, thence S.38° E. twenty eight perches to a post, thence S. 32 3/4° E.140 perches to a post, thence S.35 1/4° W,23.5 perches to stones, thence S.32 3/4 E.,25 perches to a post, thence N. 35 1/4° one hundred and forty (sic) one perches to a post, thence N.50° w, one hundred and seventy seven perches, to the place of be ginning (sic) and containing ninety eight acres (98a) and fifty (50) perches, more or less, and is a part of a larger tract of land conveyed by Charles Ogle and wife and Abraham Kerns and wife by deed dated Sept-3d, A.D. 1836, recorded at Somerset, Pa., in record book of deeds in Vol. 11, page 250 &253, and being a part of the tract of land conveyed by Johnathan Long and wife to Elias F. Bittner and Johnathan F. Bittner by their deed dated the 24th day of March, A.D. 1854, and on June 10th A.D. 1867 Elias F. Bittner conveyed the same to Johnathan F. Bittner, said deed being recorded at Somerset, Pa., in record book of deeds in Vol. 45, page 52, and is the same tract of land that Richard Mankamyer and hiw (sic) wife Mary Mankamyer conveyed to Ephriam Geiger by deed dated the 3d day of April, A.D. 1886, recorded at Somerset, Pa. in record book of deeds in Vol. 69, page 458.

Also all that certain tract of land situate in Larimer Township, County of Somerset and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Bounded on the west by Jos. Bittner, on the south by land of Frank L. Bittner, on the east by Ephriam Geiger and on the north by lands of Ephriam Geiger and contains twelve (12a) acres and seventeen (17p) perches, and is part of the tract of land conveyed to Frank L. Bittner by the legal heirs of Jeremiah Bittner by deed dated the ____ day of ____ 1909, and by Frank L. Bittner the same was conveyed to Ephriam Geiger by deed dated the 13th day of November, A.D. 1909, recorded at Somerset, Pa., in record book of deeds in Vol. 221, page 286.

Ephriam Geiger died on the 17th day of Dec. A.D. 1919 leaving to survive him his widow Mary Geiger, and the grantor herein named.

It is understood between the parties hereto, or their heirs or assigns, that the grantor herein named shall have the use of the dwelling house that she now occupies, as her home as long as she shall live, and she shall live with the party of the second part in said house as their home.

And the said grantor, does hereby covenant and agree to and with the said grantee, that she, the grantor, her heirs, executors and administrators, shall and will warrant and forever defend the herein above described premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances, unto the said grantee his heirs and assigns, against the said grantor, and against every other person lawfully claiming or who shall hereafter claim, the same or any part thereof.

In Witness Whereof, said grantor has hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered in the
Presence of

Mrs. Mary Geiger (seal)

Robert (unknown)
Chas (unknown)

Deed Adam Dietle et ux. To Irvin H. Dietle et ux ²⁰⁰
(From Somerset County Deed book 279 page 237)

This deed, made the eighth day of April in the year Nineteen hundred and Twenty-seven (1927) Between Adam Dietle and his wife Susan Dietle of Greenville Township, Somerset County and State of Pennsylvania, being the legal heirs of the estate of Harry Dietle, Deceased, parties of the first part, and Irvin H. Dietle and Alma C. Dietle (husband and wife) of Larimer Township, State and county aforesaid, of the second part. Witnesseth, that in consideration of Twenty-nine hundred (\$2,900.00) Dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said grantors do hereby grand and convey to the said grantees, all that certain tract of land situate and lying in Larimer Township, Somerset County, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:— Beginning at a post, thence by land of Richard Geiger, S. 40° W. 64 P., to a post, thence S. 38° E. 28 P., to a post, thence S. 32 3/4° E. 140 P., to a post, thence S. 35 1/4° W. 23.5 P. to stones, thence S. 32 3/4° E. 25 P. to a post, thence N. 35 1/4° 141 P. to a post, thence N. 50° W. 177 P. to the place of beginning and containing Ninety Eight (98) Acres and Fifty (50) Perches, more or less, and is a part of a larger tract of land conveyed by Charles Ogle and wife and Abraham Kerns, and wife by deed dated September 3 A. D. 1836, recorded at Somerset, Penna, in Record book of Deeds in Vol. 14, Page 250 & 253, and being a part of the tract of land conveyed by Jonathan Long and wife, to Elias F. Bittner and Jonathan F. Bittner, by their deed dated the 24th day of March, A.D. 1854 and on June 10th A.D. 1867, Elias F. Bittner conveyed the same to Jonathan F. Bittner said deed being recorded at Somerset, Penna., in Record Book of Deed in Vol. 45, Page 52, and is the same tract of land that Richard Mankamy and his wife, Ida Mankamy and Christian Mankamy and his wife, Mary Mankamy, conveyed to Ephriam Geiger by deed dated the 3d day of April, A.D. 1886, recorded at Somerset, Penna, in Record Book of Deeds in Vol. 69, Page 458. Also all that certain tract of land situate in Larimer Township, Somerset County and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Bounded on the West by Jos. Bittner, on the South by land of Frank L. Bittner on the East by Ephriam Geiger and on the North by lands of Ephriam Geiger, contains Twelve (12) Acres and seventeen (17) Perches, and is part of the tract of land conveyed to Frank L. Bittner by the legal heirs of Jeremiah Bittner, by deed dated the _ day of _ 1909, recorded at Somerset, Penna, in Record Book of Deeds in Vol. 221, Page 286. Ephriam Geiger died on the 17th day of December, A.D. 1919, leaving to survive him his widow, Mary Geiger, who by her deed dated the 7th day of January, A.D. 1925, recorded at Somerset, Penna., in Record Book of Deeds in in (sic) Vo. 263, Page 571, conveyed the same to Harry Deitle. Harry Deitle died on the fifth day of November, A.D. 1926, intestate, leaving to survive him his father and mother Adam Deitle and his wife Susan Dietle, the grantors herein. There shall pass along with the title hereto all stock and farm implements and tools now on the premises, also all furniture contained in the dwelling on said farm. And the said grantors, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said grantee, that they the grantors, their heirs, executors and administrators, shall and will warrant and forever defend the herein above described premises, with the hereditaments and and (sic) appurtenances, unto to the said grantee their heirs and assigns, against the said grantors, and against every other person lawfully claiming or who shall here after claim, the same or any part thereof. In Witness Whereof, said grantors have hereunto set their hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered in the
Presence of
Robert Cook.
State of Pennsylvania

