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IN THE BEGINNING

This book on our Baker family has "been in the works" since I was thirteen years of age. In 1952, my Grandfather, Charles O. Baker, died. In helping my Grandmother Baker complete the memorial book from the funeral home I found it contained a family tree. That was when I discovered the Bakers. I immediately started asking questions not only of my Grandmother but also of the other older members of the family. Somehow I had enough sense to keep notes.

That was the beginning of the adventure searching for the Baker family. Over the years I made several attempts to start a book but for one reason or another gave up. This time I stuck to it.

So here it is - our Baker family, the Descendents of Peter and Mary Baker of Springhill Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

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HOW THIS BOOK WORKS

This book is divided into six parts covering the largest branches of the family. Each part will have a family chart so you can connect everyone together. Under each part will be a chapter for each of their children. Each chapter will be about that child and all their known descendants. Here is a sample of how it works:

PART IV George Baker
CHAPTER 46 James Baker
  1. Charles Baker
     1a. James P. Baker
        1b. Gordon Baker

Also b. = born
    d. = died
    m. = married
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INTRODUCTION

GERMAN'S ON THE MARYLAND FRONTIER

According to Dieter Cunz, in his book, *The Maryland Germans A History*, “the history of Western Maryland began in the year 1732.” Prior to that time the “western part of Maryland remained completely unopened.” During the 1730’s an influx of immigrants started arriving on the Maryland frontier, in what is now Frederick and Washington Counties.

Many of these new settlers were Germans moving down from Pennsylvania. At this time no one knew exactly where the boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland was located. As a result Maryland claimed land north into Pennsylvania. The Germans refusal to pay taxes to Maryland resulted in many men, living in areas that are now York County, Pennsylvania, being arrested and hauled off to jail in Annapolis, Maryland. This became known in Maryland as “The Revolt of the Germans.” Eventually the problem was resolved and the Germans living in Maryland respected the laws of the province.

As Germans continued to pour in from Pennsylvania, other Germans arrived from Europe through the ports of Annapolis, Maryland and Alexandria, Virginia. It is believed that about one hundred Palatinate families arrived in those ports in 1735.

In 1745 the town of Frederick, Maryland was laid out. Three years later the new Frederick County was formed. This shows how fast the area was growing.

In 1748 the Reformed Church built a log church in Frederick, Maryland. In 1752 the Lutherans had a church and a permanent pastor. About two-thirds of the Germans were Lutheran and one-third Reformed.

The Reformed Congregation finally got a regular minister in 1753. This minister was Theodore Frankenfeld. Not much is know about him and he was dead by 1756. His successor was the Swiss, John Conrad Steiner. In 1760 Philip William Otterbein became pastor. Pastor Otterbein married our ancestors, Peter Baker and Mary Nichol. See the Appendix for more information on Otterbein.

The outbreak of the French and Indian War caused havoc on the Maryland frontier. By the summer of 1756 most settlers had fled east. In August 1756 George Washington wrote, “The whole settlement of Conocochreg is fled and there now remain only two families thence to Fredericktown...that the Maryland settlements are all abandoned.”

The Maryland Gazette of 19 July 1763 published a report from Frederick, Maryland, “Everyday, for some time past, has offered the meloncholic scene of poor distressed families driving downwards through the town with their effects who have deserted their plantations for fear of falling into the cruel hands of our savage enemies, now daily seen in the woods.”

It is in this area, amid all this turmoil that we first find our ancestor, Peter Baker.

FIGURE 1

STATE OF MARYLAND SHOWING FREDERICK AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES.
PART I

PETER AND MARY BAKER

FIGURE 2
CHART OF PETER AND MARY BAKER FAMILY
CHAPTER I

PETER BAKER

THE MARYLAND YEARS

Peter Baker was of German origin and probably German born. Whether he migrated to America along with his parents is unknown. There are a number of Peter Bakers in the passenger lists arriving in Philadelphia, Pa. but none fit the time frame of our Peter. It is likely he arrived through another port, such as Annapolis, Md., Baltimore, Md. or Alexandria, Va.

In the 1776 Census of Elizabeth Hundred, Frederick Co., Md. a “Peter Beaker” is listed as age 38. If this is actually our Peter Baker then he was born in 1738. However, it should be noted, that another Peter Baker lived in the same area during the same period. Only one is listed in 1776 Census, but both are listed in the 1790 Census.

The first document I can find associated with Peter Baker is in the records of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, Md. In 1759 a Peter Baker is listed with communicates on Easter. (Maryland German Church Records, Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick Co., Md. 1746-1789, Volume 5, page 84)

The next record found on our Peter Baker is his marriage. On 15 September 1761 Peter married Mary Nichol. The marriage is recorded by Pastor Otterbein in the records of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, Md. (Maryland German Church Records, Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick Co., Md. 1746-1789, Volume 5, page 104). It is written in the German style as follows:

“1761 Sept 15 Peter Becker and Anna Maria Nicol.”

Mary Nichol was the daughter of Johanne and Margaretha Nichol, originally of Lancaster Co., Pa. and later of Frederick, Co., Md. (See Nichol Family in Part VII) Mary was probably originally baptized an Anna Marie following the German customs and spelling. The Anna was later dropped and Maria Americanized to Mary.

I have never found a record of Mary’s birth date. However, a Nichol family researcher, Catherine Dunham believes she was the oldest child of Johanne and Margaretha Nichol. Mary was probably at least sixteen when she married, so this would put her birth date about 1745. Her next younger sibling, John Nichol’s birth date of 26 December 1748 has been found in church records in Lancaster Co., Pa. The Nichol family moved to Frederick Co., Md. in 1753 or 1754.

PETER BAKER’S EARLIEST LAND RECORD

The earliest land record I can find on Peter Baker is a Land Patent dated 24 December 1762 for fifty acres in Frederick Co., Md. for a tract called “Martsome.”

In the Maryland State Archives, Land Office, under Books BC and G5 #44, page 27 is entered a patent for PETER PECKER for “Martsome.” I believe this is an error in transcription of the last name and it should read PETER BECKER.

The reason for the deduction is the description of the land. The patent states “Beginning at a bounded white oak standing by the side of a branch falling from the end of the Short Hill Mountain down to Robert Turner’s Plantation being a draught of Little Antietam.”

In the 13 March 1798 deed when Peter Baker sold the same tract of land to Jacob Petery the deed states “beginning at a bounded white oak standing by the side of a branch falling from the end of Short Hill Mountain being a draught of Little Antietam.” The metes and bounds are exactly the same in each document.

I have not been able to find any deed in which Peter Baker purchased this land, except in the 1762 Land Patent.

The land patent was part of the “Manor of Conococheague” and was granted by Governor Robert Eden. Peter Baker was to pay the Province a rent of “two shillings sterling in silver or gold” yearly “at our City of St. Marys at the two most
The next deed found for our Peter Baker is dated 25 August 1785 (Washington Co., Md. Deed Book D, pages 398 and 399). In this deed Adam Allenbaugh sold to Peter Baker twenty acres of a parcel of land called “The Resurvey of Well Done” for fifty pounds. Both men were listed as farmers in the deed and they signed in German script. This land was adjacent to “Martsome.” (Note: “The Resurvey of Well Done” was originally granted 1 February 1764 to Moses Chapline and contained 1822 acres. Over the years it was broken up into smaller parcels.)

On 18 October 1789 Peter Baker recorded the following deed (Washington Co., Md. Deed Book F, pages 405 and 406.) Indenture made 8 August 1789 between Joseph Chapline of Washington Co., Md. executor of Joseph Chapline late of
Frederick Co. deceased, and Peter Baker of Washington Co., Md., farmer. In consideration of the sum of fifty pounds Joseph Chapline sells a tract called “The Blooming Plains” containing fourteen and one half acres. This adjoined “Resurvey of Well Done.” Witnesses were John Stull and H. Shryock.

On 13 March 1798 Peter Baker recorded the following deed (Washington Co., Md. Deed Book K, pages 756-758.) Indenture made 23 February 1798 between John Summers and Peter Baker in consideration of the sum of ten pounds current money sold to Peter Baker part of a tract of land called “Raccoon” in Washington Co., Md. containing 104 acres. This adjoined “Resurvey of Well Done” and “Martsome.” Witnessed by George Scott.

I wonder if Peter had actually purchased this land earlier than the above date from John Summer and they just got around to recording it so Peter could sell it to Jacob Petery. See the next deed.

On 13 March 1798 Jacob Petery, farmer, recorded the following deed made on 10 March 1798 (Washington Co., Md. Deed Book K, pages 758-761.) Peter Baker of Washington Co., Md., farmer, for 764 pounds 13 shillings sold three tracts or parcels of land called, “Mart” - 50 acres, “Racoon” - 104 acres, and “Part of Addition to Middlebough” - 10 ½ acres, beginning at the side of a branch falling from the end of Short Hill Mountain being a draught of Little Antietam. Signed by Peter Baker in German style. Witnessed by George Scott.

On 10 March 1798, Peter Baker acknowledged the deed and Anna Maria, wife of Peter Baker came and examined apart, voluntarily relinquished all her right of dower.

This deed sold Baker’s Washington Co., Md. land in preparation for their move to Springhill Township, Fayette Co., Pa.

However, Peter Baker was not through with land transactions in Maryland. Even after his move to Springhill several more deeds were recorded in Washington Co., Md.

Peter Baker recorded the following deed on 4 September 1800 (Washington Co., Md. Deed Book N13, pages 133 and 134.) Indenture made on 10 June 1800 between Joseph Chapline of Washington Co., Md. and Peter Baker of Fayette Co. and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In consideration of the sum of five shillings Joseph Chapline sold to Peter Baker a parcel of land being a part of the tract of land called “The Resurvey of Well Done” containing twelve and one half acres, adjoyning “Resurvey of Well Done.” Witnessed by Robert Hughes and A. Clagget.

This seems like a small sum of money for twelve and one half acres of land. Perhaps Joseph Chapline was deeding over this property to Peter Baker to settle a debt.

Peter Baker recorded the following deed on 10 October 1803 (Washington Co., Md. Deed Book P15, pages 313-315.) Indenture made 14 September 1803 between John Allebaugh and Peter Baker of the State of Pennsylvania, farmer. For the sum of five pounds John Allebaugh sells to Peter Baker “part of a land of land called Resurvey of Well Done” containing eight acres, adjoyning the land of Peter Allebaugh and Daniel Christian. Witnessed by George Scott and John Good.

OTHER MARYLAND RECORDS OF THE BAKERS

CENSUS

The 1790 Census was the first census of the United States. There were two Peter Bakers listed in Washington Co., Md. in 1790. Both have the same number of males and females in their household. The census appears to have been printed in the exact order in which it was taken by the census taker. I am inclined to believe the first Peter Baker listed is ours. This is concluded by the association of names of his neighbors, such as Allebaugh and Summer. They were the names of men that Peter had purchased land from. In the 1790 Census Peter Baker’s household is listed as follows:

4 Males over 16 including head of household
1 Male under 16
4 Females

Peter and Mary Baker would have been about 52 and 44 at the time of this census. Peter’s will in 1812 lists five sons, and two daughters. This census lists four sons and three daughters. One son could have been married or living in another
household. It is also possible there were other children who died and are not mentioned in the will. These early census
corrects do not differentiate between family and non-family members, so there could have been farmhands or servant girls
included in the household.

RELIGION

Peter and Mary Baker were followers of the Reformed Church, which was closely allied with the Lutheran Church.
Several early records of the Bakers are found in the Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, Md.

In 1759 a Peter Becker is listed with Communicates on Easter.

On 15 September 1761 Peter Baker and Anna Maria Nicol were married by Pastor
Philip Otterbein.

On 23 March 1780 the following young people were confirmed: Anna Maria
Becker. (This could have been Peter and Mary’s, daughter, Mary.)

The Lutheran and Reformed Congregations were very close in their beliefs and often shared the same church
buildings and pastors. Entries in their church records were all in German and using the German style of writing and spelling
of names. That is why you see Becker for Baker, Anna Maria for Mary and Johannes for John.

After the Bakers moved to Springhill their names would appear in the records of Jacobs Lutheran Church and later in
St. Johns Lutheran Church. More on this later.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS

I have found two records on a Peter Baker of Washington Co., Md. during the Revolutionary War period.

From the Revolutionary Records of Maryland by G. W. Brumbaugh, is found lists of The Oath of Fidelity for

In the History of Western Maryland by J. Thomas Scharf, page 1190 is found the following, “the following returns of
grain purchased by order of the General Assembly will prove interesting to many persons living in Washington Co.” Under
the return of Henry Shryock is listed Peter Baker.

I am not sure if these are our Peter Baker, however H. Shryock witnessed an 1789 deed between Joseph Chapline and
Peter Baker, so he was a neighbor.

THE BAKERS MOVE TO SPRINGHILL,

FIGURE 4
MAP OF PENNSYLVANIA SHOW LOCATION OF FAYETTE COUNTY.
Why did the Baker family move to Western Pennsylvania after living on their farm in Maryland for over thirty years. That is something we will really never know. However, the opportunity to get cheaper land was probably the main reason.

Peter Baker probably traveled to Fayette County during the summer to look over the territory and scout out land for a farm. He may have been accompanied by his twin sons, Michael and George. I believe their goal was to find a suitable parcel of land that would support all three of their families. It is even possible the Bakers made more than one trip and visited more than one area.

The move to Western Pennsylvania was fraught with trials and tribulations. Foremost were the mountains that had to be crossed. It was natural for the Bakers to follow the old Braddock Road, which ran very close to their Maryland farm. By following this road all the way to Uniontown, Pa. they would come within about fifteen miles of their land in Springhill.

Braddocks Road was no more than a rough wagon path at that time. Originally an Indian trail it had been in use by settlers as one of the main roads west. As the Bakers moved west they had to go over Sideling Hill, Savage Mountain, Negro Mountain, Keyers Ridge, and the last mountain, Laurel Hill, now called Chestnut Ridge. They crossed the Conococheague River, Wills Creek, the Little Crossing of the Casselman River, and the Big Crossing of the Youghiogeny River. They also passed the “Shades of Death,” Little Meadows, and Big Meadows. The National Road was not authorized until 1806, so there were no improvements and few taverns or inns. At nightfall you stopped where you were and camped. Occasionally you may find rest in the crude home of a local resident. The Bakers probably used a wagon to move. It took all the efforts of their horses to get the wagon up the mountains. Going down the mountains, logs were tied to the back of the wagon and dragged along to slow the momentum.

The Bakers moved in two groups. Peter and Michael’s families first and George’s family later. It is possible they only had one wagon and it took two or more trips to bring everything west.

In the 1800 Census Peter and Michael Baker are listed in Springhill Township, while George is still living in Washington Co., Md. One reference says George and his family did not move until 1802. The reason for the family moving in two groups may have been the need to build suitable housing.

**PETER BAKER PURCHASES HIS LAND**

On 17 October 1799 Peter Baker purchased from Daniel Arnold a tract of land containing 291 acres called “Mt. Pleasant” located on the East side of the Cheat River in Springhill Township, Fayette Co., Pa. It clearly stated in the deed “Peter Baker of Springhill Township” which I believe means Peter was already established as a resident of Springhill. He could have been living on this very tract of land. Daniel Arnold purchased this tract of land from William and Dixon Hutton on 16 August 1793. It had been originally patented on 5 June 1787 to John Calhoun. In the deed the abutting property owners are identified as John Gillespie, William Workman and John Selser.
I believe that Peter Baker and his two sons, Michael and George, had an advance plan about the land purchase in Springhill. Peter Baker was at least sixty years of age and the two sons in their mid thirties when they made this move. Why would Peter want to go to all the trouble of moving west and establishing a new home at his age. I personally believe that the twins, Michael and George, were his favorite sons, and he wanted to establish them as prosperous farmers. Census and tax records indicate that only two houses were built on the farm. It appears that Michael, and his family, was in one house and George, his family, along with his parents, Peter and Mary, lived in the other house. There was also another child of Peter Baker with the family, Charlotte, the unmarried daughter. Charlotte lived out her life with Peter and then with brother, George. When Peter Baker died he equally divided the farm between Michael and George. “Michael to have the northeast and George the southwest.” This division of the farm may have been decided long before Peter’s will was written.

There is no mention of a house being on the property when purchased by Peter. It was probably just vacant land. The first order of business for the Bakers was to build homes for the families. As stated earlier I believe one house was build, which was occupied by Peter and Michael. After the second house was built George then moved his family from Maryland. Peter and Mary Baker then lived with George. These first houses were probably logs. It was also necessary to build other buildings such as a barn, corncrib, and pens for the animal. Fences would also have to be erected. The wood would have been cut right from the land, which aided in the clearing for farming. The houses were located close to a source of water, a spring. There was also a small creek running down through the farm to the Cheat River. The farm ran right down to the banks of the Cheat River, which was it’s Southwest border. The Eastern border of the Baker property was along the first public road laid out in Springhill Township. This road ran from Uniontown, Pa. to Morgantown, Va. via McFarlands Ferry on the Cheat River. (Ellis’ History of Fayette Co., Pa., page 767.)

Peter Baker never knew when he purchased this tract of land it overlaid a very rich vein of coal.

PETER BAKER INVOLVED IN A LAWSUIT

At the same time Peter Baker was purchasing his property in Springhill he was also involved in a lawsuit with neighbor, John Gillespie, concerning the same property.

Summons dated 25 September 1799 and 24 March 1800 ordering John Gillespie to appear in court in December
(first summons) and June (second summons) for felling and carrying away timber trees. Evidently Gillespie had cut the trees on the Peter Baker land.

The first summons of 25 September 1799 ordering Gillespie to appear in court on the fourth Monday in December actually predated the purchase of the land from Daniel Arnold by Peter Baker. They may mean that Peter was already living on the land, and renting it prior to the final purchase. It does seem strange he would sue prior to ownership. Gillespie was ordered to pay Peter Baker twenty-four pounds.

On 12 June 1800 another summons was served on John Gillespie and Jonathan Gabrill which states “to answer unto Peter Baker assignee of Abraham Stewart, Esq. of a plea that they order to him they owe and unjustly detain.” Abraham Stewart was the sheriff at the time the summons was issued.

I believe these all relate to the same court case and that Gillespie and Gabrill had failed to pay for the timber as ordered earlier by the court.

In Fayette Co., Pa. Deed Book E, page 161 is a record that John Gillespie releases Quit Claim unto Peter Baker on tract of land in Springhill Township which Baker purchased from Daniel Arnold. This was dated 1 September 1800 and was witnessed by Isaac Griffin and John Young. It was recorded in the Courthouse on 9 July 1803. This may have settled the whole affair between Gillespie and Baker.

LIFE ON THE FARM IN EARLY SPRINGHILL

The Baker men immediately went to work improving the land. The women went to work improving the living quarters. Peter’s will gives a good idea of the crops that were raised. Peter mentions the garden, potatoes, wheat, flax and apple and peach orchard. They also probably raised oats, rye and corn. Farm animals Peter mentioned include cows, horses, hogs and sheep. There may have also been chickens and other fowl. George Baker, Jr. in his 1889 biography states that Peter Baker had an apiary. Bees were very important, both for honey and pollination. There were also sugar maple trees for making syrup and sugar.

Furniture, household goods and farm implements would have been brought from Maryland, made for themselves, or purchased locally. The men would make new furniture as needed or have it made by a neighbor skilled in woodworking. There were blacksmiths in the area to make and repair farm equipment.

The family garden was usually the domain of the women. Here was raised all the vegetables needed by the family. Our Bakers would have raised staples such as cabbage, beans, peas, pumpkins, squash, carrots, radishes, muskmelons, cucumbers and parsnips. Potatoes and corn were raised in separate plots and usually tended by the men. The corn raised in the early days was not the type of sweet corn that we have today. Sweet corn did not become widespread until after 1860. Corn was often eaten roasted or ground into meal for mush and corn bread. Some of the vegetables were eaten fresh, but most of it was stored for winter use.

As with all frontier families the Bakers raised sheep for wool and flax for linen. These products would be homespun into clothing, blankets, and other cloth goods. Peter’s son, George, Sr. and his family wove on a commercial scale. I believe they learned the weaving trade from Juliana Baker’s father, Henry Dick, although Peter Baker, Jr., who remained in Boonsboro, Md. was a full-time weaver.

Maple sugaring was also very important for farm families. Almost every family had a stand of sugar trees and a sugar camp. In early spring when the maple sap started to flow the whole family gathered to make syrup and sugar. Originally all the sugaring was done for the family’s benefit. In later generations of the Bakers it became a part-time business. I have found several advertising leaflets by both Michael Baker and Frank Baker for “Pure Rock Maple Syrup.” One byproduct of maple sugaring that the Bakers enjoyed was green liquid called sugar water beer. It could be potent.

Hunting and fishing were also important sources of food. The nearby woods were abundant with squirrels, raccoons, turkeys and pigeons. As land opened up there were more rabbits and ground hogs. Waterfowl such as ducks and geese were enjoyed. By the time the Bakers arrived deer were getting scarce and bears were gone from the woods. To supplement their income the men would trap along the Cheat River for muskrats, mink and other furbearers. Fishing was very important. The Cheat River was alive with fish. It was years before pollution would kill the river. There were bass, trout, catfish, pike, eels, sunfish and suckers. In the early days even huge sturgeon were still lurking in the river. The Bakers probably fished with poles, nets, weirs and gigs. A document, dated 1814, survives in which eleven men of Springhill agree to make and maintain
a fishing seine one hundred yards long and three yards wide. (Private Collection of Mick Gallis.) This clearly shows how important fishing was to the community.

Other wild foods gathered included all kinds of berries and fruit such as blackberries, raspberries, huckleberries, elderberries, wild plums, wild cherries and crabapples. Also gathered were black walnuts, hickory nuts, butternuts and all kinds of wild mushrooms.

The German housewives were famous for their cooking. In the early days, until they established their farms, most folks lived on mush and milk. Later as life improved, so did the cooking. Generally they ate more fruits and vegetables than meat. Pastries and preserves were commonplace with the German population. Sauerkraut was cooked in many ways. Buckwheat cakes were a staple along with corn mush and milk. All of this wonderful cooking was done in an open fireplace. An oven for baking bread may have been built in the yard.

According to the book, Pennsylvania Agriculture and Country Life 1640-1840 by Steven W. Fletcher, page 410, most early settlers “had an aversion to water for drinking purposes, believing that it induced malaria and other ills. They preferred ‘comfortable drinks’ both fermented and spirituous.” Whiskey was the drink of Western Pennsylvania and a very important commercial product. I have not found any proof that the Bakers owned a distillery, but many of their neighbors did. Other drinks were cider, consumed in huge quantities, apple jack, which was distilled cider, pear cider orerry, peach brandy and a beverage called “metheglin” made of honey, cider and water, that was very popular in Western Pennsylvania.

Whiskey was not just a drink of men, it was also consumed by the women. Little children were given bread soaked in whiskey. Preachers would be paid in whiskey. About 1840 the use of whiskey as a farm beverage declined, to be replaced by coffee.

The clothing worn by our Baker ancestors would have been typical of the period. Most clothing would be homemade of tow, linen, wood and lindsey woolsey. Lindsey woolsey was a material combining both linen and wool with the warp of linen and the woof of wool. The men wore breeches and a shirt in summer, with the addition of a jacket or coat in winter. Women wore short gowns and petticoats of wool in winter and linen in summer. Underwear was unknown. Aprons were worn by both sexes to protect clothing with men usually wearing leather ones.

Most farmers commonly went barefoot in the summer and only wore shoes in the coldest months.

The Bakers were undoubtedly German speakers at home, only speaking English outside of the home. Both Peter and Mary Baker’s sons, Michael and George, had Bibles printed in German, with all the family birth dates written in German.

George W. Litman writing in 1903 in a Genius newspaper article entitled “The Early German Settlers of Springhill Township” said “some of the German families were so much impressed and in love with the German language that they used no other in their families although the schools of the vicinity taught nothing but English.” Later in the same article he mentions “one more old German citizen. Who lived a mile south of Morris Cross Roads...Michael Baker.” Litman went on to state that Michael Baker spoke English with a heavy German accent. I am sure the Michael he was speaking of in this article was Michael Baker, Sr.

As the generations passed the German language gradually was lost. Myrtie Dunham related a story of how her Grandfather, George Baker, Jr., would read to his grandchildren, much to their delight, out of his huge old German Bible. In fact, George Baker, Jr., who died in 1905, was probably the last German speaker in the family. However, all the German words were not lost in the family. As a small child, I recall, my Grandfather Baker and some of his Baker cousins use the words smearcase for cottage cheese and pone’ haus for scrapple.

RELIGION

After the move to Western Pennsylvania the Bakers affiliated with Jacobs Lutheran Church in German Township. There are only a couple of entries concerning our Bakers in the early records of the church. I have not found any proof the Bakers were actually members of Jacobs. It may be they attended church only on special occasions because of the distance that had to be traveled.
Later generations of Bakers would be instrumental in the organization of St. John Lutheran Church closer to home. (See Part VIII for more information.)

SCHOOLS

Shortly after the Bakers arrival in Springhill the first schoolhouse in the township was built at Morris Cross Roads. In A Glimpse of the Old School House by A. W. Scott he tells the history of building this schoolhouse, know as the Morris School. Scotts states that Michael Baker, Sr. was one of the trustees of the school. The school was constructed of logs and “in those days, to be a corner man at raising, was a post of honor.” George Baker, Sr. was the Northwest corner man. Scott went on to name some of the early scholars including Mary and Margaret Baker, daughters of George Baker, Sr. and Mary, Elizabeth, Jacob, and Daniel, children of Michael Baker, Sr. In these early days this type of school was called a subscription school because the parents paid so much per scholar to the teacher. The school were completely constructed and maintained by the parents and local community. They did not receive any funds from the government.

PETER BAKER SELLS SOME LAND

On 31 January 1804 Peter Baker sold six acres of land (Fayette Co., Pa. Deed Book E, page 205) to Thomas Burchinal, “the half of the other party” and Michael and George Baker of “the other half of the same party” for $75.00.

This parcel started at a forked sugar tree on the bank of the river down the side of the river to a hickory tree on the side of the hill, by the old camp to a dead white oak, the South corner of the plantation thence down the river to the beginning.

Peter Baker reserved the right to use a sugar tree, the use of the millseat, the privilege of timber for the buildings and repairing home place and privilege of stone where can “begat handyest.”

