



My Franconia Ancestors by

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What follows is a compilation of research, trips to Bucks County, Pennsylvania and nuggets of memories. I hope you enjoy the journey and that it will be the spark that ignites your children to learn your stories and pass them down.

Souder | Meyers | Fluck

of Montgomery and Bucks Counties, Pennsylvania

with additional information on the **FOX** and **PICKERING** families

"This is just the beginning" – CS

My Franconia Ancestors

This is the story of my ancestors from the pioneer families of **Souder, Benner, Hunsberger, Fillman, Meyers** and **Fluck** of Franconia Twp, Montgomery and Bucks County, Pennsylvania. My research over 40-plus years has uncovered some genealogies of our ancestors going back 15 generations to the **Rosenbergers** around **1616**. I have added my own research to this story along with photos that I took on my pilgrimage to back to Bucks County, PA (where I lived for most of my life) in 2004. The addition of photos generously provided by Fox family members was such an unexpected bonus.

Katie Ellen Fluck and Edwin H Meyers

My search for my Great Grandmother, **Katie Ellen Fluck** has been a passion of mine for over 40 years (as I my family will tell you). I am compelled to tell the stories of our ancestors in order to inspire younger family members and inform them of their very rich heritage. My hope is that they enjoy the process of learning about themselves through the histories of their parents, grandparents, and the generations that came before them. So, in order to make sure that no individual story gets lost I made finding my Great Grandmother, Katie Ellen my "mission".

I tried hard to piece together the smallest clues from the memories of my aunts Anne and Ruth to find out about the life of Katie and her husband Edwin Meyers. I have kept every scrap of notes from interviews with my family as far back as 1979! In July 2011 my 2nd (once removed) cousin Claire, a descendant of my grandmother's sister, Naomi Meyers, contacted me via email. Through Claire, a few more nuggets of information has lead me to *much* more of Katie's story. And to my delight, after speaking with Claire's grandmother, Virginia Fox (Sis), I was able to piece together much more of Katie Ellen's story.

The amazing photo below was generously provided by Virginia Fox Weatherlow in July 2011. There are no words to explain how touched I am to finally look at the face of the woman I spent so many years trying to find. When I look at this photo I can see such a strong resemblance to our contemporary family. The little girl sitting in the front row could easily be me!



Virginia Fox writes: "My mother [**Naomi** Louise Meyers Fox] is the smallest child on the floor in the middle of the front row. **Miriam** [her sister] is the girl standing behind her with her arm on the old lady. The couple all the way on the left are **Edwin Meyers** and **Katie Fluck Meyers**".

In 1880 Katie was three years old and living with her grandparents, **Abraham O Souder** and **Leah Fillman Souder**. She “disappeared” until the 1900 census when she was married to Edwin H. Meyers and had two children, **Naomi** and **Miriam** (my Grandmother). By 1910 she was 33 and a widow with two teenage daughters. The girls had to leave school at an early age to help support the family. Naomi became a telephone operator and Miriam worked as a waitress in Quakertown, PA, where they were living at the time.

A Short History

Souderton, PA (*Montgomery and Bucks Counties*)

The original inhabitants of the **Souderton-Telford** region were the Lenni-Lenape, also called the Delaware Indians. They were among the first to come in contact with Europeans in the early 1600s. Pokasie, today Perkasio, is believed to be the Lenape village nearest to Souderton.

Montgomery and Bucks Counties, where Souderton and Telford are located, originated out of the land granted to William Penn, which he purchased from the Lenape, who, due to the massive amounts of immigrants who began to pour in, were eventually forced to head west.

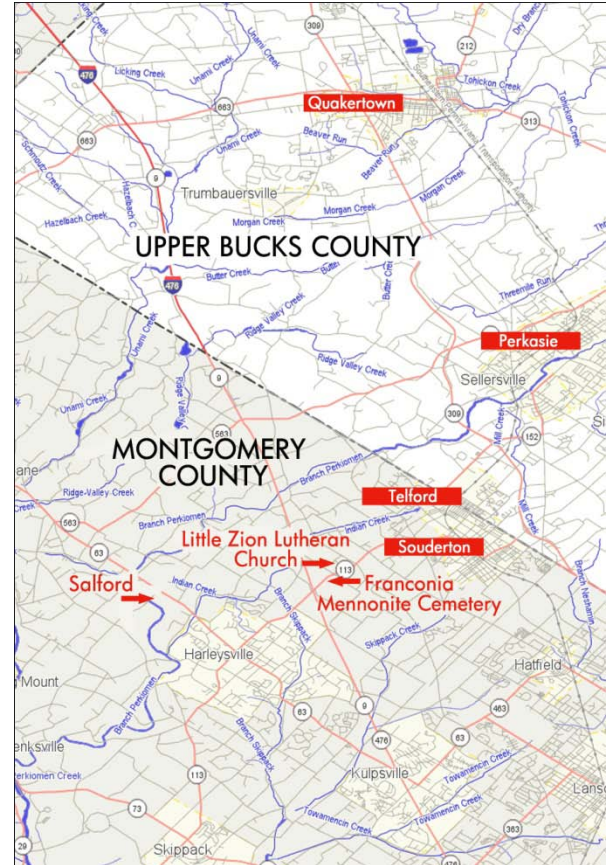
Souderton was first settled by immigrant Welsh, giving Souderton the early name of Welshtown. These were followed by German Mennonites beginning around 1719, and by 1750 they would occupy most of the land. The town is named for one of its pioneer settlers, Henry O. Souder.

Souderton was almost entirely developed for agricultural purposes, and was known as a small farm service oriented community. The railroad enabled Souderton to grow not only in industry but also as a community. The textile and cigar making industries brought prosperity and population to the borough. Some of the big **cigar manufactures** at this time had factories in Souderton. However by 1920, automation in the cigar industry reduced the need for labor and space and the industry started to decline in Souderton. The **textile mills** remained prominent in Souderton after the decline of the cigar industry. In the years following World War II, the need for expensive labor in the textile industry was eliminated. My great grandmother, Katie, worked in the textile industry and members of the Souder family worked in the cigar manufactory.

Franconia Township was originally a part of Salford Township, which was established about 1727. However, in 1731, Franconia, which included areas now occupied by **Souderton** and the Montgomery County portion of **Telford**, separated from the original Salford Township. The major reason for the split was that the township had grown too populous for one constable to serve.

The name Franconia signifies "the land of the Franks" and is a name derived from an old German Duchy. On a map prepared in 1682, Franconia is called "The Dutch Township," inferring a predominance of German settlers. Descendants of these original settlers are still found today in large numbers in Franconia and the boroughs of Souderton and Telford, which were a part of Franconia until the 1880's and 1890's.