Adam Dietle (seal)
Susan Dietle (seal)

County of Somerset SS: On this eighth day of April A.D. 1927 before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said State and County, came the above named Adam Dietle and his wife Susan Dietle and acknowledge the foregoing Deed to be their act and deed, and desired the same to be recorded as such. Witness my hand and Official seal the day and year aforesaid.

Robert Cook (seal)
Justice of the Peace

My Comm. Expires First Monday in January 1932.
Recorded: April 9th, 1927. Harry S. Airsman,
Recorder

Notice ²⁰⁸

The import of this legal notice is not yet known. The typewritten front of the notice states:

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

W.C. Appel and A.S.
Glessner, trading as Appel
& Glessner

vs.

Mary Deitle and
Nicholas Deitle.

No. 193 February Term, 1906.C.D.

No. 61 February Term, 1911.E.D.

ATTACHMENT EXECUTION

To No. 251 May Term, 1911.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFFS, THEIR ATTORNEYS OR WHOMSOEVER IT
MAY CONCERN:

You will please take notice that I, Mary Deitle, claim the benefit of the exemption laws of the State of Pennsylvania and demand that Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars worth of property be set aside for my sue and benefit wheresoever found, and any person seizing my property with or without authority of law and disregarding this notice wil do so at his peril.

Attest

W.H. Hay

her

Mary X Deitle

Mark

The handwritten back of the notice states:

Served this written Notice by handing a True and attested copy of the written by handing a true and attested copy (sic) to A.S. Glessner of the Firm of Apple and Glessner and also by handing a true and attested copy to the cashier of the (unknown word) Bank Meyersdale, PA this 12th day of May 1916.

Attest

W.H. Hay

her

Mary X Deitle

Mark

William Dietle
Adam Dietle

Appendix D

Report Card of Erdmann Dietel von Bernech

(Partially Translated by Dana (Dietle) Moore^{140,176})

I Werktags = Schul = Entlassschein

Words translated via German-English Dictionary:

Werktags = weekday or workday

Schul = School

Entlassschein:

entlassg = abbreviation for release

schein = certificate

Amateur attempt at Translation:

Weekday School Certificate

Erdmann Dietel von Bernech

Translated Words:

(boy's name) Erdmann Dietel from Bernech

Geboren am 22 October 1836 besuchte vem 6 bis 14 Jahre die Werktagsschyle dahir erwarb sich folgende Roten:

Words translated via German-English Dictionary:

Geboren am 22 Oct. 1836 = Born on October 22, 1836

besuchte = (did not find in dictionary, but besuch = visit)

vem 6 = ?

bis = until

14 Jahre = 14 years (Erdmann's age in years)

die = that; she; the one; they; those; the ones

Werktagsschule = Weekday school

dahier = here

erarb = (did not find in dictionary, but erwerb = purchase)

sich = oneself

folgende = following

roten: to make

Amateur attempt at Translation:

(Erdman Dietel von Bernech) born on October 22, 1836, age 14, achieved the following marks:

Words translated via German-English Dictionary:

Geistesgaben = (did not find in dictionary, but geistisch = intellectual)

Schulbessuch = school attendance

Sittliches = (did not find in dictionary, but sittlich = moral)

Betragen = amount to; total up

Kenntisse = knowledge or ability

Religion = religion

Lesen = reading

Schönshreiben (elgene handschrift Des schÜsers)

Schon = beautiful; nice

schreiben = letter; writing

handschrift = handwriting; manuscript

Rechtschreiben = spelling

Schriftliche Aufsätze(?)

Schriftliche = written

Aufsätze(?) = (did not find in dictionary, but aufsatz = essay)

Kapfrechnen = (did not find in dictionary)

We_tfunde = (did not find in dictionary)

Zeichnen = (did not find in dictionary)

Gesang = (did not find in dictionary, but Gesangbuch = songbook, so gesang may mean song or singing)

**und wurde unter vorstehenden toten heute aus Der Werktagsschule entlassen und zu weiterer
fortbildung un die Sonntagsschule Überwiesen.**

Words translated via German-English Dictionary:

und = and

wurde = because; got; was

unter = lower; below

virstehenden = (did not find in dictionary, but vorsteher = chairman of the board)

roten = to make

aus = out of; from

Der = that; she; the one; they; those; the ones, also abbreviation for the same

Werktagsschule = weekday school

Entlassen = (did not find in dictionary, but entlassen = release)

und = and

zu = at; to; too

Weiter = further

fortbildung = for the training; more education

un = in; not

die = that; she; the one; they; those; the ones

Sonntagsschule = Sunday School

Überwiesen = transfer (funds)

The cursive words which follow are not clear enough to read, but seem to obviously contain the year 1850, and something about immigrating to America, and the document is dated May 26, 1850.

