FAMILY TREE OF CONRAD REIFF
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CONRAD REIFF

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In compiling the Reiff Family Tree, no attempt has been made to complete records of the present generation; they may easily be continued by the individual families if they so desire. The data of several families is carried to the seventh generation largely because of the co-operation of those concerned; for their help, the writer is immensely grateful. All facts and dates, to and including the fifth generation, have been proven; (see attached Bibliography) from there on, much of the information was obtained through family tradition, bible records, tombstone inscriptions, etc.

Two family charts are provided to make it easier to visualize the detailed fact records. The first one is of the descendants of Conrad Reiff, to and including the fifth generation; the second, shows the descendants of two children of John Karl Reiff, Jerome and Catherine, whose families were larger than those of the other children.

Corrections and additions to all Reiff family data is solicited. The courtesies extended the writer by the Berks County Historical Society, Reading, Pa., the York County Historical Society, York, Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg, Penna., have been of great value.

**Numbering System**

A digit is allowed for each generation; thus Conrad Reiff becomes 1, his sons Phillip and Daniel, 1-1 and 1-2 respectively, written 11 and 12 for simplicity. Where the children in one family exceed nine, the numbers 10,11 etc., are underscored to indicate one generation only. Number 1116112 is of the sixth generation.
The Reiffs were Palatine immigrants, Palatino was that section in Germany, which "extended along both sides of the Rhine River and it's tributaries, the Main and Neckar Rivers. It extended roughly from the junction of the Maselle and the Rhine, south to Basle, Switzerland; and from Zweibrücken, alongside Lorraine as far west along the Main as Baireuth, bordering the upper or Bavarian border." There were many reasons why the people in this section sought homes in America. They were much oppressed, having been over run and their country devastated, by frequent wars. The winter of 1708 had been extremely severe and they were greatly overtaxed. At this time England was anxious to have settlers in her possessions in America, and gave grants of land to these people, to induce them to settle in her colonies.\footnote{Early Palatine Emigration, page 2, by Walter A. Knittle}

Some of the Reiff family came to New York as early as 1710, and between the years 1723-1733, settled in Scholarie, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; left, and located on Tulpehocken Creek in Berks County, same state. There we find the earliest settlers were Johan George Reiff and Peter Reiff, who were naturalized between January 9, 1729 and 1730.\footnote{Same} Records found in a compiled list of data from German Newspapers, 1743-1800, by Edw. H. Hockor, show a Jacob Reiff on 9-16-1743\footnote{Thirty Thousand Immigrants, by Rupp} as a resident of Montgomery County; Abraham Reiff on 12-1-1748\footnote{Pages 1, 12, 18 and 91 respectively in above ref.} of Lancaster County; Peter Reiff on 6-1-1750\footnote{History of Lancaster County, Pa., page 511}, at Oley Township, Berks County and Conrad Reiff on 2-13-1761\footnote{History of Lancaster County, Pa., page 511} at the same place. There was also a Henry Reiff of Lancaster County, whose descendants settled in York County.\footnote{History of Lancaster County, Pa., page 511} Just what relationship existed between these men and the earlier two has not been proven, possibly they were sons of Johan George Reiff.

The earliest Court and Church records available in Berks County, Pennsylvania deal with Conrad Reiff and his descendants. The Reiffs were members of the Reformed Lutheran Church of Oley Township.
Conrad Reiff, a pioneer of Berks County, Pennsylvania, had settled in Oley Township, prior to 1752. In 1759, Conrad and his sons paid the largest federal tax in Oley Township, one hundred pounds. Tradition says that he is buried on the old Reiff farm. According to his last will and testament, dated 4-12-1777 and recorded 5-22-1777, his wife Anna Margaretha and two sons, Phillip and Daniel, survived him. The Oley Township Tax List of 1772 shows not only Conrad but his sons, Phillip and Daniel, as married men and land owners.

Phillip - son of Conrad and Anna Margaretha Reiff, a Lieutenant in Captain Reiff's Company in the Revolutionary war, married before 1772, wife unknown, died before 1789.

Daniel - son of Conrad and Anna Margaretha Reiff, a Captain in the Revolutionary war, born in 1737, married prior to 1772, died before 3-25-1783, wife, Catherine, who died prior to 11-20-1820, date of will probation.