The first settlers found the valley of the Indian Creek under Indian cultivation and consequently named the stream after them. The Indian Creek valley was perhaps more thickly settled with Indians than any other place in Montgomery County, attested by the vast amount and variety of relics found within the valley. In addition, the northern section of the township was known as "**Indianfield**," even as late as 1809.





Little Zion Church with graves of Abraham and Leah Souder (Photo by Connie Stover, Oct 2004)

Little Zion Lutheran Church [1730]

Religious freedom was a major reason for the emigration of people from Europe. The earliest church on record in Franconia was a log church known as **Indianfield Lutheran (Little Zion) Church**. The log structure was built in 1730. In 1734 there were thirty-four taxables and landholders in Franconia, nearly all German. At that time, there were not more than 175 inhabitants, two grist mills, one tannery. The name "Little Zion" began to be used by the Indianfield congregation in 1875. In 1893, the church was incorporated with its official name as "The Little Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania". Little Zion is a name that no other Lutheran congregation shares.

In 1881-1882, the church underwent major renovation. The east gable was extended; the balconies were changed to include the east, north and south walls and the pulpit was moved from the north wall to the west gable. The bell tower and steeple also were added.

"... After much debate, some quite heated, the vote of the congregation was to remove [the Sexton's House]. This was done in 1955. The earliest known sexton, and occupant of the sexton's house, was **Abram Souder**. The date cannot be definitely established – probably in the 1860's and 1870's." *Source: Moyer, Clayton C., 1970*

A large number of the earlier settlers were Mennonite. The Franconia Mennonite Meetinghouse was founded between 1730 and 1750, and is one of the largest Mennonite churches in Pennsylvania. Other churches included the Indian Creek Reformed Church (Christ Church), built of logs in the 1750's. Its founders were immediate descendents of French Huguenots, Hollanders and Palatines. Leidy's Church, built in 1858, had a schoolhouse and graveyard on that site over one hundred years earlier. The schoolhouse was used for public worship until the church was built.

My Souder Ancestors

Records of my Souder ancestors begin with **Jacob Sowder** and **Anna Rosenberger**. They are my 8th Great Grandparents. **Our oldest known ancestors are Jakob Rosenberger (1616- 1681) and Verna Pletcher (-1657)**. The numbers after the names indicate our direct line of ancestors.

Jacob Sowder ¹

b. 1695, Lancaster, PA
d. 1737, Lancaster, PA
m. **Anna Rosenberger** [1697 -]

Christian Souder ²

He came to Pennsylvania on the ship, *St Andrew* on 27 Oct 1738. He purchased a track of land owned and occupied by Paul K Fisher near the Indianfield Lutheran Church (Little Zion). He died at his farm.

b. 1716, Rotterdam, Germany
d. 1774, Philadelphia, PA
m. **Margaret** [? -1783]
naturalized: 5 Sep 1747



Nelson Souder pictured standing in front of the old family homestead on Schoolhouse Road, Nov 2004, photo by Jacob Kratz. (www.franconiahistoricalsociety.org)

The house, summer kitchen, and barn have been listed as being eligible for the National Register of Historic Places when a survey was conducted in connection with the proposed Route 309 Connector Road on Wambold Road.

Christian Souder ³

He and his wife, **Mary Oberholtzer**, are believed to be buried at Franconia Meeting-house, but there are no marked graves. She was a daughter of Jacob and Deborah Maldemen Oberholtzer. They lived on the Erwin J. Moyer farm on East Chestnut St., Souderton. He served in the Revolutionary War-enrolled in 3rd class, 4th company, 5th battalion, Phila. County militia, under Capt. John Cope, from Franconia Township. They had 5 children.

b. 1747, Pennsylvania

d. 1822, Franconia, PA

m. **Mary Oberholtzer** [1751-1822]

⁽²⁾ *Jacob Oberholtzer, 1710-1759,*

⁽¹⁾ *Jacob K. Oberholtzer, 1686-1755]*

Abraham O Souder ⁴

b. 1774, Franconia, PA

d. 1818, Franconia, PA

m. 1796

m. **Esther "Hester" Hunsberger Benner** [1778-1825,
Franconia, Montgomery County, PA]

Christian Souder, Jr ⁵

b. 9 June 1796, Franconia, PA

d. 6 Jan 1866, Franconia, PA

m. **Elizabeth Bilger** [1796-1841]

buried: Franconia Mennonite church,
Telford, Montgomery Co., PA

Abraham B Souder/Sauter ⁶

Abraham was the first Sexton of the Little Zion Lutheran Church. The 1880 census shows that [Katie Ellen Fluck](#) was his 3-year-old granddaughter living with Abraham and Leah Souder.

b. Oct. 18, 1817

d. Dec. 5, 1905 age 88

buried: Little Zion Lutheran Church, Telford, Bucks Co. PA

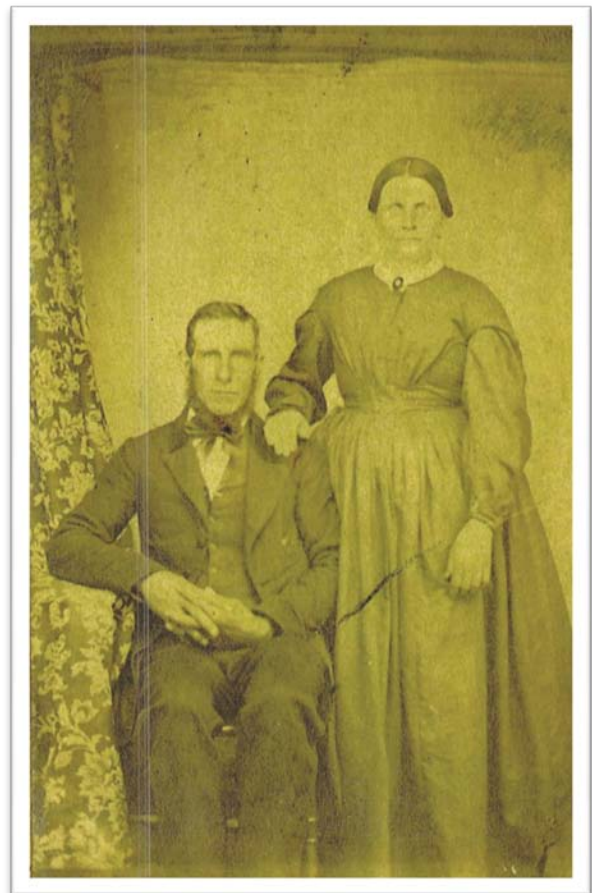
m. **Leah Fillman** [1819-1901]

1840 Census – Upper Salford, Montgomery, PA

Abraham Sauter (3) white persons 20 thru 49 age

1850 Census – Upper Salford, Montgomery, PA

<i>Abraham Souder</i>	Head	33	b. 1817	Farmer
Lea [Leah]	Wife	31	b. 1819	
William Souder		11	b. 1839	
Alesabeth [Elizabeth]		10	b. 1840	
Allen		8	b. 1842	
Abreyan [Abraham]		5	b. 1845	
Allemande [Ellamanda]		3	b. 1847	
Mailton [Milton]		0	b.1850	
Jacob Nace		26		Shoemaker



Abraham Souder and Leah Fillman Souder, grandparents of [Katie Ellen Fluck](#), my Great-Grandmother.