Lokal = Schul = Inspektion

Konigl = Distrikts = Schul = Inspection

Words translated via German-English Dictionary:

Lokal = restaurant? tavern? (doesn't seem right, seems like it should mean local)

Schul = school

Inspektion = Inspection

Konigl = (did not find in dictionary, but Koniglich = royal)

Distrikts = district

II Sonntags = Schul = Entlasschein

Words translated via German-English Dictionary:

Sonntags = Sunday

Schul = school

Entlasschein = (did not find in dictionary, but entlassen = release,
and schein = certificate)

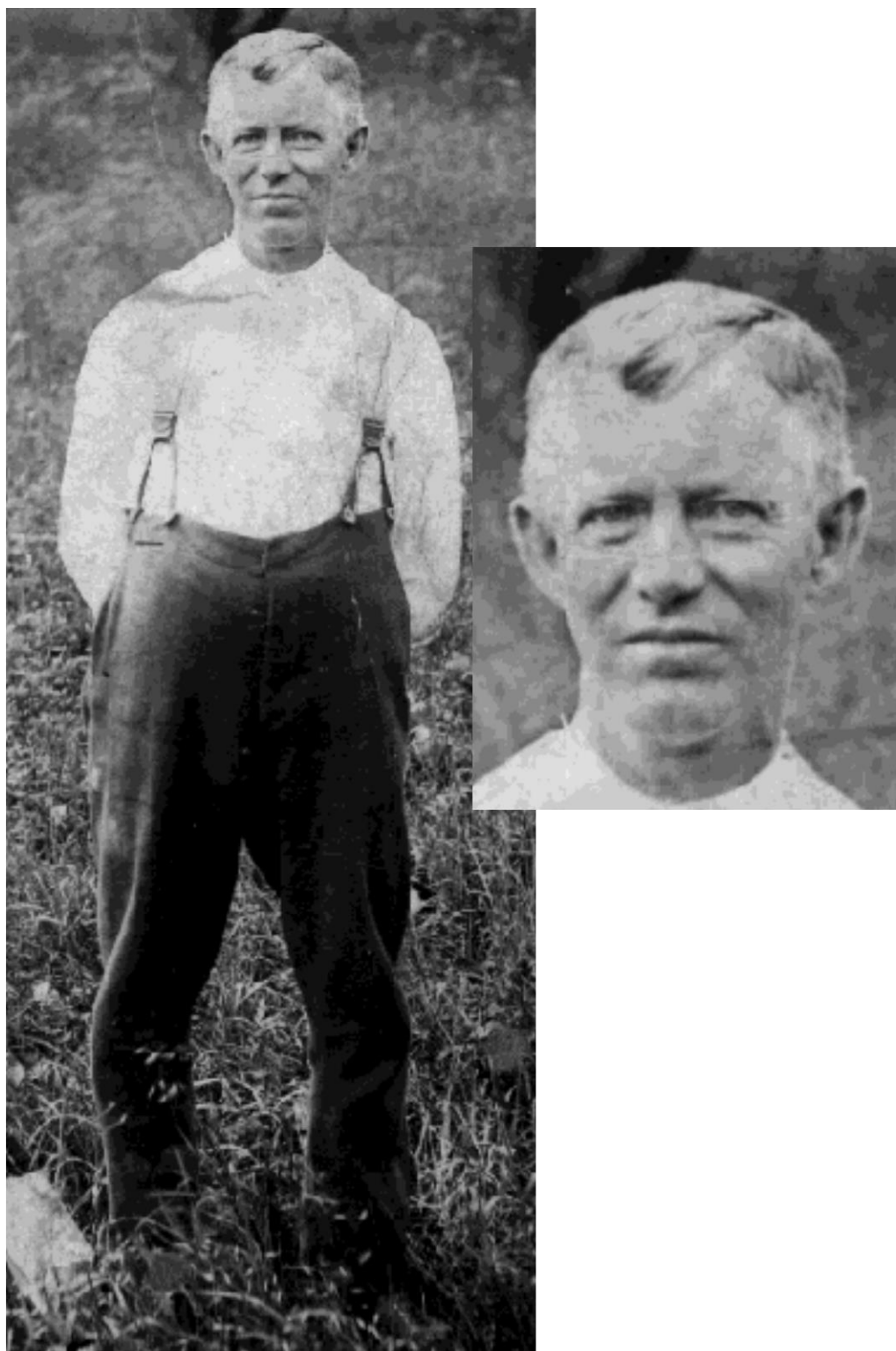
obengehannte wurde heute nach vorausgangener yrusung(?) mit fosgeiben roten auch aus der Sonntagsschule entlassen:

Words translated via German-English Dictionary:

obengehannte = aforementioned
wurde = became, got, was
heute = today
nach = as; before; still; after; according to
vorausgangener = proceeded
yrusung(?) = (did not find in dictionary)
mit = with
fosgeiben = (did not find in dictionary)
roten = to make
auch = also; too; as well
aus = out of; from
der = that; she; the one; they; those; the ones, also abbreviation for the same
Sonntagsschule = Sunday School
entlassen = release

This file contains photos from Appendix E that I was able to convert from Mac to PC format.

Lannie Dietle, October 7, 2017



This postcard photo handed down to Nicholas's descendants was labeled "Adam Deitle". We guess that it is John Adam's son.



Albert Deitle, son of George and Clara Deitle



Jerry Deitle, Charles Martz and Abe Meyer



"Chuck" Deitle



Ephriam Geiger's pouch and powder horn.



Fred Deitle, son of Nicholas, and dog Bounce



Fred Deitle's Home



"Freddie Deitle"



George Deitle



George Deitle



George Deitle



George Deitle, his wife Clara (DeWitt) Deitle, and family.



Farm of Harvey Miller, father of Alma, as it appeared in 1993.

