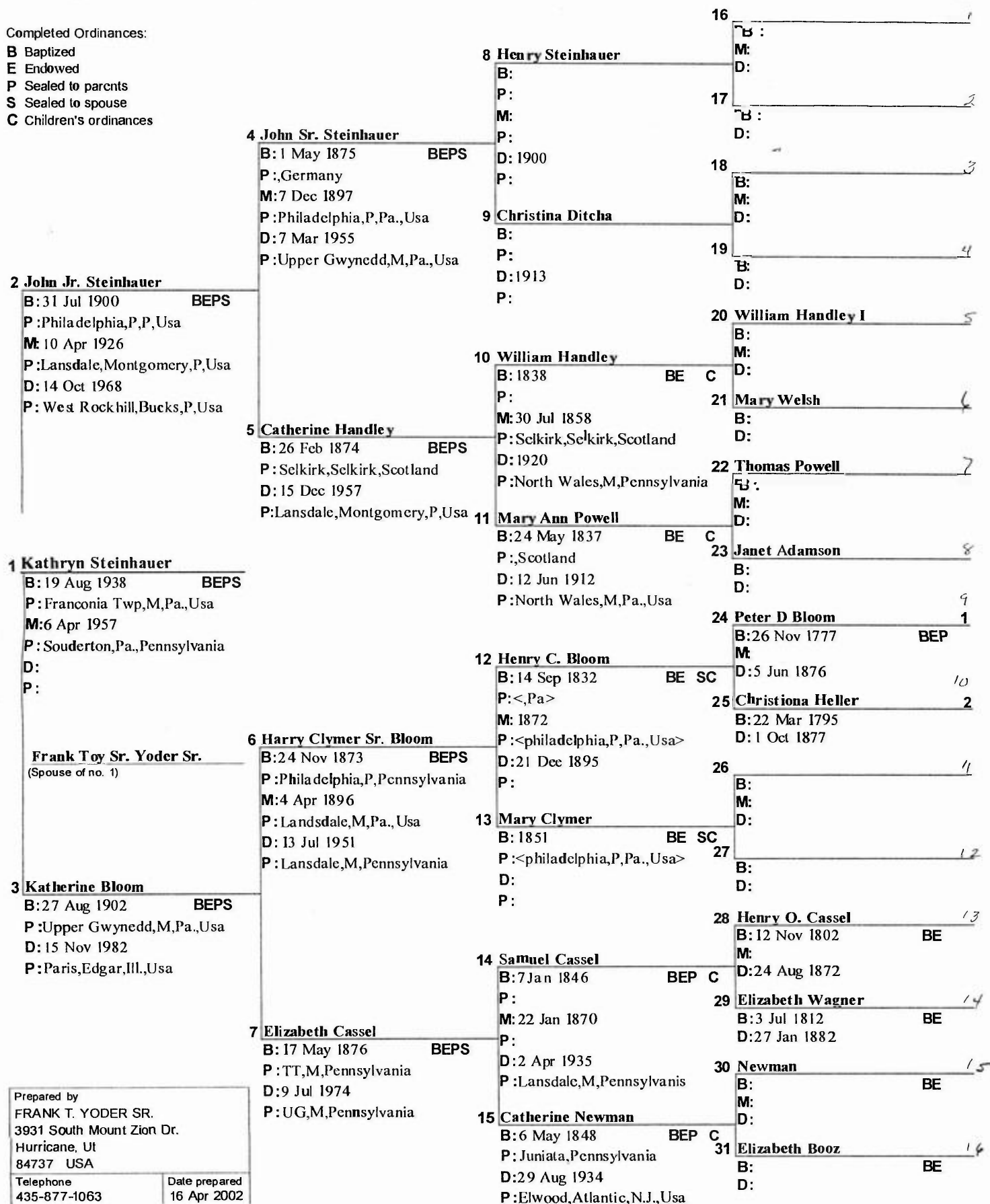


Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1

Completed Ordinances:

- B Baptized
- E Endowed
- P Sealed to parents
- S Sealed to spouse
- C Children's ordinances



Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 2No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 25 on chart no. 1

Completed Ordinances:

- B** Baptized
E Endowed
P Sealed to parents
S Sealed to spouse
C Children's ordinances

2 Bernart Heller

B: Abt 1731
P: „Germany
M: Bef 1775
P:
D: Oct 1809
P: Richland, B, Pennsylvania

1 Christiona Heller

B: 22 Mar 1795
P: Richland, Bucks, Pennsylvania
M:
P:
D: 1 Oct 1877
P: „, Bucks, Pennsylvania

Peter D Bloom

(Spouse of no. 1)

3 Ursilla ITTERLY

B: Abt 1755
P:
D: Aft 1805
P: Richland, B, Pennsylvania

4 Lewis Ludwig Heller

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6 Michael ITTERLY

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7 Catherine

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Husband: Bernhart Heller

Born: Abt. 1731 in: Germany
 Married: Bef. 1775
 Died: October 1809 in: Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
 Other Spouses: Elizabeth Marquardt *Reiter -> born 1711 Bernhart Heller. "02 June 1755"*

Wife: Ursilla Itterly

Born: Abt. 1755
 Died: After 1805 in: Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
 Father: Michael Itterly
 Mother: Catherine ?