It may be the Bakers and Thomas Burchinal were jointly building a mill on this parcel of land.

The interesting thing mentioned in this deed, is the “old camp.” Could the old camp have been where the Bakers lived while building their home or a camp that had been used by others. I think if it was a sugar camp the deed would have said sugar camp.

PETER BAKER’S WILL

On 1 November 1808 Peter Baker wrote his will. 04 December 1810 he wrote a codicil to that will.

On 10 August 1812 Peter’s will was recorded in the Courthouse. (Fayette Co., Pa. Will Book I, Volume II, page 413.)

We do not know the exact date Peter Baker died but it was most likely a week or two before the will was probated. If we go by the 1738 date stated earlier as a possible birth date, he was seventy four years old when he died.

In this will Peter names his wife, Mary, and sons, Michael, George, Peter, John, Lewis and daughters, Mary Marquis and Charlotte Baker.

By the terms of his will Mary, his wife, was to receive household furniture, one sorrel mare, two milch cows, five sheep, the East end of the dwelling house, half the kitchen and the garden.

Peter then divided the farm equally between his sons, Michael and George, with Michael getting the Northeast portion and George the Southwest portion. Peter also directed Michael and George to provide to their mother each year, eleven bushels of wheat, sufficient firewood, feed and keep for one horse, two cows and five sheep. Also they were to deliver to their mother each year one good fat hog, thirteen pounds of dressed flax, thirteen pounds of sugar, seven bushels of potatoes and what apples and peaches as she may need to dry.

To unmarried daughter, Charlotte, he bequeathed one cow, one bed and bedding and one chest of drawers commonly known or called hers.
By his codicil of 4 December 1810 Peter directed that Michael and George pay the other children, Peter, John, Lewis, Mary Marquis and Charlotte Baker $266.67 each.

Peter named as his executors Joseph Gans and Andrew Oliphant. Witnesses to the original will were Henry Shipley, Aaron Brooks and Thomas Boord. The codicil was witnessed by William Saddler, A. Oliphant and Joseph Gans. All of these men were nearby neighbors of Peter Baker.

Although there is nothing in Peter’s will that Michael and George were to maintain their unmarried sister, Charlotte, they did so. Charlotte lived in George’s household. She eventually outlived both of her brothers and was living with George Baker, Jr., her nephew, when she died.

Mary Baker continued to live on the home farm until her death in 1820. There are no legal documents in the courthouse or in the family Bibles noting her death date. The only proof of the death date is her tombstone inscribed “1820 MA BA.”

Both Peter and Mary are buried in the family cemetery on the home farm. (See Appendix for the list of burials in this cemetery.)

Peter Baker mentions a total of seven children in his will. These were the seven who were living at the time of the writing of the will. There could well have been other children who had died young.

In the next part of this book I will give what little is known of the following five children, Peter, Jr., John, Lewis, Mary and Charlotte. It appears that Peter, John and Charlotte died without issue. I have never located Lewis Baker.

The balance of this book outlines the history and descendants of the twins, Michael and George Baker. I will refer to these men as Michael, Sr. and George, Sr. as both had sons of the same name.

There have been questions as to whether or not Michael and George Baker were twins. I have not found any proof of their actual birth dates. However, there are other clues. In 1846 Michael made his will and in it he said he was 82 years old. That makes his year of birth 1764. We know from the family Bible that George died 16 May 1839. His son, George, Jr., said his father was seventy five years and two months old when he died. This also makes his year of birth 1764. If George, Jr. is correct the Baker twins were born in March of 1764.
CHAPTER 2

CHILDREN OF PETER AND MARY BAKER

All the children of Peter and Mary Baker were born in Washington County, Maryland.

1. Peter Baker, Jr. was born 18 October 1762 and died on 30 July 1844. (From tombstone.) He appears to be the oldest child of Peter and Mary Baker.

Peter is mentioned twice by J. Thomas Scharf in his History of Western Maryland, on page 1262 he states “Henry Dick had a weavers shop where the parsonage now stands as early as 1800 and probably before...Peter Baker in same business.” On page 1263 Scharf states, “Among the early residents of Boonsboro were...Peter Baker weaver...”

Not much can be found on Peter Baker, Jr. in the records of Washington Co., Md. Census records from 1800-1840 reveal a Peter Baker did live in Boonsboro. There were several other Peter Bakers living in Washington Co. during the same period.

On 10 February 1804 Peter Baker witnessed the will of Frederick Barrickman. (Washington Co., Md. Liber B, pages 967-969.)

On 11 March 1805 Peter Baker recorded a deed (Washington Co., Md. Deed Book R16, pages 65 and 66) in which for 150 pounds Henry Shectker sells to Peter Baker one lot and house in “Boonsborotown” in Washington Co., Md. 82 ½ feet X 261 feet being a part of a tract called “Fellowship” and paying yearly and every year to George Boone the sum of seven shillings and six pence.

The next thing found is Peter Baker’s will. Peter wrote his will on 24 July 1844 and it was probated on 12 August 1844. (Washington Co., Md. Will Book D, pages 538 and 539.) In the will he gives one half of personal property to wife, remaining one half to sister Scharlott Baker and nephew, George Baker, divided equally, share and share alike. To John House he gave his house and lot “where I now reside” together with the shop and weaving loom and all the appurtenances there unto attached. The will was witnessed by D. H. Keedy, Henry Nyman and Conrad Thompson.

When the will was probated the widow’s name is finally mentioned, Barbara Baker. There were no children mentioned in the will so you have to assume they were childless. Also the will shows that Peter Baker, Jr. was still in contact with his relatives who had moved to Springhill Township, Fayette Co., Pa. nearly forty years before. The bequest of his house, lot and all weaving equipment to a John House is interesting. I wonder if he could have been a brother of Barbara Baker, a partner in the weaving business, or an apprentice.

Peter Baker, Jr. was buried in the Trinity Reformed Church Cemetery in Boonsboro, Md. There is a tombstone standing there for him today. However, I could not find a stone for his wife, Barbara.

FIGURE 8

TOMBSTONE OF PETER BAKER, JR. IN TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH CEMETERY, BOONSBORO, MD.
2. Michael Baker, Sr. See Part II.

3. George Baker, Sr. See Part IV.

4. John Baker was born 29 September 1774. In the records found in the book *Maryland German Church Records The Monocacy Lutheran Congregation and Evangelical Lutheran Church Baptisms 1741-1791*, Volume 3, by Frederick Weiser, page 80 is found the following entry:

   “Johannes, son of Peter and Maria Becker was born 29 Sept 1774. Baptized on 14 June 1775, Sponsors: Parents.”

   I have found even less information on John Baker than I did on Peter Baker, Jr. The census records are of little help because there are numerous John Bakers in Washington Co., Md. and I cannot tell one from the other.

   On 25 April 1855 John Baker wrote his will. It was probated on 29 May 1855. (Washington Co., Md. Will Book E, pages 280 and 281.) In his will John devised to wife, Nancy, all personal property except a small tract of land (1 1/4 acres) bought from Peter Houses near Jubilee Road, to John Randolph and Mary Lucinda Bond, heirs of George W. Bond. This will was witnessed by A. A. Biggs, Jacob Nichol and George W. Bond.

   I have not found any information on the maiden name of John’s wife, Nancy, or where they are buried. As no children were mentioned in his will they must have been childless.

5. Lewis Baker. The only reference I have found on Lewis Baker is the mentioning of his name in the will of his father, Peter Baker. I have not found any other information. He evidently was living at the time of his father’s death.

6. Mary Baker Marquis. Mary Marquis is mentioned in Peter Baker’s will. The only Marquis family I have found that could possibly be Mary’s is an Abraham Marquis found in Springhill. Abraham Marquis is listed in the 1800 Census in Springhill with 1 male under 10, 1 male 16-26, 2 females under 10, 1 female 10-16, and 1 female 16-26. He is not found in the 1810 or 1820 census.

   In reviewing the Springhill Township Tax Returns I found Abraham Marquis in the 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819 and 1820 lists. He is listed as a carpenter with a house and lot at the Glass Works. The Glass Works in Springhill were located on Georges Creek a short distance from New Geneva. This had been the location of Gallatin’s Glass Works.

   In 1821 Molly Marquis is listed in the Tax Lists as a widow with a house and lot at the Glass Works. In the 1830 Census a Mary Marks is listed with 1 male 20-30, 1 female 15-20, 1 female 20-30 and 1 female 50-60. No Marquis or Marks are found in the Springhill Census records after 1830.

   If this Molly Marquis/Mary Marks is the daughter of Peter and Mary Baker then the Marquis family were in Springhill about the same time as the Bakers.

7. Charlotte Baker was born 3 March 1778. Her birth date is found on page 42 of *Maryland German Church Records, Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick, Co., Md. 1746-1789*, Volume 5 by Hinke and Weiser, which stated “Scharlotta, dau of Peter and Anna Maria Becker, b. 3 Mar 1778, baptized 7 June 1778. Sponsor: Scharlotta Nicol.” Charlotte Nichol was Mary Baker’s younger sister.

   Charlotte Baker never married. She moved to Springhill with her parents. After their deaths she lived in the household of her brother, George, Sr. After his death she remained in the household of her nephew, George, Jr.

   Charlotte died 15 April 1858. Her death date is recorded in the Baker Family Bible. Charlotte wrote her will on 26 January 1850 but it was never probated until 27 March 1861, nearly three years after her death. (Fayette Co., Pa. Will Book 3, page 428.)

   In her will she desires that her nephew, George Baker “keep, board, maintain and cherish me in sickness and health during my lifetime and to pay my debts and funeral expenses at my death.” She then states that her estate is “only personal.” Charlotte says her heirs are the children of her brother, George Baker, Mary Brooks, Elizabeth Baker, Margaret Jackson, Charlotte Brooks and George Baker. She gave one “burrow and cotton” quilt to Mary Brooks, a corner cupboard to Margaret
Jackson, one low bedstead, bedding and a candle stand to Charlotte Brooks. To George Baker she gave one "french bedstead and bedding together with all money that I own." She goes on to state if she has any other property at her death, it is to be shared and shared alike. Charlotte named George Baker and John Keiser as her executors.

Charlotte Baker signed her will with an X. The will was witnessed by Samuel Frankenberry and Henry Durr.

Charlotte Baker was buried in the Baker Cemetery on the family farm.
PART II
MICHAEL BAKER, SR.
SON OF PETER AND MARY BAKER

CHAPTER 3
MICHAEL BAKER, SR.
SON OF PETER AND MARY BAKER

Michael Baker, Sr. was born in 1764 in Washington Co., Md. the son of Peter and Mary Baker. He was the twin of his brother, George. His birth date comes from his will written in 1846 in which he states he was 82 years of age.

In his early life he would lived and worked on his parent's farm in Maryland. When Michael was thirty years old he married to Mollina Hose. This marriage took place on 17 March 1795 and is recorded in the church records of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Elizabethtown, Md. (Hagerstown, Md.) (Washington Co., Md. Church Records of the 18th century 1768-1800 by Newman, page 26.)

Mollina may have been a poor spelling of Magdalina. I have also seen it spelled as Mottina. Mollina was the daughter of Peter Hose, who died prior to 24 July 1830. In the Distribution of Estates of Washington Co., Md. File #142 is found the settlement of the estate of Peter Hose, who had evidently died without a will. In the division of his estate there is mentioned "Magdalena Baker child." I believe, this means Mollina Baker's children were to receive her share of the estate, as she was already deceased.

Michael and Mollina Baker had two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, both born in Washington Co., Md.
Mollina Baker most likely died soon after the birth of daughter, Elizabeth, and prior to Michael Baker’s move to Springhill. Her death date and burial place have not been found.

Michael Baker married second to Catherine Everly, daughter of Johann Nicolos Everly (Eberle) and Dorthea Mohr.

Catherine Everly had been born 6 January 1777 in Frederick Co., Md. and christened 20 February 1788 in Christ Reformed Church, Middletown, Frederick Co., Md. (Correspondence-Jan Everly Williams)

Michael and Catherine were probably not married until after the move to Springhill. It is possible that they knew one another in Maryland before they moved west. Catherine’s father, Johann or John Everly, also moved to Western Pennsylvania. He settled in German Township, not far from the Bakers. (See Everly Family in Part VII for more information.)

Michael and Catherine’s first child, Joseph, was born 22 April 1803, so they married sometime prior to that date. A record of their marriage has not been found.

Michael and Catherine Baker had a large Bible printed in Nurenburg, Germany in 1788 in which the birth dates of all the children were entered. Michael’s two daughters by his first marriage are not entered in this Bible. I believe that the Bible probably came to the marriage with Catherine or was a wedding gift to the couple. All the family entries are written in German.

FIGURE 10
THE MICHAEL AND CATHERINE BAKER FAMILY BIBLE BEING HELD BY SHERLENE KORZUN

Michael’s home was on his father’s farm and was built not far from his father’s house. Upon Peter Baker’s death in 1812 Michael inherited the Northwest portion of the farm.

In the 1800 Census of Springhill Township Michael Baker, Sr. is listed as:

1 Male 26-45
2 Females under 10
1 Female 26-45

The older female could be his second wife, Catherine. The two younger females are his daughters by first wife, Mollina.

In the 1810 Census of Springhill we find Michael Baker, Sr. listed as:
The only one that does not fit Michael’s family is the one male 10-16. In 1810 Michael did not have a son in the age bracket. Perhaps he had a hired hand working on the farm. Also the age of over 45 does not fit Catherine if she was born in 1777. This is probably just a Census error, which was quite common.

In the 1820 Census of Springhill Michael’s family is listed as:

- 3 Males under 10
- 2 Males 10-16
- 1 Male 16-18
- 1 Male over 45
- 3 Females under 10
- 1 Female 10-16
- 1 Female 26-45

Four members of the family were listed as being engaged in farming. In this census Catherine’s age is listed correctly.

In 1830 the Michel Baker, Sr. Census listing is:

- 2 Males 10-15
- 1 Male 40-50
- 2 Females 10-15
- 1 Female 15-20

By 1830 Catherine Baker had died. Michael is listed as between 40 and 50 even though he was 66 years of age.

In 1840 Springhill Census Michael Baker, Sr. is listed:

- 1 Male 70-80
- 1 Female 50-60

By this time Michael was married to his third wife, Barbary.

In the 1850 Census Barbary Baker is listed as living alone, at age 64. Michael, Sr. had died the year before.

In the 1825 Tax List for Springhill Township Michael is listed as follows:

- Michael Baker, Farmer ($120)
  - 145 acres ($2,610)
  - 4 horses ($240)
  - 3 cows ($30)
  - 1 dog

The dollar amounts are the assessed value for tax purposes.

In 1837 Michael Baker, Sr. owed $4.52 in taxes to Springhill Township. On 8 June 1837 he paid $2.17 ¼. On 10 June 1837 he paid $1.31 ¼ cents. There is no indication when he paid the balance of this bill.

The exact date of Catherine Baker’s death is unknown. We know she is not in the 1830 Census. Michael Baker, Jr., son of Michael, Sr. and Catherine Baker, related in his biography published in 1889 (Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of...
that Catherine Baker died twenty years before Michael, Sr. This would put her death date about 1829. Catherine was probably buried in the Baker Cemetery on the Baker farm.

Michael Baker, Sr. later married a third time to Barbary. I have not been able to determine her maiden name. My guess is she was a neighboring widow lady.

Michael Baker, Jr. stated in the same biography, cited previously, that Michael Baker, Sr., “engaged in farming, and for many years employed a team in hauling goods from Cumberland, Md. to Fayette Co., Pa.” This is the only reference I have ever seen that indicated Michael Baker, Sr. was in the teamster business. However, his own son should know what his father did. This could relate to the recurring family story that the Bakers went back to Hagerstown, Md. periodically to haul salt back to Springhill.

Another interesting fact, about Michael Baker, Sr. was recalled by his grandson, Michael, son of Joseph Baker. He stated on page 496 of the Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Fayette Co., Pa. that Michael Baker, Sr. was a German Baptist Minister. George W. Litman, writing in 1903, for the Genius newspaper of Uniontown, Pa. states “old Michael Baker, was a local preacher of some German denomination.” In the 1816 Tax List for Springhill Township Michael Baker’s occupation is listed as a Minister. I have not been able to find what church he preached in.

One thing about Michael Baker, Sr. that is certain was his politics. He was a Democrat. An old newspaper clipping dated about 20 June 1840 concerned the Democrat meeting in Springhill Township to elect delegates to attend the County Convention to Uniontown. Michael Baker, Sr. and Jr. are listed as attending the meeting held at Morris Cross Roads. (Collection of Beryl Burchinal.)

On 24 December 1903 the following article by George W. Litman was published in the Genius newspaper of Uniontown, Pa. Litman had been raised in Springhill and as a young man knew Michael Baker, Sr.

The Early German Settlers of Springhill Township

Anecdotes Illustration the Character of Michael Baker....

I will mention one more old German citizen, who lived a mile south of Morris Cross Roads, and of course, I have an incident to relate in connection with his life, and it is one that brings out the German accent and a little bit of animus. My subject now is Michael Baker, who was one of the early settlers near by Morris Cross Roads. I do not know whether he came from the East or from one of the Southern States. I know that the name of Michael Baker is carried down from him to at least the fourth generation. Michael D. Baker, who lived in Uniontown for many years, but now living in Pittsburgh, is a grandson of the original Michael Baker.

Well, to make a long story short, this old Michael Baker, was a local preacher of some German denomination, and a farmer. He owned a good farm and raised good crops. On one occasion he had a number of cradlers cutting wheat, and Mr. Baker was around among them, seeing that the work was going on properly. Sometimes some new cradles will not perform their proper functions, and will not do their work right. Two of the Bowers boys, sons of Joseph Bowers, were cradling and one of them could not get his cradle to cut and lay the grain properly and it stopped the gang of workmen, which was annoying to the old man Baker. It will be recollected, that every farmer at that day, if he had any mechanism about him, made his own tools, and it was so with grain cradles.

The father of the two stalwart Bowers boys had made the cradle that would not work. All had taken a look at the cradle and each suggested some remedy. Finally the old German came up and looked it over carefully, then turning to the crowd with a knowing look, and a twinkle in his little black eye, said, "I see where the fault is. Jo Power made the cradle." This was a little humiliating to the Bowers boys, but they had to take it. One of them related the facts to me.

Michael Baker, Sr. made his will on 6 April 1846. It was probated on 6 December 1849 (Fayette Co., Pa. Will Book 2, Volume II, page 690.) He probably died a couple of weeks before the will was probated. When he wrote the will in 1846 Michael stated he was 82 years of age. He gave to wife, Barbary, her lawful widow's dower should she be living at his death.
All remaining is to be divided equally among his nine children. He went on to say that three of his children had sold their interest in his estate. They were Mary Hart, Elizabeth Galaspie and Sarah Bateman. Michael then names the other nine children, Joseph, Jacob, John, Daniel, Samuel, Michael, Susan, Phoby and Catherine. Unfortunately he does not give us the married names of his last three daughters.

Michael named Jasper Clemmer and John Keiser as executors. The will was witnessed by John Durr and Samuel Frankenberry.

I believe Michael Baker, Sr. was buried in the Baker Cemetery on the Baker Farm. There is no surviving tombstone.

Barbary Baker evidently died in 1860. In the Court of September 1860, Fayette Co., Pa. is found a short notation concerning the settlement of her estate by her administrator, David Bowers. There is possibility that Barbary was related to the Bowers family.

Michael Baker, Sr. had two children by his first wife, Mollina Hose and ten children by his second wife, Catherine Everly. There were not children by the third marriage to Barbary. The record of his children follows:

CHAPTER 4

MARY BAKER HART

DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL, SR. AND MOLLINA BAKER

Mary Baker was the oldest child of Michael Baker, Sr. and his first wife, Mollina Hose. Her birth date is not recorded in the Michael Baker Family Bible. She was probably born about 1796 in Washington Co., Md. A. W. Scott in his A Glimpse of the Old School House states "Mary Baker, oldest daughter of Michael, Sen., married Christian Hart, lived for a time in German Township, on Browns Run, then went west."

There were several Hart families living in Fayette Co., Pa. during this period. However, I have not been able to tie Christian Hart to any of them.

Mary and Christian Hart moved to Mason Co., Va. (now W.Va.) sometime in the 1840's. There is some confusion about the exact date. One son, Daniel Hart, in Hardesty's History of Mason Co., W. Va., page 113 said they moved to Mason Co. in 1852. In another book, History of the Great Kanawha Valley, page 62, in short paragraph about George Hart says "Christian Hart, also a native of Fayette Co., Penn., who removed in 1844 to Mason Co. There he spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring in 1847. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Baker and they were married in 1800."

The section under George Hart has several major errors. First, Mary and Christian Hart could not have been married in 1800. Mary was only about four years old at that time. Second, Christian Hart was still living in 1850 for he is found in that Census living in the household of his son, Christain. Mary Hart is not found in that Census, so perhaps, the author meant to say she died in 1847.

Also you can see Daniel Hart was also wrong when he said his father did not move to Mason Co. until 1852. He is clearly found in the 1850 Mason Co. Census. In this Census Christian gave his age as 62 and said he was born in Maryland. This would give him a birth date of 1788.

The children of Mary and Christian Hart settled in the Graham and Cooper Districts in Mason Co. This is in the Northwest part of the county right along the Ohio River. I believe that Mary and Christian may have followed some of their older children to Mason Co., rather than the children following them. Mary and Christian Hart were members of the United Brethren Church.

I have not found the exact death dates of Mary or Christian Hart or where they were buried. There is a Christian Hart Cemetery in Graham District, named after their son. It is possible they are buried in that cemetery.

Mary and Christian Hart had fourteen known children. The following may not be in the correct order of birth.


3. Lavina Hart m. 1839 in Mason Co. to Van Blibber Smith. The 1850 Census shows the following children. The birth dates are from the Census record.
   1a. Lewis Smith b. 1844.
   2a. Sarah J. Smith b. 1846.
   3a. R. J. Smith b. 1848.
   4a. Alpheus Smith b. 1849.

4. Elizabeth Hart m. January 1843 in Mason Co. to Jno. Zerckel. Elizabeth’s tombstone in the Christian Hart Cemetery is very hard to read, but it looks like she died in 1848.

5. Jacob Hart m. 04 April 1844 in Mason Co. to Eliza Ann Blessing. The 1850 Census gives Jacob a birth date of about 1816 or 1817. I have not found any information of the exact dates of their deaths. In the 1860 and 1870 Census the following children and approximate birth dates are listed.
   1a. Jesse Hart b. 1845.
   4a. William Hart b. 1849/50.
   5a. Syntha J. Hart b. 1853.
   6a. Susan Hart b. 1856.
   7a. Henry Hart b. 1858/59.
   8a. Mary L. Hart b. 1861.


8. Jessie Hart b. about 1822, m. 18 October 1846 in Mason Co. to Caroline Vail. She had been born in Ohio about 1829. In the 1850 Mason Co. Census they are listed with two children.
   1a. James Hart b. 1848.
   2a. Elizana Hart b. 1849/50.

9. Christian Hart b. 1824, m. 24 May 1849 to Mary Roush, daughter of John and Margaret Rickard Roush. They were married in Mason Co. Mary was born 20 January 1824 and died 21 September 1893. Christian Hart died 25 December 1897. Both are buried in the Christian Hart Cemetery. Christian was a farmer. From Census records we find they had at least four children.
   1a. Allen Hart b. 28 Feb 1850, m. 1870 to Elizabeth Roush. Elizabeth was born 10 September 1850 and died 3 November 1932. Allen died 18 January, 1929. Both are buried in Union Cemetery near New Haven, Mason Co. Allen was a farmer. They had four children.
      1b. John Hart b. 1870.
      2b. Louis Hart b. 1871.
      3b. Vesta Hart b. 06 September 1874, m. Lewis Elmer McMillin.
      4b. Olge Hart b. 20 November 1887, m. _______ Roush.
   2a. Fidella Hart b. 1852, m. James R. Ball.
   3a. Gilbert Hart b. 18 September 1857, d. 1946.
   4a. Linley Hart b. 1867.

10. George Hart b. 05 April 1825 d. 1903, m. 04 November 1848 to Hannah Roush, daughter of Samuel and Catherine Circle Roush. Hannah had been b. 1827 and d. 1920. Both are buried in Oak Grove, EUB Cemetery in Cooper District, Mason Co. They were members of the United Brethren Church. George Hart was a farmer with a 56 acre farm in Cooper District, Mason Co. George and Hannah had at least nine children. Most of the following information on these children came from Census Records.
   1a. Mary M. Hart b. 1848 d. 19 June 1939. Mary m. Joseph F. Gibbs. They are buried in the Oak Grove
Cemetery, Cooper District, Mason Co.
2a. Rhoda E. Hart b. 1850
4a. Henry S. Hart b. 1854 d. 29 April 1941 m. Marion Minturn. Buried at Oak Grove EUB Cemetery in Cooper District, Mason Co.
5a. Jonas Hart b. 1 March 1856 d. 1940 m. Mary E. Smith. Buried at Oak Grove EUB Cemetery in Cooper District, Mason Co.
7a. George B. M. Hart b. 1860.
8a. Lorena Hart b. 1863.

11. Joseph Hart b. between 1826 and 1830. He m. 21 September 1848 to Mary J. Morgan. In 1850 Census they had one daughter. Not found in Mason Co. in later Census Record. May have moved from area.
1a. Mary M. Hart b. 1849.

12. Daniel Hart b 10 July 1828 d. 1916. Daniel married in Mason Co. on 05 May 1856 to Christina Zerkle Nease. She had been married previously to Jacob Nease, who died in 1854. Christina b. 1831 d. 1909. Both are buried in the Union Cemetery, New Haven, Mason Co. Christina had three children by her first marriage and four more children with Daniel.
2a. Isiah E. Hart b. 1860 Census says he was three years old. Could he have been a twin of Sarah E. Hart.
3a. John C. Hart b. 8 March 1860.
4a. Henry M. Hart b. 1 December 1861 d. 1944 m. Annie O.