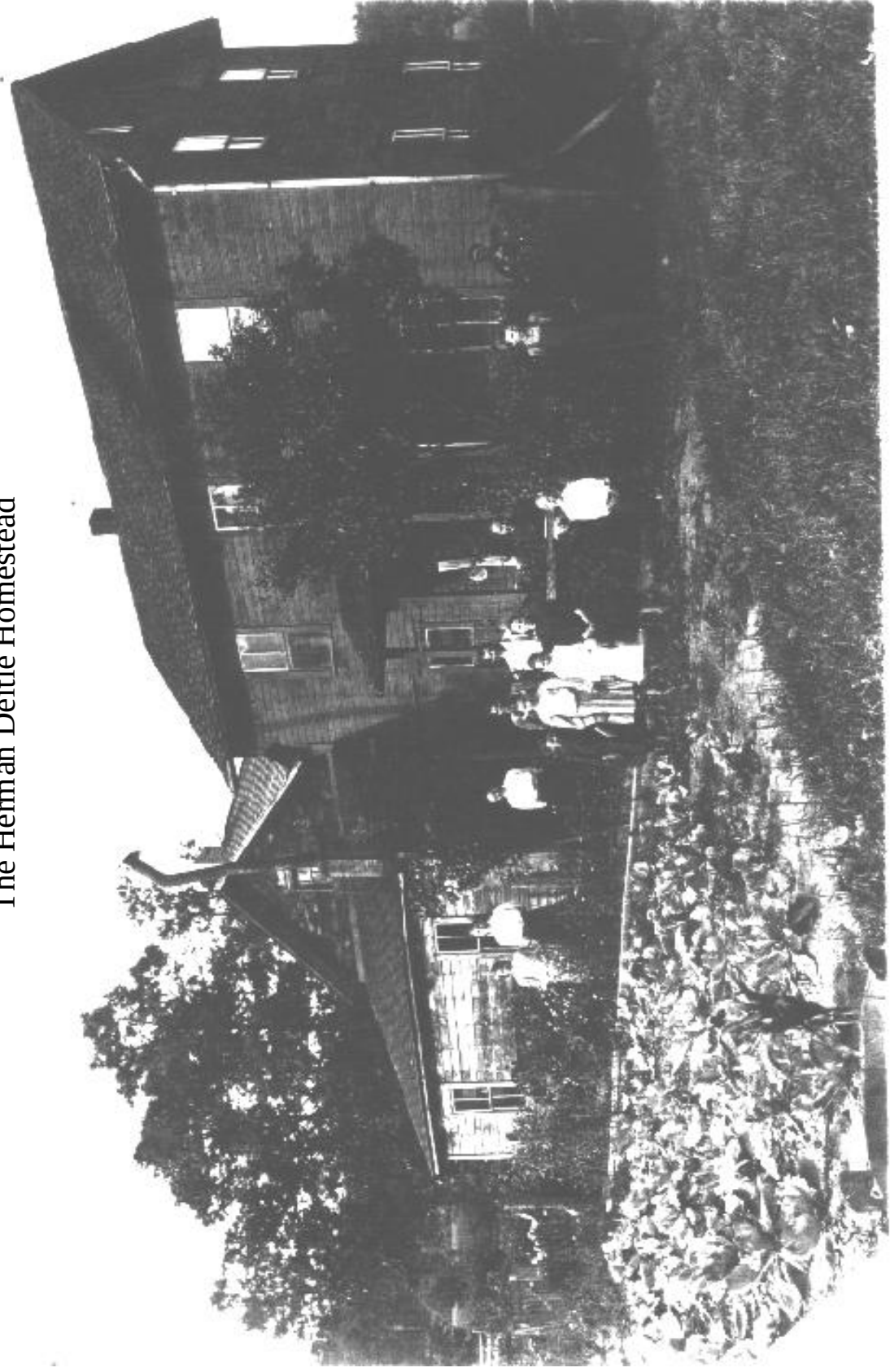


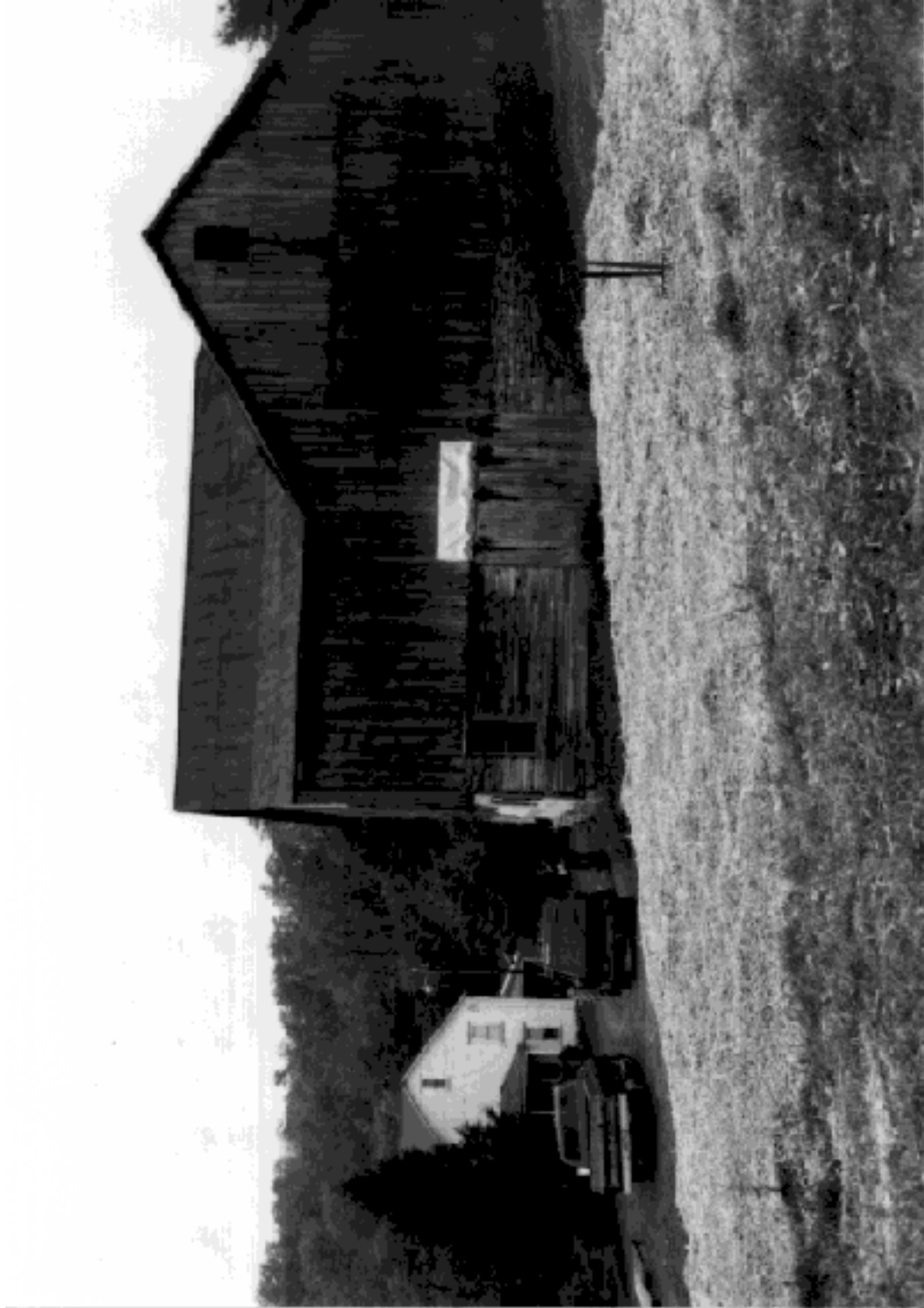
Herman Deitle (on left) with Frank Baer



Herman William Deitle

The Herman Deitle Homestead





David Jackson farm (former Adam Dietle farm) 1993



Jeremiah Dittler



Lulu Brant and Jim Deitle



Margaret (Dietle) Beutel



Back Row: Jerry, Annie and Fred Deitle.