CHILDREN

1	Name: John Heller - ancestor of Mary Heller Deaves Born: January 24, 1775 Died: April 28, 1874 Married: April 06, 1805 Spouse: Maria (Magdalena) Wagner Married: Unknown Spouse: Catherine Bartholomew	in: Lower Milford Twp., Bucks Co., Pa. in: Milford Twp., Bucks Co., Pa. in: Luth. Ch., New Hanover Twp., Montg. Co., Pa.
2	Name: Jacob Heller Born: May 03, 1776 Died: Unknown Married: Bef. 1806 Spouse: Magdalena ?	in: Lower Milford Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
3	Name: Andrew Heller Born: November 12, 1778 Died: December 13, 1858 Married: April 03, 1806 Spouse: Maria McCarty Married: November 01, 1849 Spouse: Louisa Sharpless	in: Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa. in: Solebury, Bucks Co., Pa. in: Tohickon Lutheran Ch, Bedminster T., Bucks C. Pa
4	Name: Barnet Heller Born: May 15, 1781 Died: January 11, 1868 Married: November 23, 1813 Spouse: Eva Shellenberger	in: Bucks Co., Pa. in: Tohicken Ref. Ch., Bedminster T., Bucks Co., Pa.
5	Name: Henry Heller Born: June 07, 1783 Died: 1841 Married: June 20, 1811 Spouse: Mary Wenholdt	in: Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa. in: Bucks Co., Pa.
6	Name: Abraham Heller Born: January 04, 1785 Died: August 27, 1876 Married: Abt. 1807 Spouse: Catherine Headman	in: Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa. in: Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
7	Name: Catherine Heller Born: November 22, 1789 Died: February 21, 1872 Married: August 15, 1809 Spouse: Joseph Weisel	in: Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa. in: Tohickon Ref. Ch., Bedminster Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
8	Name: Magdalena Heller Born: 1792 Died: Unknown	in: Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.

9 M	Name: Peter Heller Born: February 04, 1793 Died: Unknown	
10 F	Name: Christina Heller Born: March 22, 1795 Died: October 1, 1877 Married: May 08, 1823 Spouse: Peter Bloom	in: Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa. in: Bucks Co., in: Tohickon Ref. Ch., Bedminster Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
11 M	Name: Michael Heller Born: Bef. 1805 Died: Unknown	

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Husband:	Bernhart Heller
Born:	Abt. 1731
in:	Germany
Source:	See Egle's Pennsylvania Archives, Series 11, Volume 17, page 389..
Died:	October 1809
in:	Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Reference number:	1899

Notes

Bernhart Heller arrived in Philadelphia, Pa. on Friday, 15 September 1753, aboard the ship "Patience", Hugh Steele, commander. Bernhart took the oath of allegiance to the government on Monday, 17 September, 1753, in the presence of Benjamin Franklin, Esquire. See Egle's Pennsylvania Archives, Series 11, Volume 17, page 389.

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Ursilla Itterly
Married:	Bef. 1775
Beginning status:	Married
Wife:	Ursilla Itterly
Source:	See Will of Michael Itterly, Bucks Co., Pa. 16 January 1799 in which he names his daughter Ursilla to be the wife of Bernhart Heller.
Born:	Abt. 1755
Died:	Aft. 1805
in:	Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Relationship with Father:	Michael Itterly - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Catherine ? - Natural
Reference number:	276

Notes

Child:	John Heller
Born:	January 24, 1775
in:	Lower Milford Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Source:	Baptismal record for John Heller found in Church Records of Lutheran Church, Traumbauersville, Bucks Co., Pa..
Died:	April 28, 1874
in:	Milford Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Relationship with Father:	Bernhart Heller - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Ursilla Itterly - Natural
Reference number:	273

Notes

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Catherine Bartholomew
Married:	Unknown
Beginning status:	Married
Child:	Jacob Heller
Born:	May 03, 1776
in:	Lower Milford Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Died:	Unknown
Relationship with Father:	Bernhart Heller - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Ursilla Itterly - Natural
Reference number:	1384

Notes

Jacob Heller was baptized at Christ Lutheran Church in Traumbauersville, Bucks Co., Pa. on 26 July 1776 with Elfien Selbst and the parents themselves as sponsors.

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Magdalena ?
Married:	Bef. 1806
Beginning status:	Married
Child: Andrew Heller	
Born:	November 12, 1778
in:	Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Died:	December 13, 1858
in:	Solebury, Bucks Co., Pa.
Relationship with Father:	Bernhart Heller - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Ursilla Itterly - Natural
Reference number:	1386

Notes

Andrew Heller was Recorder of Deeds for Bucks County from 1836 to 1839 and for many years was a Justice of the Peace. Andrew and his first wife, Maria McCarty are buried at The New Britain Baptist Cemetery, Bucks Co., Pa.