13. Maria Hart b. 10 December 1830 d. 1 January 1902. Mariah m. 4 May 1848 to Samuel A. Richart (Rickard), Sr., son of Michael and Mary Roush Rickard. Samuel b. 15 February 1825 d. 5 September 1901. He was a farmer near Letart, Mason Co. and also owned a sawmill. Both are buried in the Oak Grove EUB Cemetery in Cooper District, Mason Co. Records for the following seven children have been found in Census Records and other county records.
2a. William Riley Richart b. 3 January 1852 d. 14 July 1929 m. Lena L. Fry on 30 November 1882. Both buried in Oak Grove EUB Cemetery.
4a. Samuel A. Rickard Jr. b. 1 January 1859 d. 1938 m. 5 April 1883 to Laura L. Frye. Both are buried in Oak Grove EUB Cemetery.
5a. Mary Virginia Rickard b. 4 July 1861 d. 30 December 1917. She m. James M. Cullen on 5 April 1883.
6a. Harvey Erving Rickard b. 12 November 1867 d. 5 September 1891. Buried in Oak Grove EUB Cemetery.
7a. Minnie Alice Rickard b. 26 November 1872 d. 6 October 1965. Minnie may have also gone by her middle name Alice. She married 22 February 1894 to Stephen L. Howard. Both are buried in the Graham Cemetery, Graham Station, Mason Co.


NOTE: Up until a few weeks before starting the final draft on this book, I had not found any information on the Mary and Christian Hart family. I had searched without success for several years. Surprisingly, I was contacted by a Hart researcher, Shirley Wood, of Smithfield, Pa., who had found records of Mary and Christian Hart in Mason Co. W.Va.

I then was able to contact a genealogical researcher, Janet Reed, in Mason Co. W.Va. On short notice she developed the genealogical information in this chapter. She believes that Hart descendants still live in Mason Co. If I had more time to do research I am sure more information could have been gathered.
CHAPTER 5

ELIZABETH BAKER GILLESPIE

DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL, SR. AND MOLLINA BAKER

Elizabeth Baker was the second child of Michael, Sr. and Mollina Hose Baker. She was probably born about 1798 in Washington Co., Md. There is no entry for her in the Michael Baker Family Bible.

Elizabeth married George Gillespie. A. W. Scott in his A Glimpse of the Old School House states “George Galispie married Elizabeth Baker, was a careful, industrious man, lived in Springhill till about 1834, then removed to Mill Creek in West Virginia and we know little of his subsequent history.”

The Galispie/Gillespie family was an old one in Springhill Township. John Gillespy received a warrant on 14 March 1789 for 364 ¼ acres called Inverness. This property abutted to the Northwest of the John Calhoon land that Peter Baker would later buy. Peter Baker had even sued John Gillespie for cutting timber on his land.

John Gillespie’s will was probated on 1 August 1814. In this will he mentions two children, Hannah and John. It is possible that George Gillespie was a son or grandson of this John Gillespie.

The only mention I can find of George Gillespie is in the 1830 Census of Springhill Township. In that Census George Gillespie is listed with three males under five, one male 30-40, one female 5-10, and one female 30-40. This would mean that by 1830 Elizabeth and George Gillespie had at least three sons and one daughter. They are not found in any other Springhill Census.

Research in Randolph Co. W.Va., where the town of Mill Creek is located, reveals no Gillespies. There are none in the 1840, 1850 or 1860 Census. There are no Gillespies in the marriage records and in published cemetery readings. Research in nearby Tucker Co. produced the same results.

If Elizabeth and George Gillespie did move to a Mill Creek in West Virginia then it must have been somewhere other then the Mill Creek in Randolph Co.

CHAPTER 6

JOSEPH BAKER

SON OF MICHAEL, SR. AND CATHERINE BAKER

Joseph Baker was the oldest child of Michael, Sr. and his second wife, Catherine Everly. He was Michael, Sr.’s third child. Joseph Baker was born 8 December 1803 and is the first birth date entered in the Michael Baker Family Bible. He was raised on his father’s farm in Springhill. On the 1825 Tax List for Springhill Township Joseph Baker is listed as a laborer with an assessed value of $120.00.

Joseph married, probably in 1826, Mrs. Hannah Larch Gans, widow of George Gans, who had died 10 July 1825. Hannah was the daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Larch. (See Part VII for more on the Larch family.) She had been born in 1790. Hannah had nine children from her first marriage. Joseph and Hannah had an additional four children. It has been told that Joseph and Hannah raised all thirteen children.

A. W. Scott in his A Glimpse of the Old School House says “Joseph Baker was born in Springhill Township. He was a quite, unobtrusive, industrious, frugal citizen. He married Hannah Gans, relict of George Gans, who died in 1825, and raised a large family of children by his wife’s first husband and four his own. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, was respected by his neighbors as a kind, upright and obliging man. He died about twenty years ago possessed of a good estate free from incumbrance. His memory is cherished by his surviving children and many who received acts of
kindness from him."

In the 1830 Census of Springhill Township the Joseph Baker family is listed as:

- 3 Males under 10
- 1 Male 5-10
- 1 Male 10-15
- 1 Male 15-20
- 1 Male 20-30
- 1 Female 5-10
- 2 Females 10-15
- 1 Female 15-20
- 1 Female 20-30
- 1 Female 40-50

In the 1840 Springhill Census Joseph Baker is listed:

- 1 Male 5-10
- 2 Males 10-15
- 1 Male 30-40
- 1 Female 5-10
- 1 Female 15-20
- 1 Female 20-30
- 1 Female 40-50

On 28 February 1850 Joseph Baker purchased the George Gans farm from the heirs. (Hannah's children by George Gans?). This 128 acres farm was near Old Frame in Nicholson Township, Fayette Co., Pa.

Joseph and Hannah Baker were members of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Smithfield, Pa. Joseph was a Democrat in politics.

On 7 April 1858 Joseph and Hannah Baker deeded the farm over to their twin sons, George W. and Michael Baker for “two dollars as well as for love and affections.” (Fayette Co. Pa. Deed Book 11, pages 248 and 249.)

Joseph died about five weeks later on 15 May 1858. He was only a little over 56 years of age when he died and must have been gravely ill when he deeded the farm over to the sons.

Joseph Baker wrote his will on 27 April 1858. It was probated on 24 May 1858.

In his will (which sounds like it was written down as he was thinking about it) Joseph Baker devised to his wife, Hannah, all real estate which he possessed at death, a buggy, one horse, two cows, and six sheep. To his two oldest sons, George W. and Michael, he divided all his real estate at wife's death upon the condition they pay son, Josiah Baker, $1400.00 and daughter, Caroline Young, $1800.00. He also gave to Caroline one cow and three sheep and directed the animals be allowed to remain on the farm, so Caroline can have the wool from the sheep. Joseph also directed that George W. and Michael remain on the “place with their mother during her natural life and farm the place under her control.” After their mother's death they “shall have equal privilege to the fruits of said farm” and the “sugar camp.”

Joseph Baker appointed sons, George W. and Michael Baker as his executors. The will was witnessed by W. I. Collins, G. W. Hertzog and Jno. Brownfield.

Joseph was buried in the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery in Smithfield, Pa.

Hannah Baker died on 2 February 1872 and is buried next to Joseph.

Joseph and Hannah Baker had four children.
1. George W. Baker b. 12 February 1827 (Twin of Michael) d. 14 December 1900. George never married and evidently lived on the home farm most of his life. At the time of his death he was living with his sister, Caroline Young, in Smithfield. A newspaper clipping of his obituary states “George Baker, who has been complaining some for about four weeks, was found dead in his bed this morning. From the position of his body he must have died without the least struggle. His hands were folded across his breast and his body straight and his head looked as though he had been asleep. “When called for breakfast his body was still warm.” He is probably buried in the Mt. Moriah Baptist Cemetery in Smithfield, Pa. There is no tombstone to be found for him.

2. Michael Baker b. 12 February 1827 (Twin of George W.) d. 17 October 1903. He married on 20 September 1859 to Mary Jane “Jennie” Dowlin, daughter of John Dowlin of Greene Co., Pa. Mary Jane had been b. 1838 in Carmichales, Pa. d. 14 April 1921. Michael Baker inherited one half of his father’s farm along with his brother, George. They ran this farm very successfully. Michael also had an interest in a cattle ranch in Wyoming Territory. He was Director of the Fayette Co. Poor House from 1873-1875. Five years prior to his death Michael and Mary Jane moved to Greensboro, Pa. Here is where Michael died. After his death Mary Jane and daughter, Elizabeth, continued to live in Greensboro. Michael and Mary Jane Baker are buried in the Mt. Moriah Baptist Cemetery in Smithfield, Pa. They had three children:
   1a. Elizabeth Baker. I have no information on her. She evidently never married and lived with her parents. She is probably buried in the Mt. Moriah Baptist Cemetery in Smithfield, Pa., but there is not tombstone for her.
   3a. Chauncey Larch Baker. Nothing known. At the time of his mother’s death her obituary said he worked for Cambria Steel Co. in Johnstown, Pa.

3. Josiah Baker b. 1828. Little is know of Josiah, except he was a cabinet maker and moved to Hamilton, Ohio. I searched records in that county without success.

4. Caroline Baker b. 8 October 1833 d. 10 May 1918. She married to Dr. W. F. Young who was a dentist in Uniontown, Pa. Caroline is buried in the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery in Smithfield, but there is no stone there for Dr. Young. When Caroline’s brother, George W., died in 1900 he was living with her in Smithfield. The Youngs had seven children but I have not been able to find much information on them.
   1a. Ella Young b. 1870 d. 27 April 1940 m. John Highly.
   2a. Anna Young m. Strickler.
   3a. George M. Young b. 28 April 1859 d. 30 August 1948 m. Mary Brusher.
      1b. Nora Lee Young b. 1884 d. 9 October 1961.
      2b. John P. Young.
      3b. Carl C. Young b. 13 May 1890 d. 1952 m. Faye Drake.
      1c. Drake Young b. 1920 d. 1937.
   4a. William Young.
   5a. Hannah Young m. Theodore Creech.
   6a. Nora Young.
   7a. Amie Young.

CHAPTER 7

SARAH BAKER BATEMAN

DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL, SR. AND CATHERINE BAKER

Sarah Baker was born 7 August 1804 in Springhill Township. She married to Daniel Dusenbury Bateman, son of William Bateman.

There is a great deal of confusion as to where Daniel Bateman came from. In the 1850 Census he says he was born in Pennsylvania. In the 1880 Census he says New York. In 1900 his son, George, says his father was born in Canada. One Bateman researcher that I corresponded with believed that New York was correct.

I have not found a marriage date for Sarah and Daniel, but it must have been prior to 1830 when their first child was
Sarah and Daniel Bateman moved several times over the years so it is hard to keep track of them. Their oldest child was born in Jackson Co. Va. (now W. Va.). The next two children claimed they were born in Pa. and the fourth says Kanawha Co. W. Va. They are not found in any Springhill Census.

In 1850 the Batemans were in Jackson Co., W. Va. By 1860 they were in Caldwell Co., Mo. They were residing in Davis Township with the following listing:

- D. D. Bateman age 55 Farmer
- Sarah 54
- George 25
- Dina 27
- A. 18 School Mistress

In the 1870 Census Daniel Bateman is listed as a farmer with real estate valued at $8000.00 and personal property valued at $2750.00. Sarah was listed as keeping house. All the children were gone. The listing is almost exactly the same for 1880.

The Batemans lived in New York Township in Caldwell Co., Mo. It would appear they were the first members of the family to move to Caldwell Co. As you will see later in this book several other Baker and related families moved to Caldwell Co. It would be interesting to know if reports sent back by the Bateman family prompted the others to move west.

Daniel D. Bateman died 28 May 1885. He died without a will. His estate was administered by George W. Bateman and Conrad Smith.

Sarah Bateman lived on with her children. In 1900 when the Census was done, she was living with son, George W. Bateman. One thing should be noted about her entry in this census. In it Sarah says her parents were born in Germany. This is the only reference I have seen that says that. All other records indicate they were both born in Maryland. It may be that Sarah spoke with a German accent, confused her parents with her grandparents and was a little confused herself in her old age. Anyway I think she may have confused the Census taker.

Sarah Bateman died in 1905 at the age of 101 years. As far as I can find she was about the oldest living person in the Baker Family. Sarah and Daniel are buried in New York Township, Caldwell Co., Mo. They had six known children.

1. Diana Bateman b. 11 December 1830 in Jackson Co. Va. (Now W. Va.) Her exact death date is not know. She m. 7 March 1864 to Rev. Andrew Baker b. 25 July 1797 d. 25 July 1883. Andrew had been married previously to Nancy Bryant, who had died in 1861. He had ten children in this first marriage. Andrew Baker was a minister and a farmer. Rev. Baker was very active in the Baptist Church, having been ordained in Versailles, Indiana. He originally was from Virginia and was the son of Henry and Mercy Tilson Baker. He lived in New York Township in Caldwell Co. His farm, of over 400 acres, was mostly farmed by others, while he was engaged in the ministry. Diana and Andrew Baker had two daughters.

2. George W. Bateman b. 10 April 1832 in Pa. d. 31 May 1908. He m. Josephine Delilah Haywood on 17 November 1864. She was born 9 January 1844 in Indiana. She died prior to her husband on 3 January 1904. George W. Bateman served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He served two hitches. The first was from 5 October 1862 to 20 April 1863 under Capt. G. W. Noblett in the 33 Regt. E. Missouri Militia, Co. F. The second was from 21 April 1863 to 22 November 1863 under Major Kirby in the 4th Prov. Regt., Missouri Militia. George had a large farm in New York Township in Caldwell Co. George and Josephine are buried in New York Township, Caldwell Co. They had eight children.
1a. Albert L. Bateman b. 1865 d. 12 March 1929. Albert never married. He worked as a civil engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad and lived in Omaha, Neb. Buried in Crystal Valley Cemetery, Manitou, CO.


3a. Sarah Anne Bateman b. August 1868 d. 1954 m. about 1923 to John Sullivan b. 20 August 1872 d. 14 April 1968. There were no children. The Sullivans lived in Manitou, CO.

5a. George Emmett Bateman b. 1872 d. 11 March 1942. Never married. Emmett lived in Manitou, CO. and drove a touring car hauling tourists around the country, especially up Pikes Peak.


7a. Mollie Bateman b. February 1876 d. 1951. She is buried at Crystal Valley Cemetery, Manitou, CO. Mollie, her sister Dora and brother, Emmett all lived together in Manitou.
8a. Andrew F. Bateman b. 16 January 1879 d. 29 March 1950. He married first to Lydia Kincaid on 29 September 1902. Lydia had been b. 13 June 1879, daughter of William and Elizabeth Kincaid. Andrew and Lydia had one daughter, Urma. Lydia d. 2 July 1905. She is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Caldwell Co., Mo. Andrew then moved Colorado. On 5 January 1909 at Longmont, CO, Andrew married Grace Dobbins daughter of Samuel and Hannah Armstrong Dobbins. Grace b. 6 December 1882 in Longmont, CO d. 30 September 1938. The Batemans were affiliated with the Methodist Church. Andrew and Grace Bateman had five children.

1b. Urma D. Bateman b. 4 July 1903 d. 19 March 1966. She was born in Cowgill, Mo. Urma m. 3 May 1924 to Frank Shrum, son of Levi and Emma Gill Shurm. He was b. 30 July 1902 d. 19 March 1991. Frank was a farmer near Cowgill, Mo. Urma and Frank are both buried in Cowgill. They had two sons.

1c. Frederick L. Shrum b. 12 February 1925 d. 2 May 1989 m. Iva Maria Burns. Frederick served in the U.S. Air Force. They had two children.

1d. Linda Lee Shrum b. 12 February 1949 m. LeRoy Cain.

1e. Lee A. Cain b. 19 August 1975.
2c. Adam B. Cain b. 1 August 1981.
2d. Judy A. Shrum b. 8 April 1952 m. Gregory Nees.
1e. Lydia M. Nees b. 19 May 1981.
2c. George B. Shrum b. 9 April 1941. Not married.
2b. Andrew Frank Bateman b. 31 December 1909 m. 1 July 1937 to Evelyn J. Cooke b. 11 June 1915 d. 7 October 1979. Frank m. second to Analee Lewis.
   1d. Regan Lee Thom b. 2 February 1964.
   2c. William Dana Bateman b. 17 March 1941 m. 15 June 1965 to Barbara Joan Swanson.
They have two children.
   1d. Beverly L. Bateman b. 8 September 1968 m. 18 June 1990 to Kevin C. Nicol.
3c. Andrew Kirk Bateman b. 16 March 1954 m. 25 May 1978 to Patty Crutchfield
Andersom b. 29 October 1945.
   1d. J. C. Anderson Bateman b. 3 December 1967 (Patty’s first marriage.)
   4c. Evelyn Jane Bateman b. 20 March 1957.
   5c. Sarah Joan Bateman b. 18 May 1960 m. Sidney Leung.
   3b. Marion Louise Bateman b. 23 March 1914 d. 26 April 1995 m. 10 July 1937 to Dale Chapman. Buried at Osage Beach, Mo.
4b. Margaret Pauline Bateman b. 21 July 1917 m. 25 July 1959 to William Thomas McKeen b. 1 January 1912. William had been previously married to Anna F. Ham bright who d. 6 June 1953. Pauline adopted his children when they married.
   1c. William T. McKeen b. 23 January 1938 m. 28 October 1967 to Carol Ann Lassi b. 5 December 1939.
   1d. Kevin T. McKeen b. 10 April 1972.
   2c. Martin D. McKeen b. 5 September 1944 m. 10 September 1967 to Mary Lynn
Latchford b. 7 February 1945.
   1d. Lauri Anne McKeen b. 21 September 1969.
   2d. David M. McKeen b. 20 February 1972.
   3c. Mary Ann McKeen b. 21 April 1950 m. 10 December 1983 to Wesley R. Wright b. 21 July 1950.
   1d. Wendee Rae Wright b. 13 September 1972
   4c. James A. McKeen b. 31 August 1951.
   5c. David McKeen b. 6 June 1953 d. 6 June 1953.
   5b. Virginia May Bateman b. 12 November 1919 d. 7 September 1982 m. 3 October 1942 to Conrad Debold.
   6b. George Warren Bateman b. 18 December 1923 m. 1 September 1946 to Sheila Dryden.

3. Phebe Ann Bateman b. about 1833 d. unknown m. Conrad Smith. The names of the following children were taken from Census records.
   1a. Loretta Smith b. 1857.
   2a. Orva Smith b. 1859.
   3a. Melba Smith b. 1861.
   5a. Sara Smith b. 1869.
   6a. Zachry Smith b. 1874.

4. Sarah Marie Bateman b. 16 August 1835 perhaps in Kanawha Co. W. Va. d. 23 April 1926 m. to Jesse D. Washington. He was known as J. D. Washington. J. D. d. 28 January 1899 at age 65. Both are buried in Howell Valley Cemetery,
Howell Co., Mo. No known children.

5. Almira Bateman b. about 1844 m. 6 March 1870 to Christopher L. Frazier. Nothing else known.

6. Catherine D. Bateman. Only found in 1850 Census so she must have died young.

CHAPTER 8

JACOB BAKER
SON OF MICHAEL, SR. AND CATHERINE BAKER

Jacob Baker was born 8 December 1805 according to the Michael Baker Family Bible. He was born on the home farm in Springhill. He married Martha Stockdale, probably a daughter of Joseph Stockdale, who is found in the 1830 Census of Springhill Township. Martha was born 23 November 1808 (tombstone). We do not know much about Jacob and Martha Baker. A. W. Scott in his A Glimpse of the Old School House says that Jacob went to Indiana and became wealthy. With clues I had found in researching the Baker I suspected Jacob may have moved to Switzerland Co., Indiana. Research in that county revealed that he and Martha were buried in the Querous Grove Cemetery, Posey Township, Switzerland Co. According to the tombstones Jacob died on 16 July 1880 and Martha died on 20 July 1888. From the cemetery readings it appears that Jacob and Martha Baker had at least three children.

1. Julie Baker b. 15 February 1841 d. 7 June 1863.

2. Jacob Baker b. 14 October 1843 d. 12 May 1894. According to the tombstones Jacob was married to Rosa b. 18 May 1848. They had at least two children.
   1a. Minnie M. Baker b. 19 May 1874 d. 21 September 1874.
   2a. Clyde Baker b. 19 May 1874 d. 1902.

3. Mary J. Baker b. 19 August 1846 d. 5 May 1848.

There may have been other children in this family. In a 1971 farm map of Posey Township a G. Baker was living near Querous Grove. I am not sure he was a descendant of Jacob and Martha. I had a researcher investigate the Bakers and she said that no Bakers are found in Switzerland Co. Indiana today.

Note: In the same cemetery lot with Jacob’s family is found the following tombstone:

Nancy Baker, wife of Samuel Baker d. 27 September 1848 age 29 yrs 5 mo 21 day. This is probably the wife of Jacob’s younger brother, Samuel.

CHAPTER 9

JOHN BAKER
SON OF MICHAEL, SR. AND CATHERINE BAKER

John Baker was born 15 September 1807 according to the Michael Baker Family Bible. For more information on his family see Part III.
CHAPTER 10

DANIEL BAKER

SON OF MICHAEL, SR. AND CATHERINE BAKER

Daniel Baker was born 18 January 1810 according to Michael Baker's Family Bible.

Daniel is somewhat of a mystery and I have not been able to find anything out about him except for A. W. Scott's comments in A Glimpse of the Old School House which stated "Daniel Baker was born in Springhill on the old Baker Estate; was a quiet, peaceable, unassuming man, learned the cabinet making trade under George Gans, deceased. After obtaining his majority he moved to the State of Indiana, married and is doing well."

The only clue I found as to where in Indiana Daniel may have moved was a photograph in one of the old Baker photograph albums owned by Edna Baker. There is one photograph in these albums of two women made in Remington, Indiana. This town is in Jasper County in the Northwest part of the state. Research there has not revealed a thing. It's possible the Bakers lived in one of the nearby counties.

CHAPTER 11

SUSAN BAKER

DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL, SR. AND CATHERINE BAKER

Susan Baker was born on 31 December 1811 according the Michael Baker Family Bible. I have not been able to locate any information on Susan. She was mentioned in her father's will, so she was evidently living in 1849.

CHAPTER 12

PHEBE BAKER

DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL, SR. AND CATHERINE BAKER

Phebe Baker is even a little more of a mystery. In the Baker Family Bible it has her birth date as "Dec 30." No year is listed. If you go by the order she was placed in the Bible then her year of birth must have 1813. As with Susan, Phebe was named in her father's will, but married name was not given. I have not been able to find any information on her.

CHAPTER 13

MICHAEL BAKER, JR.

SON OF MICHAEL, SR. AND CATHERINE BAKER

Michael Baker, Jr. was born 3 March 1815 according to the Michael Baker Family Bible. He was born on the home farm in Springhill, where he lived for the rest of his life. Michael married 28 April 1845 to Catherine Sargent, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Sargent. Catherine was born in November 1817 and died 15 January 1873.
The following information on Michael and Catherine Baker is found in the Census records of Springhill Township.

1840 Census Michael Baker, Jr. is listed:
1 Male 20-30
1 Female 15-20

1850 Census Michael Baker, Jr. is listed:
Baker, Michael 32 Farmer Value of real estate: $2500.00
Catherine 30
Richard 4
Sarah 3
Elizabeth 1
Bixler, Margaret 17
Baker, Michael 32 Farmer Value of real estate: $2500.00
Catherine 30
Richard 4
Sarah 3
Elizabeth 1
Bixler, Margaret 17
Baker, Michael 32 Farmer Value of real estate: $2500.00
Catherine 30
Richard 4
Sarah 3
Elizabeth 1
Bixler, Margaret 17

1860 Census Michael Baker, Jr. is listed:
Baker Michael 45 Farmer Real Estate $3700 Personal Property $1000
Catherine 43
Richard 14
Sarah 13
Elizabeth 11
Jefferson 9
Barbara 7
Jno. 5
Margaret 1
Sargent, Elizabeth 78 Widow
Sargent, William 24 Day Lab.
Baker Michael 45 Farmer Real Estate $3700 Personal Property $1000
Catherine 43
Richard 14
Sarah 13
Elizabeth 11
Jefferson 9
Barbara 7
Jno. 5
Margaret 1
Sargent, Elizabeth 78 Widow
Sargent, William 24 Day Lab.

The 1870 Census for the Michael Baker, Jr. Family is listed as:
Baker Michael 55 Farmer Real Estate $8400 Personal Property $1010
Sarah 23
Barbara 55
Jefferson 19
John 15
Baker Michael 55 Farmer Real Estate $8400 Personal Property $1010
Sarah 23
Barbara 55
Jefferson 19
John 15

The 1880 Michael Baker, Jr. Census is:
Baker Michael 65 Farmer
Sarah 32 Dau Keeping House
Barbary 27 Dau
John C. 25 Son
Neal William 13 Boy
Baker Thomas J. 29 Laborer
Susannah 22 Wife Keeping House
Deffenbaugh, Charlotte 45 Boarding (Mother of Susannah)
Baker Michael 65 Farmer
Sarah 32 Dau Keeping House
Barbary 27 Dau
John C. 25 Son
Neal William 13 Boy
Baker Thomas J. 29 Laborer
Susannah 22 Wife Keeping House
Deffenbaugh, Charlotte 45 Boarding (Mother of Susannah)

The 1890 Census has been lost so we have no record for that year.

The 1900 Census is as follows:
Baker John 44 Head Farmer
Sarah 52 Sister
Baker John 44 Head Farmer
Sarah 52 Sister

The 1910 Census is as follows:
Baker John C. 54 Sister
Sarah 62 Sister
Baker John C. 54 Sister
Sarah 62 Sister
Michael Baker, Jr. was a Jeffersonian Democrat and held several elected offices in Springhill Township including Judge of Elections and Supervisor of Roads.

Michael Baker, Jr. was a member of the Disciples of Christ Church at Oak Grove in Springhill. His wife, Catherine, was of the Presbyterian faith and probably attended the old Brown's Presbyterian Church in Stewartstown, W. Va.

Upon Michael Baker, Sr.’s death in 1849 Michael, Jr. purchased the home farm from the other heirs. He continued to improve the farm. He built a new house to replace the old Michael Baker, Sr. home.

Michael Baker, Jr. continued living on the farm until his death 5 April 1893. Michael and Catherine Baker are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery in Springhill.

Michael Baker, Jr. made his will February 1890. It was probated 11 April 1893. (Fayette Co., Pa. Will Book 9, pages 93-96.)