Front Row: John Deitle and Mary Rembold Deitle



Mary (Rembold) Deitle, 1891



Mary (Rembold) Deitle, wife of Nicholas



Mary, wife of Nicholas Dieddle, 1891



Herman and Minnie Deitle



Minne Sophie (Sperry) Deitle



Mrs Jack Bealer and Mrs. Nicholas Dieddle



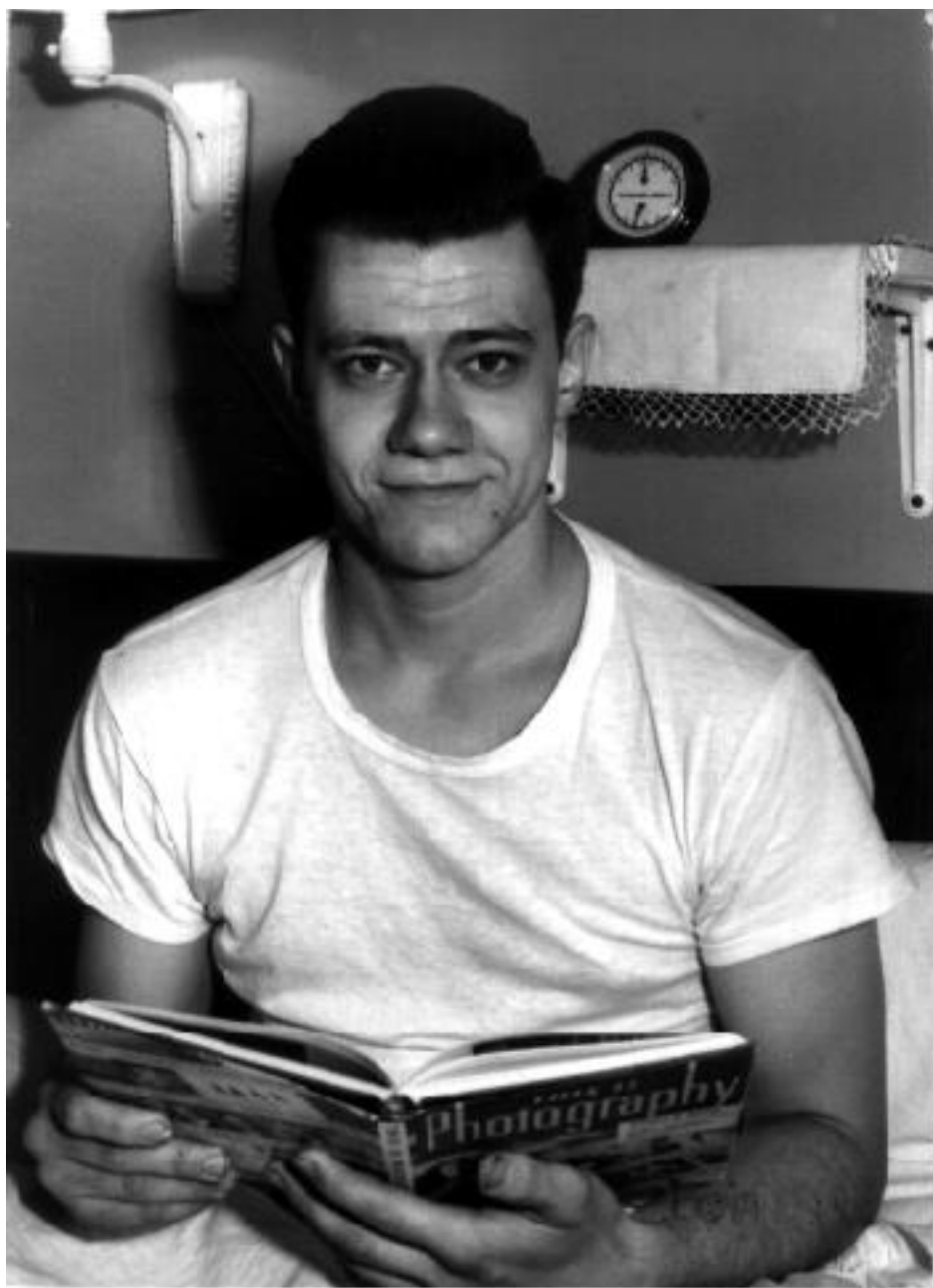
Barn and fields at Peniel Church Camp, 1994.