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Maria McCarty
Married:	April 03, 1806
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Tohickon Lutheran Ch, Bedminster T., Bucks C. Pa
Child: Barnet Heller	
Born:	May 15, 1781
in:	Bucks Co., Pa.
Died:	January 11, 1868
Relationship with Father:	Bernhart Heller - Unknown
Relationship with Mother:	Ursilla Itterly - Natural
Reference number:	1385
Burial:	Tohickon, Ch. Cem., Bedminster Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.

Notes

Both Barnet and Eva (Shellenberger) Heller are buried at the Tohickon Lutheran Church Cemetery, Bedminster Twp., Bucks Co., Pa..

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Eva Shellenberger
Married:	November 23, 1813
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Tohicken Ref. Ch., Bedminster T., Bucks Co., Pa.
Child: Henry Heller	
Born:	June 07, 1783
in:	Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Died:	1841
in:	Bucks Co., Pa.
Relationship with Father:	Bernhart Heller - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Ursilla Itterly - Natural
Reference number:	1387

Notes

Henry Heller was baptized at the Reformed Congregation of Lower Milford Twp., Bucks Co. Pa. on 5 Oct 1783 with his parents and Andrew Hedmansperger as sponsors. He was killed by a horse in the later months of 1841.

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Mary Wenholdt
Married:	June 20, 1811
Beginning status:	Married
Child: Abraham Heller	
Born:	January 04, 1785
in:	Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Died:	August 27, 1876
in:	Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Relationship with Father:	Bernhart Heller - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Ursilla Itterly - Natural
Reference number:	1388

Notes

Abraham Heller died at the age of 91 yrs 7 mo and 23 days on 27 August 1876. He is buried at the Almont Old Cemetery, W. Rockhill Twp, Bucks Co., Pa.

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Catherine Headman
Married:	Abt. 1807
Beginning status:	Married
Child: Catherine Heller	
Born:	November 22, 1789
in:	Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Died:	February 21, 1872
Relationship with Father:	Bernhart Heller - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Ursilla Itterly - Natural
Reference number:	1389

Notes

Marriage Information	
Husband:	Joseph Weisel
Married:	August 15, 1809
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Tohickon Ref. Ch., Bedminster Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Child: Magdalena Heller	
Born:	1792
in:	Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Died:	Unknown
Relationship with Father:	Bernhart Heller - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Ursilla Itterly - Natural
Reference number:	1390

Notes

Marriage Information	
Child: Peter Heller	
Born:	February 04, 1793
Died:	Unknown
Relationship with Father:	Bernhart Heller - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Ursilla Itterly - Natural
Reference number:	1391

Notes

Peter Heller was baptized on 3 Jul 1793 at Trumbauersville, Bucks Co., Pa., with Andrew and Christina (Eberly)

Headman as sponsors.

Marriage Information	
Child:	Christina Heller
Born:	March 22, 1795
in:	Richland Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Died:	October 01, 1877
in:	Bucks Co.,
Relationship with Father:	Bernhart Heller - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Ursilla Itterly - Natural
Reference number:	1392
Burial:	St. Peter's Union Ch. Cem, Hilltown, Bucks Co., Pa.

Notes

Marriage Information	
Husband:	Peter Bloom
Married:	May 08, 1823
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Tohickon Ref. Ch., Bedminster Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.
Child:	Michael Heller
Born:	Bef. 1805
Died:	Unknown
Relationship with Father:	Bernhart Heller - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Ursilla Itterly - Natural
Reference number:	1393

Notes

Marriage Information	
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BARNET or BARNETT HELLER
BERNHARD HELLER
BARNET, LENHART HELLER
BERND or BARNDT HELLER

Bernhart Heller

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born 1731 in Germany
(Petersheim - LDS
film. - MHD)
(His father was Lewis Ludwig
Heller - LDS film - MHD)

Barndt Heller who was our ancestor came to America on the ship "Patience" landing at Philadelphia, Pa. on 17 Sep 1753, Hugh Steel Captain from Rotterdam last from Cowes.

From Egle's Pa. Archives, Series 11, Vol 17, page 339 appears an emigrant "Barndt Hillier" age 22 yrs. making birth date year 1731. In Rupp's 30,000 names this entry appears "Lenhart Heller, but Egle prints both interpretations side by side, which would prove same man was referred to. "Lenhart" was probably Bernhart.

Barndt Heller's will was made on 6 Apr 1808 and proved on 18 Oct 1809 so that he died sometime between these two dates.