1860 Census – Upper Salford, Montgomery, Pa

Abm Souder	Head	42	Tailor
Leah	Wife	41	
William		21	Blacksmith
Elizabeth		19	Domestic
Allen		17	Shoemaker
Mary A.		15	
Amanda		13	
Clinton		8	
John H		5	
Anna C [Emma Catherine]		5	
Laide		2	
Herman		3/123	



Graves of Abraham B. Souder and Leah Fillman Souder, Little Zion Lutheran churchyard. (photo by Connie Stover, Oct 2004)

1870 Census – Franconia, Montgomery, Pa

Abraham Souder	Head	52	B. 1818/19
Leah	Wife	51	b. 1819
Catherine	Dau	15	B. 1855
Christian	Son	10	b. 1860
Abraham Fillman	F-in-L	80	Retired

1880 Census – Franconia, Montgomery, PA

Abraham Souder	Head	62	b. 1818	PA	Laborer
Leah	Wife	61	b. 1819	PA	Keeping House
Katie Fluck	GDau	3	b. 1877		

1900 Census – Hilltown, Bucks Co., PA

Christian F Souder	Head	40	b. May 1860	Day Laborer
Elizabeth	Wife	44	b. July 1855	
Frank	Son	17	b. Sept 1882	Cigar Factory
Lovinia	Dau	14	b. Feb 1886	Stocking Factory
James	Son	9	b. Sept 1890	At school
Abraham Souder	Father	82	b. Oct 1819	
Leah	Mother	81	b. Mar 1819	

[Graves] Little Zion Lutheran Church, Indianfield, Telford, Bucks Co., Pa

1901 – Leah Souder, wife of Abraham B. Souder	b. Mar 9 1819	d. June 8 1901	Age 82
1905 – Abraham B. Souder		b. Oct 18 1817	d. Dec 12 1905 Age 88

Meyers-Fluck Ancestors

Christian Meyer and his family from near Zurich Switzerland were being persecuted because of their Mennonite faith. They and many other Mennonites suffered at the hands of the government controlled by the Catholic church in the principality of Switzerland until they emigrated to the Rhine Valley in what is now Germany and eventually to the British Colonies in their search for religious freedom, peace and hope for a better life.

Other Mennonites with family names like **Souder**, Landes, Derstein, Rosenberger, Alderfer, Bergey and Moyer (Meyers) also left Switzerland in about 1640 as they had suffered enough as well. (Mennonites with names like Tyson, Godshall and Lucken left Holland around the same time.) All these Mennonite families traveled to the Palatinate area from Germany along the Rhine River.

Beginning in 1683 through an invitation of William Penn they began migrating to Pennsylvania. Some Meyer families came later in 1727 during the time when a large number of Mennonites and Lutherans from Germany were leaving for the new world in their quest for a better life. The word had spread, Pennsylvania was the place to move to.

Edwin H. Meyers came from this hearty stock of pioneers, who traveled thousands of miles to settle in Franconia, Pennsylvania and begin farming the land and building new lives.

Meyers Descendants

Baschi Meyer¹

b. 1595, Canton of Luzerne, Switzerland
d. Aft 1640, Stallikon, Canton Zurich, Switzerland
m. **Ottilia (Tylli) Muller** [1600-1640]
Children: Hans Meyer [1621-1685]
Anna Meyer [1631-?]
Samuel Meyer [1634-?]
Jacob Meyer [1636-1685]
Caspar Meyer [1630-?]

Jacob Meyer²

b. 1636
d. 1685, Gundersheim, Germany, age 49
m. 2 Jun 1656, **Margaretha Meyer Kundig**, Canton Zurich, Switzerland [1633-1701]
Children: Ulrich Meyer [1668-1741]
Christian Meyer [1672-1751]
Hans Meyer [1680-?]
Jacob Meyer [1684-1747]

Christian Meyer³

b. 1672, Switzerland or Germany
m. **Anna Barbara Bergey**, Germany? [1677-1748]
d. Jun 1751, Lower Salford Twp., Montgomery Co. PA
Children: Barbara Bergey Meyer (Moyer) [1701-1773]
Christian Meyer [1705-1787]
Anna Meyer [1706-1758]

Christian Meyer⁴

b. 1705, Amsterdam, Netherlands or Langenzell, Ger.
d. 30 May 1787, Franconia Twp., Montgomery Co. PA
m. **Magdalena Bechtel** [1710-1787] d. Montgomery Co., PA
Children: *Christian Meyer (Moyer) [1728-1783]*
Jacob Meyer [1730-1778]
Samuel Meyer [1734-1800]
Anna Meyer (Moyer) [1736-1824]
Maria Meyer [1738-1811]
Fronica Meyer [1739-1740]
Esther Meyer [1742-1780]

Christian Moyer (Meyers)⁵ [See Note¹ Below]

b. 29 Jan 1728, Montgomery Co., PA
m. 1749, **Mary Detweiler** [1730-?]
2m. 1763, Susanna Detweiler
d. 1783, age 55, Lower Salford Twp., PA
Children born to Mary Detweiler [1730-?]
Jacob Meyer [1751-1810]
Children born to Susanna Detweiler [1735-?]
Magdalena Moyer (Meyers) [1757-1836]

Jacob Moyer (Meyers)⁶

b. 4 Nov 1751, Montgomery Co., PA
m. **Mary (Maria) Kolb Detweiler**, Montgomery, PA
[1 Mar 1751 - 21 Jun 1819]
Daughter of Jacob Detwiler & Neltgen Kolb
mar. about 1771
d. 4 Sep 1810 [other source: 4 Jan 1810], Salford
bur. Harlesville, Montgomery, PA