In his will Michael, Jr. bequeaths 1. to daughter, Sarah, one horse worth $45.00 or equal amount of money, one cow and the same amount of household goods as my other daughters have received to make her equal to them. 2. All my personal property outside of the household goods of the new house shall be sold at public auction. 3. The notes I hold against sons, Richard M. and T. Jefferson Baker and son-in-law, George Mollisey, shall be counted as their share of the estate. 4. The real estate shall not be sold during the life of my daughter, Sarah, without her consent. 5. Appointed daughter, Sarah and son Richard as executors. 6. Richard M. and Sarah Baker shall have authority to rent farm, keep property in good condition and provide Sarah with necessary comforts of life. 7. On Sarah's death Richard will sell farm to best advantage of all heirs. 8. The equal share of my son T. Jefferson Baker shall be held in trust by Richard M. Baker and shall be paid to T. Jefferson Baker in such sums and at such times as necessary. I hope he over comes the habit which has caused me many hours of sadness and sorrow. 9. If any two of my heirs, Richard M Baker, Sarah Baker, Elizabeth Mollisey, T. Jefferson Baker, Barbara Day, and John C. Baker shall be able to buy the other four and pay off the other heirs it is my pleasure it be done but only at Sarah's consent or at her death. 10. Suitable markers will be placed on my grave and funeral expenses paid by my executors. 11. Should any heir create trouble, or stir up litigation over this will their share shall be forfeited in favor of the other heirs.

Sarah Baker never married. She remained on the farm with her unmarried brother, John C. Baker until their deaths.

Michael, Jr. and Catherine Baker had seven children. All of the children were born in Springhill.

1. Richard M. Baker b. 19 May 1846 d. 8 August 1918. Richard married on 1 July 1875 in Chillicothe, Missouri to his cousin, Martha Elma Baker, daughter of John and Catherine Baker. Martha b. 18 December 1848 d. 14 January 1940. Richard Baker had come to Missouri in 1874. After his marriage to Martha they lived for a time in Illinois. They then moved to Livingston Co., Mo. (Martha Baker’s Obit) On 13 January 1882 Richard Baker purchased a 160 acre farm in Gomer Township in Caldwell Co., Mo. from Jeremiah and Martha Ireland for $100.00. (Caldwell Co. Deed Book 16, page 156). This farm was located just one farm north of the town of Nettleton, Mo.

The Baker's were Methodist, but after Richard's death Martha attended the Presbyterian Church.

When Richard Baker died he will everything to his wife. At her death the farm was to be divided between the two children. The Bakers are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckenridge, Mo.
Richard and Martha Baker had two children, both born in Chillicothe, Mo.

1a. Essie Ora Baker b. 23 February 1878 d. 18 December 1958 m. 12 September 1899 to Albert Oldfield b. 16 August 1872 d. 24 March 1963. Albert was born in Hocking Co., Ohio and came to Missouri in 1893. He was a farmer and stockman. He had farms near Nettleton, Mo and also near Hamilton, Mo. The Oldfields were very active in the Presbyterian Church of Hamilton. They had no children.

2a. Chauncey Lloyd Baker b. 3 October 1879 d. 24 August 1943 m. 16 November 1904 to Lena L. Bowen, daughter of Samuel and Euphemia Bowen. Lena b. 25 August 1883 d. 28 July 1942. Chauncey Baker was a farmer and stockman in Gomer Township, Caldwell Co. Mo. The Bakers were of the Methodist faith. Both are buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckenridge, Mo. They had one son.
1b. Lloyd Harlen Baker b. 5 April 1908 d. 11 April 1980 m. 6 March 1932 to Marie Dolan. Lloyd Baker was a farmer. He and his wife were members of Pleasant Hill Methodist Church. The Bakers had two sons.

1c. Kenneth E. Baker b. 20 April 1939.

2. Sarah Baker b. 21 August 1847 d. 7 July 1920. Sarah never married and remained on the family farm. She kept house for her father after her mother’s death. Her father evidently thought a great deal of Sarah because in his will he directed the farm could not be sold unless she consented or at her death. Her younger brother, John, lived on the farm with her. Sarah is buried at the St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.

3. Elizabeth Baker b. July 1850 d. 1914 m. George Molesy (Mollisey). George was the son of Philip and Lyda Molesey (another spelling). He was b. January 1851 d. 1935. The Molesy family lived in Springhill. George was a farmer. They are found in the Census records from 1880 to 1900 in Springhill. In the 1910 Springhill Census they are not found. Elizabeth and George Molesy are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. They had four children. Their birth dates are from Census records.

1a. Lester Molesy b. 1878 or 1879. He was dead by the 1900 Census.
2a. Avery Molesy b. February 1880.
4a. Alice Molesy b. October 1884.

4. Thomas Jefferson Baker b. 1851. Known to the family as T. Jefferson. I have not been able to find out much about this man. It is known by Census records he was married to Susannah Deffenbaugh, daughter of Solomon and Charlotte Durr Deffenbaugh. Susannah b. 8 August 1857 d. 1919. In the 1880 Census Jefferson and wife, Susannah were living in his father’s household. Jefferson was listed as a laborer. Also in the household with them was Susannah’s mother, Charlotte. The 1890 Census has been destroyed. In the 1900 Census for Springhill Jefferson and Susannah Baker cannot be found. In the 1910 Census Susannah is found in the household of George and Mandy Lyons as:

Dephenbau, Susan Serv. Wid. 50 yrs old

Jefferson Baker was evidently dead by 1910. There is also the possibility Jefferson and Susannah were divorced. Susannah is buried in St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. She is listed on her mother’s tombstone as “Susann Deffenbaugh 1857-1919.” Evidently they had no children.
In Michael Baker, Jr.'s will he says “The equal share of my son T. Jefferson Baker shall be held in trust by my son Richard M. Baker and shall be paid to T. Jefferson Baker in such sum and at such time as his necessary wants may require. This arrangement I have made through costs my son Jefferson in hope that he may overcome the habit which has caused me many hours of sadness and sorrow. And which I fear might lead him to squander what I wish him to enjoy.” By reading this I would have to say the T. Jefferson Baker was a drinker.

I suspect that T. Jefferson Baker is buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery, although there is no tombstone for him.

5. Barbara Baker b. 10 October 1853 d. 23 February 1936 m. John Morgan Day, son of Hiram and Margaret Davis Day. John Morgan Day was better known as Morgan or Morg Day. He was b. 22 May 1855 d. 2 December 1943. Morgan Day had a farm in Springhill, on the road that ran from Locust Hill to Nilan. He was very successful as a farmer, and was well known as a money lender. He was always very honest in all money transactions, most of which took place with neighbors.

One incident that I am very well aware of is when my own Grandfather, Charles O. Baker, borrowed money from Morgan. It was World War I and my Grandfather was married and living in Monesson, Pa. He found a house he wanted to buy. The back of his parent's farm ran up to the back of Morgan’s farm. Charlie Baker got on the train that morning and rode to Point Marion. He walked up to his mother’s house. She was surprised to see him and wanted to know why he was there. Charlie said he was going to Morg Days to borrow money to buy a house. He then walked over the hill toward Morgan’s farm. Morgan was working out in the field. He was wearing overalls. After exchanging a few pleasantries, Charlie said he needed to borrow $600.00 to buy a house. Morgan reached into his overalls, pulled out some money, counted out $600.00 and handed it to Charlie. That was it, no papers, no notes, just a handshake. Charlie went back to his mothers, visited awhile and headed back to Point Marion to catch the afternoon train. He was back in Monesson by evening.

My father, James Baker, also related a couple of stories about Morgan Day. He had always heard his Dad call him Morg. One day they were out in the field and Morgan walked over. My Dad said, “Hi Morg.” He said his father looked at him sternly and said, “it’s Mr. Day, to you.” That’s what it was from then on.

My father liked to box trap for rabbits in the winter. He wanted to put a few traps over on Mr. Day’s farm. He finally got up enough courage to go and ask permission. Jim said Mr. Day wrote out a permission slip on a piece of paper in the form of a hunting permit good only for one year. Dad had to go visit Mr. Day every year to get a new hunting permit.

Barbara Day died of pneumonia and Morgan of a heart attack. They are buried in the Mt. Moriah Presbyterian Cemetery in Springhill. The Days had four children, all born in Springhill.
FIGURE 20
BARBARA DAY AND GRANDDAUGHTER, PEARL HIXENBAUGH, TAKEN IN 1935

FIGURE 21
MORGAN DAY

1a. Sarah Margaret Day b. 15 September 1889 d. 6 October 1987 m. to Clarence Henry Hixenbaugh. Clarence died in 1942. Both are buried in Mt. Moriah Presbyterian Cemetery in Springhill.
FIGURE 22

SARAH MARGARET HIXENBAUGH

2b. Ida Genevieve Hixenbaugh b. 6 May 1922 m. 21 May 1942 to Andrew Pavelko, son of Andy and Susan Belan Pavelko. They live in Morgantown, W. Va. They have two sons.
   1c. Rodney A. Pavelko b. 24 August 1948 m. Sherry Simmons.
   2c. Sherman B. Pavelko b. 27 November 1952.
3b. Opal L. Hixenbaugh b. 15 April 1925 m. George E. Milson.
   1c. Suzanne Milson.
   2c. George E. Milson.
   3c. Kathy Milson.
   4c. Peggy Milson.

2c. Sherman B. Pavelko b. 27 November 1952.

3b. Opal L. Hixenbaugh b. 15 April 1925 m. George E. Milson.
   1c. Suzanne Milson.
   2c. George E. Milson.
   3c. Kathy Milson.
   4c. Peggy Milson.

4b. Edna Pearle Hixenbaugh b. unknown d. 3 July 1987 m. Joseph Parmigniani. They lived in Morristown, N. J.
   1c. Mary Jo Parmigniani.

   1b. Virginia Pearl Day b. 1918 d. 19 November 1939 Buried at Springhill Union Cemetery.
   2b. Jessie R. Day b. 1922 d. 24 March 1973 m. 22 November 1945 to Frank Cyrus Sadler son of Frank and Beula Morris Sadler. Cy was b. 2 January 1916 d. 25 January 1989. Cy Sadler ran a small variety store in Point Marion, Pa. for a number of years, before moving to Cleveland, Ohio.
   1c. Debra Sadler m. Michael Fodge.
   3b. Evelyn J. Day m. Cloherty.
   4b. Minnie Ellen Day m. Reed.

3a. Hazel Elizabeth Day b. 22 December 1895 d. 14 September 1918. She was a twin of John Linton Day. Hazel Day died of a blood infection. On her Death Certificate she is called Lizzie Hazel Day. Hazel is buried at Mt Moriah Presbyterian Cemetery in Springhill. Hazel had one daughter.
FIGURE 23
HAZEL DAY

1b. Rosella Day b. 18 March 1913 d. 1 January 1991 m. 15 March 1944 to John Pavelko, son of Andy and Susan Belan Pavelko. John b. 15 Aug 1924. Rosella Day was raised by her grandparents after the death of her mother.

FIGURE 24
PEARL HIXENBAUGH, ELMER DAY AND ROSELLA DAY, TAKEN IN 1930

1c. John Day Pavelko b. 10 April 1945 at San Diego Ca. m. 15 August 1969 to Rebecca Sue Teets b. 18 October 1949 daughter of Donald and Francis Kinsley Teets.


   1e. Devin Paige Straight b. 27 August 1991.


   1d. Robert Wayne Pavelko b. 9 January 1969 in Rutland, Vt. m. 13 August 1994 to Rebecca Rose Biafore.
2d. Brian Keith Pavelko b. 27 September 1971 in Rutland, Vt.

3c. Barbara Sue Pavelko b. 9 March 1948 in Morgantown, W. Va. m. 16 June 1966 to William Roger Johnson b. 15 October 1945, son of David and Lucille Lewellen Johnson. They are divorced.


2d. William Robert Johnson II b. 14 December 1970 m. 15 February 1991 to

_______ William graduated from the W. Va. University Medical School in 1994.

1e. Alyssa Nicole Johnson b. 13 April 1991.


4c. Gary Lee Pavelko b. 23 April 1949 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. 10 April 1976 to Vickie Diane Boone b. 30 November 1957, daughter of James and Virgina Eisenbrett Boone.


6. John C. Baker b. 31 August 1855 d. 22 February 1923. He was unmarried and lived on the home farm all of his life with his older sister, Sarah. He was known as “Long John” Baker. Buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.


CHAPTER 14

SON OF MICHAEL, SR. AND CATHERINE BAKER

Samuel Baker was born 14 July 1817 according to the record found in the Michael Baker Family Bible. Virtually nothing is known about Samuel Baker. In the cemetery lot of his brother, Jacob Baker, in Querous Grove Cemetery, Posey Township, Switzerland Co., Indiana is found the following tombstone:

Nancy Baker, wife of Samuel Baker d 27 Sept 1848 aged 29 y 5 m 21 d.

This is probably the above Samuel Baker’s wife. No stone is found for Samuel and no records of Samuel Baker are found in this county. He may have lived in Switzerland Co. for a short period of time and moved on after his wife’s death.
According to the tombstone Nancy would have been born on 6 April 1819. This would have made her the right age to be the wife of Samuel Baker, son of Michael, Sr. and Catherine Baker.

CHAPTER 15

CATHERINE BAKER

DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL, SR. AND CATHERINE BAKER

Catherine Baker was born 25 April 1819 according to the entry in the Michael Baker Family Bible. She was also named in her father’s will, so she must have been living in 1849. Other than that we know nothing else about her.
JOHN AND CATHERINE BAKER FAMILY

PART III

CHAPTER 16

JOHN BAKER

SON OF MICHAEL, SR. AND CATHERINE BAKER

John Baker was born 15 September 1807 according to the Michael Baker Family Bible. John was raised on his father’s farm. In 1828 he married Catherine Saddler, daughter of William and Mary Saddler. (See Part VII for more information on the Saddler family.) Catherine was born 4 June 1813 in Springhill.

John Baker purchased the William Saddler farm after his marriage to Catherine. This farm was 240 acres and had been in Saddler family for two generations. Jacob Saddler, grandfather of Catherine, purchased the farm in 1800 from John Swearingan. Swearingan had the original land patent for this parcel of land. If you look at the Springhill Land Patent Map in Chapter 1 you will see the John Swearingan land in the middle of the map.
John Baker carried on extensive farming operations on his farm. In addition he also served as Road Supervisor for Springhill Township. He was a Democrat in politics.

The following are the Census records of the John and Catherine Baker family.

1830 Census for John Baker:
- 1 Male 15-20
- 1 Female 15-20

Although actually 23 years of age, John is listed as between 15-20. The age of Catherine in 1830 was 17 so she is listed correctly.

1840 Census of John Baker:
- 1 Male under 5
- 3 Males 5-10
- 1 Male 15-20
- 1 Male 30-40
- 1 Female under 5
- 2 Females 20-30

There are two extra persons in this census, 1 Male 15-20 and one of the older females. I have no idea who they were.

1850 Census for John and Catherine Baker:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Baker</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Farmer</th>
<th>Value of Real Estate</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>John</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>Farmer</td>
<td>$7900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Catherine</td>
<td>40</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>William</td>
<td>19</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Jacob</td>
<td>17</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michael</td>
<td>15</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Mary</td>
<td>14</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joseph</td>
<td>12</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daniel</td>
<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>James</td>
<td>8</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John</td>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Martha</td>
<td>4</td>
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1860 Census of Catherine Baker Family:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Baker</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Widow</th>
<th>Real Estate</th>
<th>Personal Property</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cath.</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>Widow</td>
<td>$8480</td>
<td>$1400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joseph</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>Farmer</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Mary</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>Day Lab.</td>
<td>in school</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dan'l</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>Day Lab.</td>
<td>in school</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Jas</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>Day Lab.</td>
<td>in school</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Jno</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>Day Lab.</td>
<td>in school</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Martha</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Day Lab.</td>
<td>in school</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Margaret</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>Day Lab.</td>
<td>in school</td>
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</tr>
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1870 Census of Catherine Baker Family:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Baker</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Keeping House</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Catherine</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>Keeping House</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Martha</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>At Home</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maggie</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>At Home</td>
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In 1850 and 1860 an Agriculture Census was also conducted in addition to the regular census. Following are the listings for John Baker in 1850 and Catherine Baker in 1860.

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<tr>
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<th>1860</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Acres of improved land</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Acres of unimproved land</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash value of farm</td>
<td>7970</td>
<td>8480</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Value of farm & machinery | 350 | 150
Horses                     | 6   | 12
Milch cows                | 6   | 12
Other cattle              | 10  | 6
Sheep                      | 52  | 10
Swine                      | 15  | 11
Value of live stock       | 600 | 1300
Wheat, bushels of          | 300 | 100
Indian corn, bushels of    | 700 | 900
Oats, bushels of           | 200 | 300
Wool, lbs. of              | 24  | 33
Irish Potatoes, bushels of | 12  | 50
Sweet Potatoes, bushels of | 5   | 22
Value of Orchard products  | 10  | 30
Value of produce of market garden | 70
Butter, lbs. of            | 200 | 1000
Cheese, lbs. of            | 8   | 30
Hay, tons of               | 5   | 5
Grass seed, bushels of     | 3   | 3
Hops, lbs. of              | 500 | 1000
Maple Sugar, lbs. of       | 4   | 15
Maple Syrup, gallons of    | 3   | 22
Value of Homemade manufactures | 25
Value of animals slaughtered| 70  | 155

The above figures are for the year ending June 1 of each of these years.

John Baker died 23 September 1853 at the young age of 46. All of his children were unmarried and still at home. His youngest child, Margaret, was only about eighteen months old.

John Baker wrote his will on 2 September 1853, only twenty one days before he died. It was probated on 3 October 1853. (Fayette Co., Pa. Will Book 3, page 108) In his will he left everything to his wife, Catherine.

Catherine Baker was a strong woman who held her family together. She continued running the farm with the aid of the children. The three oldest sons, William, Jacob and Michael were all excellent farmers by this time.

I am not sure what caused John Baker's early death, but the fact that he did write a will before he died would lead one to believe he had a chronic illness, probably tuberculous. It was called consumption in those days, and once you got it, all you could do was make your will and wait to die.

An interesting story told by Edna Baker concerns the burial of John Baker. It seems he was buried close to where the St. Johns Lutheran Church was built the following year. Edna said he was buried beside the church, but building of the church did not start until the Spring of 1854. It is possible the location of the building was known and John was buried accordingly. In 1881 the cemetery across the road from the church was organized and John Baker was moved there. Edna said that when she was a little girl going to the L. C. School there was a depression in the ground beside the church. She said they always told her this was where Grandpa John had originally been buried.

At the time of his death, John Baker, had been negotiating, and evidently had a contract, with fellow Lutherans to sell them a lot for a new church. His untimely death caused some legal problems. It was evident that his wishes were well know, because his wife, Catherine, continued on with the land transaction. Eventually she sold the lot to the Trustees of St. Johns Lutheran Church for $1.00. She also sold enough land next to the church for the future erection of a school building.

There are number of legal documents on file in the Orphans Court of Fayette Co. concerning this land transaction. One in particular states:

*To the Honorable Judges of the Orphans Court of Fayette Co.*
The petition of Catherine Baker executrix of John Baker respectfully represents that a contract in writing was made between the said John Baker in his lifetime and the Trustees of the St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church of Springhill Township for a lot of land lying upon the Uniontown and Morgantown road in said Township. That said contract has been duly proved before your said court and a decree had been made performance of said contract. Your petitioner therefore prays your honorable court to all in her to execute a deed for said lot. And she will ever pray.

And further a portion of said lot of land was appropriated by my late husband John Baker deceased in writing conditioned that if the School Directors of Springhill Township at anytime hereafter in their judgement thought proper to erect a school house hereon that he would execute to them a deed for the same so long as used and occupied for that purpose and no longer and if contracted to them to the church above reference forever. Said deed to be made according to a draft drawn by J. C. McCand of the date of August 2 A. D. 1853 and hereunto attached.

Witnesses present
Thomas Morris
Jacob Baker her mark

Catherine Baker was one of the Charter Members of St. Johns Lutheran Church.

One interesting thing that has been found is Catherine Baker’s account book with Tom Protzman’s store at Morris Cross Roads. It begins on 5 November 1875 and runs to 8 August 1879. In the book Tom Protzman entered what Catherine purchased and how her account was credited. Some of the entries include:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5 November 1875</td>
<td>¼ lb tea</td>
<td>.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1 lb coffee</td>
<td>.28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1 paper pins</td>
<td>.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28 December 1875</td>
<td>9 yds calico</td>
<td>.90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 April 1876</td>
<td>soda</td>
<td>.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 April 1876</td>
<td>½ lb mackerel</td>
<td>.15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 July 1876</td>
<td>2 lbs peaches</td>
<td>.32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31 August 1876</td>
<td>1 lb rice</td>
<td>.10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 November 1876</td>
<td>1 dipper</td>
<td>.15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>pr shoes</td>
<td>2.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4 ½ lb nails</td>
<td>.22½</td>
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Her account was credited mostly with butter and eggs.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5 November 1875</td>
<td>by 7 ¾ lbs butter</td>
<td>2.17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 February 1876</td>
<td>by 5 ½ doz eggs</td>
<td>.77</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23 January 1879</td>
<td>by 8 lbs butter</td>
<td>1.20</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

One interesting note in the account book is “Sept 23, 1878 rec’d of Mrs. Catherine Baker forty one cents in full value of all accounts. T. F. Protzman. Many thanks for the last six years dealings. Tom”
All three of Catherine Baker’s daughters, Mary, Martha and Margaret, married and moved with their husbands to Caldwell Co., Mo. Mary and her husband, William Johnson moved in 1866. Martha moved with her husband, Richard Baker, about 1875 and youngest daughter, Margaret, and husband, Oliver Baker, moved about 1880 and 1881.

According to her obit, Catherine Baker moved to Missouri in 1879 to be near her daughters.

In the little account book from Protzman’s store is a page apparently filled out when Catherine moved to Missouri. It states:

Dan & Julie
Dishes left in our care
5 cups & saucers
1 meat plate
2 turkey dishes got by mat
12 plates
2 butter plates
1 cream jug
1 bowl
1 pitcher the handle cracked
3 deep dishes

Catherine Baker lived out the rest of her life in Missouri, living with her daughters. Catherine Baker died 25 February 1901 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckenridge, Mo. Her obituary read:

Died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. M. Baker, north of Nettleton, on the morning of Feb. 25th 1901, Catherine Baker, aged 87 years, 8 months and 21 days. Deceased was born and raised in Fayette County, Penn, her maiden name being Catherine Saddler. She married John Baker about the year 1828, was the mother of ten children; seven of whom survive her, three sons living in Pennsylvania, one in Illinois and three living in Caldwell Co., Mo.

There is living forty-two grandchildren and forty great grandchildren. She has been a widow forty-seven years. Early in life she accepted Christ and united with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, living an earnest Christian life. She came to Missouri in 1879 and made her home with her daughters till her death.

John and Catherine Baker had ten children, William, Jacob, Michael D., Mary M., Joseph L., Daniel M., James P., John, Martha E. and Margaret E. A chapter on each of these children follows:
CHAPTER 17

WILLIAM BAKER

SON OF JOHN AND CATHERINE BAKER

William Baker was born 22 December 1830 in Springhill. He married 19 May 1853 to Minerva Brooks, daughter of Mary and James Brooks. William and Minerva were married by the Lutheran minister, Rev. Melhorn.

In the 1860 Springhill Census William Baker was listed as:

Baker William 28 Farmer Value of property $300
Minerva 28
George 6
Oliver 3

In the 1870 Census William and Minerva Baker are listed as:

Baker William 39 Farmer Value of property $790
Minerva 39 Keeping House
George 16
Oliver 12 At Home
Lewis 7
Worthington 5

The 1880 Census lists William and Minerva Baker as:

Baker William 49 Farmer Value of property $790
Minerva 47 Wife Keeping House
Oliver B. 23 Son Laborer
Lewis M. 19 Son At Home - crippled - fall
Worthington 14 Son At Home in school
Mary E. 9 Dau in school

In this 1880 Census the Bakers are listed as living in the same house of Alexander Hill.

In the 1900 Census Minerva Baker is listed as:

Baker Minerva Head 67
Laishley Mary E. Dau 29
William Grandson 1

In the 1860 Census William Baker is listed between Catherine Johnson, Timpnan Clair, Elizabeth Frankenberry and Levi Sergant. I believe this would place him living close to the Cheat River, perhaps at the mouth of Hope Hollow. In the 1870 Census he is between A. W. Scott, his mother, Catherine Baker, brother, James Baker and John Clark. This would place him also in Hope Hollow, but probably living on his mother's land. In the 1880 Census William and his family is listed as living in the same household as Alexander Hill. Hill lived right on the Cheat River, close to what is now Lake Lynn. In 1887 William moved to Union District, Monongalia Co., W.Va. This was near Easton, W.Va. William purchased the Jacob Newman farm. Evidently after his death his wife, Minerva, moved back to Springhill as she is listed in the 1900 Springhill Census.

William Baker is listed as a farmer in all the Census records. William died on 31 December 1894 and was buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. Minerva Baker died on 23 May 1918. She is also buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. When she died she was the last living charter member of the St. John Lutheran Church. Her funeral services were held in the Church and the pallbearers were Jesse Baker, Frank Baker, A. A. Brooks, Joseph A. Blosser, Isaac Baker and James Brooks.
William and Minerva Baker had five children all born in Springhill.

1. George Washington Baker b. 27 February 1854 d. 14 September 1937 m. 14 August 1879 to Sara Lydia Lyons, daughter of Joseph and Susanna Palmer Lyons. Sara b. 13 August 1858 d. 2 January 1917. George Baker and his family lived near Cheat Haven until about 1914 when he purchased the old Lyons farm on the road between Morris Cross Roads and Gans, Pa. They were members of St. Johns Lutheran Church are both are buried in the church cemetery. George and Sarah had six children:

FIGURE 27
LEWIS, MINERVA, WORTHINGTON, MARY EFFIE AND GEORGE BAKER

FIGURE 27A
GEORGE AND SARA BAKER AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN
FIGURE 28
GEORGE AND SARA BAKER HOME NEAR GANS, PA.


FIGURE 29
JOHN AND PLESSIE RUMBLE AND CHILDREN, JASON AND LELA

1b. Walter Jason Rumble b. 8 September 1910 d. 10 October 1985 m. 21 February 1942 to Alice A. Ashcraft b. 11 September 1917.

1c. Sharon Rumble b 20 August 1943 m 1 July 1967 to Bernard J. Snyder b. 6 October 1942.