His burial place is unknown to this date. (1963) *on file Bucks Co. Court House, Pa.*

B Barndt was twice married. The first marriage was to Elizabeth Reiter on 5 Jun 1755 according to the Indian Field records. (According to Betty Massman, the records of the Indian Field Lutheran Church, Franconia Twp., Montgomery Co., Pa. show: Bernhard Heller to widow Elizabeth Marquardt on 23 Jun 1755. - MHD) Then in 1756 Barndt and Elizabeth were sponsors for the baptism of Elizabeth Barbara Houseman at Tohickon Lutheran Church. Of Barndt's first marriage there is no issue found.

The second marriage was to Ursula Jedelein (Iitterly - MHD). With this marriage there were eleven children.

The date of Ursula's death and burial place are unknown to this date. \$19630

According to the History of Bucks County by Davis, mention is made of the sale of the Pike Tract in Richland Township in 1786 to BERNHARD HELLER of 55 acres and conveyance made in 1791 when he paid down the purchase price

During the American Revolutionary War, Barndt Heller was a Private in the Richland Company, Township of Richland, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 9 Oct 1775. Reference - Pa. Archives, Fifth Series, Volume 5, Page 400.

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Soldiers of the American Revolution from Bucks County, Pennsylvania
Heller, Bernet
Pvt Richland Township 3rd Bat

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DAR Patriot Index

All Heller

(Vrailler celled)

Berdt, b ca 1753, d 10 1809 m Oshel Jedelin, pvt, Pa
Christopher, b 4 5 1731, d 6 20 1804 l/w Mary Keiper, 2/w
Elizabeth, pvt, Pa
Frederick, b 7 19 1763, d 8 1 1837, m Catherine Brecht, cpl, Pa
Henry, b 1720, d 9 1793 m Chrishamer, Col wgn, Pa
Henry b 12 4 1753, d 5 1838 m Jane Mc Inmans, pvt, Pa
Jacob (Johan Simons son, did not copy)
John, b 10 29 1756, d 1834 m Susan Hammond
John, b 1757, dp 3 4 1826 l/w Christina, 2/w Susan Houser, pvt, Pa
John, b 9 21 1758, d 1832 m Mary Jones pvt, Pa
John, b 1752 d 1830 m Susanna pvt, Pa
John, b ca 1755, dp 5 9 1814 m Fogwell pvt, Pa
John, b 1124 1739, d 8 4 1822 m Anna pvt, Pa
John b 1748, d 9 12 1824 m Mary Magdalena pvt, Pa
Joseph, b 3 19 1756, d 3 26 1838 m Margaret Butz pvt, Pa
Michael, b 2 12 1724, d 1803 m Magdalan Catherine Keiper pvt PS, Pa
Peter, b 9 18 1762, d 5 12 1852 m Katherine pvt, Pa
Simon, b 6 18 1721, d 5 20 1785 l/w Louis Deitz, 2/w Margaretha
Sgt PS Pa

Proofs (copy)

Bernhart Heller

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WILL OF BERNHART HELLER, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
6 April 1808

In the name of God Amen, I Bernd Heller, Sen. of the Township of Richland and County of Bucks, being weak in body but of Sound and Perfect mind and Memory Blessed be almighty God for the Same, do make and Publish this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following that; that is to say my first I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Orshel a Cow first jois (choice) first jois Iron pot and a tubs and half dozen spoons and two Sheep an old one and a young one and She is to have yearly Ten bushels of rye and five bushels of weat and a hundred pound of Forke and fifty pound of Beef and a dresser and a chest and She is to have apples for her own use dureing he life. I do also give and bequeath unto my son Henry all my Plantation and he is to pay out of the place Two hundred and fifty pounds after the Dethe of my wife and Son Michael then he is to pay out to the others Heirs yearly Fifeteen pounds till all is payed and all the frain and fruite is to stay on the place and the Windmill and my son Henry is to find my son Michael sufficient Bonding and Clothes during his life, and Henry is to find sufficient pasture for his Mother's Cow and Sheep and Hay Likewise and the Widow is to have a Room in the House dureing her life and my Son Henry is to find the Widow yearly twelve pounds of shugar and five pounds of coffee and he is to cut firewood and hauer it to the House and the Said Henry is to hauer the grain to the mill and back and the Said Henry is to have the Plow and two Horses. I also give and bequeath my Second Daughter one cow and two sheep an old one and a young one. I also give and bequeath my Third Daughter a cow and two sheep an old one and a young one. I hereby appoint my son John and my son Henry my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and my Executors are to make vendue of my goods and chattels as soon as convenient in Witness Whereof I have hereto Set my hand and Seal the Sixth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eight.

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Bernd	Heller	
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INVENTORY OF THE GOODS, CHATTELS AND CREDITS OF BERNET HELLER,
LATE OF RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY DECEASED.