Children: Samuel Myer (Meyers) [1773-?]
Susanna Moyer [1775-1856]
Ann (Nancy) Moyer (Meyers) [1775-?]
Jacob Meyer [1777-?]
Christian Moyer [12 Jan 1778-9 Apr 1859]
Marie Elizabeth Moyer (Meyers) [1779-1832]
Jacob Meyer (Moyer) [1780-?]
Mary Moyer [1783-1820]
Abraham Moyer [1786-1866]
William Meyers [1789-1837]
Sarah Moyer [1789-1865]
Joseph Moyer [1791-1862]



Deep Run Mennonite Churchyard, 350 Kellers Church Road, Perkasio PA 18944

William Meyers⁷

b. Sept 1789, St. Lukes, Dublin, Bucks Co., PA
mar. 28 May 1811
m. **Sarah Stout** [1793-1870]
d. 1837
bur. Deep Run Mennonite Church, Bedminster, PA

1814 Apr 12 - Military Records [War of 1812]

William Myers

Rank: Pvt; Regiment: 22 U.S. Infy
Height: 5' 8"
Eyes: Hazel / Hair: Brown
Complexion: Dark
Age: 25
Occupation: Blacksmith
Born: Philadelphia County
Period: War
Source: U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914

1820 Census – Bedminster

William Meyers

1840 Census- Bedminster

William Meyers

Joseph Meyers
John Meyers

1850 Census – Bedminster, Bucks Co., PA

<i>Wm Myers</i>	Head	62	b. 1788
Sarah	Wife	55	b. 1795
Abm Myers		35	b. 1815
Wm Myers		25	b. 1825
Joseph Myers		18	b. 1832
Samuel Myers		12	b. 1838

1860 Census – Bedminster, Bucks Co., PA

Brothers **Joseph**, **William** and **Abraham** (above) all show Households in Bedminster. All are married and have children and are Farmers. Nancy Overholt, 65 and widowed lives in the household of William Meyers. William's wife is Elizabeth Overholt Meyers.

Also on 1860 Census shows Sarah (Stout) Meyers, 67, widow living with her son Samuel Meyers (brother to above)

Samuel S. Meyers⁸

- b. 3 Jan 1838, Dublin, Bucks Co. PA
- d. 25 Jul 1898
- bur. July 29 1898, St. Luke's Union Church, Dublin, Bucks Co., PA
- 1863 – Civil War Registration
- m. **Amanda Hoffman** [13 Feb 1841 – 24 Mar 1917 age 76]
- m. abt. 1864, Dublin

1860 Census – Bedminster, Bucks Co. PA

Sarah Stout Meyers 67 b. 1793 Widow
Samuel Meyers 21 b. 1839 Laborer

1863 June – Civil War Registration Records, Philadelphia, Pa

Samuel S Meyers, Lived in Bedminster, Age 26, Farmer, Single

1880 Census – Bedminster, Bucks Co, PA

<i>Samuel S. Meyers</i>	Head	41	b. 3 Jan 1838	Dublin, Bucks Co.	Teamster
Amanda Meyers	Wife	38	b. 1842		Keeping House
William H.	Son	12	b. 1868 (d. 1934)		Farm Labor
Rosella	Dau	10	b. 1870 (d. 1937)		[married Angeny]
Emma C.	Dau	8	b. 1871		
<i>Edwin [H]⁴</i>	Son	6	b. 1874 (d. 1907)		
Janet	Dau	3	b. 1877 (d. 1936)		
Norman	Son	1	b. 1879 (d. 1948)		
Orrin Garfield Meyers	Step Son		b. 1881 (d. 1932)		

1920 Census – North Wales Borough, Montgomery, PA

William H Meyers	Head	52	b. 1868, PA	Widower	Tinsmith, Self Emp.
Emma C. Meyers	Sister	48	b. 1871, PA	Single	Keeping House
<i>Amanda Meyers</i>	Mother	78	b. 1842, PA	Window	None (Mother/Father born: Germany)



Grave of **Samuel S. Meyers**, St. Luke's UCC Cemetery, Dublin, Bucks Co., PA
(photo by C. Stover)

Edwin H. Meyers⁹

Great Grandparents of Connie, Pam and Susan Pickering; Barbara and Patricia Weatherlow; George and Nancy Mitchell

- b. 14 Mar 1874, Dublin, Bucks Co.
- m. about 1893, Bedminster
- m. **Katie Ellen Fluck** [about 1893, Bedminster]
- d. 22 Dec 1907
- bur. Quakertown Union Cemetery, Quakertown, bucks County, PA

1900 Census – Quakertown, Bucks Co, PA

<i>Edwin Meyers</i>	Head	26	m. 7 yrs	b. Mar 14 1874, PA	Occ: not listed
<i>Katie</i>	Wife	25		b. Oct 1875 (1877?)	
Naomi	Dau	6		b. Feb 1894	
Miriam	Dau	4		b. 1895	

1893 – Marriage

Edwin Meyers (age 19) to *Katie Ellen Fluck* (age 16), Bedminster, PA



Edwin H Meyers and Katie Ellen Fluck (Photo provided by Virginia Fox Weatherlow)

The Souder and Fluck Connection

Katie Fluck's mother died before she was 3 years old and in 1880 Census Katie was living with her grandparents **Abraham and Leah Souder**. Just this morning (July 19, 2011) I connected an old photo I took of a grave in 2004 to Katie's story and discovered that Katie's mother was **Emma Catherine "Katie" Fluck** who died in 1879 (see photo of grave below) and is buried at Little Zion Church near her parents.

Emma Catherine was the daughter of Abraham and Leah Souder (see 1860 Census for Souder), and Katie Ellen was their granddaughter. So all of this evidence pointed to Emma Catherine as Katie's mother. When Emma Catherine died in 1879 Katie would have been only 2 or 3 years old and then was forced to move in with her grandparents, which is proven by the 1880 census. I took a photo of Emma Catherine's grave in 2004 at the time feeling positive that there *must* be a connection and now, seven years later, that connection has "clicked". (*I just live for moments like this!*)

On July 3 1880 **Jacob H. Fluck** re-married, this time to **Ellamanda Souder Saylor** [b. abt 1847], age about 33 years old, both of Richlandtown, by the Rev. H. F. Seiple. Ellamanda was **Emma Catherine Souder's sister**. Source:

http://www.larryhillpot.com/intell_marriages.htm

I found a family in the 1860 Census that might be a match for Jacob's parents but have not verified it with any other sources, but I mention it here (below) as a possibility. This Jacob would have been born about 1850, which fits in the time frame of his marriage to his first wife who was born in 1855.