Lake and fields at Peniel Church Camp, 1994



Ray and Roy Deitle, twin sons of James & Lulu Deitle



Richard K. Deitle, son of Walter Deitle



Robert Deitle, son of James and Lulu Deitle



Roy, Estalene, and Lannie Dietle, 1953.



Simon Dietle and his wife Ruth (Arklie) Dietle



Simon Dietle



Walter Deitle



The William Dietle family



The William Dietle Family



William Dietle's children Harvey and Emma Dietle



"Chucky Deitle", 2 yrs 10 mos

References

Note: In early drafts of this book an appendix incorporated a number of extensive ahnentafels of the spouses of certain descendants. The ahnentafels were deleted from the final draft because we did not have the time or desire to perform the additional research required to validate their accuracy; it would easily have taken twice again as much effort as we have already spent. We kept the related references, however, to provide a head start for those who may wish to research the ancestry of spouses, and that is why there are such a great number of references listed below. Toward this objective, whenever an ahnentafel was deleted, the references were recited in a footnote to the relevant individual.

- Ref. 1 Correspondence from Estalene (Korns) Dietle to her son Lannie Laroy Dietle (here-after LLD), Jan. 1990, which abstracts certain genealogical information in her possession.
- Ref. 2 "Dietle Family Tree", the hand-written genealogy notes of our Grandfather Irvin H. Dietle, circa 1970. The original notes are in the possession of our father Roy E. Dietle.
- Ref. 3 A family tree made by LLD as a teenager while visiting his Grandfather Irvin H. Dietle circa 1968. This tree was made with some assistance from Grandpa Dietle.
- Ref. 4 Correspondence from Dana Doreen (Dietle) Moore (hereafter DD(D)M) to her brother LLD, early 1993, which included a description of her census search.
- Ref. 5 William I. Iscrupe, compiler, **Naturalization Records 1802-1854, Somerset County, Pennsylvania** (_____, ____; Southwest Pennsylvania Genealogical Services, 1979) Available at the Clayton Library, Houston, TX.
- Ref. 6 L. Allison Wilmer, J.H. Jarrett, and Geo. W.F. Vernon, State Commissioners, **History and Roster of Maryland Volunteers, War of 1861-5**, prepared under Authority of The General Assembly of Maryland, (Reprint of 1898 edition (Baltimore, MD: Press of Guggenheimer, Weil & Co., 1898) Silver Spring, MD: Family Line Publications; Harmans, MD: Toomey Press, 1987.) Available at the Clayton Library, Houston, TX.
- Ref. 7 William Harrison Lowdermilk, **History of Cumberland** (Reprint of 1878 edition (Washington, D.C.: J. Anglim, 1878) Baltimore, MD: Baltimore Regional Pub. Co., 1971) Available at the Clayton Library, Houston, TX.
- Ref. 8 1880 U.S. Census, Greenville Twp. Somerset Co. PA, Vol. 82, ED 8, Sheet 9, Line 15, cards for John Dietle family.
- Ref. 9 William J. Miller and _____, **Genealogy of the Relatives of William J. Miller**, (Meyersdale, PA: 1963) This was originally written circa 1874 to 1899, but additional material was added by an unknown author when it published in Meyersdale in 1963. An original copy is in the possession of our father Roy E. Dietle, who inherited it from his father Irvin H. Dietle.
- Ref. 10 Memo from DD(D)M to LLD, Dec. 1991, on the topic of their Grandfather Irvin H. Dietle, father Roy E. Dietle, and Grandmother Gladys (Bittner) Korns.
- Ref. 11 Memo from Roy Dietle to LLD circa 1989 describing the history of a caplock long rifle Roy purchased from his father Irvin Dietle and gave to LLD as a college graduation present.
- Ref. 12 Correspondence from DD(D)M to LLD August 4, 1993. The introduction to this letter reads "Here is the list of Dietle information that I have. I'm not sure where I got some of it, but it was stuff dad had then I added to it." This extensive correspondence includes two distinct parts, described by DD(D)M as follows:
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- 12b. "I also have this, which is from some of my information + others must have been dad asking Grandpa."*
- Ref. 13 Bob and Mary Closson, **Somerset County, Pennsylvania Willbook Index, 1795-1900** (Apollo, PA: Closson Press, circa 1984) Available at the Clayton Library, Houston, TX.
- Ref. 14 Harvey A. Miller, **The Family of Harvey Miller and Belinda Baer Miller** (1978) An original copy is in the possession of Roy E. Dietle, who inherited it from his father Irvin H. Dietle.
- Ref. 15 Dr. Charles Byron Korns, Sr., **The Genealogy of Michael Korns, Sr. of Somerset County, Pennsylvania** (Berlin, PA: Berlin Publishing Co., 1949) Available at the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh (Oakland), PA.
- Ref. 16 "A record of Baby Days", the baby book of Amy (Jones) Dietle.
- Ref. 17 "Baby's Milestones", the baby book of Emily Christine Dietle.