Wearing Aparrel	3 11 -- 3 11 --
a Bed bedsted topbed and bedding 7-10	7 10
a Pipe Stove 6 - a milch cow 4-5	10 5
a Ewe & lamb 18/9 a bucket & bucking tub	2 3 1
a Iron Pot and Six spoons & a Cupboard	2 12
a chest 22/6	1 2 6 23 11 --
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two Horses 26-5 a Plow 30 (supposed to be a Speerfick Legacy to Henry)	27 15
a Ewe and lamb 18/9 a Speerfick legacy to Caty	18 9
a Cow and a Ewe & lamb do To Christina	5 1 3 33 15
Six hogs 11-5 Six Shoats 3-7-6	14 12 6
two Sets of hors Gears & ? & Chains	3
Curricomb & brush 1/6 thirty five bundles of flax	1 16 6
Poplar boards in the barn 3-15	3 15
four ?iddler & ? Windmill 4-10	4 16
Culing box & knife 22/6 ?ys in the Sheaf	6 15
Oats in the Sheaf 5 Straw 3-7-6	8 7 6 43 -- 6
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Hay - Second Crop in the barn	30
Indian Corn 3-15 three barrells 15	4 10
Poplar boards 25 Oak boards 40 a Wagon	15 5
Hay ladders 11/3 Harrow 22/6	1 13 9
Corn fodder & straw 37/6 a Sled 10	2 7 6
Waggon spokes 7/6 a brindle Cow 3-15	4 2 6
Black pied Cow 3-15 a black Cow	7 15 65 13
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a black heipher 3-15 a calf 22	4 17 6
four sheep 37/6 Hay over the hog stable	2 12 6
Wheelbarrow 11/3 Sled Chain 5	16 3
Pickling tub & keg 5 a tub of Grail 3	8
a Swill barrel 1/6 two old sithes 1/6	3
old saddle 1 - old bucking tub 3	4
large Iron Kettle 15 three Casks 6	1 2 6
a Keg of vinegar 7/6 old Iron Pot 2/	9 6 10 13 3
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amount carried over	180 6 1
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four pitchforks 6/ eight rakes 4/	10 --
a Dung fork & 2 hooks 5/ two hors 2/6	7 6
Swingletneer? 7/6 three flails 2/	9 6
two Grindstones 15/ Potatoes in the ground	2 15 --184 8 1
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a sheep skin 2/ a welltub 1/ a crosscut saw	15 6
Six old sickles 1/ a Iron pot 6/ afh fillies	1 2
old sithes cradel 1/ a Cheese cage 1/6	2 6
a broad ax a hand ax 15/ adds 2/6 a gun 30/	2 7 6
a half barrel 3/9 carpenter tools on bench	1 6 3 5 13 9
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a work bench 2/6 two saws 2 drawing knives	10

5 augurs 12/6 two mauls & five wedges 10/	1	2	6			
a beehive & five butter tubs 5/ butter boxes	1	3				
a hackle 7/6 a pair of steelyards 11/3		18	9	-		
a crout knife 5/ a Spade /6 old ax 3/		10	6			
two Trays 3/ a Chair 11/6 four Cow Chains 7/6		18		5	2	9
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a Waggon cover 12/6 ropes 3/9		16	3			
a Sledg 5/ a pair of hopples & cow Chain 5/		10				
a Chain Coultres 7/6 a log Chain 11/3		18	9			
a Goubsing hoe and? 7/6 a Iron dog 3/9		11	3			
Scales & Weights 1/ a bag of flaxseed 22/6	1	3	6	3	19	9
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four Whetstones & a churn 10/ a bag cloversd	1	1	6			
a watering pot 5/ hand ?? & fork 3/9		8	9			
a jointer & plane 2/6 two baskets & beehive 2/		4	6			
three empty guns? 7/6 two wallets & bags 5/		12	6			
a keg 1/ a shovel 2/ two guns? & salt 22/6	1	5	6			
a gum? 2/6 eight bags 12/6 a large gum? 3/9		18	9	4	11	6
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Wheat 45/ two pickling tubs 7/6 wood wheel	3	3	9			
a half bushel 3/0 bread trough & basket 7/6		10	6			
a bag of dried apples 11/3 a bed top bedstd	3	1	3			
a pewter bason 7/6 earthen dishes & plates		11	3			
a coffeepot 3/9 a coffeemill 3/ a dresser 3/9		10	6			
three buckets 3/9 frying pan 6/		9	9			
earthenware on dresser 1/6 coffee pot & ?		5	6			
old dresser 3/ a table a thirty hour clock	8			16	12	6
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carried over				220	8	5
a arm & four other chairs 12/6 pot tack 5/		17	6			
a bed stead & top bed old leather??	3	7	6			
a chest 3/9 four yards of tow linen 10/		13	9			
two yards of tow stripe 6/9 a deck of cards		11	6			
sheep shears & sausage stuffer 7/6 pair of ?		10		226	8	7
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a Psalm and other books 11/3 a slate 1/6		12	9			
old bed & bedsteads 7/6 two pounds flax 3/		10	6			
two brakes 10/ a paper box 2/6		12	6			
a cart whip and? 2/11 1/2		2	11 1/2			
about sixteen yards of lindsey at the Weavers	3	12				
cash on hand 3-15 five bottles 3/9	3	18	9			
tea cups and saucers 2/6		2	6	9	11	11
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total				236	0	6

The foregoing goods and Chattels were appraised by us the subscribers the 16th Day of October 1809.