1860 Census – Philadelphia Ward 11, PA

Samuel Fluck	head	38, b. abt 1822	Shoemaker
Elizabeth Fluck	wife	27	
Jeremiah Fluck		14	apprentice
Jadith Fluck		12	
Jacob H. Fluck		10 b. abt 1850	
Charles L Fluck		8	
Erastus Fluck		3	
Hannah E. Fluck		1/12	

Katie Ellen Fluck and Edwin H. Meyers

Katie was only 16 years old when she married 19-year-old Edwin H Meyers of Bedminster. Their life together must have been very difficult because Edwin died in 1907 at the young age of 33 and Katie was about 30. In the 1900 census Edwin was listed as 26 years old with no occupation, which is very rare. Family lore is that Edwin was injured when he was working in a stove factory. Apparently he was hit on the side of the head with a stove pipe, which led to his blindness, which meant he probably could not work in 1900. Since the incident happened at a young age, it meant that Katie bore the job of supporting the family (apparently for most of her life). I am going to try to get his death certificate for verification, but it is possible he died from complications of that accident although heart failure is the leading cause of death in males at a young age in our family.

Their daughters Naomi and Miriam were only 13 and 11 years old when Edwin died.

The daughters of **Naomi (Anne)** and **Miriam (Virginia)**, remember that Katie lived out in the country in New Jersey and kept goats and chickens and sold milk and eggs to support the family financially. She kept a vegetable garden and canned fruit and vegetables and Virginia (Sis) remembers her grandmother's cellar full of canned goods. I still need to confirm this, but it's also possible that she raised **bulldogs** – Anne thinks she raised the dogs for sale.

Miriam and Naomi were unfortunately forced to quit school early to help support the family. At ages 17 and 15 they were working as a telephone operator and waitress in Quakertown, PA.



Grave of Emma Catherine "Katie" Fluck, wife of Jacob H. Fluck. She was born March 1, 1855 and died May 3 1879, age 24 years, 2 months, 2 days. Catherine was Katie Ellen's mother.

Anne and Virginia also remember riding out the PRC (Philadelphia's public transportation) to visit with Katie – she was a cashier for the PRC and they visited with her during her work hours. (see 1930 census for occupation below)

Before 1920, Katie remarried to Edwin Parker and was living in Philadelphia, and by 1930 they were living in Runnemede, New Jersey. Katie was living in Woodbury, NJ about 1945, where she died at age 70.

The family of Naomi Meyers Fox has a famous family photo of Katie with a goat on her back. As soon as I locate that photo I'll be sure to add it to this story!

1880 Census – Franconia, Montgomery Co., PA

Abraham Souder	Head		
Leah	Wife		
<i>Katie Fluck</i>	Gdau	Age 3	b. abt 1877

1900 Census – Quakertown, Bucks Co, PA

Edwin Meyers	Head	Age 26	b: Mar 14 1874, PA	Occ: not listed
<i>Katie</i>	Wife	Age 25	b. Oct 1875 (1877)	
Naomi	Dau	Age 6	b. Feb 1894	
Miriam	Dau	Age 4	b. 1895	

1907 Burial - Edwin H. Meyers

Birth: 1874 / Death: 1907 age 33

Burial: Quakertown [Union Cemetery](#)

Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, USA

1910 Census – Philadelphia, Ward 20, PA

<i>Kate Myers</i>	Head	Widow	age 33	Occ: Book Binder, Bindery
Naomi	Dau		age 17	Occ: Telephone Operator
Miriam	Dau		age 15	Occ: Waitress, Restaurant

1920 Census – Philadelphia, Ward 43, PA

Edwin Parker	Head	age 41	Occ: Driver Tea Wagon
<i>Catherine</i>	Wife	age 42	Occ: None

1930 Census – Runnemede, Camden, NJ (Katie Ellen Fluck)

Edwin A Parker	Head	age 52	b. 1878 married 41, b. NJ	Occ: Receiver Department Store
<i>Catherine E.</i>	Wife	age 53	b. 1877 married 42, b. PA	Occ: Cashier Railway



Photo of Naomi's daughters, Cass, Jeanne and Sis with their pet bulldog, Tipper, about 1946.

Naomi and Miriam Meyers [daughters of Edwin Meyers and Katie Ellen Fluck]

Miriam and Arthur are my Grandparents



Miriam Leah Meyers carries her great grandmother's name, Leah. She married Arthur John Pickering, Sr. (below).



Anne (about age 9) with her parents, Miriam and Arthur, Sr.

Miriam Leah Meyers Pickering and Arthur John Pickering, Sr.

Miriam Born: 1896 June 24, Lansdale, Montgomery Co., PA
Residence: 1910, Philadelphia, Pa. age 14
Married: 1913 June 12, Arthur John Pickering, Sr. age 16
Died: 1944 April 1, Philadelphia, Pa age 48
Buried: Newtown Cemetery, Newtown, PA

Arthur Born: 1889 Jul 19, Junction City, KS
Married: 1913 June 12, Miriam Leah Meyers age 24
Residence: 1930, Bristol, PA age 34
Occupation: 1930, Railroad Operator
Died: 1953 June 19, Abington, PA age 64
Buried: Newtown Cemetery, Newtown, PA

Children

Dau: 1916, Ruth Naomi Pickering born died 1981, age 63
Son: 1918, Arthur (Bud) John Pickering, Jr. born died 1962, age 44 [my Father]
Dau: 1933, Elaine Pickering born died 1937, age 4 [died of Scarlet Fever]
Dau: 1935, Anne Louise Pickering born (2011 residence: Florida)

Source: Anne Pickering Turner June 13, 2004

"Miriam died of uterine cancer while a resident at the **Philadelphia Home for the Incurable**."

Arthur John, Sr. was a railroad employee and worked at the "Green Tower" in Bristol, Pennsylvania. He worked the Pennsylvania Rail Road all his life and looked forward to retirement. Unfortunately, he died within hours of signing his retirement papers.

1900 Census – NorthWales, Montgomery, PA

Alexander Pickering	Head	42	born: England
Evelyn E (DeMar)	Wife	37	born: Pennsylvania
Arthur J	Son	11	born: Kansas

1900 Census – Quakertown, Bucks Co, PA

Edwin Meyers	Head	26	b: Mar 14 1874, PA	Occ: not listed
Katie	Wife	25	b. Oct 1875 (1877)	
Naomi	Dau	6	b. Feb 1894	
Miriam	Dau	4	b. 1895	

1910 Census – Philadelphia, Ward 20, PA

Kate Myers	Head	Widow	age 33	Occ: Book Binder, Bindery
Naomi	Dau		age 17	Occ: Telephone Operator
Miriam	Dau		age 15	Occ: Waitress, Restaurant

1930 Census – Bristol, Bucks Co., PA

Arthur J Pickering	Head	40	Operator, Railroad
Miriam L	Wife	34	
Ruth N	Dau	14	
Arhtur J (Jr.)	Son	11	



Exterior of the Philadelphia Home for Incurables, established in 1877. Nurses stand near a group of patients sitting outside, some in wheelchairs. Anne remembers visiting her mother many times during her stay at this home where she eventually died.