3c. Rebecca Rumble b. 22 November 1948 m. 18 April 1970 to Samuel D. Littlepage III

2b. Leila Esther Rumble b. 3 December 1913 m. 23 May 1935 at Arnettsville, W. Va. to Dale B. Hoard, son of Daniel and Alice Conwell Hoard. Dale b. 29 April 1910 d. 31 May 1990. The Hoard lived in Union District, Monongalia Co., W. Va. about one mile south of Point Marion, Pa. Dale worked as a mechanic in the coal mines. They were of the Methodist faith.

1e. Leota Marie Hoard b. 15 December 1942 m. 1 June 1963 at Morgantown, W. Va. to Stuart L. Marks. They are divorced. Leota married second to Charles Bohnert II, and third to Wayne C. Appleton.

1d. John R. Marks b. 13 Jan 1965 at Berlin, N. H. He m. Barbara Fisher. They are divorced.

1e. Morganna A. Marks b. 29 May 1990.

lc. Leota Marie Hoard b. 15 December 1942 m. 1 June 1963 at Morgantown, W. Va. to Stuart L. Marks. They are divorced. Leota married second to Charles Bohnert II, and third to Wayne C. Appleton.

1e. Kirsten V. Balshaw b. 22 October 1990.
2e. Taylor M. Balshaw b. 3 September 1993.

2a. Isa Pearl Baker b. 20 February 1889 in Springhill d. 20 February 1968 m. 27 May 1909 at Cumberland, Md. to James M. Manning. James b. 7 June 1883 d. 21 June 1970. They are buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery near New Geneva, Pa. The Mannings lived near Stewartstown, W. Va. and in later years in Morgantown, W. Va. Jim Manning was a member of Laborers Local Union A.T.L. No. 379. He was appointed the Union’s president on 1 July 1952 and served until 30 June 1968.

FIGURE 30
ISA AND JIM MANNING AND CHILDREN, ANNA, MARY AND CLARA


1c. John T. Lyons b. 3 April 1933 d. 23 September 1980.
2c. Elton E. Lyons.
3c. Glada Lyons m. Gerald A. Rodgers.
4c Esther Lyons b. 22 September 1928 d. 3 February 1997 m. William Potocar.
5c. Blanche Lyons m. Kenneth Groves.
6c. Glenna Lyons b. 1934 d. 26 June 1971 in car accident. She was a cook on riverboats on the Monongahela River.

2b. Clara Manning m. Alex Hartman.
1c. James M. Hartman.
1d. Michael Hartman m. Anita Cogar.
2c. Warren M. Hartman b. 22 February 1938 d. 13 May 1984 m. Vivian L. Ervin.
1d. Brad Hartman.
2d. Jeff Hartman.
3d. Barbara Hartman m. _______ Scott.
3b. James Manning.
4b. Mary Lydia Manning m. Marvin Kiger b. 13 March 1906 d. 18 August 1981.
3a. Verda May Baker b. 12 September 1892 d. 29 September 1944 m. 16 June 1914 to Edwin S. Johnson, son of Sara and Leland Johnson. Edwin b. 4 October 1872 d. 23 July 1935. Buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Point Marion, Pa.

1b. Frances Johnson b. 22 September 1915


6a. Omar Connie Baker b. 12 August 1901 d. 5 May 1967 m. 16 February 1929 in Fairchance, Pa. to Emma A. Lyons, daughter of George M. and Etna Harvey Lyons. Emma b. 20 August 1901 d. 3 November 1986. Both are buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Point Marion, Pa. Omar and Emma Baker lived on the hill above Nilan, Pa. They were active in the Gallatin Grange.
1b. Virginia Lee Baker b. 22 May 1930 m. 28 May 1949 to Glenn Reed Springer, son of John and Nellie Brown Springer. Reed b. 23 July 1930 d. 9 January 1986. He is buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Point Marion, Pa. Reed served four years in the U. S. Navy and then worked for the U. S. Bureau of Mines. They lived in Point Marion and Elizabeth, Pa.

FIGURE 33
VIRGINA BAKER’S AND REED SPRINGER’S
1948 POINT MARION, PA. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHS

1c. Gary Reed Springer b. 31 May 1954 at Quonsent Point, R. I. m. 5 June 1982 to Lynda Ludwig, b. 29 January 1959.

1d. Steven G. Springer b. 3 June 1984.

2d. Jason R. Springer b. 4 October 1987, twin of,


2b. Eleanor Maxine Baker b. 6 July 1934 m. Franklin Lanham. Divorced.

3b. Lois Jean Baker b. 23 May 1937 m. 30 May 1958 to John T. Sanetrik, son of John and Anna Reseter Sanetrik. John b. 14 December 1929 d. 20 May 1983. He is buried at Forks of Cheat Baptist Church Cemetery, Stewartstown, W.Va. John was veteran of the Korean War and was an employee of Monongahela Power Co. The Sanetrik’s lived near Stewartstown, W. Va. They have five children, all born in Morgantown, W. Va.

FIGURE 34
LOIS BAKER SANETRIK’S FAMILY. SEATED IN FRONT, LOIS SANETRIK, AND CINDY BARBER. BACK L-R KEVIN SANETRIK, CATHY CLARKE, BRIAN SANETRIK AND CHRISTINA SAFFRON.

1c. John K. Sanetrik b. 24 March 1959 m. 20 May 1981 Janet Martin Murray b. 28 Nov 1951. She is daughter of Glenn and Doris Martin. John was in the U. S. Navy for six years. Now lives in the state of Virginia.

2c. Cynthia L. Sanetrik b. 12 March 1960 m. 3 May 1980 at Morgantown, W. Va. Roger J. Barber, son Alex and Charolett Morris Barber. Roger b. 19 January 1958. Cynthia works at a bank and Roger with a lumber yard in Morgantown. They are members of St. Theresa Church. All children were born in Morgantown, W. Va.
3d. Travis M. Barber b. 3 April 1987.

3c. Christina R. Sanetrik b. 12 October 1961 m 26 June 1982 in Morgantown, W.Va. to Scott M. Saffron, son of Meyno and Ann Pozega Saffron. Scott b. 2 September 1960. Scott works for the Postal Service. They are members of St. Lukes Catholic Church. Their children were born in Morgantown.


5c. Catherine A. Sanetrik b. 18 April 1969 m. 5 January 1991 at Fairmont, W.Va. to Robert D. Clarke, son of Robert and Jackie Burdette Clarke. Robert b. 18 July 1968. They live in Uhrichsville, Ohio where Robert works as a school teacher. Both graduated from Fairmont State College, Fairmont, W.Va. Catherine with a degree in Criminal Justice and Robert with a degree in Education. They are members of the Church of the Nazarene.

1d. Robert D. Clarke b. 6 November 1995.

FIGURE 35
FOUR GENERATIONS, MINERVA BAKER, GEORGE BAKER, PLESSIE RUMBLE AND JASON RUMBLE.
FIGURE 36
BACK ROW, GERTIE, ISA AND PLESSIE BAKER, FRONT, GEORGE AND OMAR BAKER

FIGURE 37
ISA MANNING, GERTIE DEWITT, OMAR BAKER, PLESSIE RUMBLE AND VERDA JOHNSON,
BROTHER AND HIS SISTERS.

2. Oliver Brooks Baker b. 7 June 1857 in Springhill d. 5 January 1929 in Point Marion, Pa. m. Ella Costolo, daughter of Francis and Mary Ridgeway Costolo. Ella b. 21 February 1863 d. 61 May 1930. Both are buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Point Marion. Oliver was known as O. B. Baker and he lived in Point Marion.
1a. Ora Minerva Baker b. 13 October 1886 at Cheat Haven d. 28 March 1960 m. 28 November 1906 at Allegheny, Pa. to Charles F. Ross, son of George and Lydia Campbell Ross. Charles b. 5 August 1885 at Point Marion d. 28 October 1957. Both are buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Point Marion, Pa. The children born in Point Marion.

1b. Ella Jane Ross b. 18 June 1911 m. 10 April 1959 Paul E. Martin b. 9 July 1905.

2b. Lucile V. Ross b. 14 February 1921 m. 10 August 1949 to Albert W. Brown b. 5 June 1916.

FIGURE 40
FRED AND NELLIE BAKER ON 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

1b. Willard Frances Baker b. 7 May 1910 d. 3 June 1966 m. Jewel Willard. No children. She is buried in Takoma Park, Md. and he is buried in Donaldson Cemetery by parents.

2b. Fred Delbert Baker b. 14 July 1911 d. 19 December 1982 m. Ertta C. Blaney, daughter of Fred and Edna Blaney. Ertta b. 14 March 1913. They lived on Kaiser Avenue in Point Marion. Fred Delbert worked as a manager in the mining industry. The Bakers were members of the Methodist Church. Fred Delbert is buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Point Marion.

FIGURE 41
FRED DELBERT BAKER

1c. Delbert R. Baker b. 2 June 1930 at Lake Lynn, Pa. m. Dolores E. Jenkins, daughter of John and Mildred Moats Jenkins. Dolores b. 11 July 1933 at Grafton, W. Va. Delbert graduated from Fairmont State College, Fairmont, W.Va. and worked as a manager in banking. They are affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

1d. Stanley C. Baker b. 20 November 1953 m. 22 May 1976 to Susan White.


4d. Stephen E. Baker b 3 December 1962 m. 17 February 1990 to Kimberly Cyr, daughter of Ruth and Edgar Cyr. Kimberly b. 3 October 1965. Stephen is a computer operator-systems administrator. The are members of the Assembly of God.


1e. Meghan E. Elworth b. 13 November 1986

2c. Eugene F. Baker b. 11 February 1935 m. Sharon Pullen.

3c. Mary Lou Baker b. 12 February 1946 m. 10 February 1979 at Los Angeles, Ca. to Don Bunch, son of Ivan and Eva Bunch. Don b. 11 May 1947 in Colbran, Co. Don served in the Army from 1966 to 1969 and was in the Vietnam War in 1967 and 1968, where he was an air crew chief, mainly with helicopters. Mary Lou graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and received her MA from West Virginia University in 1972. Don graduated from Fairmont State College in electrical engineering. Don now works as a meterologist and Mary Lou is head media specialist for Indian Rocks Christian Schools. They attend the Baptist Church and currently live in Florida.

1d. DiAnne W. Bunch b. 8 July 1980 at Morgantown.


3b. Mendell J Baker b. 25 June 1912 m. 24 December 1939 at Cumberland, Md. to Helen V. Pixler, daughter of Herbert and Mary Lynn Pixler. Mary b. 9 November 1921 d. 26 February 1992. She is buried at Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens, Morgantown, W.Va. During World War II Mendell worked as a welder at the shipyards in Baltimore, Md. After the war he returned to Morgantown and went to work in the coal mines. For many years affiliated with the Crescent Hill Chapel in Westover, W.Va. Now attends the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Morgantown.

1e. Mendell K. Baker b. 28 June 1942 m. 9 January 1971 at Terre Haute, Ind. to Karen Y. Gienow. Ken graduated from West Virginia University in 1966. Served in the U.S. Army for 1966 to 1968. Now works as a human resources manager. He is active in youth soccer. Karen received a nursing diploma from Wheaton College in 1968. Also received further education at Indiana Wesleyan University and Taylor University. She is on OB nurse and educator. The family attends the Maryland Community Church and live in Terre Haute, In.


2e. Nancy C. Baker b. 8 July 1944 m. 11 July 1971 to Gary R. Casteel.

Gary operates Cobra C.B. Shop in Morgantown.


2d. Virginia R. Casteel b. 11 November 1975.

3c. Donald L. Baker b. 21 November 1947 m. 24 June 1978 to Sherri A. Sinclair. Don served with the U.S. Army and was in the Vietnam War in 1968 and 1969 with the 101st Airborne. He received three Purple Hearts. He graduated from Morgantown Business College and W.Va. University in 1975. He is now in the grocery store industry. Sherry is a medical transcriptionist. They belong to the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, Morgantown.


4d. James R. Baker b. 19 July 1990, twin of,


4e. Robert C. Baker b. 12 June 1949 m. 22 July 1972 to Marjorie L. Schurr. Bob served in the U.S. Army and was with the 4th Inf. Div. in Vietnam in 1970. He is an electrician. Marjorie received her nursing degree from W.Va. University. She is a RN at Monongalia General Hospital, Morgantown. They are members of the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, Morgantown.

1d. Christopher A. Baker b. 8 November 1976.


1c. Sharon L. Baker b. 18 March 1944 m. 14 December 1961 to Willis D. Fowler b. 3.
January 1941.

1d. Beth A. Fowler b. 16 June 1962 m. 30 October 1982 to Laurence Impastato.
   1e. Franklin L. Impastato b. 6 July 1987.
2d. Valerie L. Fowler b. 10 April 1964 m. 22 December 1984 to Shawn Frasher.
   1e. Chad G. Frasher b. 11 April 1989.
   1d. Matthew A. Baker b. 22 June 1972 m. 27 August 1994 to Melissa R. Glover.
   2d. Andrew E. Baker b. 30 September 1975.
3a. Lloyd F. Baker b. 29 October 1895 d. 8 November 1980 m. 5 July 1917 to Minnie Wright, daughter of Wilson and Maggie Wright. Minnie b. 22 June 1897 d. 30 March 1975. Both are buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Point Marion, Pa. Lloyd worked for the Houze Glass Company in Point Marion. All children were born in Point Marion, Pa.
   1b. Margaret E. Baker b. 25 May 1918 m. to _______ Geary. M. second on 24 January 1947 to Cliff King. Cliff was a World War II veteran.
   1c. Donald Geary m. Kathleen Corob.
   2b. Mary F. Baker b. 19 March 1920 m. 29 May 1941 to George W. Zinn.
3b. Betty W. Baker b. 16 September 1921 d. 7 August 1997 m. Donald W. Merrill, son of John and Izara Merrill. Donald b. 9 May 1919 d. 23 August 1997. They are buried in Blendon Central Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.
   1c. Donna W. Merrill b. 5 February 1943 m. 3 April 1964 to James P. Baird b. 19 March 1943.
   2b. Michael J. Baird b. 27 April 1968 m. 15 December 1990 to Patty Truax.
   2c. John L. Merrill b. 24 February 1949 m. 1st to Shirley Ledler and 2nd to Katharine Lazear.
   1d. Christopher Merrill b. 1979.
   3c. Thomas C. Merrill b. 26 August 1951 m. 1st to Connie Wisecarver and 2nd to _______.
4a. Dean Baker b. 9 May 1897 d. 23 July 1970 m. Melba Lauch.
3. Lewis Marion Baker b. 8 March 1862 d. 26 October 1918 m. Ina Blackford. Early in life Lewis Baker was injured and became a cripple. As you can see in this photograph he used a crutch and a cane. There were no children. Lewis is buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.

FIGURE 42
LEWIS M. BAKER
4. Worthington Baker b. 23 May 1865 d. 18 August 1934 m. Manta Weaver. They moved to California. No children.

WORTHINGTON BAKER

5. Mary Effie Baker b. 16 October 1870 d. 19 June 1949. Effie was called “Mary E. Lashley” in the 1900 Census. However, she was never married to Erving Lashley even though she had one son by him. She went by Baker all of her life. Effie was killed in an automobile accident. She is buried at Mt. View Cemetery, Hopwood, Pa.

1a. William O. Baker b. 18 June 1898 d. 24 March 1978 m. Mabel Clemmer and 2nd Helen M. Brooks. Children by Mabel. Billy was active in the Gallatin Grange and the FOE. He was a member of the Christian Church, Point Marion, Pa. He died as the result of an auto accident.

1b. William C. Baker b. 22 November 1926 m. Geraldine __________
   1c. David Baker.
   2c. Belinda Baker.
   3c. Debra Baker.

   1c. Sharon L. Baker b. 4 December 1950 m. John Groves. Divorced.
   2c. Elizabeth H. Millikin b. 2 October 1953 m. Daniel Jordan.
   3c. William J. Milliken b. 22 October 1959.

FIGURE 43
WORTHINGTON BAKER

FIGURE 44
THE BAKER FAMILY. THE THREE MEN IN TIES ALONG THE BACK ARE GEORGE, OLIVER AND LEWIS BAKER. THE FOUR OLDER LADIES IN THE MIDDLE ARE SISTERS, JULIA BOWERS, ELIZABETH LYONS, MARGARET BLOSSER, AND MINERVA BAKER. THE THREE CHILDREN IN THE FRONT ARE BILLY BAKER, OMAR BAKER AND GERTIE BAKER.
CHAPTER 18

JACOB BAKER

SON OF JOHN AND CATHERINE BAKER

Jacob Baker was born 29 August 1832 in Springhill. He was raised on the family farm and assisted his mother in the running of the farm after the death of his father. At the outbreak of the Civil War Jacob Baker enlisted in the Union Army. Records have been searched and I cannot find what unit Jacob was attached to. There are several Jacob Bakers in the Civil War Records of both Pennsylvania and the War Department but none that I have seen can be tied to Jacob Baker of Springhill Township, Fayette Co. Pa. There are several mysteries about Jacob’s death and burial. Family tradition says he died in Andersonville Prison. However, in a letter dated 10 May 1863, written by William Johnson to his wife to be, Mary Baker, sister of Jacob Baker, Johnson states, “I was sorry to learn of the death of your brother. Although he died far from his home and friends it is to be hoped that he found some kind of friends to administer to his wants in a dying hour.” This means Jacob was dead by 10 May 1863.

Andersonville Prison did not open until February 1864, so Jacob Baker could not have died there. Perhaps he died in some other Southern prison and over the years the family just came to assume it was Andersonville.

Edna Baker told me that her Grandfather, Daniel Baker, brother of Jacob, said that Jacob’s body was returned home for burial. According to the story Daniel took a wagon and picked him up in a “rough box” at a train station. He was brought back and buried at the Brick Church. The Brick Church was St. Johns Lutheran Church. The church was standing in 1863 but the cemetery had not yet been opened. This may explain why there is no tombstone for Jacob Baker in the cemetery. He must be buried beside the church. He may have been buried close to his father, but never moved to the cemetery.

After Jacob’s death the family went all out to insure no one else in the family would die in the Union Army. See the chapter on Daniel Baker for more on this.

FIGURE 45

JACOB BAKER IN UNION ARMY UNIFORM
CHAPTER 19

MICHAEL D. BAKER

SON OF JOHN AND CATHERINE BAKER

Michael D. Baker was born 30 December 1834 in Springhill. He was raised on the home farm and assisted his mother and brothers in running the farm after the death of his father. Michael married 21 April 1859 to Maria Lyons, daughter of John and Clarinda Litman Lyons. Maria was born 9 May 1842 in Springhill. Michael was both a farmer and school teacher in his early years.

In the 1860 Census he was in Springhill and listed as:

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Michael taught in Fayette Co. schools for twelve years. In 1863 and 1864 he was principal of the Uniontown Public Schools. He then worked as a dealer in agriculture implements for three years.

By the 1870 Census he was back in Springhill and listed as:

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In 1880 the Springhill Census states:

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From Michael's placement in all three of these Census records, I would say at the time of the Census, he was living in Hope Hollow, probably on a part of his mother's farm.
In 1948 Mr. J. M. Hall wrote a letter entitled The History, Genealogy and Sayings of Springhill Township. In this letter he related an incident that occurred at the Centennial Celebration at Morris Cross Roads. Mr. Hall states, “In 1876 a centennial celebration was held at Morris Cross roads in the Emory and John Lyon’s woods. Over 4000 came. Speakers, brass bands, and old Lame Leg Trenton with his ginger cakes, red lemonade, fried chicken and other good things. And I, a hungry boy of less than nine years had only ten cents to spend. I can yet feel how seriously I decided what of Trenton’s good things, I should buy. A. M. Lyons, Hen Lyons, and the Bliss’ and some others were policemen for the day. When the crowd was leaving the brass band seated in their wagon stopped at the Cross Roads to play and many others congregated there too. I distinctly remember, I was standing on the corner across the road from Prozman’s store in the Emory’s woods when into the crowd rode the Swaney’s with their buddies, and thence began the battle of Cross Roads. I saw Cal Ruble hit one in the back of the head with a stone. I saw A. M. Lyons with two revolvers being pushed by his Dad and Mom behind a horse. I saw Mike Baker struggling with Hen Lyons while Oath and Joe Swaney were trying to get to him. I heard the shot that sent the bullet ploughing into Mike Baker’s arm. That shot stopped the battle that might have been more serious for the crowd was densely packed and bullets would have found an object. The Swaney’s were bad actors. They were the aggressors, they came for trouble and the men of Cross Roads had the grit to give them what they surely deserved. Had it not been for A. M. ‘s Dad and Mom’s interference, one or more Swaney’s would have bit the dust for he was already aiming at them.” Thus ended the Centennial Celebration at Morris Cross Roads.

On 8 October 1885 Michael Baker was appointed Postmaster at Uniontown, Pa. by President Grover Cleveland. He held that job until 26 February 1890.
After that Michael became a dealer of pianos, organs and other musical instruments and had a store in the commercial block. The family lived at 49 Connellsville Street.

The Bakers were members of the St. Johns Lutheran Church in Springhill.

Maria Baker died suddenly on 27 March 1897. Her obituary says, "Death resulted from heart trouble, and came rather suddenly and unexpectedly. She was sitting in a large chair and endeavored to rise, but fell back and soon expired. Mrs. Baker fell recently, sustaining a fractured arm and a severe shock, with which she had since been laid up."

Michael D. Baker died 4 April 1904 after an extended illness at the home of his daughter, Elizabeth Miller, in Pittsburgh. Michael’s obituary say in part, "Morris X Roads, April 13 - Michael D. Baker’s funeral was attended by many of his relatives and friends. His eight children were all present. The deceased was born in December 1835, on the farm part of which is now the Lutheran Cemetery and church erected in 1854. Rev. J. K. Melhorn was the first pastor and established the congregation and under whose ministry he and his wife became members. His wife preceded him in death six years ago, also two sons, Edward and Owen, lie by his side....George W. Litman attended M. D. Baker’s funeral. He was the oldest man at the service. In fact, there are but two men in Springhill who were born here older than he namely: George Baker and James Crow. He recognized nearly every one he met by their parents. Mr. Litman remained over night and fiddled a little, next day visited the place of his birth and scenes of his childhood where he spent the first half of his life. He carries no cane, wears no glasses and would pass for a man of 60 instead of 85 years."

Maria and Michael Baker and two sons, Edwin and Owen, were all buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. Later they were all moved to Allegheny County Memorial Park, Allison Park, Pa.

Maria and Michael Baker had eleven children, three sons and eight daughters. The Bakers believed in education. Five of the daughters never married. One became a nurse and the others school teachers. All the children were born in Springhill.

2. John Charles Baker b. 24 November 1861 d. 29 May 1946 m. 10 July 1890 Jessie Elizabeth Bennett, daughter of George and Rebecca Bennett. Jessie b. 28 January 1866 at Greensburg, Pa. d. 30 September 1951. John C. Baker was a manager in the coal mining industry in W. Va. and Pa. They were Presbyterian by faith. Both are buried in Huntington, W. Va. They had five children.


2a. George B. Baker b. 5 March 1893 in Midway, Pa. d. 16 February 1974 m. 27 July 1923 Helen E. Coiner, daughter of William and Berta Coiner. Helen b. 3 July 1904 at Marmet, W. Va. d. 6 October 1982. Both are buried in Huntington, W. Va. In World War I George was a 2nd Lt. in the Signal Corp. George was in the coal business serving as a General Manager and Vice President. He was President of the Selective Service Board in Pike Co., Ky. 1941 to 1948.


1c. George B. Bray.
1d. Andrea Bray.
2d. Christian Bray.
2c. Joe F. Bray.
   1d. Christina Bray.
   2d. Melissa Bray.
   3d. Cara Bray.

   1d. Patricia C. Dobbins b. 20 June 1980.
   2c. George B. Baker Ill b. 29 July 1952 m February 1987 Drew A. Young.
3b. Jessic E. Baker b. 1 July 1926 at Logan, W.Va. m. 28 November 1946 Eugene F. Clark b. 19 February 1925.
      1d. Jessica M. Blankenship b. 17 July 1948.
   4b. John C. Baker b. 18 June 1927 at Williamson, W.Va. m. 16 August 1953 Loretta S. Norman, daughter of William and Maxie Farley Norman. Loretta b. 6 November 1933.
      1c. William N. Baker b. 8 November 1960 at Huntington, W.Va. m. 9 September 1986 Kay M. Emmons.
      3a. John C. Baker, Jr. b. 5 February 1897 at MacDonald, Pa. d. 29 April 1989 m. 24 December 1923 Theresa C. Binns, daughter of Matthew and Mollie Maloney Binns. Theresa b. 10 January 1904 d. 8 December 1988. They were divorced. John was in the coal business. He is buried in Huntington, W.Va.
         1b. Donald M. Baker b. 7 June 1925 in Beckley, W.Va. m. 19 December 1959 at White Plains, N.Y. to Joan M. O’Hara, daughter of John and Maurine Dee O’Hara. Joan b. 17 September 1933.
            2c. Matthew D. Baker b. 26 September 1961 m. 5 August 1989 Margaret L. Powell.
            3c. Timothy D. Baker b. 6 September 1962, triplet of,
            4c. Jennifer B. Baker b. 6 September 1962, triplet of,
            6c. Emily A. Baker b. 1 April 1965.
      1c. James B. Webster III b. 5 January 1956 m. 7 June 1986 Gail D. Parish.
         1d. Rachel E. Webster b. 9 May 1990.
      2c. Rebecca L. Webster b. 22 December 1956 m. 13 August 1983 Richard W. Noland.
      4c. Michael J. Webster b. 14 August 1959.
      5c. Timothy J. Webster b. 10 January 1964.
      6c. Jennifer M. Webster b. 6 October 1965 m. Jay Montgomery.
         1c. William E. Guthner b. 27 June 1956.
         3c. Thomas W. Guthner b. 9 August 1963.
      4a. Gladys V. Baker b. 28 December 1899 at Iuka, W.Va. d. 1 September 1989 m. Samuel W. Lind, son of George and Patti Cooper Lind. Samuel b. 4 May 1898 d. 7 November 1945. They were divorced. Gladys is buried in Huntington, W.Va.
5a. Fred P. Baker b. 11 August 1907 at Bridgeville, Pa. d. 30 January 1984. Buried at Rosewood Memorial Park, Norfolk, Va. Fred was married three times. 1st on 14 Feb 1932 to Edith M. McClelland, daughter of Alonzo and LeElla Copeland McClland. Edith b. 19 December 1913 d. 15 June 1991, buried at Thonotosassa, Fla. They had three children. Fred m. 2nd to Claudia Elswick b. 1914 d. 1964. There were no children. Fred m. 3rd to Anne P. Musarra b. 1930 and they had one son. Fred was a grocer and meat cutter.