Everard Foulke
John Hoot



The above is the home of Barnet Heller in Richland Township as it appears in 1994. This structure incorporates the original one-story log house and Heller's joiner shop. See page 164. Subsequent to 1799, a stone kitchen was constructed to the rear between the house and the shop. Sometime later, before 1900 but probably in mid-century, a frame second story was added and the three existing structures were incorporated into this two-story building. Over the past two centuries these buildings have been completely remodeled. For example: doors have been added or changed to windows; interior partitions added; rafters raised to give a reasonable ceiling height. The original character of this log house, however, remains intact.

See also page 13 for a photograph of the log barn on this tract.

Barnhart Heller's house is located on Rockhill Road, Richland Twp. Bucks Co. Pa. It is still being used as a private residence & has had a large addition constructed to the right of the smaller tree.

*Picture of house & barn taken from the book
The Direct Tax of 1798 Upper Bucks
Harry C. Adams
Adams Apple Press*

THE LOG BARN IN UPPER BUCKS

There were nearly 1,000 log barn structures in Upper Bucks in 1799, and less than 200 built of stone. In addition there was an additional 125 barns of stone/log construction. Frame barn construction appears to have gained popularity with the building of numerous saw mills, which operated along the many streams in Upper Bucks and there were 136 barns classified as all or part "Frame."

The Assessors described these barns by size and construction materials but not by type. The evolution of the Pennsylvania Barn is a complex subject about which much has been written. Since so little is known of the state of the art of those barns described in 1799 we can only speculate in regard to the barns enumerated in the tax tracts.

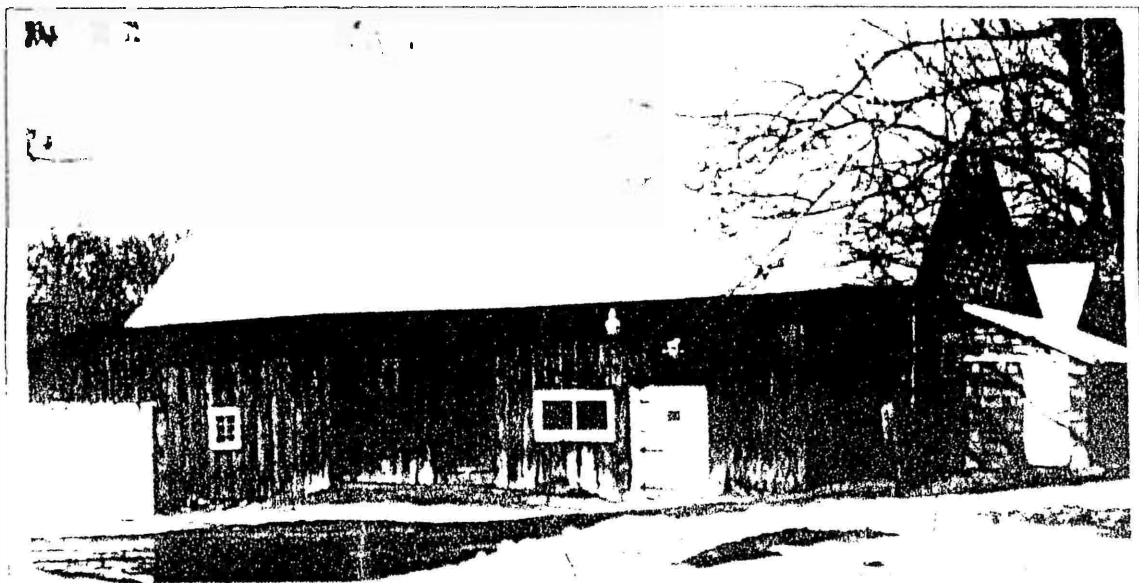
It must be assumed that those barns called *old log* or *round log* were of primitive design, the single level *grundscheier* type brought by the immigrants from Switzerland and the Palatinate. Almost all of these early barns have been lost, either by fire, storm or most probably by time. Those which remain are difficult to identify from their exteriors since if they do exist, they are covered by other materials such as clapboard or rough-sawn vertical board and batten siding.

A good example of a surviving *Grundscheier* type barn is the structure on the Barnett Heller homestead in Richland. This barn is listed in the tax tracts as a "40 x 22 log barn." Heller was a joiner by trade and it must be assumed that he constructed this building. It is now covered on the outside by a variety of materials and to a casual observer it does not appear to be a barn, but a large farm building such as a machinery shed. Under the siding, however, is the massive log structure of the primitive *Grundscheier*, the floor plan of which is shown below. The logs are laid up without any filler or *chinking* except on the sides of the center bay threshing floor. It is not possible to determine when the chinking in that part of the barn was done and may not be original. The threshing floor is made of hewn timbers laid side by side fastened to *sleepers* or timbers laid on the ground. The corners of the walls are joined by *dovetail* cut into the log ends so as to lock the wall sections together.