The Philadelphia Home for Incurables

4700 WOODLAND AVENUE (DAUBY ROAD)

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

"The object is to provide a home for that class of sufferers whose diseases are pronounced incurable.

The members of the corporation are such persons as contribute to the support of the Home one dollar or more annually. Life members may be constituted by the payment of twenty-five dollars, and honorary members by the payment of fifty dollars.

Application for admission may be made to any member of the Admission Committee. Applicants must have been either dismissed from a hospital as incurable, or so pronounced by the attending physician, and in all cases must submit to the examination of a visiting physician of the Home.

Patients are provided for gratuitously, their support becoming a charge upon the resources of the Home. An admission fee of \$100 is required, except in extreme cases, where the terms are arranged by the Admission Committee, subject to the action of the Board of Managers. If any inmate, by becoming curable, or for any other good reason, be deemed an unsuitable case for retention in the Home, such inmate may be discharged".

Medical Advisers. Dr. W. W. Keen. Dr. C. P. Turner.; T. Or. Morton. W. C. Dixon
Attending Physicians. Dr. H. B. Rockwell. Dr. J. P. C. Griffith.



Naomi Louise Meyers Fox



Cass and Sis with their cousin, Anne, about 1934 or 1935.



Naomi Louise Meyers Fox and William C. Fox, Jr.

Naomi Louise Meyers Fox

Born: 1894 10 Feb, Lansdown, Montgomery Co., PA

Residence: 1910, Philadelphia, PA age 14

Residence: 1920, Philadelphia, Pa. age 24

Lived: Fort Washington, Montgomery, Pa

SSN: 171-22-2785

Married to: William Fox, Jr

Married: about 1918 age 24

Died: 1973 Nov, Pennsylvania age 79

Buried: Unknown

William C. Fox, Jr

Born: June 1, 1891, Philadelphia, PA

Married to: Naomi Louise Meyers

Married: about 1918 age 28

Residence: 1930, Bristol, PA age 38

Occupation: 1920, Meat Cutter age 28

Residence on death: Ambler, PA

Died: Unknown

Buried: Unknown

Children

Dau: Barbara Jean FOX "Jeannie"

Dau: Virginia Ruth FOX Weatherlow "Sis"

Dau: Katherine Ellen FOX "Cass"

1900 Census – Philadelphia, PA, Ward 32

William C Fox	Head	38	b. June 1860 PA	Butcher
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Both of his parents were born in Germany

Kate	Wife	34	b. Mar 1866, PA
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Both of her parents were born in Ireland

Florence	Dau	14	b. May 1886, PA
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George	Son	11	b. Sept 1889, PA
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<i>William C. Fox</i>	Son	9	b. June 1891, PA
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1910 Census – Philadelphia, PA, Ward 32

William C. Fox	Head	49	Proprietor, Meat
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Catherin Fox	Wife	44	
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Florence	Dau	24	
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George	Son	22	Driver, Automobile
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<i>William Fox Jr</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Actor</i>
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William King	Boarder	19	Tester, Oil
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John Albright	Boarder	29	Butcher
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REGISTRATION CARD No. 8-1-10. A

1 Name in full *William Charles Fox Jr* age *26*

2 Home address *2003 No 25th St Phila Penna*

3 Date of birth *June 1 1891*

4 Sex (1) male (2) female (3) natural born citizen (4) on ship (5) no home now declared

5 Occupation (specify which) *Butcher*

6 Where born *Phila - Penna - U.S.*

7 What is your present trade, occupation, etc. or office? *Butcher*

8 Where employed? *Fox & Fox*

9 Where you a father, mother, etc. (1) child under 17 or a child in foster home (2) child dependent on you

10 Height (specify which) *single* Race (specify which) *Caucasian*

11 That military service have you had? *no*

12 Do you have exemption from draft (specify grounds) *no*

I affirm that I have notified those persons and that they are true

William Charles Fox Jr 1058

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 26-6-10. A

1 Tell whether or not (specify which) *Medium*

2 Color of eyes *Blue* Color of hair *light* Build *WT*

3 How person has been, by hand, feet, or body size, or is he otherwise disabled (specify) *WT*

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

W. J. McCormack

Prothon *22-27*

City or County *Phila*

State *Penna*

June 5-17

June 5, 1917 World War I Draft Registration Card

William Charles Fox Jr age 26
 Residence: 2003 No 25th Street, Philadelpha, PA
 Birth: June 1, 1891, Natural Born, Philadelpha PA
 Occupation: Butcher
 Employed by: Fox and Fox, 2944 Ridge Avenue, Phila.
 Status: Unmarried, no children
 Description: Medium height and build, Blue eyes, Light hair
 According to "Sis" her father served as a cook in France during WW I.

REGISTRATION CARD (Has been in or after April 26, 1917 and in or before February 15, 1918)

1 Name in full *WILLIAM C. FOX JR.*

2 Home address *6140 N. 11th St. Phila. Pa.*

3 Date of birth *MAY 27 1895*

4 Sex *Male*

5 Occupation *SELF*

6 Where born *Phila. Pa.*

7 What is your present trade, occupation, etc. or office? *SELF*

8 Where employed? *FOX & FOX*

9 Where you a father, mother, etc. (1) child under 17 or a child in foster home (2) child dependent on you

10 Height (specify which) *5'6"* Race (specify which) *White*

11 That military service have you had? *no*

12 Do you have exemption from draft (specify grounds) *no*

I affirm that I have notified those persons and that they are true

William C. Fox Jr

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tell whether or not (specify which) *Medium*

2 Color of eyes *Blue* Color of hair *Gray* Build *WT*

3 How person has been, by hand, feet, or body size, or is he otherwise disabled (specify) *WT*

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

W. J. McCormack

Prothon *22-27*

City or County *Phila*

State *Penna*

June 5-17

1920 Census – Philadelphia, PA

Edward H. Lamport	Head	43	Bank Clerk, National Bank
Florence A. Lamport	Wife	38	None
Florence E. Lamport	Dau	8	
William Fox, Jr.	Bro-in-Law	28	Cutter – Meat Market
Naomi L Fox	Sis-in-Law	24	Typist – Chemicals