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- Ref. 18 Ben and Owen Gallagher, **German Families in Texas** (Longview, TX: Ben and Owen Gallagher, 1983) Available at the Clayton Library, Houston, TX.
- Ref. 19 The Military Pension file of Nicholas Dieddle, Second Regiment, Potomac Home Brigade, Maryland Infantry, National Archives file no. WC 867196, National Archives & Records Administration, 7th and PA Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20408.
- Ref. 20 Memos and verbal communication from Amy (Jones) Dietle to her husband LLD.
- Ref. 21 Correspondence from Darius Dietle of Cumberland, MD to LLD, fall 1993.
- Ref. 22 Treva E. Calder, **The Burbach-Poorbaugh-Purbaugh family in America 1771-1974**. (Somerset Co., PA: The Poorbaugh-Purbaugh Association, 1976) Available at the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset Co..
- Ref. 23 Oral interviews with Roy Dietle by his son LLD during 1993 & 1995.
- Ref. 24 Correspondence from DD(D)M to LLD which documents her oral interviews with our father Roy Dietle on the subject of his recollections of his home life as a youth in Somerset Co..
- Ref. 25 1900 U.S. Census, Greenville Twp. Somerset Co. PA, Vol. (unintelligible), ED (unintelligible), Sheet 1, Line 99, cards for the Adam Dietle family.
- Ref. 26 1900 U.S. Census, Greenville Twp. Somerset Co. PA, Vol. (unintelligible), ED (179), Sheet 2, Line 8, cards for William Diettle family.
- Ref. 27 1900 U.S. Census, Greenville Twp. Somerset Co. PA, Schedule No. 1.-Population. Supervisor's District No. 13, Sheet No. 2, Enumeration District 179.
- Ref. 28 Correspondence from DD(D)M to LLD, Aug. 1993, accompanying copies of Ref. 25, 26 and 27.
- Ref. 29 Correspondence from DD(D)M to LLD, circa 1991, detailing her preliminary census searches.
- Ref. 30 Telephone call from DD(D)M to LLD, August 22, 1993, detailing an oral interview she had with our father Roy Dietle and mother Estalene (Korns) Dietle.
- Ref. 31 1900 U.S. Census, Somerset Co. PA, Schedule No. 1.--Population. Elk Lick Twp. Supervisor's District No. 13, Sheet No. 2, Enumeration District 177.
- Ref. 32 Birth Certificate of LLD.
- Ref. 33 Birth Certificate* of Emily Christine Dietle.
- Ref. 34 A hand-written family tree made by Gladys (Bittner) Korns for her grandson LLD circa 1968.
- Ref. 35 An extensive unpublished genealogy notebook by Gladys (Bittner) Korns entitled "Family Tree". The original is in the possession of Estalene (Korns) Dietle; a copy is in the possession of LLD.
- Ref. 36 The Military Service file of Christian Peppanbrink (sic), Co. K, 2nd Potomac Home Brigade, Md. Infantry, National Archives & Records Administration, 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20408.
- Ref. 37 Correspondence from Keith Petenbrink of Meyersdale PA to LLD, summer 1993, which describes the ancestry of Ida Ada Petenbrink.
- Ref. 38 Marguerite L. Cockley, "Bible Records family of Owen and Elizabeth (Klingeman) Beal", **Laurel Messenger**, (Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset Co.) Volume XXXIV Number 3 (August 1993) p. 125.
- Ref. 39 Genealogical outline of the Jones family typed by Rebecca Lynn (Jones) Edwards in 1988. Becky wrote that this material was "Found in Harry R. Jones' Bible presented by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of freemasonry. Signed by Evelyn C. Jones 5-30-68". The husbands of some of the children of Donald Jones were probably not actually recorded in the Bible, because Evelyn (Curley) Jones died before LLD married Amy Jones.
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- Ref. 41 _____, **The Descendants of Christopher McMichael**, Sheet Series 4, a carbon copied manuscript written circa 1957 which was given by "Aunt Effie" to Geraldine (Davis) Kelly. A photocopy was forwarded by Karen (Kelly) Rukovena of Tallmadge, OH. Much of the information found in this manuscript is credited to Miss Aleta McMichael of Pittsburgh, PA.
- Ref. 42 Mormon family group record photocopies of the Davis family forwarded by Karen (Kelly) Rukovena of Tallmadge, OH in July 1993.
- Ref. 43 **History of Butler County, Pennsylvania** (Chicago: Waterman, Watkins & Co., 1883) Available at the Mercer Co. Historical Society, Mercer, PA.
- Ref. 44 A two page outline of the Davis family entitled "Our Genealogy" which was typed by Rebecca Lynn (Jones) Edwards in 1988. The original source for this information is not presently known.

* Her father's middle name is incorrect on this document due to a clerical error.