Another example is the barn on the Abraham Black farm in Bedminster. The tax tract states there was a large log barn on this property. Sometime after 1798, it appears as though this *Grundscheier* was taken down and a bank-type barn built which exists today in a much modified form. Part of this barn is log suggesting that the old barn logs were used in the upper structure when it was rebuilt. The corner notching detail is shown in Figure 1.

There is an excellent study on this subject called *The Pennsylvania Barn, Its Origin, Evolution, and Distribution in North America*, by Robert F. Ensinger, The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, MD, (1992).

38 Saw Mills were enumerated.



The *Grundscheier* or log barn on the Barnett Heller homestead in Richland Township as it appears in 1799. It is described as 40x22 round log barn. This 200 year old structure was probably built by Heller who was a *joiner*.

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THE BRANCHES AND TWIGS OF THE BERNHART HELLER FAMILY

THE TRUNK OF THE TREE. BERNHART HELLER

Release of Will - MICHAEL ITTERLY Will to E. FOULKE 17 April 1809

(Father of URSILLA, wife of BERNHART HELLER)

Know all men by these presents that we JACOB ITTERLY, MARICHA KIPER, BARNET HELLER & URSILLA His wife, ROSENA ITTERLY & CATHERINE KISEL, Children & Legatees in the Last Will of MICHAEL ITTERLY late of Rockhill Township dec'd Do hereby acknowledge that we have this day & at other days Heretofore had & Rec'd of & from Everade Foulke Executor of the Testament & last Will of the said MICHAEL ITTERLY dec'd the Just & full sum of three hundred & forty pounds Seven Shilling & two pence in full Satisfaction & payment of all such Sum & Sums of Money Legacies & Bequests Share & Shares of Said Dec'ds Estate Real & Personal So bequeathed to us [That is to Say to the said JACOB the Sum of Sixty eight pounds five shillings & eleven pence & to BARNET HELLER in the right of his wife URSILLA & to MARICHA KIPER & to ROSENA ITTERLY & to CATHERINE KISEL the like Sum of Sixty eight pounds five shillings & Eleven pence making in the Whole the Sum of three hundred & forty one pounds Seven Shillings & two pence] as aforesaid] With an Interest annexed thereupon & therefore the Said JACOB ITTERLY, MARICHA KIPER, BARNET HELLER & URSILLA his wife, ROSENA ITTERLY & CATHERINE KISEL Do by these presents release Acquit & forever discharge the Said Everade Foulke his heirs Executors & ? of & from the Said Legacy & Legacies Share & Shares & of & from all actions & Suits Reckonings Claims & demands Whatsoever for or by reason therefore any other Act Matter Cause of thing Whatsoever from the Beginning of the World to the day of the Date hereof. In Witness whereof the Said JACOB ITTERLY, MARICHA KIPER, BARNET HELLER & URSILLA his wife, ROSENA ITTERLY, CATHERINE KISEL have hereunto Set their hands & Seals the Seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & nine.

Signed & Sealed in the
Presence of

Elinor Foulke
Anna Foulke
Jesse Rotente

JACOB ITTERLY Seal

MARICHA KIPER Seal
her mark

BARNET BH HELLER Seal
his mark

URSILLA HELLER Seal
her mark

ROSENA ITTERLY Seal
her mark

CATHERINE KISEL Seal
her mark



The MICHAEL ITTERLY Homestead on Old Bethlehem Road, Rockhill Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.

Underneath the chimney is a log house, believed to have been built by Michael Itterly.

from a walk through Hilltown, by Edward Mathews Adams apple Press (7)

WITH EDWARD MATHIEWS

THE BLOOM FAMILY, TANNERY AND FARM.

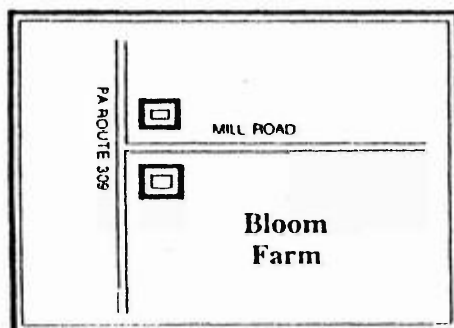
HENRY BLOOM, WILLIAM BLOOM.

ORIGINALLY PART OF THE LEIDY PLANTATION.

This is a small farm, bordering the county line, in Hilltown, and originally part of the Leidy plantation. Here are two dwellings, separated by a lane, one of stone, and the newer one of brick. The barn is in the rear of the latter. These are on a hill descending on the northwest side to a branch of the Neshaminy, here crossed by a covered bridge. This has risen several miles northward, in Hilltown, and here entering Hatfield, passes southward and then eastward till it again crosses into Bucks county and into New Britain, a mile eastward of Colmar. In the rear of the older stone house was formerly a tannery, now gone out of operation for many years. The surface of the farm land has a slope southwest to the county line, and to the creek border.