1930 Census – Philadelphia, PA, 40th Ward

William Fox	Head	38	Meat dealer
Naomi	Wife	36	
Jeannie	Dau	5	
Katherine	Dau	1	
Virginia	Dau	1mo	

April 27, 1942 World War II Draft Registration Card

William C Fox Jr age 51
 Residence: 6140 N 11th Street, Phila, PA
 Telephone: Han 3705
 Employed by: Self, Fox and Fox, 2944 Ridge Ave., Phila, PA
 Description: 5'6", weight 150lbs, Blue eyes, Gray Hair, light complexion

Family Photo Album

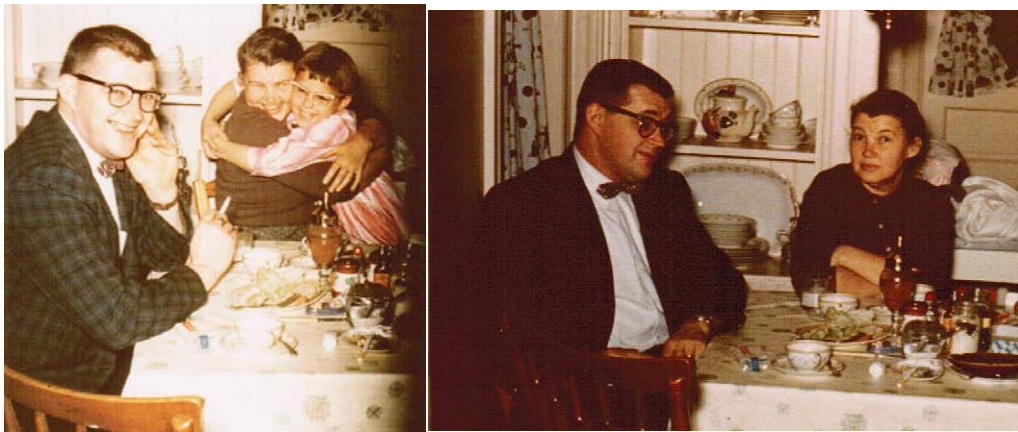
I thought it would be fun to compile some miscellaneous photos that have been provided by “newly-met” cousins over the last few weeks. There is a mixture of contemporary and old photos that are in no particular order – but fun to look at. Please send me your family photos and I’ll continue to add them to this document as a keepsake to you and your children. – CS



The Fox sisters, Barbara Jean “Jeannie”, Virginia Ruth “Sis”, and Katherine Ellen “Cass”.



Sis and her granddaughter, Claire, graduation 2007.



Arthur John Pickering, Jr (Bud) in his sister Ruth’s kitchen in Philadelphia. The little girl is Susan Elizabeth Pickering at about age 5. Photo taken about 1955. Bud and Ruth were first cousins to the Fox sisters.



L-R: Ruth Maul with daughter Linda; Louise Pickering; Anne with Connie about 1950 in Philadelphia.

(Below) Pen and ink drawing done by Bud Pickering about 1937, given to Jeannie, now owned by Jeannie’s son George Mitchell. Two bookplates Bud created for his sister, Ruth. Originals owned by Connie Pickering.



History of Moyer / Moyers / Mayer / Meyer / Meyers / Myers

Though the family name Moyer probably originated in Switzerland, not all of the various Swiss immigrants to colonial America who bore the Name Meyer were related to each other. The Moyer Family Genealogy of 1896, a huge volume of over 700 pages, includes many immigrants, some of whom were Mennonites, others not.

Among the Mennonite Moyer family immigrants that may be mentioned is Christian Meyer (d. ca. 1751) of Switzerland, who was in Pennsylvania by 1719, settling on the Indian Creek in Lower Salford Twp., Montgomery Co. One of his sons, Christian Meyer, (ca. 1705-87) was a deacon in the Franconia district of the Mennonite Church Franconia Conference. Another son, Jacob Meyer (1730-78), was a preacher at Perkasio. Immigrant Hans Meyer (d. ca. 1748) came to Pennsylvania around 1720 and located in what is now Upper Salford Twp., Montgomery Co. (then Skippack Twp., Philadelphia Co.) A third Mennonite Meyer immigrant was preacher Peter Meyer, born in Switzerland ca. 1723, who immigrated to America ca. 1741 with his mother, three brothers, and a sister. He located in Springfield Township, Bucks Co. In 1773 he was ordained preacher in the Swamp district of the Franconia Conference. His brother Jacob Meyer (1721-1790) settled in Saucon Township, now Lehigh County. He was ordained a preacher in the Swamp district in 1752 and bishop in 1763. Jacob's son Samuel Meyer (d. 1832) was also a preacher at Saucon.

Descendants of **Jacob Moyer/ Meyers** and **Mary Detweiler**

These are our oldest-known Meyers ancestors. William [1789-1837] had 13 siblings so we can assume that we have many Meyers cousins still living in Upper Bucks and Montgomery Counties. I hope to continue my research on those families to discover more information on our Meyers family.

... Beginning 360 years ago ...

Jacob MOYER (MEYERS) b. 01 Mar 1751, Franconia, Montgomery d: 21 Jun 1819, Montgomery at 58 years (13 children)

+**Mary DETWEILER** b: 01 Mar 1751, Franconia d: 21 Jun 1819, Montgomery age 68

Father: Jacob DETWILER [1713-1786] Mother: Neltgen KOLB [b 20 Jul 1712-]

William MEYERS b: Sep 1789, Saint Lukes Dublin d: 08 Jun 1837 age 47 Burial: Deep Run Mennonite Church

+**Sarah Rauch STOUT** b: 21 Apr 1793, Tohickon Church, Bedminster, PA d: 17 Apr 1870 age 76 Burial: Deep Run Mennonite Church (7 children)

1. **Samuel S Meyers** b. 03 Jan 1838, Saint Luke's Union Church, Dublin, Bucks PA d: 25 Jul 1898

+ **Amanda Hoffman MEYERS** b: 13 Feb 1841, Dublin, Bucks Co., d: 24 Mar 1917

2. **Laura L. MEYERS** g: 12 Oct 1865, Dublin, Bucks Co., PA d:1937

2. **William H MEYERS** b: 1868, Dublin d: 1938

2. **Rosella MEYERS** b: 28 Sep 1896, Dublin, d: 1937

2. **Emma MEYERS** b: 22 Gus 1871, Dublin

2. **Edwin MEYERS** g: 14 Mar 1874, Dublin, d: 22 Dec 1907 in Quakertown

+**Katie Ellen FLUCK MEYERS** b: Oct 1877, Richlandtown, PA d: 1945

3. **Naomi MEYERS FOX** b: 10 Feb 1894 d: Nov 1973, Pennsylvania

+ **William FOX** b: Abt 1892 in Pennsylvania

4. **Virginia Ruth FOX**

4. **Katherine Ellen FOX**

4. **Barbara Jean FOX**

3. **Miriam MEYERS PICKERING** b: 24 Jun 1896, Lansdale, Montgomery Co., d: 01 Apr 1944 in Philadelphia