2c. Timothy S. Tufts b. 4 March 1959 m. 17 March 1984 Michelle R. Libbert, daughter of Jerome and Arlene Brenneke Libbert. Michelle b. 3 July 1959.

2d. Laura E. Tufts b. 23 May 1990, twin of,


2d. Tikisha N. Hazlett b. 2 September 1976.


3b. Rebecca A. Baker b. 1 December 1938 at Huntington, W.Va. m. 16 February 1958 at Tampa, Fla. Henry A. Marks, son of George and Evelyn Bieling Marks. Henry b. 28 December 1938.


3. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Baker b. 20 March 1864 d. 21 April 1954 m. 6 October 1992 Thomas F. Miller, son of John and Elizabeth Miller. Thomas b. 5 February 1860 d. 28 December 1932. Both are buried in Allegheny County Cemetery, Allison Park, Pa.
4. Minnie Baker b. 4 May 1866 d. 5 October 1936. Buried at Allegheny County Cemetery, Allison, Park, Pa. Never married. She was a matron or a teacher at Jumonville Soldiers Orphan School near Uniontown, Pa. for several years. At her father's death she is listed in his obit as a nurse at Passovant Hospital.


7. Rebecca Baker b. 26 March 1873 d. 29 December 1940 m. 30 August 1906 to Dr. Robert E. Grove, son of Jacob and Katherine Hamer Grove.

1a. Ruth M. Grove b. 13 April 1908 m. Harry McKee.
   1b. Donald McKee b. 2 July 1930.
   2b. Harry McKee b. 10 November 1934, twin of,
   3b. Joseph McKee b. 10 November 1934.
2a. Donald B. Grove b. 28 February 1912 m. Evelyn Porche.
   1b. Kenneth Grove, b. 23 December 1950.
3a. Helen R. Grove b. 1 March 1918 m. Floyd Wilson.
FIGURE 54
THE PITTSBURGH BAKERS VISIT THE SPRINHILL BAKERS,
FRONT ROW L TO R TOM MILLER, RAY BAKER, LILLIAN GROVE, ED BAKER, 2ND ROW DAVE WILKENSON, HELEN WILKENSON, RUTH GROVE, LORNA BAKER, YVONNE BAKER, 3RD ROW DON GROVE, EDNA BAKER, JULIA BAKER, LOUIS BAKER, LIZZIE MILLER, 4TH ROW ROBERT GROVE,
JESSIE BAKER, HELEN BAKER, MINNIE BAKER, BESSIE BAKER.


10. Helen Baker b. 10 April 1882 d. 26 August 1966 m. 12 July 1904 David A. Wilkenson, son of Alexander and Elza Wilkenson. Dave b. 4 March 1879 d. 25 May 1962. They are buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Laughlintown, Pa. Dave Wilkerson was an undertaker.
Mary M. Baker was born on 24 October 1836 in Springhill. She was seventeen when her father died. On 27 August 1863 she married William Frankenberry Johnson.

William F. Johnson was born 3 October 1836 and was the son of Thomas and Catherine Johnson. His father died in the early 1840's. At the time the Johnsons were living at the old Glass Works near New Geneva in Springhill. Later William's mother, Catherine, and the family would move to Hope Hollow. In 1860 William was listed in the Census as a shoemaker.

William entered the Union Army on 16 October 1862. He was in Company E, 168th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia. His military papers describe him as “26 years of age...5 feet 10 inches high, blue eyes. Auburn Hair, light complexion and when enrolled a shoemaker.” William's unit trained in Pittsburgh, Pa. then went by railroad to Washington, D.C. From there they went by steamer down the Chesapeake Bay to New Bern, N. C. and then on to Washington, N. C. Here William served his time in the army. He was discharged at Harrisburg, Pa. on 24 July 1863. This was the normal nine month enlistment.

While in the army William Johnson wrote a series of remarkable letters back to Mary Baker. The letters have been preserved by the family. In fact, the first letter was actually written on 4 May 1862, before he entered the army. At the time Mary Baker was in Switzerland Co., Ind., evidently visiting her Uncle Daniel Baker's family.
William was discharged on 24 July 1863 and on 27 August 1863 he married Mary Baker. They were married, at Mary's home, by Rev. J. K. Melhorn, minister of St. Johns Lutheran Church.

The Johnsons lived in Springhill after their marriage. However, it was soon decided to move west. On 31 August 1866 William Johnson bought a farm in Breckenridge Township, Caldwell Co., Mo. The 90 acres farm was purchased from Marion and Martha Halstead for $1200.00. This farm was south of the town of Breckenridge. (Caldwell Co., Mo. Deed Book M, page 405)

How did the Johnsons learn about land in Caldwell Co.? Perhaps they had contact with Mary's Bateman cousins, who already lived there. Later Mary's two sisters and their husbands would also move from Springhill to Caldwell Co. It should also be noted that about 1870 William's mother, Catherine Johnson, also moved to Missouri and had a farm right next to William and Mary.
In the 1870 Census of Caldwell Co. the Johnson are listed as:

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<td>Rebecca</td>
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The Johnsons were members of the St. Johns Lutheran Church while living in Spinghill. After moving to Missouri they became members of the United Brethren Church.

William Johnson was a farmer and stockman. Over the years he was able to add acreage to his original farm. Although he was a shoemaker by trade, he did not engage in this work after moving west. William Johnson was blinded by accident. He was struck in the eye by a nail he was driving. He was totally blind when he died.

William Johnson died on 20 April 1888. He was not quite 52 years of age. He is buried in Guffey Cemetery in Breckenridge Township, Caldwell Co., Mo.

FIGURE 59
MARY BAKER JOHNSON
On 15 August 1890 Mary Johnson applied for a Civil War Widow’s Pension. In that application Mary listed the property that she owned. “1 horse valued at $15.00 3 mares valued $120.00 3 cows valued at $60.00 1 heifer valued at $15.00 11 calves valued at $45.00. One wagon valued at $15.00 2 sets of harness valued at $25.00 two plows and one cultivator valued at $15.00 one mowing machine valued at $35.00 one rake $5.00 Hogs valued at $100.00 no pigs valued at $00 House hold good and kitchen furniture valued at $100.00. She also has in her possession and use as the widow of the said William F. Johnson ...the following named real estate lying in Caldwell Co. to wit 120 acres of land...valued at $30.00 per acre also 17 acres...north of Shoal Creek...valued at $15.00 per acre there being about 137 acres of said land fenced and in grass and under cultivation and a dwelling house there on. We are well satisfied that said widows income yearly from the above named real estate and personal property and from all other sources does not exceed $275.00 after deducting taxes and the necessary expenses farming said land.” This was signed by George W. Hopkins and Moses L. Sadler.

There were also affidavits in the file from the family doctor, F. J. Dent, neighbors, R. C. Lauman and G. W. Hopkins and the minister that married them, Rev. J. K. Melhorn.

On 3 October 1892 a pension of $8.00 per month was approved for Mary Johnson commencing 22 August 1890.

William and Mary’s oldest son, Johnny, eventually took over the farm and ran it for the rest of his life.

Mary John died 23 December 1906 at the home of her daughter, Minnie Sadler. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Smith at the Grand View Church with burial in the Guffey Cemetery.

Mary and William Johnson had seven children. The oldest, Zilpha, was born in Springhill. All the others were born in Breckenridge Township, Caldwell Co., Mo.
1. Zilpha E. Johnson b. 20 August 1864 d. 1 January 1962 m. 18 December 1883 Robert H. Bogan b. 17 March 1848 d. 22 January 1938. Both are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckenridge, Mo. They were members of the Grand View United Brethren Church. Robert was a farmer all of his life and had a farm south of Breckenridge. Robert Bogan’s obituary stated, “Mr. Bogan was a kind hearted, friendly man admired and respected by all who knew him. No one ever had a work of criticism or condemnation for him. During his long confinement he had no words of complaint, was patient and kind to everyone. He loved his friends and his chief pleasure was having them come to see him. His chief concern was for his patient wife who cared for him during his long years of helplessness.” Zilpha Bogan’s obituary stated, “Death came to Breckenridge’s oldest resident Monday, Jan. 1 when Mrs. Zilpha Bogan, 97, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Amzy Atterberry. Mrs. Bogan had been quite active for one her age until a year ago last August when she suffered a stroke. She was a pioneer resident of this vicinity having come to Missouri with her parents, William and Mary Johnson at the age of two.” The Bogan’s had four children, all born in Caldwell Co., Mo.
   2a. Lena Bogan b. 20 August 1886 m. Wiley A. James. They had ten children.
   3a. Alta Bogan b. 11 January 1889 m. 12 October 1912 Burnie Hall.
      1b. Donald E. Hall b. 26 September 1915 d. 28 December 1965 m. 26 May 1934 to Mildred Muir.
      1c. Carol J. Hall b. 26 July 1938.
      2c. Randall E. Hall b. 18 September 1945.
      3c. Mari L. Hall b. 31 July 1952.
   4a. Rilla Bogan b. 28 September 1893 d. 25 May 1969 m. 11 November 1917 to Jessie Amzy Atterbury. Amzy b. 27 November 1898 d. 5 April 1985. Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckenridge, Mo.
      2b. Dorothy Atterbury m. Richey.
      3b. Florence Atterbury m. Hollingworth.
      4b. Margaret Atterbury m. Manley.

2. Catharine Johnson “Ava” b. 30 April 1867 d. 2 August 1963 m. 1889 to Daniel Arnold, son of Clinton and Elizabeth Hook Arnold. Daniel b. 21 April 1853 in Vinton Co., Ohio d. 10 November 1931. They are buried Highland Park Cemetery, Ottawa, Ks. Daniel Arnold came to Missouri in 1871 with his parents. He was married first to Laura Dinnel and had two daughters, Nora and Lillie. Laura Johnson died in 1882. Daniel was a farmer. Catharine and Daniel Johnson had four children all born in Hamilton, Mo.
   1a. Cora “Neva” Arnold b. 23 August 1892 d. about 1945. Married 1st Forrest Clemings and had one son. Married 2nd to Otto Reichmann and had one son. Lived in St. Louis, Mo.
      1b. Roy Clemings m. Lillian Rhine.
      1c. Beverly J. Clemings m. Rhodes.
2c. Russell Clemings.
2b. Otto D. Reichmann m. Catherine.
1c. Catherine Reichmann.
2a. Elma Olleata "Letta" Arnold b. November 1896 m. 1918 to William Talbott at Ottawa, Ks.
1b. Irene Talbott m. 1st Alex Manghum in Washington, D.C. 2nd Lee Roberts in Ottawa, Ks.
1c. Patricia A. Talbott b. 13 April 1944 m. Jack Lowe on 19 September 1965.
2c. Betty Talbott.
2b. Seth Arnold b. in Ottawa, Ks. Killed in 1945 during World War II in a plane crash in New Guinea. Buried Ottawa, Ks. Married Delores Duveneck at Albuquerque, N. M.
1c. Maureen Arnold.
1c. Cheryl Arnold b. 1951.
2c. Cheila Arnold b. 1953.
4b. Charles Arnold b. 14 November 1932 at Ottawa, Ks. m. Arlene Berry.
2c. Son died at birth.
3c. Kristie Arnold.
4c. Barbara Arnold.
3a. William Clinton Arnold b. 5 January 1899 m. 1 June 1928 at Ottawa, Ks. to Ruth O. Watkins. Lived in Joplin, Mo.
1b. Carol Ann Arnold b. 10 November 1933 at Baldwin, Ks. m. Fred Doss on 13 October 1951 at Chrisman, Ill.
1c. Paula M. Doss b. 4 December 1952 m. David Berry.
2c. Carla J. Doss b. 27 August 1958.
3. Rebecca Elma Johnson b. 21 January 1869 d. 13 August 1951 m. 18 February 1890 to Richard B. “Wink” Arnold, son of Clinton and Elizabeth Hooks Arnold. Wink was a brother of Daniel Arnold who married Rebecca’s sister, Catherine Arnold b. 1864 in Vinton Co. Ohio d. 1931. The Arnold family lived in Breckenridge, Mo., McCook, Neb., and Shell City, Mo. before settling permanently in Creighton, Mo. in 1904. Wink Arnold owned hardware and furniture store and a funeral home. Both are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckenridge, Mo.

1a. Hobart Arnold b. 17 January 1893 at McCook, Neb. d. 27 November 1984 m. 15 June 1922 to Mary Z. Harp. Holbart Arnold was in World War II. Hobart buried in Orient Cemetery, Harrisonville, Mo.

1b. Irvin R. Arnold b. 9 April 1923 d. 19 October 1975 m. 2 June 1946 to Anna M. Chamberlain d. 2 July 1974. He was a funeral home owner.

1c. Anne D. Arnold b. 30 September 1947 m. 9 June 1968 to Michael D. Boswell.

1d. Jeffrey M. Boswell b. 28 December 1976.

2c. Michael I. Arnold b. 9 October 1951 m. 3 August 1973 to Alfreda Etheridge.

2a. Cecil F. Arnold b. 14 April 1896 d. 15 May 1965 m. 15 January 1922 to Hobart P. Creighton b. 20 August 1896 d. 15 December 1983. Hobart was in World War I. He was a farmer.

1b. Wilda D. Creighton b. 24 November 1929. Wilda was on the faculty of Central Missouri State University. She retired in 1989.

FIGURE 69
CECIL, RICHARD “WINK”, HOBART AND REBECCA ARNOLD

FIGURE 70
THE REBECCA AND RICHARD ARNOLD HOME WITH THE FAMILY

4. John Thomas Johnson b. 20 December 1870 d. 18 June 1935 m. to Amy Proffit, daughter of Andrew and Anna M. Proffit. Amy b. 5 October 1876. The following is from the History of Clinton and Caldwell Counties pages 620 and 621, “J. T. Johnson has spent his entire life in Breckenridge Township. He received his education in the Turkey Creek District School. After his father’s health failed, Mr. Johnson was obliged to help with the farming and drove a team when he was too young to hold the plow. When he was 20 year of age, he began working for the Burlington Railroad in Nebraska, remaining there for one and one half years. He then returned to the old home farm and purchased 40 acres from the heirs of the property, later buying the remainder of the homestead. Mr. Johnson now owns a fine farm, well improved, and he carries on general farming and stock raising. His farm is located four miles straight south of Breckenridge. Mr. Johnson is a breeder of high grade stock and has a good farm...Mr. Johnson has always been a Democrat. He has served as school director and road overseer. The Johnsons are members of the United Brethren Church of Grand View, and are highly respected citizens of Breckenridge Township.” They are buried in Guffey Cemetery. John and Amy had three children.
1a. Esmond E. Johnson b. 27 October 1902. He married but had no children.

2a. Minnie "Glenys" Johnson b. 9 April 1904 d. 18 August 1943 m. 4 October 1925 to Vernon H. Trumbo b. 19 May 1902 d. 24 May 1992. They are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckenridge, Mo.

1b. Rose Marie Trumbo b. 15 February 1928 d. 23 January 1996 m. Emmet H. Olson b. 12 October 1925 d. 22 January 1996. Rose and Emmet died one day apart of cancer. Rose worked for the Boulder Valley Schools. Emmet was a World War II veteran and worked for the Postal Service. They lived in Broomfield, Co. They are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, Co.

1c. Sharon M. Olson b. 8 August 1951 at Boulder, Co. m. 8 August 1973 to Lynn Chadwick.

1d. Krisalyn Chadwick b. 16 May 1974 m. 21 May 1994 to Gary Schreiner.


3d. Tobin A. Chadwick b. 29 December 1977.


5d. Carlene A. Chadwick b. 8 October 1983.

2c. Carolyn D. Olson b. 26 November 1953 at Boulder, Co. m. 27 June 1981 to Michael Lambert.
3c. Norval E. Olson b. 22 June 1957 at Boulder, Co. m. 24 February 1984 to Jean M. Schultz.
2b. Shirley A. Trumbo b. 8 August 1931 m. 29 March 1952 at Boulder, Co. to James R. Pinkston b. 20 July 1931.
   1c. Roxana Pinkston b. 20 May 1955 m. 13 April 1974 to Ronald A. Madrid.
      1d. Justin M. Madrid b. 1 September 1976.
   2c. Bruce M. Pinkston b. 23 April 1957.
3b. Amy L. Trumbo b. 13 October 1932 m. 23 February 1951 at Boulder, Co. to Earl R. Williams b. 17 February 1930.
   1c. David E. Williams b. 27 November 1951 m. 28 May 1969 to Katherine Sharff.
      1d. Debra L. Williams b. 28 April 1969.
      2d. Dana R. Williams b. 9 November 1970.
   2c. Alan H. Williams b. 17 March 1959 m. 30 July 1977 to Cynthia Y. Miller.
      1d. Patricia L. Williams b. 26 March 1980.
      2d. Casey E. Williams b. 26 April 1983.
   3c. Nancy L. Williams b. 11 February 1959.
   4c. Peggy L. Williams b. 28 April 1961.
5. Minnie Lena Johnson b. 1 November 1872 d. 31 December 1949 m. 31 December 1893 to Benjamin F. Sadler b. 4 August 1871 d. 24 October 1944. They are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckenridge, Mo. Ben Sadler was a farmer. As an interesting note the Sadlers had a man named Vivian “Boney” Williamson who lived and worked for them for 41 years. He died in 1985.

FIGURE 73
BEN AND MINNIE SADLER
6. William Sadler Baker Frankenberry Johnson b. 10 September 1874 d. 17 October 1936 m. 8 April 1903 to Jennett Bowers, daughter of John F. and Mary J. Bowers. Jennett b. 11 August 1880 d. November 1965. Buried in Breckenridge, Mo. William was known as “Willie” and “Will” but also went by W. S. B. F. Johnson. His middle names covered all of his ancestors. His biography in the History of Clinton and Caldwell Counties states, “W. S. B. F. Johnson, a prominent farmer and stockman of Breckenridge Township, and the owner of 279 acres of well improved land was born Sept. 10, 1874, in the same township.... Mt. Johnson is a Democrat and is a member of the United Brethren Church. He is one of the enterprising farmers and stockmen of his community. He has given much time to the District School and is now serving his eighth year as a member of the local school board, and is a firm advocate of educating the farm children on the farm, and in the Rural District School, rather than sending them to town, there to remain for life thereby robbing the country of its best citizens, and the children of the most independent and useful lived God ever gave to mankind.” W. S. B. F. Johnson’s farm was just to the south of Breckenridge. It was only one farm north of the old Johnson home place that was farmed by his older brother, John. W. S. B. F. Johnson died of anemia. His wife, Jennett, lived on for nearly another thirty years. The Johnsons had two children.
1a. Walter S. Johnson b. 31 March 1904 d. 2 September 1952 m. 25 November 1926 to Eliza Ann Stillwell, daughter of Elijah and Susan Bisel Stillwell. Eliza b. 13 October 1904 d. 15 September 1991. Both are buried in Breckenridge, Mo. Affiliated with the Baptist Church. Walter was a farmer.

1b. Velma Lucille Johnson b. 9 September 1927 m. 4 April 1948 to Harold B. Gregory. They were divorced.

1c. Linda A. Gregory b. 29 December 1955 m. Craig Wilson b. 24 May 1956. They lived in Kansas City, Mo. and Breckenridge, Mo.


2c. Connie M. Gregory b. 8 August 1959 m. 2 March 1984 to Carl W. Hoehns b. 11 August 1948. They live in Kansas City, Mo. and all their children were born there.

   1d. Jeremy M. Hoehns b. 27 April 1982.

2b. Laranell Johnson b. 17 July 1931 m. 23 May 1953 at Breckenridge, Mo. to Leland E. Mueller b. 14 May 1926. Laranell is a school teacher.
    1c. Sharon L. Mueller b. 28 June 1954 m. 6 May 1973 to Gary E. Box b. 3 March 1951. They are divorced. Sharon lives in Joplin, Mo. where she works as an office manager.
    1d. Nathan S. Box b. 1 April 1979.
    2c. Lawrence W. Mueller b. 3 April 1956.
3b. Melva Jean Johnson b. 1 April 1936 m. 28 August 1955 to Jimmie T. Hopkins b. 16 August 1934. Jim worked as an accountant. They are members of the Baptist Church. Jean has done a great deal of the work on the Johnson section of this book. Without her help a lot of this information may have been lost. The Hopkins lived in Kansas City but are now retired to Bella Vista, Ark. where they are still doing genealogy.
    1c. Steve C. Hopkins b. 20 August 1956 m. 3 June 1978 at Warrensburg, Mo. to Ann Marie Hopkins.
    1d. Daniel J. Hopkins b. 10 May 1981.
2c. Michael W. Hopkins b. 16 September 1957 m. 2 June 1979 at Eureka, Mo to Joy Lynn Glaser.
    1d. Michelle N. Hopkins b. 18 January 1981.

4b. Helen L. Johnson b. 3 May 1939 m. 19 June 1982 to Jerry H. Hassemer b. 31 July 1934. Helen is a school teacher. Jerry is retired from the U.S. Department of Interior. They live in Grand Junction, Co.
5b. Russell L. Johnson b. 9 January 1942 m. 5 January 1992 to Debra ————.
    1c. Chantelle Johnson.
    2c. Amber Johnson.
    3c. Shawn Johnson.
2a. Melva Olevia Johnson b. 24 May 1906 d. 11 November 1933 m. 27 March 1932 to Frank Potts b. 23 September 1903. Melva died of acute appendicitis. No children.

7. Charles Richard “Dick” Johnson b. 2 March 1877 d. 15 April 1969 m. 17 November 1921 at Breckenridge, Mo. to Adelia Atterberry, daughter of Jack and Melda Bennett Atterberry. Adelia b. 22 May 1901 d. 26 June 1971: Dick was a carpenter. The family lived in Dighton, Kansas and later in Nevada, Mo. They are buried at Newton Burial Park, Nevada, Mo.

![FIGURE 77]

RICHARD JOHNSON
FIGURE 77A
RICHARD AND ADELIA JOHNSON

1a. Mary I. Johnson b. 22 March 1922 at Dighton, Ks. d. 30 April 1988. Buried in Newton Burial Park, Nevada, Mo. Mary never married and worked as a secretary and bookkeeper. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Nevada, Mo.

2a. Richard E. Johnson, Jr. b. 4 February 1924 at Dighton, Ks. d. 19 November 1987 m. 10 February 1946 at Nevada, Mo. to Betty S. Callaway. Richard served in the Army in World War II. He worked for Farmer's Produce and Guthrie Motors. He was a member of the Christian Church, the Masonic Lodge and the VFW.
      1c. Richard S. Johnson b. 25 August 1981

   1b. LuAnn Johnson b. 23 December 1954 m. 11 September 1976 at Nevada, Mo. to David L. Weatherly b. 19 October 1954.
      1c. James D. Weatherly b. 4 December 1978.
   2b. Connie J. Johnson b. 20 October 1947 m. 2 April 1966 to Edward Oyer.
      1c. Douglas E. Oyer
      2c. Dennise K. Oyer b. 9 January 1971 m. 21 May 1994 to Mathew R. Engelbard.

4a. William L. Johnson b. 29 May 1928 at Dighton, Ks. m. 25 July 1953 to Joan M. Gist b. 11 May 1932. She was the daughter of Ross and Ann Gist.
   1b. Charles Johnson b. 2 April 1954 m. Cheryl Deem.
      1c. Christopher Johnson
      2c. Casey Johnson

5a. Mildred M. Johnson b. 9 May 1930 at Dighton, Ks. m. 21 May 1950 at Nevada, Md. to Billy J. Perry b. 15 October 1928.
   1b. Michael W. Perry b. 26 November 1954 m. 15 October 1988 to Marilyn McLimos.
      1c. Michael W. Perry, Jr. b. 6 November 1989.
   2b. David A. Perry b. 27 November 1954 m. 6 June 1981 to Shannon Kuehn.
FIGURE 77B
RICHARD AND ADELIA JOHNSON FAMILY

FIGURE 78
THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM AND MARY JOHNSON TAKEN IN 1914
IN THE BEN AND MINNIE SADLER HOME
CHAPTER 21

JOSEPH LYONS BAKER

SON OF JOHN AND CATHERINE BAKER

Joseph Lyons Baker was born 5 September 1838 in Springhill and spent his early life working on the family farm. On 7 November 1867 he married Rebecca Hurst, daughter of Nathaniel G. and Elizabeth Shaw Hurst. Rebecca was born in 1839. In Joseph’s biography in Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Fayette Co., Pa. it states, “Joseph Lyons Baker was reared on a farm, educated in the common schools, and the Millsboro Normal School, in Washington County, where he attended two terms. Leaving school he engaged in teaching and taught three terms in the common schools of Fayette County, one term in Indiana and one term in Missouri. During 1866 he returned to Springhill and engaged in farming on the homestead farm for three years. In 1869 he removed to his father-in-law’s farm in Dunbar Township, and remained there four years. In 1873 he purchased ninety-two acres of the home farm in Springhill Township, and immediately removed there. He erected a fine dwelling has greatly improved his farm by fencing, draining and liming...Mr. Baker was a democrat until 1888. Being in favor of a high protective tariff, he left the democratic ranks in that year and voted with the Republican party. He has served one year as tax collector and is serving his fourth term as school director. For two years he has been an elder in the Lutheran Church at Morris Cross Roads, of which he and his wife have been members for several years.”

In the 1880 Census Joseph L. Baker is listed:

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In the 1900 Census, Joseph has died, and Rebecca is listed as:

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In 1900 the Census says:

Baker  Rebecca  68  
        Queenie  23  dau

Joseph Lyons Baker died 7 November 1895. The follow excerpt is from his obituary that appeared in a Uniontown, Pa. newspaper on 14 November 1895.