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- Ref. 45 W.G. Beeghly, **Descendants of Susanna Beeghly and Christian Fike** (____, __: _____, 1966) A copy is in the possession of our distant cousin John C. Heidler, McHenry, Illinois.
- Ref. 46 Correspondence from DD(D)M to LLD, mid-July, 1993, which includes information concerning Dietle tombstones in the Greenville Union Cemetery from a book she found in Pittsburgh.
- Ref. 47 The Military Pension file of Christchen Pipenbrink (sic), Co. K, 2nd Potomac Home Brigade, Md. Infantry, National Archives Soldier's Certificate No. 325,620, National Archives & Records Administration, 7th and PA Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20408.
- Ref. 48 An abstract by DD(D)M of the 1920 U.S. Census, Somerset Co. PA, Larimer Twp., Enumerator's District 180, Sheet No. 4.
- Ref. 49 Correspondence from DD(D)M to LLD, Sept. 1993, which describes (among other things) a search of the 1910 and 1920 census and an oral interview with our father Roy Dietle.
- Ref. 50 A genealogy questionnaire filled out by Bruce Dietle.
- Ref. 51 1910 U.S. Census, Somerset Co. PA, Greenville Twp. Supervisor's District No. 22, Sheet No. 2, Enumeration District 139.
- Ref. 52 John R. Reiber, **The Reiber Genealogy and Related Families** (Decorah, Iowa: The Anundsen Publishing Co., 1991) This book is in the possession of LLD & DD(D)M.
- Ref. 53 Genealogy questionnaires returned by our father Roy E. Dietle.
- Ref. 54 1920 U.S. Census, Somerset Co. PA, Greenville Twp. Supervisor's District No. 2, Sheet No. 1, 2 & 7, Enumeration District 174.
- Ref. 55 Correspondence from DD(D)M to LLD, Sept. 23 1993, which clarifies some items in Ref. 49.
- Ref. 56 Correspondence from DD(D)M to LLD, 1993/94 regarding her family & Dale's Ahnentafel.
- Ref. 57 **Tombstone Inscriptions, Cemeteries of Somerset County, Pennsylvania**, compiled by Somerset Co. Historical Society & Civil Works Administration. Available at the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh (Oakland), PA.
- Ref. 58 Strassburger & Hinkes, **Pennsylvania German Pioneers**
- Ref. 59 Confirmation Certificate of Alma Catherine Miller, Greenville Lutheran Congregation, July 23, (1)916. The original is in the possession of DD(D)M.
- Ref. 60 Telephone interviews with Darius Dietle on Oct. 23 & 25, 1993 by Lannie Dietle.
- Ref. 61 A genealogy questionnaire returned by Harold Dietle of Rockwood, PA in Oct. 1993, along with supplemental correspondence.
- Ref. 62 Rev Harvey Hostetler, D.D., **The Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler**, (Elgin, Illinois: Brethren Publishing House, 1912). A 1988 reprint is in the possession of LLD.
- Ref. 63 E. Howard Blackburn & William H. Welfley, **History of Bedford and Somerset Counties Pennsylvania**, in 3 volumes. (New York or Chicago: 1906) Available at the Clayton Library, Houston, TX.
- Ref. 64 Correspondence from Julia (Dietle) Saylor to LLD, Oct. 1993, which provides, among other things, information on the life of Mildred (Miller) Dietle.
- Ref. 65 Telephone conversation between Margaret Knecht & LLD on Nov. 3, 1993
- Ref. 66 A genealogy questionnaire returned by Mrs. Glenn Deitle of Johnstown, PA in Nov. 1993, and a Jan. 1994 telephone interview with her by LLD.
- Ref. 67 A genealogy questionnaire returned by Richard Deitle of Uniontown, OH in Nov. 1993.
- Ref. 68 A genealogy questionnaire returned by Wayne Deitle of Cuyahoga Falls, OH in Nov. 1993.
- Ref. 69 A genealogy questionnaire returned by Michael K. Deitle of Akron, OH in Oct. 1993.
- Ref. 70 Corrections and additions to the manuscript of this genealogy provided in writing by our aunts, uncles, and parents at a family gathering held the week of October 13, 1993 in Berlin, PA.
- Ref. 71 Hilda C. Werner, **The Werner Family**, originally compiled in 1956; revised in 1969 by Mrs. Ida Suder and Robert Magnet. This book is in the possession of Lerene (Geiger) Murray, who copied portions for us. Information directly from the book is referred to as Ref. 71a, and Lerene's margin notes are referred to as Ref. 71b.
- Ref. 72 Genealogy questionnaire returned by Lerene (Geiger) Murray in 1993, along with supplemental genealogy information in 1993 & 1994.
- Ref. 73 A genealogy paper entitled "My Ancestors" written by Judy Dietle as a Junior at the Meyersdale Area High School. A photocopy is in the possession of LLD.
- Ref. 74 A photocopy of a WVSC continuity sheet provided by Lerene (Geiger) Murray. The pages are marked "Client Mrs. Marling Shockey" and "Product History of Wittenburg".

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- Ref. 75 "Woman Succumbs at 92", an obituary of Mrs. Nicholas Deitle provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop, Ft. Worth, TX from an unknown newspaper.
- Ref. 76 "Mrs. Mary Deitle", an obituary of Mrs. Nicholas Deitle provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop from an unknown newspaper.
- Ref. 77 "Head Split by Circular Saw", a news article provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop from an unknown newspaper.
- Ref. 78 "Mrs. Ida Dietle", an obituary of Mrs. Ida Dietle provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop from the **Meyersdale Republican**, March 30, 1967.
- Ref. 79 "Dietle", an obituary of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Dietle provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop from the **Daily American**, May 31, 1990.
- Ref. 80 "Mrs. Irvin Dietle", an obituary of Alma Catherine (Miller) Dietle provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop from the **Meyersdale Republican**, Jan. 17, 1974.
- Ref. 81 "Harvey Dietle", an obituary of Harvey Dietle provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop from the **Meyersdale Republican**, July 21, 1966.
- Ref. 82 "Luther Dietle", an obituary of Luther Lloyd Dietle provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop from the **Meyersdale Republican**, Nov. 16, 1970.
- Ref. 83 "Dietle", an obituary of Irvin Henry Dietle provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop from the **Meyersdale Republican**, Oct. 15, 1986.
- Ref. 84 "William H. Dietle", an obituary of William H. Dietle provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop from the **Meyersdale Republican**, March 20, 1967.
- Ref. 85 A four page outline of the Bowser family entitled "The Bowser Family" prepared by Samuel Joseph Bowser in 1993.
- Ref. 86 Hugh F. Gingerich and Rachel W. Kreider, **Amish and Amish Mennonite Genealogies** (Gordonville, PA: Pequea Publishers, 1986) Available at the Clayton Library, Houston, TX.
- Ref. 87 "George Deittles Sr. mark 50th Wedding Anniversary", a news article provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop from an unknown newspaper.
- Ref. 88 War Ration Book of Minnie S. Deitle, provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop.
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- Ref. 90 Certificate of Death of Minnie Sophie Deitle, provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop.
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