+ **Arthur John PICKERING, Sr.** b: 19 Jul 1888, Junction City, KS d: 19 Jun 1953, Abington, PA

4. **Ruth PICKERING MAUL** b: 25 Feb 1916, Philadelphia d: abt 1981, Philadelphia

+ **William H. Maul** b: 08 May 1909, Philadelphia

4. **Arthur John PICKERING, Jr.** b: 12 Jul 1918, Trenton, NJ (at Home) d: 21 Aug 1962, Bristol, PA

+ **Louise MEFFORD**

- 4. **Elaine PICKERING** b: 03 Oct 1933 d: 27 Apr 1937
- 4. **Anne PICKERING TURNER** b: 30 Mar 1935, Osteopathic Hosp, Philadelphia
- + **Robert Donald TURNER** b: 03 Jan 1935, Philadelphia d: 24 Oct 1991, Pine Grove Cemetery, Paupack, PA

- 2. **Janet (Jeanette) MEYERS** b: 17 Sep 1876, Dublin d: 1936
- 2. **Norman H. MEYERS** b: 11 Jan 1879, Dublin d: 1948
- + **Naomi E. TEXTER** b: May 1887, Dublin d: 1963
 - 3. **Heber MEYERS** b: 1907, Dublin D; 31 Oct 1993
 - 3. **Gerald MEYERS** b: 1910, Dublin d: Abt. 1936
- 2. **Orrin Garfield MEYERS** b: 05 May 1881, Dublin d: 25 May 1932, North Wales, Lansdale, PA
- + **Julia Elizabeth MITCHELL** b: 26 Jun 1877, New Britain, Bucks, d: 15 Jul 1955, Montgomeryville, PA
 - 3. **Marian MEYERS** b: Abt 1910
 - 3. **Orrin G. MEYERS JR** b: 26 Feb 1912 d: 29 Apr 1992, Lansdale, Montgomery
 - + **Carolyn Hatfield (Rauch) Rush** b: 1915
 - 3. **Levon MEYERS** b: abt 1918

- 1. **Peter MEYERS** b: abt 1812, St Lukes, Dublin
- 1. **Sarah MEYERS** b: Abt 1814, St Lukes, Dublin
- 1. **Joseph S. MEYERS** b: Abt 1832, St Lukes, Dublin
- 1. **William S. 3rd MEYERS** b: Abt 1825, St Lukes, Dublin
- 1. **Abraham S. MEYERS** b: 7 apr 1817, St Lukes, Dublin d: 24 Nov 1895, Deep Run Mennonite Church, Bedminster age 78

Siblings to William MEYERS (1789-1837)

Samuel MEYERS,	b: Abt. 1773, Saint Lukes, Dublin
Ann (Nancy) Meyers,	b: Abt 1775, Saint Lukes, Dublin
Jacob MEYERS,	b: Abt 1777, Lower Salford, Montgomery, PA
Christian MEYERS,	b: 1778, Lower Salford, Montgomery d: 1859 age at death 81 est
Jacob MEYERS,	b: 1780, Lower Salford, Montgomery
May MEYERS	b: 1783, Lower Salford, Montgomery d: 1820 age 37
Sarah MEYERS,	b: 1789, Lower Salford, Montgomery d: 1865 age 76
Joseph MEYERS	b. 1791, Lower Salford, Montgomery d: 1862 age 71
Mary Elizabeth MEYERS	b: 10 Jan 1779, St Lukes, Dublin, Bucks Co. d: 17 Jul 1832 age 53
Abraham MEYERS	b: 18 Mar 1786, Montgomeryville d: 09 Jun 1866, Franconia age 80
Susanna MEYERS	b: 25 Apr 1775, Lower Salford, Montgomery d: 23 Mar 1856
William MEYERS	b: Sep 1789

Note ¹ - Christian Meyer/Moyer III Information

DAR Patriot Index, Centennial Edition, Part 2, page 2116: Myers: Mayer, Meyer, Moyer, Myer: Christian Jr. b 1-29-1728 PA d about 4-16-1782 PA m Susanna Detweiler Pvt PS PA (Private, Patriotic Service, Pennsylvania)

Emigrants, refugees and prisoners, vol. II, pg 307 says: 4221. Christian Meyer, b. 29 Jan 1728. He received land in Salford from his grandfather by deed in 1748. He died in 1783 at Franconia Township, Montgomery Co. He married probably as his second wife Susanna Detweiler (b. 1741), daughter of Jacob Detweiler.

A Genealogical Record of the Descendants of Christian and Hans Meyer and Other Pioneers

(http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/_glc_/5306/5306_27.html) says: Christian Meyer, b. in Montg. Co., Jan. 29, 1728, d. in 1783. Mrd. Susanna Detweiler, dau. of Jacob and Neltgen (Kolb(+)) Detweiler --. He inherited from his grandfather, Christian Meyer, Sr., the homestead farm of 100 acres, the greater part of which is now owned and occupied by Joseph Drissel. To this property he added by subsequent purchases until he owned in all 232 acres. On Oct. 9, 1765, he purchased of David Stribe and wife 50 acres and 66 perches, which is now owned by Henry Oberholtzer. He next purchased on May 27, 1767, from the widow of his uncle Samuel Meyer, the 50 acres originally belonging to the homestead, with buildings and improvements, where William K. Moyer now lives, and on May 23, 1770, he purchased from Nicholas Schwenk and wife Barbara 32 acres and 67 perches, making in all 232 acres and

132 perches, and was rated for that number of acres in 1776. The last purchase now belongs to John A. Kulp. Christian Meyer and wife were members of the Mennonite ch. Children: Fannie, Jacob, Maria, Christian, Magdalena, Barbara, Sarah, Samuel, Abraham, John, Elizabeth, Susanna, Hannah, Kate.

Index of the Rolls of Honor Ancestor's Index in the Lineage Books of DAR Volume 3

(http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/_glc_/1647/1647_262.html) says: MEYER, CHRISTIAN. DAR Vol. 87, Pg 102. Should have entire genealogical tree. Unsure if this is correct Christian Meyer.