"Morris X Roads, Nov 11 - Joseph L. Baker died at his residence in Springhill Township on Thursday evening, Nov. 7, 1895. Deceased was born and raised in this township and lived most of his life among us, but was well and favorably known over the county. In the death of Mr. Baker Springhill has lost one of her best citizens. Rarely are we called upon to record the death of a man more faultless. By his quiet, unobtrusive manner he won a host of friends and admirers. Old associates of his who grew up with him from youth say they always looked on him as a model. In intellectual he was far above the average - a man with expansive ideas, exhibiting depth of thought, and could speak and write with ability. His educational advantages were limited almost entirely to the common schools and in them he qualified himself to teach. Engaging in this work he taught several successful terms in this county and also in the states of Indiana and Missouri. In 1867 he returned from the west to the place of his nativity and soon was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Hurst, daughter of a well known citizen of this county. Soon after he purchased a portion of his father's homestead and thus engaged in farming. By industry he improved his farm and he died surrounded by all the comforts of life. In business his methods were strict, precise and accurate. He always took great interest in educational matters and rendered efficient services to us, acting as school director for several consecutive terms. As he was in delicate health he withdrew from all matters of the public claiming his attention and devoted his fast failing energies to his private affairs. Though he has been ailing for a long time his death came sudden and unexpected to his family and friends. He attended the election on Tuesday and came out to the post office for his mail on the following morning as was his daily custom and was apparently in fairly good health. On Wednesday night he was taken violently ill and survived only a few hours. He has been a great suffer as his trouble was of the liver and kidneys, but a more patient man to bear his affliction none never met....Deceased was a consistent and exemplary member of St. Johns Lutheran Church and by his death the church loses an active church worker, his family a kind husband and father, and the community an intelligent, honest, patriotic and generous hearted citizen. On Sept. 5 last he turned into his 57th year. Brief funeral services were held at his late residence at one o'clock Saturday, after which his remains were followed by a large concourse of people to the Lutheran cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest to await the resurrection morn. The furnishing was by Harry Johnson of Uniontown. Pall bears were: J. U. Gans, John A. Clark, William T. Lyons, George W. Lyons, _______ Black, and T. J. Sturgis."

Rebecca Baker continued to live on the family farm after her husband's death. Rebecca died 11 November 1928. She is also buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church. After Rebecca's death her daughter, Queenie, continued to live on and run the farm until her death. Joseph and Rebecca had seven children, all of whom were born in Springhill.
1. Jesse Hurst Baker b. 3 August 1869 d. 24 January 1929 m. 14 September 1893 to Sarah “Sally” Hall, daughter of Alpheus G. and Lydia Crow Hall. Sally b. 1 July 1874 d. 11 April 1921. Both are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. In the 1900 Census Jesse is listed as a farmer. They had four children all born in Springhill.
FAMILY OF JESSE H. BAKER. L-R JESSE, MARGUERITE, CARL, PAUL, SALLY AND BLANCHE


2a. Marguerite Baker b. 10 November 1897 d. 26 June 1968 m. 29 November 1911 to Jesse A. Leech b. 24 November 1889 d. 19 October 1968.

1b. William S. Leech, Sr. b. 17 February 1913 m. 16 August 1930 at Oakland, Md. to Rosalee Robinson, daughter of James and Florence Robinson. Rosalee b. 18 August 1910. William was a painter and paper hanger.

1c. William Leech, Jr. b. 7 April 1931 at Smithfield, Pa. m. 7 July 1951 to Margaret J. Parlor, daughter of Harry and Josephine Fowler Parlor. Margaret b. 5 October 1932. William is a farmer and also in the home improvement business. They are members of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

1d. Marjorie J. Leech b. 23 September 1952 at Uniontown, Pa. m. 1st to Theodore R. Smith and 2nd on 3 June 1994 to Brock Hartman, son of Walter and Thelma Gardner Hartman. Marjorie and Brock are both Registered Nurses. They are members of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.


2d. William B. Leech b. 8 February 1954 m. 16 March 1985 at Smithfield, Pa. to Cynthia D. Kremer,
daughter of John and Jennie Kremer. Cynthia b. 22 August 1956. William is in the appliance repair business. They are members of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

2e. Jason B. Leech b. 3 September 1989.
3d. Mark S. Leech b. 24 July 1956 m. 20 November 1981 to Margaret M. Hinkle b. 11 April 1960.
2e. Matthew A. Leech b. 16 March 1983.
4e. Erik J. Leech b. 17 April 1987.
5e. Marque M. Leech.
5d. Beth A. Leech b. 9 May 1969.

2e. Douglas J. Leech b. 5 September 1932 at Smithfield, Pa. m. 24 August 1952 at Bobtown, Pa. to Doris J. Scott, daughter of Harold and Nell Hager Scott. Doris b. 28 June 1933. Douglas served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War in the 101st Airborne Division. He has been the home improvement for 40 years. They are members of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

1d. Douglas J. Leech, Jr. b. 24 August 1954 at Ft. Mead, Md. m. 28 February 1977 to Sharon Oberlechner, daughter of Steve and Alvera Miller Oberlechner. Douglas is a graduate of Penn State University and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking. Sharon graduated from W. Va. University with a degree in English. Douglas is President and CEO of Huntington National Bank of West Virginia. He is also very active in community affairs in Morgantown, W. Va. The Leech's are members of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

1e. Christy L. Leech b. 21 December 1980.
2d. Cheryl L. Leech b. 29 March 1956 m. 4 October 1975 m. Gregory D. Blaney.
1e. Jarod D. Blaney b. 5 March 1980.
2e. Lauren M. Blaney b. 25 August 1982.
3d. Pamela J. Leech b. 15 March 1958 s. 5 November 1977 at Smithfield, Pa. to Roger R. Reid b. 11 July 1955. Roger received his Master of Divinity Degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He works as an insurance agent. They belong to Pennsville Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant, Pa. where they live.
1e. Ryan T. Reid b. 28 July 1982.
2e. Megan E. Reid b. 10 February 1984.

3c. Ronald L. Leech b. 12 April 1942 at Smithfield, Pa. m. 28 June 1969 in Uniontown, Pa. to Jean Swankhouse, daughter of Harry and Edna Teets Swankhouse. Jean b. 25 July 1946. Ronald served in Air Force from 1961 to 1965 during the Viet Nam War. Ronald is self employed and Jean is a school teacher. They are members of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

1d. Ronald L. Leech, Jr. b. 8 January 1972.

2b. Charles A. Leech b. 30 October 1915 m. 1st Pearl Sturgis b. 30 August 1917. They had four children. Charles m. 2nd to Beryl E. Hutson b. 1920 d. 1989. No children by 2nd marriage.
1c. Laura L. “Lolly” Leech b. 3 March 1938 m. 26 October 1958 to Gary R. Lutz.
1d. Carrie Lutz.
2d. Rickie Lutz.
3d. Timothy Lutz.

2c. Charles C. “Cholly” Leech b. 25 February 1940 m. Bonnie ________.
1d. Shawn Leech.

3c. Larry J. Leech b. 20 December 1942 m. ______ Killin.
1d. Larry J. Leech, Jr.
2d. Randy S. Leech b. 12 June 1968 m. 16 November 1991 to Caroline E. Sneddon.
3d. Andrew Leech b. 12 June 1968.

4c. Thomas S. Leech.

3b. Carl D. Leech b. 19 March 1918 d. 1 April 1975 m. 15 May 1939 to Ella M. Yauger b. 22 February 1919.
1c. Brenda Jill Leech b. 31 January 1940 m. Dale S. Stahl, Jr.
3d. Mark Stahl.
2c. Linda Lee Leech b. 26 October 1942 m. 29 August 1964 to Michael J. Seymour, 1d. Michael Seymour.

4b. Sally Leech b. 13 March 1926 m. 26 December 1921 to George W. Cooley.
2c. Laura K. Cooley b. 17 September 1949 m. 1st Clyde M. See b. 20 October 1942. She m. 2nd Richard C. Jaros.

3c. Luann Cooley b. 5 June 1954 m. 20 September 1986 to Kevin S. Schaefer.

3a. Jesse Carl Baker b. 22 February 1899 d. 25 February 1919. Buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. The following In Memoriam written by Mrs. O. J. Emory was published in the 12 March 1919 edition of the Daily News Standard of Uniontown, Pa. “In memory of J. Carl Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Baker, who departed this life February 25, 1919, aged 20 years, after a lingering illness of more than a year, during which time he spent several months at the Baldwin Sanitarium, Kalamazoo, Mich., under the care of noted specialists there; also his case having been examined and treated by several of our own county’s skilled medical men - and at last when all efforts that human hands could bestow, failed. Carl’s care and sufferings were left in the hands of the Great Physician who heals all diseases. At times his sufferings were intense, yet he bore them with great courage and patience. He prayed that health and strength be given him. Yet when these seemed not to be his, he said, ‘I would like to stay, but I must go.’ Alone in his room, at the midnight hour, he sang the hymn, ‘Where He Leads Me I Will Follow,’ so soft, so low. It seemed the angels might be his hearers. He passed away - over the river of time, as easy, as quiet as the beginning of a night’s rest. He was a boy of a strong personality - loved by all who knew him, and will be sadly missed. At the age of 14 years Carl gave his heart to God and united with his home church, the Lutheran Evangelical. Beautiful and impressive were the funeral services conducted by Rev. D. D. Miller, of Smithton, Pa. from Revelations, 21st 7th, ‘he that overcometh shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be My son.’ The hymn, ‘God Will Take Care of You,’ and ‘Where He Leads Me I Will Follow,’ were beautifully rendered by the choir. Masses of beautiful flowers, tokens of love from many to whom Carl was dear, were placed about his casket, and 12 pallbearers, young men - friends of his - carried the body and flowers from the home to the cemetery nearby where all that was mortal of his precious, as the chilly winds of winter blow o’er, son was was left to its peaceful rest. And the newly made grave and the flowers of spring bloom forth, may his near and dear ones, as they remember the one who sleeps beneath, cherish as a sacred resolve, this hymn, ‘Where He Leads Me I Will Follow.”

4a. Blanche Baker b. 1900 d. June 1956 m. 1st 2 May 1921 to James Parshall and 2nd to Thomas Cancelmo.
1b. Ella Parshall m. Emil L. Stevens.
2b. Sarah Parshall m. Seth J. McKee.
1c. Seth J. McKee. 2c. William McKee.

2. Lillie Mae Baker b. 1870 d. 8 November 1890. Lillie m. October 1890 to Harry L. Wilson, son of Rev. William O. and Mary Wilson, who was the minister at St. Johns Lutheran Church. Lillie only lived for one month after her marriage. She is buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. Her tombstone calls her Lillian.

FIGURE 81 A
MUSSETTA AND CHARLES SCOTT

1a. Lillian Scott b. 1896.
3a. Beatrice Scott b. 1904.
4a. Charles M. Scott, Jr. b. 18 September 1907 d. 16 January 1998 m. 11 November 1942 at Oakland, Md. to Julia Schmidt, daughter of Jules and Celina Schmidt. Julia b. 24 March 1907 d. 6 June 1987. "Scottie" was well known in Point Marion. For many years he owned and drove for the D & S Bus Company that carried the children to school in both Point Marion and the Albert Gallatin School District. At the time of his death he was the oldest living member of the Point Marion Volunteer Fire Department.

1b. Lynn Rae Scott b. 23 July 1944 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. 23 August 1966 to Dennis Van Horn. Dennis b. 15 March 1945 at Morgantown, W.Va.


2b. Evelyn Scott b. 8 September 1948 at Morgantown, W.VA. m. 21 November 1993 to Patrick Gallagher.

2c. Renee L. Van Horn b. 2 September 1971 at Uniontown, Pa.

3a. Marion Scott m. Barbara Klink.


4. Kathryn "Kate" Baker b. 1878 d. 18 December 1926 m. William E. Gans b. 31 January 1872 d. 23 February 1915. He was son of Joseph U. and Sarah Rhodes Gans. They had no children.

5. Beatrice Baker b. July 1880 d. 24 January 1910 m. Levi Grimes. Beatrice is buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. Her obituary says, "Mrs. Beatrice Baker Grimes, aged 30 years, died Monday, January 24, 1910, at her home at Cheat Haven after an illness with tuberculosis. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Hurst Baker, Cheat Haven; two brothers, J. H. and Isaac Baker, Cheat Haven, and three sisters, Mrs. Musetta Scott, Guyaux, Pa.; Mrs. Katharine Gans, Gans, and Miss Queenie Baker, at home." There is not mention of her husband, Levi, in the obituary. He must have died before her, but there is no tombstone for him in St. Johns Lutheran Cemetery.

6. Isaac G. Baker b. 15 February 1881 d. 3 June 1974 m. 27 October 1904 at Cumberland, Md. to Mabel A. Rhodes, daughter of Henry Lycurgus and Phedora Jane Sturgiss Rhodes. Isaac was called "Ike" all of his life.
Ike Baker was a carpenter and often worked away from home. Ike built a home of his own in Frogtown, Springhill Township. Ike made a list of homes and buildings he worked on. Early in his career as a carpenter he worked on the building of the Summit Hotel and at various times for Frank Humbert, J. Sembower and Hugh Burchinal. However, he mostly was in business for himself.

Ike built many houses in and around Point Marion, Pa., including the parsonage for the Methodist Church, Dr. A. D. Hunger's brick home, Klein & Simpson's warehouse behind their store, John Moore house on Locust Hill, the Frank Costolo home, C. M. Scott's house and store in Nilan, the Monongahela Rail Road Station across the river from Point Marion, also stations in New Geneva, Grays Landing and Masontown. He worked for the school board doing repairs and built the Cagey School. Ike also worked on many homes in Morgantown, W.Va. and did extensive work for Greene Co. Coal Company when they built all the houses in Bobtown, Pa.

In 1929, after the Stock Market Crash, Ike and his family moved to Maryland. His son, Marshall, had already moved there. The Bakers lived for a long time on Deray Ave. in Bethesda, Md., which is a suburb of Washington, D.C. Ike continued in the building trade in the Maryland area.

Ike and Mabel Baker lived separate in later years. Ike is buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery and Mabel is buried in Colesville Cemetery, Colesville, Md. Ike and Mabel had four children and all were born in Springhill.
1a. Gladys B. Baker b. 6 October 1905 d. 7 December 1996 m. 3 June 1938 at Washington D. C. to D'Arcy East, son of Swepson and Maggie East. D'Arcy b. 16 November 1907 and 7 November 1996. D'Arcy served in World War II in the 145th Sea-Bee Bn. in the Pacific. He was plastering contractor. Both are buried in the Colesville Cemetery, Colesville, Md. They had no children, although D'Arcy had a daughter by a previous marriage.

2a. Olive Ruth Baker b. 3 May 1908 d. 1 May 1980 m. 6 October 1935 at Bethesda, Md. to Elmer M. Cagey, son of Lloyd and Elsie Stoner Cagey. Elmer b. 16 July 1907 d. 12 August 1979. Elmer worked for Monongahela Power Co. They lived in Morgantown, W.Va. and were members of the First Presbyterian Church.

1b. Lee Baker Cagey b. 3 August 1936 m. 28 July 1957 at Morgantown, W.Va. to Donna J. Rinehart, daughter of William and Elizabeth Logan Rinehart. Donna b. 28 September 1936. They now live in Virginia where Lee works as a mechanical designer and Donna is a school teacher. They are affiliated with the Methodist Church.

1c. Clarke M. Cagey b. 24 January 1941

2b. James L. Cagey b. 11 January 1945 in Morgantown, W.Va. m. 21 August 1966 to Deborah G. Sterling, daughter of Ralph and Rose Sterling. Deborah b. 30 March 1946.

3a. Marshall Rhodes Baker b. 26 February 1911 d. 10 November 1994 m. 3 September 1932 at Bethesda, Md. to Ruth A. Stewart, daughter of Charles and Mary Stewart. Ruth b. 10 June 1907. Marshall learned carpentry trade from his father and had his own construction business. Marshall was very active in the Methodist Church. Marshall also organized the clean up, restoration and endowment of St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery in Springhill. He worked tirelessly for many years to complete this project. As a result St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery is a beautiful, well kept, country cemetery.

1b. Joan M. Baker b. 24 October 1934 at Bethesda Md. m. 23 February 1952 at Leonardtown, Md. to William
D. Taylor, son of Clyde and Rita Bostic Taylor. William b. 1 April 1933. Bill is self-employed as a manufacturers’ representative and Joan helps out in his home office. They live in Randallstown, Md.

1c. William D. Taylor, Jr. b. 8 December 1952.
2c. Debra J. Taylor b. 12 April 1956 m. 8 August 1982 to Marc Silverstein. They are divorced.
   1d. Daniel I. Silverstein b. 2 December 1984.
3c. Dennis R. Taylor b. 16 December 1957.
4c. Daniel M. Taylor b. 13 July 1961 m. 15 October 1982 to Lori J. Barth. They are divorced.

2b. Kay M. Baker b. 5 August 1937 at Bethesda, Md. m. 29 June 1957 at Bethesda, Md. to Frederick W. Morris, son of Starless and Lena Nitz Morris. Frederick b. 11 January 1934 d. 5 November 1992. Frederick worked as a CPA.
   1c. Ronald Morris b. 6 February 1966 m. 20 June 1992 at St. Mary’s City, Md. to Nancy Spiegler. Ronald graduated in 1988 from St. Mary’s College. He was commissioned as an officer in the Marine Corp in 1988. He served in Desert Storm.
   2b. Gail Rae Baker b. 6 June 1941 m. 1st 19 May 1958 to Gary Alex b. 22 June 1941. She married 2nd to James R. Loux on 14 April 1979. James b. 17 July 1943. They live in Massachusetts where Jim works for the Kollmorgen Corp.
   1c. Glenn C. Alex b. 11 November 1961 m. 10 August 1988 to Susan Skinner. Glenn graduated from Furman in 1987 and received his Dental Degree from Medical College, Augusta, Ga. He has a dental practice in Athens, Ga.
   2d. Grace E. Alex b. 28 August 1995.
   2c. Gregg S. Alex b. 4 August 1964 m. 1992 to Cynthia Smith. Gregg received a degree in Computer Science from Auburn and a degree in Environmental Science from University of Indiana.


Daniel M. Baker was born 28 March 1841 in Springhill. He remained on the family farm for the rest of his life.

Daniel was drafted into the Union Army on 16 July 1863, during the Civil War. The Baker family decided the death of one son, Jacob, in the war was enough. On 29 August 1863 Dan Baker paid $300.00 in order to be excused from military service. This was a very common practice during the war.
CERTIFICATE OF NON-LIABILITY TO BE GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF ENROLMENT.

WE the subscribers, composing the Board of Enrolment of the

District of the State of Pennsylvania, provided for in section 8, Act of Congress "for enrolling and calling out the national forces," approved March 3, 1863, hereby certify that Daniel M. Baker of Philadelphia, County, State of Pennsylvania, having given satisfactory evidence that he is not properly subject to do military duty, as required by said act, by reason of having paid $250 is exempt from all liability to military duty for the term of

Provost Marshal and President of Board of Enrolment.

Member of Board of Enrolment.

Surgeon of Board of Enrolment.

Dated at Pennsylvania, this 29th day of August 1863.

Note.—This certificate is to be given in all cases where it is applicable, according to the 2d, 3d, 13th and 17th sections of the act of Congress referred to above.

FIGURE 88

DANIEL BAKER'S EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY SERVICE DATED 29 AUGUST 1863
On 17 October 1867 Daniel Baker married his cousin, Julia Ann Baker, in her parent's home by C. W. Smith. Julia Ann Baker was born 6 April 1846 and was the daughter of George and Margaret Sargent Baker. (See Chapter 42) Julia was born on the original Baker homestead of her Great Grandfather, Peter Baker.
Daniel Baker purchased 56 acres of his father's farm including the house. This was the old Saddler farm from his mother's side of the family. The house was of board and batten construction and had four rooms, two down and two up.

Daniel Baker farmed all of his life and was an excellent steward of the land. He raised such crops as corn, wheat, oats and broom corn. Dan's granddaughter, Edna Baker, recalled that they usually had three horses, four cows, four to six pigs, thirty to forty chickens, turkeys and ducks. Later her dad had a mule.

The Bakers made maple syrup, that they called molasses, sugar wax and sugar cakes. Edna recalled that her Grandad sold the maple syrup for 75 cents a gallon. Later her father got $3.00 a gallon.

Dan Baker kept a ledger book between 1869 and 1878, in which he noted the work he performed for others and his earnings. There are later entries that record farm products he sold.

Dan not only worked for his neighbors, but also his mother, brothers and father-in-law. Some of the names entered in the book were, Michael D. Baker, R. Falkenstein, A. Lucas, Catherine Baker, John Lyons, George Baker and Joseph L. Baker.

Some of the entries include:

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<td>75 bushel coal digging</td>
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<td>1 1/2 days cradling wheat</td>
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<td>3 days mowing</td>
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<td>sold 18 lbs. veal</td>
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<td>3/4 day of a day shingling</td>
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<td>making hay three days</td>
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<td>3/4 of day at lime kiln</td>
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<td>cutting briers</td>
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<td>half day butchering</td>
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<td>making 775 shingles</td>
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<td>moving fence one day</td>
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<td>one day plowing</td>
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<td>six brooms</td>
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In 1869 Dan received $47.08 for work he performed for his brother, Michael, during the whole year. From John Lyons he received $18.41 and his mother, Catherine Baker, paid him $13.50 for 1873. Dan's father-in-law, George Baker, reimbursed him for his work by giving him sugar, honey, beef, pigs, wheat and paying his store bill.
In 1878 Dan sold to M. D. Baker one bushel of millet seed and 1 1/2 bushels of corn for $1.50. To O. B. Baker, in 1890, two bushels of sweet potatoes for $1.75, seven bushels of apples for $1.05 and two barrels of cider for $1.50.

One entry for Lewis Baker is just dated 1894 and reads:

- One gal of vinegar: $0.25
- 28 lbs. cornmeal: $0.50
- 42 lbs. cornmeal: $0.75
- Raspberries: $0.50
- 1 gal molasses: $0.75
- 1 gal molasses: $0.75

Sometime in the 1880's or 1890's Dan Baker opened a coal mine on the farm. The coal was for family use but it was also sold in the neighborhood. Dan's son, Frank, continued to operate this coal mine for many years afterward. My Dad, Jim Baker, could recall Frank Baker delivering coal to their home in a horse and wagon. My father also recalled going into the mine when he was a young boy. It had a door on it that Frank kept locked. He could drive his mule and wagon into the mine and go straight through and come out the other side of the hill. No need to turn around in the mine.

Julia Ann Baker, better known to the rest of the family as "Aunt Julie" was a wonderful person. When I first started researching the Bakers all of the older family member who I talked to only had nice things to say about Aunt Julie. She was a great cook and when she got older loved to have company stop by.

One of the big events each year was Aunt Julie's birthday party. My Dad said he loved to go there for the party. One thing that Jim recalled was that if you ever got up from the table you were not allowed to sit back down. So a small child had to stay put in order to get dessert.

Dan and Julie Baker went to housekeeping in the house that belonged to his parents. In the early 1890's they built a brand new house just to the front of the old place. The new home had eight rooms. This house was probably built with the money Julie's father, George Baker, gave his children after selling the coal under his farm.

In the 1870 Census for Springhill the Baker are listed as:

- Baker Daniel 29 Farm Lab Value of personal property 345
- Julia A. 24 House Keeping
- Henry F. 2
In 1880 they are listed in the Census as:

- **Baker Daniel M.** 39 Farmer
- **Julia** 34 Wife Keeping House
- **Henry F.** 11 Son At Home In School

In the 1900 Census the listing is:

- **Baker Daniel** 59 Hus Farmer
- **Julia A.** 54 Wife
- **Frank H.** 31 Son Carpenter
- **Bessie B.** 27 Dau in law
- **George E.** 9/12 Grandson

In 1910 the Census listed the family as two households:

- **Baker Dan** 69
  - **Julia** 64

- **Baker Frank** 41
  - **Rebecca** 37
  - **George** 10
  - **Robert** 8
  - **Edna** 6
  - **Lora** 5

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Dan and Julie Baker's son, Frank, remained on the home farm with his parents. After his marriage to Rebecca Bierer, they all lived in the same household. During this same period, Julie's parents, George and Margaret Baker, would stay several times a year for thirty days at a time. In 1908 Frank built a new home for his family and attached it right to his parent's house. The interior was interconnected.
Daniel Baker died on 20 March 1923 at age 81 years 11 months and 20 days.

Julie Baker continued to live in her home, with Frank's family next door.
Julie Baker died on 19 May 1936 of a cerebral hemorrhage at her home. Her obituary states, “Enjoying good health until she was taken suddenly ill ten days ago, Mrs. Julia A. Baker, 90, died this morning at her home in Lake Lynn. Despite her age, Mrs. Baker was able to help in the household chores and had the good fortune to retain all her faculties until the fatal illness struck her last week....The funeral party will assemble at the Baker home at 1:30 Thursday afternoon and proceed from there to St. Johns Lutheran Church at Morris Cross Roads where services will be held at 2 o’clock, Rev. Shultz in charge.”

Daniel and Julia Baker are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.

They had one son.

1. Henry Frank Baker b. 2 July 1868 d. 21 August 1946 m. 23 November 1898, at the bride’s home, Rebecca Bierer b. 5 church. They are buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Point Marion, Pa.

All their children were born in Springhill.

Frank Baker farmed, did carpentry, and dug and sold coal off the farm. He was also well known for his maple syrup, which he sold, along with maple sugar and wax. Frank also had bees and sold honey in one pound boxes. He was a very busy man.
Edna Baker recalled that the old John and Catherine Baker house, which was behind their home, was the scene of great activity. It had two rooms downstairs and two upstairs. “They were big rooms. Dad used the keeping room or living room for his shop, the kitchen was our wash house and that was where we butchered. Upstairs in the first room were 2 or 3 wooden barrels of maple sugar and a swinging table for Dad’s honey. In the back bedroom we had our playhouse and Grandmaw dried her homemade soap.”

The Bakers were active in the St. Johns Lutheran Church and the children attended the L.C. School, next door to the church. They are buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Point Marion, Pa.

All their children were born in Springhill.