John - son of Phillip, grandson of Conrad, born between 1760-1770. Married prior to 1791, wife unknown, died after 1830.

Sarah - daughter of Phillip, granddaughter of Conrad, wife of John Bousler.

Susannah, daughter of Phillip, granddaughter of Conrad, wife of William Himmelreich.

John - son of Susannah and William, grandson of Phillip, great grandson of Conrad.

Susannah - daughter of Susannah and William.

Lena - daughter of Susannah and William.

Phillip - son of John, g. son of Phillip, g. son of Conrad, born 10-31-1791, married Phillipina Epling 9-17-1820.

Cathernina - dau. of John Reiff, born 1-24-1792

Elizabetha - " " " " " 4-29-1794

Susanna - dau. of John - born 12-26-1795
married Samuel Meckgee 10-27-1822 13

Anna Maria - dau. of John - born 7-24-1797
married 1st Daniel Kemp 3-23-1823 13
2nd Henry Braeutigann 10-27-1827 14

Johannes (John K) - son of John 12 baptized 4-21-1799


Anna Juliana - dau. of John - born 8-7-1802
married Jake Weiser 7-17-1826 13

David - son of John - born 6-28-1805 married
Sarah Rapp 8-20-1826 14

John Karl Reiff son of John, g. son of Phillip,
gg. son of Conrad, an early settler of Wells
County, Indiana, established himself at what is
now called Reifsburg. There his saw mill fur-
nished logs for part of the original road be-
tween Ft. Wayne and Connorsville. John and his
wife Susannah, natives of Berks County, Pa. 37
left Pennsylvania in a covered wagon, probably in
1837 with their nine children, for the new coun-
try. They spent a few years at some location in
Ohio, where their last two children were born.
John was born 2-24-1799, baptized 4-21-1799,
died 6-23-1861. Susannah was born 10-17-1800
and died 3-30-1856. They had eleven children.

Joseph - son of John & Susannah 15 born in Pa.,
marrried 1st Margaret Jane Hall 3-14-1850 16
2nd Mary Henley 5-27-1855 17

in 1824 18(app.) married Nancy Howdyshell on
5-11-1848 19. His wife was born in Ohio in 1826.
They had four children.
Third Son of John K. Reiff

Jerome B. Reiff
Mary Sowers

Louisa Sarah-Ellen George J., Henry Emma Lewis Molly
Richard Rosa Mary Jennie
E.E. Sunier Milas

Worley Ray Kenneth O.

Jessie L. John Elizabeth

Eleventh Child of John K. Reiff

Catherine Reiff
Jacob Sutter

Sarah Jacob John Laura Elizabeth
Jacob Jacob Wilkens
Grace Leona Maud Howard Estella Ralph Helen Elmer
111621 Maria - dau. of Nancy & Jared Reiff
111622 Martha - dau. of Nancy & Jared Reiff
111623 John - son of Nancy & Jared Reiff
111624 Daniel - son of Nancy & Jared Reiff

111631 Louisa - dau. of Jerome & Mary, born 1852
married David Wallace 21.

111632 Sarah Ellen - dau. of Jerome & Mary, born 1854
married Richard Sunier 22.

111631 E. E. Sunier - son of Sarah Ellen & Richard

111633 George E. - son of Jerome & Mary, born in 1856(app)
made 11-27-1881 23 Rosa A. Big. They had three children

1116331 Jessie L. - son of George & Rosa
1116332 John E. - son of George & Rosa
1116333 Elizabeth - dau. of George & Rosa, married
Mr. Bender

111634 J. Henry - son of Jerome & Mary, born 8-30-1860,
made Mary Alberson who was born in Virginia
8-16-1861. They had three children

1116341 Worley - son of Henry and Mary
1116342 Ray - son of Henry and Mary
1116343 Kenneth O. - son of Henry and Mary

111635 Emma C. - dau. of Jerome & Mary, born in 1863
(app), married John Benning 24
111636  **Lewis C.** - son of Jerome and Mary, born in 1866, married 11-21-1897 to Jennie Gregg

1116361  **Milas** - son of Lewis & Jennie

111637  **Molly** - dau. of Jerome & Mary, born 1869 (app)