The detachment of the Bloom property from the Leidy farm took place in 1812, when Henry Leidy and wife, Barbara, sold to their son, George Leidy, then of Rockhill, and a tanner by trade, twenty-seven acres for \$1800. This was part of the 125 acres inherited by Henry Leidy in 1784 from his father, Charles Leidy, in the deed of transfer no tannery is mentioned, but if there was not, no doubt, George Leidy built one and carried on the business.

It was twenty years later, or in 1832, that Peter D. Bloom, then a man of thirty-five, bought tannery, house and lands attached at sheriff's sale. The Sheriff was Benjamin Morris and who then probably seized them as the property of George Leidy. The stone house was built in 1812 or soon after. The brick house was built by Peter D. Bloom many years later, or after 1860. Bloom carried on tanning extensively and was quite a prosperous business man. He was also a harness maker. Judged by rural standards,



he accumulated quite a fortune and was one of the rich men in his community. He is said to have been the only man in his neighborhood who could not talk the Pennsylvania German. His wife, however, came from a German neighborhood, near Sellersville, and was of the name of Christianna Heller. She was two years the eldest, but lived to survive her husband. Bloom was a Democrat, and a man of some local prominence in the politics of his day. So when his party wanted a candidate to win he was one of three selected for Assembly in a far away campaign, somewhere along about 1847-48, and he became a member of the Legislature. Perhaps a portion of his availability was his financial ability to help along with campaign funds—necessary then, as now. Bucks county was then close, politically, and the Whigs were very apt to win if the Democrats did not watch out.

PETER D. BLOOM

Peter D. Bloom had been born October 15, 1797. His life was long, reaching till his seventy-eighth year. His death took place without will, June 15, 1875, and he was buried at Hilltown church. His marriage had taken place as early as 1823, or before. His son, William, was the administrator of his

A WALK THROUGH HISTORIC HILLTOWN



estate, and his sureties were his mother, Christiania, together with two wealthy neighbors, Samuel G. Leidy and Philip R. Swartley. When an inventory of his estate was made, behold its value was found to be \$49,949.39, beyond any indebtedness.

Christiania Bloom, the widow, had been born March 22, 1795, and her death occurred October 1st, 1877, being then in her 83d years. She left a will. Her sons mentioned were William, Samuel and Henry, besides a deceased son, Harvey. The latter was born April 8, 1824. He went West for a time, and died at the age of 44, July 15, 1868. A daughter, Emaline, married Harvey Kile. The latter was the hotelkeeper at Unionville for a time, and where both died. She was born December 28, 1836, and died January 16, 1866.

SAMUEL BLOOM

Samuel Bloom was a school teacher. Lydia Ann Bloom became Mrs. Bancs, and

they removed to the city of Washington. Henry Bloom married Mary, daughter of John Clymer, of Line Lexington. He was a farmer in Hilltown, but closed his life in Lansdale, in the spring of 1898, where his wife died also. His last occupation was as flagman at the Main Street railroad crossing. He left several children, among whom is Emma, the wife of Harry Shong, of Lansdale, and to whom the writer is indebted for some facts concerning the family. The daughters of Peter D. Bloom were considered handsome by the young men of their day, and received considerable attention. All the family are now deceased save William Bloom, born in 1829, now an elderly man and who yet retains his father's homestead, and one of his sons, Edwin Bloom, resides in the brick house. This property he bought of his father in 1869, who then conveyed to him twenty-one acres for \$6000.

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WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE

On the premises in Hilltown township, Bucks Co. Pa. the following described tracts of real estate, late of William Bloom, deceased, to wit:

The land is in a high state of cultivation, having been divided into convenient fields. The farm is well adapted for trucking and farming purposes. There is a choice variety of fruit & vegetable plants and vegetation, a variety of trees & shrubs, and a well stocked stable.

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1937 No. 2, a valuable and significant village of 1 square mile in said township of Litchfield, situate at the intersection of the 11th and 12th streets.

of the University and Illinois European, and east leading to Hoffman Park, about one mile from Hall's Station, bounded by lands of Jacob Meyer, and containing six acres more or less. This land is in a high state of cultivation and would be very desirable for building purposes.

The sale is to commence at the homestead tract at 2 o'clock. Conditions made known at sale by

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will be sold at public sale the following described be deeded to the estate of
William Bloom deceased, to wit:

The band is in a fragile state of collaboration and is divided just as much as the late. The future is well indicated by the present and the future is in the hands of the future.

The township is almost three miles from Adams Station and is located in one of the best agricultural lands in Illinois. Township boundaries for plans of public works, schools, etc.

Sole to common control blocks in Cordillera mountains is sold by

W. S. BERGEY, Executor

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