11164  **Amos** - son of John & Susannah, born in Pa. 11-27-1827, married 4-10-1851 to Margaret Krop, who was born in Pa. in 1826

11165  **Mary Ann** - dau. of John & Susannah, born in Pa. in 1829, married Mr. Meyers

11166  **Daniel** - son of John & Susannah, born in Pa. in 1831 (app) married 12-28-1856 to Mary Marsh who was born in Va. in 1838 (app). They had six children

111661  **Sarepta E.** - child of Daniel & Mary, born 1858

111662  **Sarah C.** - same born 1861

111663  **Susannah** - same born 1862

111664  **Margaret** - same born 1865

111665  **Manson** - same born 1867

111666  **Cletus** - same born 1869

11167  **Enoch** - son of John & Susannah, born in Pa. in 1832 (app), married 7-30-1854 to Catherine Meyers

11168  **Susannah** - dau. of John & Susannah, born in Pa. in 1834, married David Witwer

11169  **Sarah Ann** - dau. of John & Susannah, born in Pa. in 1836, married Mr. Moyer

111610  **Elizabeth** - dau. of John & Susannah, born in Ohio in 1838, married Wm. H. Bears

111611  **Catherine** - dau. of John & Susannah, born in Ohio in 1840, married 9-12-1857 to Jacob Sutter who was born in Ohio in 1831. They had five children
Sarah - dau. of Catherine & Jacob Sutter, born 10-9-1863 died 11-6-1906, married Jacob V. Wilkens 9-3-1884 who was born 4-8-1857 and died 11-16-1922. They had eight children.

Grace Catherine - dau. of Sarah and Jacob, born 4-20-1885, married 11-29-1911 Michael Joseph Hofer who was born 7-26-1886.


Maud May - Dau. of Sarah & Jacob, born 5-18-1888, died 11-20-1906.

Jacob Howard - son of Sarah & Jacob, born 4-4-1892 married 9-30-1925 Cleo Ora Wilkens, born 4-5-1896.

Estella Marie - dau. of Sarah & Jacob, born 2-1-1894, married 9-10-1919, Fred J. Bill, born 7-25-1895.

Frederick Ralph - son of Sarah & Jacob, born 9-10-1899, married Helen Spindler, born 9-14-1902.

Florence Helena - Dau. of Sarah & Jacob, born 1-26-1896, married 8-30-1922 Roscoe Jewel Clark, born 11-11-1895.

Elmer Sutter - son of Sarah & Jacob, born 6-25-1901, married 6-19-1933 Pearl Koegel, born 10-4-1907.

Jacob - son of Catherine & Jacob Sutter Settled in Lockwood & Carthage, Mo.

John - son of Catherine & Jacob Sutter Settled in Texas.

Laura - Dau. of Catherine & Jacob Sutter married a Mr. Miller, settled in Carthage, Mo.

Elizabeth - dau. of Catherine & Jacob Sutter married Mr. Bergan. Settled in Higginsville, Mo.
Descendants 1 of Daniel Roiff & wife Catherine

They had six children

Conrad - son of Daniel, grandson of Conrad,
born 11-24-1764, died 2-23-1838, married 1789
Elizabeth Hoch, born 1-12-1766, died 10-16-1843
They had four children.

Daniel - son of Conrad & Elizabeth, born between
1780-1790, died 1865, married 2-15-1824 14
Sarah Feyscher, born 1810, died 1880 36. They
had six children.

Amos - son of Daniel & Sarah

Hannah - dau. of Daniel & Sarah, born 2-13-1825 13
married Phillip Obold.

Sarah - dau. of Daniel & Sarah, married Levi
Bentz

Elizabeth - dau. of Daniel & Sarah, married
John Schaeffer

Catherine - dau. of Daniel & Sarah, born
8-5-1829 12, married Ellis Winter

Susan - dau. of Daniel & Sarah, married Isaac
Schmohl

Jacob - son of Conrad & Elizabeth, born
3-15-1792, died 12-20-1879, married 12-28-1817
Sarah Hoch, born 5-24-1798 14, died 1-20-1852. They
had eleven children.

Elizabeth - dau. of Jacob & Sarah, born 1-26-1819

Isaac - son of Jacob & Sarah, born 3-18-1820,
died 1888, married Caroline Wiedner, born 3-29-
1823. They had nine children.

Samuel W. - son of Isaac & Caroline, married
11-17-1883 Esther H. Snyder 38

Lewis - son of Isaac & Caroline
Milton W - son of Isaac & Caroline
Ada - dau. of Isaac & Caroline, married Frank Hertzog
Catherine - dau. of Isaac & Caroline, married Mr. Hartman
John - son of Isaac & Caroline
Jacob - son of Isaac & Caroline
Alvin - son of Isaac & Caroline died 1904
Lot - son of Isaac & Caroline, born 2-12-1863, married Deborah Baer, born 1893. They had two children.
Guy - son of Lot & Deborah
Esther - dau of Lot & Deborah
Hannah - dau. of Jacob & Sarah, born 11-13-1821
Lewis - son of Jacob & Sarah, born 1-29-1824, died 10-19-1851
William - son of Jacob & Sarah, born 8-18-1825, died 8-23-1869
Maria C - dau. of Jacob & Sarah, born 10-6-1827
Sarah - dau. of Jacob & Sarah, born 3-8-1829
Charles - son of Jacob & Sarah, born 1-6-1831, died 3-13-1909, married Hannah C. Augstadt. They had nine children.
Daniel - son of Charles & Hannah, born 3-29-1873
Minnie - dau of Charles & Hannah, married Charles Heilig
William - son of Charles & Hannah born 8-29-1875
Sarah - dau of Charles & Hannah, married Oscar Schaeffer
Aaron - son of Charles & Hannah, born 8-27-1878

Amanda - dau. of Charles & Hannah. born 1879
died 1882

Jacob - son of Charles & Hannah, born 11-3-1881

Emma - dau. of Charles & Hannah

Hannah - dau. of Charles & Hannah

Amelia - dau. of Jacob & Sarah, born 11-8-1832

Rebecca - dau. of Jacob & Sarah, born 8-15-1834

Daniel - son of Jacob & Sarah, born 10-12-1836

Maricha - dau. of Conrad & Elizabeth, married
Daniel Kemp

Betty - dau. of Conrad & Elizabeth, married
1st Mr. Guildin, 2nd Mr Bertolet

Elizabeth - dau. of Daniel & Catherine

Catherine - dau. of Daniel & Catherine

Phillipina - dau. of Daniel & Catherine

Anna Maria - dau. of Daniel & Catherine

Hannah - dau of Daniel & Catherine
1 History of Berks County, Pa. by Morton Montgomery page 1185-6

2 Berks County Will Book, Vol 2, page 300
3 " " Historical Society Tax List 1-29-1772
5 Oley Township-Berks County, Pa. Tax List of 1789, lists the Phillip Reiff Estate and in the following tax list of 1791, his son John Rife is shown as owner of practically the same land.
6 National Genealogical Quarterly Vol. 12, #1 March 1923 - Reading Eagle, 1-20-1910, born 1737, died 1782 buried Oley Reformed and Lutheran Church.
7 Berks County, Pa. Orphans Court Record Book, Book D, page 261, 3-25-1783 lists his widow and names their children, 1785 Oley Township Tax List shows Daniel's widow as property owner.
8 Berks County Will Book #5, page 375
9 Berks County, Pa. Tax List of 1791-shows John Rife as a married man
10 Real Estate - Berks County, Index Book L-Z, page 461
11 1830 census, Berks County, Pa. lists John as inhabitant of Oley Township, age between 60-70
13 Records of Oley Lutheran Church 1822 same as above
14 Trinity Lutheran Church - Reading, Pa. 1813-1838 Marriage Record, page 17
15 Wells County, Indiana Will Book 2, pages 47-8-9
16 " " " Marriage Records Bk.2, page 52
17 " " " " " " 2 " 192
18 All approximate birth dates taken from 1850-60 and 70 census records of Nottingham & Harrison Townships Wells County, Indiana
19 Wells County, Indiana Marriage Records Bk 2 page 26
20 " " " " " " " " 2 " 58
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26 Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading, Pa. Baptisimal Records 1815-1838 page 160
"Amos Reif born 11-27-1827, son of John Reiff and Susannah"
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