FIGURE 99
L-R YVONNE, EDWARD, FRANK, BESS, ROBERT, AND EDNA BAKER

1a. George Edward Baker b. 24 September 1899 d. 11 August 1978. He is buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Point Marion, Pa. He went by Edward or Ed or his nickname “Spetty.” Spetty Baker never married and lived all of his life on the home farm. He worked as an electrician and painter. He was a member of the Gallatin Grange in Gans, Pa. and FOE in Point Marion, Pa. It has been said that he got the nickname Spetty from a character that he was said to resemble in a showboat play at Point Marion. When I first started to get serious about searching the Bakers he was one of the first people that I visited. He showed me the old Baker Bibles and photos that his family had. I was amazed that he knew almost all the people in the old photographs. He was a great help in my early research.
2a. Robert Bion Baker b. 21 September 1901 d. 14 August 1983 m. at Oakland, Md. in 1926 to Dorothy C. Shibler, daughter of Earl and Lenora Conn Shibler. Dorothy b. 11 August 1906. Robert is buried in Hilton Head, S. C. He was a cartographic engineer with the Navy. They lived in Bethesda, Md.

1b. Arthur D. Baker b. 28 November 1927 d. 15 January 1987 m. in Washington, D. C. in 1949 to Jane Daniel. Arthur served in the Army during World War II. He was the owner of a auto painting business. Arthur is buried in Parklawn Cemetery, Rockville, Md.

1c. Deborah H. Baker m. Michael Tyson.

2c. Douglas B. Baker m. Christine.


3a. Edna Kathryn Baker b. 6 August 1903 d. 26 December 1997. Edna never married. She graduated from California, Pa. State Teachers College in 1924. She had further degrees from Youngstown University and Kent University. Edna taught school for thirty years in Ohio and then thirteen more years in Broward Co. Fla., where she was a librarian. She finally retired in 1972 and moved back to the home place. Edna was also a great help to me in my research on the Bakers. She was very fortunate in having been raised in the same household with her grandparents and could recall many of the stories of the early days of the family. She patiently answered all my questions and helped in more ways than she can imagine. Unfortunately Edna passed away before I could get this book printed.

4a. Lora Yvonne Baker b. 28 March 1905 d. 8 March 1966 m. 5 May 1940 at Richmond, Va. to George L. Heath, son of Mary and George Heath. George b. 4 July 1905 d. 19 January 1952. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Yvonne is buried at Mt. Moriah Baptist Cemetery in Smithfield, Pa. Yvonne graduated from California, Pa. State Teachers College. After many years of teaching she retired and moved back to the family home in Springhill.

1b. Yvonne Heath m. Gene Linderman.


Craig also graduated from Indiana University of Pa. with a Masters from Ohio State and Post Masters from Ohio University. Bonnie works for Ohio University at a University supervisor of student teachers. Craig is now retired as a secondary and college math teacher. They attend the Presbyterian Church. Craig is also interested in genealogy.

1c. Cheryl L. Baker b. 11 January 1973 at Athens, Ohio. She graduated in 1996 from Ohio University with a degree in Civil Engineering.


CHAPTER 23
JAMES PALMER BAKER
SON OF JOHN AND CATHERINE BAKER

James Palmer Baker was born 2 March 1843 in Springhill. He was only ten years old when his father, John, died. James married on 7 November 1867 to Elizabeth Eberhart, daughter of Adolph and Sarah Beatty Eberhart. Elizabeth was born 16 October 1846 in Springhill near New Geneva. They were married by Rev. Hugh O. Rosborough, pastor of the Mt. Moriah Presbyterian Church.
James Palmer Baker’s middle name probably came from the Palmer family that lived next to the Bakers. James was nicknamed “Black Jim” for his black beard and also to distinguish him from his cousin, James Baker, son of George and Margaret Baker, who was called “Little Jim.”

James Palmer Baker worked on the home farm until 1875 when he rented his father-in-law, Adolph Eberhart’s farm for one year. In 1876 he became farm manager of the large Friendship Hill estate, then owned by the Dawson family. Friendship Hill was the former home of Albert Gallatin. It had passed through many hands over the years until Judge John L. Dawson purchased it as a summer home.

James remained at Friendship until 1884 when he left and bought 65 acres of his parent’s farm. He farmed this land until 1889 when he returned to Friendship Hill until 1899. The 65 acres farm was located in Hope Hollow and was called by the family “Seldom Seen Farm.”

In the 1870 Census of Springhill James is listed as:

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<td>Farm Lab.</td>
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<td>Elizabeth</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>Keeping House</td>
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In the 1880 Census James Baker is listed at dwelling 22 at Friendship Hill:

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When he left Friendship Hill in 1899 James purchase the old Hertzog farm at Morris Cross Roads, which abutted the old family farm. Here he remained for the rest of his life.

A grandson, Robert Stevenson, in a sketch of James and Elizabeth Baker says they were members of the Mt. Moriah Presbyterian Church. However, in the 1889 biography of James Palmer Baker in Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Fayette Co., Pa. says he was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church. They probably attended Mt. Moriah when living at Friendship and St. Johns after moving to Morris Cross Roads.

James P. Baker was a strict Democrat and always voted a straight ticket.

James P. Baker died 28 February 1918. Elizabeth sold the farm to daughter, Lida, and her husband, Lindsay Dils. Elizabeth died 30 November 1924 of a stroke. Both are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.
Lena Baker b. 18 November 1868 d. 27 July 1957. In the 1870 Census she is listed as Evalina, and this could be her real name. Lena never married. She lived on Keiser Avenue in Point Marion with her sister, Mattie. Her mother lived with them until her death. When Mattie died Lena moved back to the family farm and lived with sister, Lida Dils. She is buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.
FIGURE 106
LENA BAKER

2a. Ella Catherine Baker b. 21 April 1872 d. 25 December 1936 m. 31 October 1895 at Uniontown, Pa. to Alfred A. Stevenson, son of Ellis B. and Mary F. Jones Stevenson. A. A. Stevenson b. 16 September 1862 and d. 27 September 1932. A. A. Stevenson worked at various jobs around Greensboro and New Geneva, Pa. before his marriage. He was teamster hauling pipe for a gas company, took long hauls on the National Road, hauled both clay and finished stoneware for the potters in Greensboro and New Geneva. After the marriage of Ella and Al they rented a couple of farms, first at Seldom Seen Farm and later another near Martin, Pa. They finally bought a farm about one mile north of New Geneva. Al Stevenson was a very enterprising man. During World War I he formed Stevenson Coal Company to mine the coal under his farm. He also purchased and operated two adjoining farms. He was a member of the local draft board and an ardent Republican. He helped form a bank in Greensboro and was its president for a time. He also served at road supervisor in Nicholson Township. They were members of the Presbyterian Church in New Geneva, Pa. Both are buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, near New Geneva, Pa.

1b. Bessie Stevenson b. 27 May 1897 at Seldom Seen Farm d. 11 June 1979. She m. 2 December 1939 to James M. Robertson b. 7 October 1894 d. 27 December 1967. Both are buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery, near New Geneva, Pa. In her youth Bessie taught school in Nicholson Township. However, in the early 1920's she was forced to give up teaching due to a tubercular infection in her hand, which plagued her the rest of her life. After the death of her parents she moved to California where she met and married her husband. They had no children. After James' death Bessie moved back to Point Marion, Pa. and made her home with her sister, Priscilla Lockard.

2b. Edwin E. Stevenson b. 18 March 1899 at Gallatin, Pa. d. 13 April 1974 m. 10 June 1929 to Louise Sandusky, daughter of Frank and Mary Eberhart Sandusky. Louise b. 29 November 1899 d. 29 January 1992. Both are buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Edwin was in the Navy in World War I. After working at various jobs around the country he returned in 1929, married and settled down in New Geneva where he lived the rest of his life. They are buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery. They had three children all born in New Geneva, Pa.

1c. Donald E. Stevenson b. 26 April 1930 m. 17 August 1951 in Winchester, Va. to Marguerite Carr, daughter of Edward and Eva Carr. Marguerite was born 11 October 1933 in Smithfield, Pa. Donald works in the coal mines.

1d. Donald E. Stevenson, Jr. b. 17 September 1952 m. 3 June 1972 at Bobtown, Pa. to Rose M. Lach, daughter of Frank and Anna Lach. Rose b. 15 December 1952 in Bobtown, Pa. Donald works as a miner.


2e. Theresa A. Stevenson b. 10 September 1974.


2d. Ronald M. Stevenson b. 15 February 1957 at Somerville, N. J. d. 30 September 1993. He was killed in an auto accident and is buried at Wolfe Cemetery, Dilliner, Pa. Ronald m. 1st Charlotte Johnson and had one son. He m. 2nd to Karen Beatty and had three children.
1e. Eric S. Stevenson b. 6 March 1977.
3e. Jared D. Stevenson b. 16 April 1982.
4e. Rachel M. Stevenson b. 6 March 1985.

2c. Richard A. Stevenson b. 23 February 1933 m. 17 March 1971 to Kathy Apanasovitch b. 8 September 1928. Richard has been blind since birth and his wife nearly blind. Richard works as a photo technician.
3c. Carolyn Stevenson b. 23 February 1935 m. 30 August 1955 at Winchester, Va. to Billy G. Holman, son of Damon and Thelma McGraw Holman. Billy b. 5 October 1933 in Galesville, Ill. He works for the telephone company.
1d. Mary A. Holman b. 6 August 1965 in Downey, Ca. m. 20 July 1991 at Brea Ca. to Michael P. Grigoli, son of Ecrone and Margaret Grigoli.
3b. William Stevenson b. 12 May 1902 d. 23 August 1972 m. 17 May 1938 at Accident, Md. to Emma B. Jennings, daughter of George and Emma Jennings. Emma b. 23 August 1917 d. 9 December 1985. Both are buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery. William inherited the home farm and farmed it for a number of years before selling it and moving to Masontown, Pa. William then drove a school bus and worked for the State Highway Department.
1c. Shirley A. Stevenson b. 17 January 1944 m. 21 September 1972 to Gerald E. Gomer b. 23 December 1948. Gerald works as a letter carrier. They are members of the Masontown Mennonite Church. No children.
2c. James W. Stevenson b. 29 August 1945 m. 30 August 1965 at Winchester, Va. to Kathy Apanasovitch b. 8 September 1928. Richard has been blind since birth and his wife nearly blind. Richard works as a photo technician.
3c. Gary W. Stevenson b. 4 October 1949.
4c. William F. Stevenson b. 1 July 1952.

4b. Robert P. Stevenson b. 1 December 1907 d. 27 August 1932 in Milton, Pa. to Ethel E. Wyly b. 17 August 1907. Divorced in 1947. They had one son. Robert m. 2nd 16 March 1947 to Vera L. Kemp b. 23 January 1920. They had two children. Robert Stevenson graduated from Penn State in 1930 with a degree in Journalism. Over the year he worked for Grit Newspaper, the Associated Press and Popular Science Magazine, from which he retired after 27 years. After retirement he and his wife wrote a series of homemakers books. Bob became interested in genealogy and did a book on his Stevenson family and number of articles for Pennsylvania Folk Life Magazine.
1c. Richard W. Stevenson b. 27 September 1934 at Williamsport, Pa. m. 1st 1 September 1957 at New York, N. Y. to Claire O'Leary b. 7 June 1932. They had four children. He married 2nd to Pamela G. Fenwick, b. 16 October 1937. There are no children by 2nd marriage. Richard works as a advertising copywriter. Pamela is an employee of CBS.
1d. Richard W. Stevenson, Jr. b. 13 April 1959 m. 17 September 1983 at Fairfield, Conn. to Daren Whitney.
2d. Robert E. Lockard II b. 4 April 1957.
4d. Christi R. Lockard b. 19 July 1984, twin of

6b. Ruth Stevenson b. 31 March 1913 near New Geneva, Pa. d. 6 March 1963 m. 1 January 1938 to Alva L. Morris, Jr., son of Alva L. and Elizabeth Leckey Morris. Alva b. 28 March 1910 d. 24 May 1979. They had no children. Ruth was a school teacher in Nicholson Township and very active in local Republican politics. She was also active in the PTA, Grange and the Presbyterian Church in New Geneva. The Morris lived in an historic brick house on the old Walnut Level Farm, where they raised riding horses. Alva worked for many years as a car salesman in Uniontown, Pa. and was also road supervisor for Nicholson Township for eighteen years. Alva was also active in the fight to preserve the old stone school in New Geneva and Mt. Moriah Presbyterian Church Cemetery. They are buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery.


4a. Elizabeth Baker b. date is unknown, but was the next child. Elizabeth died at age of nine months and is buried behind the St. Johns Lutheran Church. She is not in the cemetery.

5a. Eliza “Lida” Baker b. 16 June 1879 d. 24 November 1958 m. 26 October 1898 to Lindsay Dils/Dills, son of James Dils. Lindsay b. 8 May 1876 at New Geneva, Pa. d. 12 February 1960. Both are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Old Frame, Pa. The name Dils was used by the older generations while the spelling Dills has been adopted by recent generations. Lindsay was a farmer and he and his wife purchased the James P. Baker farm near Morris Cross Roads. Their three children were all born at Morris Cross Roads.


2b. Willis R. “Dutch” Dills b. 23 August 1901 d. 1 March 1977 m. Mary M. Blaney, daughter of Ida and Frank Blaney. Mary b. 28 June 1902 at Cheat Haven, Pa. d. 22 April 1974. Both are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery. Dutch worked for many years at the FOE in Point Marion, Pa. He and his family lived at Morris Cross Roads, near his home place.

1c. Marguerite Dills b. 5 August 1927 at Morris Cross Roads m. 6 August 1947 at Cumberland, Md. to David Bryson Kennedy Porter, son of William and Ida Losier Porter. Bryson b. 8 October 1920 at Dunbar, Pa. All children born in Connellsville, Pa. except the youngest.

1d. Bonnie J. Porter b. 10 September 1948 m. 1 August 1970 at Finksburg, Pa. to Charles B. Pittinger, Jr. b. 30 July 1949 in Baltimore, Md.


6d. Timothy B. Pittinger b. 13 September 1961 at Hanover, Pa.


1e. Melissa E. Bodkin b. 18 March 1977.


1d. Layna L. Runner b. 9 September 1958.

2d. Rhonda L. Runner b. 17 April 1962.

4c. Sandra L. Dills b. 3 June 1940 at Morris Cross Roads m. 23 September 1960 at Oakland, Md. to Philip W. Sutton, Jr., son of Philip and Eleanor Sutton. Philip b. 23 May 1940 at Fairchance, Pa.


2d. Darla Sutton b. 6 December 1963 at Uniontown, Pa.

5c. Roger S. Dills b. 20 October 1942 at Morris Cross Roads d. 1 September 1996 m. Joyce Scango. Roger is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Point Marion, Pa. Roger worked for the Borough of Point Marion for seventeen
years as operator of the sewage treatment plant. He was an Air Force Veteran and member of FOE, VFW and American Legion in Point Marion.

1d. Roger A. Dills  
2d. Greg Dills  
3d. Julie Dills  
6c. Cheryl Y. Dills b. 3 October 1945 m. 1st to William Pettit and 2nd to ______ Nale.  
3b. Mary E. Dills b. 1 August 1906 m. 29 November 1935 at Beckley, W.Va. to Joseph Wimer, son of Pearly and Anna Romesburg Wimer. Joseph b. 11 January 1910 in Marlington, W.Va. d. 11 December 1966. He is buried at Potomac Valley Gardens, Keyser, W.Va. Joseph worked as a County Agriculture Agent in W.Va. Mary worked as a seamstress. They were members of the Methodist Church. Both their children were born in Uniontown, Pa.  
1c. Harold E. Wimer b. 17 July 1938 m. 15 August 1959 at Petersburg, W.Va. to Bonnie F. Belt, daughter of John and Georgianna Smith Belt.

3d. Kathy A. Wimer b. 16 October 1963 in Newton, N.J.

2c. Ralph D. Wimer b. 21 April 1941 m. 21 June 1970 at Wilmington, Del. To Marcia LaDage.  
1d. Michall D. Wimer b. 3 October 1971 in Wilmington, Del.  
2d. Melanie L. Wimer b. 1 June 1974 at Columbus, Ohio.

CHAPTER 24

JOHN H. BAKER

SON OF JOHN AND CATHERINE BAKER

John H. Baker was born 23 September 1845 in Springhill. He married 10 May 1868 to Sarah Elizabeth Cover, daughter of John J. and Elizabeth Loganecker Cover. Sarah was born 12 March 1848 near New Geneva, Pa.

John H. Baker was a minister with the Church of the Brethren and served in a number of churches in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kansas. He finally settled at Astoria, Ill., which is in Fulton Co. In the 1900 Census John H. Baker is listed as a farm laborer. No mention of his being a minister. He may have done farm work to supplement his minister’s salary.

On 6 January 1943 Queenie Baker wrote a letter giving some history of the family and it she says, “Uncle John Baker was Dunkard preacher. I remember seeing him when I was a little tot. He was a big tall man with a black beard and wore a big black hat. The older kids would tease me and tell me he was going to wash my feet when he came and for that reason I was always afraid of him. I remember one time I was sitting on our well in the yard and he came down where I was, I got about scared to pieces and ran into the house as hard as I could go.”

FIGURE 107

JOHN AND SARAH BAKER
John H. Baker died 5 September 1915 and Sarah Elizabeth Baker died on 14 January 1921. Both are buried in the Woodland Church Cemetery, Astoria, Ill. The following from Sarah's obituary give about all that is known of this family.

"Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Baker died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Katie McClure, at Decatur, this state, on Friday evening, January 14, of neuralgia of the heart. She took sick about 4 o'clock and died three or four hours later, perfectly happy to make the change from the scenes of this life to those of the beyond... She was married to Rev. Baker, who was an elder in the Church of the Brethren, in Masontown, Pa., May 19, 1868, and came to this part of the country many years ago. She always faithfully assisted her husband in his church work in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kansas and in a number of places in Illinois, having become a member of the church at the age of fourteen years. The Bakers were well known and respected in Astoria and Woodland township where they lived and worked a number of years... Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Baker made her home with her children. Of late she was making her home at Decatur from which place the body was brought on the afternoon train on Monday. The daughters and others accompanied the body which was taken to the Church of the Brethren in Astoria where the services were conducted by Elder S. S. Blough from Ps. 23:4 and 2 Tim. 1:10, 12, assisted by ministers of the Astoria and Woodland congregations."

Attempts to find descendants of John and Sarah Baker were unsuccessful. The following information on their family is from Courthouse and cemetery records. They had at least eight known children. This list may not be in the correct order of birth.

1. David S. Baker b. 9 December 1869 d. 30 December 1945 m. Ida _______. He was a farmer and stockman. He is buried in Woodland Church Cemetery, Astoria, Ill. At the time of his death he was in partnership with his son, Galen, in the farming and stock raising business. The settlement of his estate was very complicated. For example in some of the documents is found a list of the livestock he owned an interest in. They included 9 cows, 1 bull, 20 calves, 1 boar, 8 gilts, 24 pigs, and 44 shoats. The following children are listed in his estate settlement.
   1a. Galen J. Baker.
   4a. Bernice S. Baker m. Lockard.
   5a. Aubrey P. Baker is listed as an adopted son, not sure if he was a blood relative. He was under 18 years of age at David Baker's death.

In the estate settlement an adult grandson, Robert S. Baker, received a full share of the estate, so there must have been a deceased son who was not named in the settlement.


3. James W. Baker b. 13 January 1872 d. 29 September 1939. May have been unmarried. Buried in Woodland Cemetery.


CHAPTER 25

MARTHA ELMA BAKER

DAUGHTER OF JOHN AND CATHERINE BAKER

Martha Elma Baker was born 18 December 1848 in Springhill. She married 1 July 1875 to her cousin, Richard M. Baker, son of Michael and Catherine Baker. See Chapter 13 for the history of this family.
CHAPTER 26

MARGARET ELLEN BAKER

DAUGHTER OF JOHN AND CATHERINE BAKER

Margaret Ellen Baker was born 25 April 1852 in Springhill, the youngest child of John and Catherine Baker. She was just over a year old when her father died. Margaret married 24 December 1872 to her cousin, Oliver P. Baker, son of George and Margaret Baker. See Chapter 45 for the history of this family.
George Baker, Sr. was born in 1764 in what is now Washington Co., Md. He was the son of Peter and Mary Baker, and twin of Michael Baker, Sr.

During his early years he lived and worked on his parent's farm near Boonsboro, Md. On 14 December 1794 (Baker Family Bible) he married to Juliana Dick, daughter of Henry and Mary Shecter Dick. The Baker Family Bible has Juliana’s
birth date as 7 June 1770. In the 1880 Census, George Baker, Jr. states his mother was born in Germany. (See Part VII for more information on the Dick Family.) George was thirty and Juliana twenty four when they married. There are no records to show they owned any property in Maryland.

The Dick family were weavers. George, Sr. and Juliana’s family followed this trade. It may be that George, Sr. worked for his father-in-law, Henry Dick, to learn weaving. After the move to Springhill George Baker, Sr. was primarily a farmer, but weaving was still done, not only for the family’s use, but also for extra income. Edna Baker related that the old timers had told her the Bakers wove woolen coverlets or bedspreads in blue and white, brown and white and red and white. They also wove woolen blankets. From flax they wove sheets, towels, and “homespun” for clothing. Edna said the men worked the looms and the women did the spinning. George Baker, Sr., in his 1839, will left his “loom and takel” to his daughter, Elizabeth. This sounds like the women were weaving on the loom too.

When the Baker family moved from Maryland to Springhill, they moved in two groups. The father, Peter, and son, Michael, Sr. and their families moved first and George, Sr. and his family followed later.

In the 1800 Census Peter and Michael Baker are in Springhill while George is still in Washington Co., Md. George, Sr. and Juliana Baker moved to Springhill shortly after 1800.

After settling in Springhill George, Sr. and his family lived in the same household with his mother and father. In the 1810 Census George, Sr. is listed as the head of the household.

His father, Peter Baker, died in 1812, and George, Sr. inherited the Southwest part of the original farm. His brother, Michael, Sr., received the Northeast portion. I am sure the division of the farm was worked out before Peter Baker died.

In the 1800 Census of Maryland a George Baker is listed in the town of Sharpsburg, Washington Co., Md. This is the only George Baker in the whole Maryland Census. I am not sure this is our George Baker. If it is, there is one daughter missing from the census and a couple of extra males.

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Although George, Sr. was actually 46 in 1810 I believe he is listed in the 26-45 category. The Male and Female listed as over 45 are his parents, Peter and Mary Baker. Here again the numbers do not jive with the known children of George, Sr. and Juliana.

The 1820 Springhill Census lists as follows:

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1 Female under 10
1 Female 10-16
2 Females 18-26
1 Female 26-45
1 Female over 45

3 persons engaged in farming.
1 person engaged in manufacture.

Again the children don’t count up to the known children. The person engaged in manufacture is very interesting. This may well relate to the Baker’s being weavers. They could have listed one family member, perhaps Elizabeth, as a manufacture.

An 1825 Tax List of Springhill Township lists George Baker as Farmer ($120), 145 Acres ($2,175), 4 horses ($300), 3 cows ($30) and 1 dog. The money represents the assessed value for tax purposes.

In the 1830 Census George Baker is listed:

George Baker
1 Male 10-15
1 Male 15-20
1 Male 20-30
1 Male 60-70
1 Female 15-20
1 Female 20-30
1 Female 30-40
1 Female 40-50
1 Female 50-60

The fact, the number of people in George Baker, Sr.’s household do not coincide with the known children, could be answered in part by A. W. Scott in his A Glimpse of the Old School House. Speaking of a John Haughn, Scott states, “He was raised from a little boy to manhood by the elder George Baker, and on arriving at this majority, married Miss Martha Shank and soon thereafter move to the state of Ohio.” In the 1824 Tax List of Springhill John Hahn is listed as a single man with one horse. This shows that non-family members were often taken in to families to be raised. This was the communities’ method of helping orphaned and homeless children. Also it provided an extra hand to help on the farm. In addition George, Sr.’s sister, Charlotte, also lived with him.

George Baker, Sr. was supportive of the local subscription schools. A. W. Scott in his A Glimpse of the Old School House tells of the building of the first schoolhouse in Springhill at Morris Cross Roads. George Baker, Sr. was very involved in the construction. George had the honorable position of Northwest corner man in the raising of the log building. One interesting note about George Baker, Sr. Edna Baker related that she had been told that George, Sr. taught in a subscription school. This is the only record that I have found that he may have been a teacher.

In politics, George Baker, Sr. was a Democrat. In the 1889 biography of George Baker, Jr. it states, “Mr. Baker is a Jacksonian Democrat, as was also his father.”

George, Sr. and Juliana Baker had a large family Bible printed in German. In the Bible were listed their marriage and the birth dates of all their children. The family Bible of their son, George, Jr. lists their death dates.

As with Michael Baker and his family, George Baker, Sr. and his family probably spoke German at home. Juliana had been born in Germany and was from a pure German background as was George. Their children were probably fluent in German, but the language gradually lost favor, and the younger generations only spoke English.

On 16 April 1839 George Baker, Sr. made his will. George died 16 May 1839 and his will was probated on 23 May 1839. (Fayette Co., Pa. Will Book 1 Vol. 1 page 206.)

In his will George, Sr. leaves the farm to his son, George, Jr. with the following provisions. He directs George, Jr. to keep
his mother and brother, Thomas, their natural life. He also tells him to let his sisters, Elizabeth and Charlotte, make their home with him as long as they think proper. George, Jr. also has to pay $300.00 each to sisters, Margaret Jackson, Mary Brooks and Charlotte Baker. To daughter, Elizabeth, George, Sr. left 23 acres purchase from Thomas Boord and his “loom and takle.” Also mentioned in the will and left to son, George, Jr. were two horses, gear for two horses, plows, harrows, hoes and other farming equipment, wagon and gun.

The will was witnessed by Thomas Morris and John Baker.

On 20 May 1839 Juliana Baker wrote an attachment to the will saying that she was “perfectly satisfied and content with the foregoing last will and testament of my deceased husband George Baker.”

Juliana Baker died soon afterward on 11 July 1839. They are both buried in the Baker Cemetery on the home farm.

FIGURE 109
GEORGE BAKER, SR. TOMBSTONE

FIGURE 110
PHOTO TAKEN IN 1964 OF AN OLD FOUNDATION AT THE BAKER FARM. DAN BAKER SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD THIS WAS THE WEAVING ROOM.
George, Sr. and Juliana Baker had six children. The oldest two were born in Washington Co., Md. and the others in Springhill. The record of these children follows.

CHAPTER 28

ELIZABETH BAKER

DAUGHTER OF GEORGE, SR. AND JULIANA BAKER

Elizabeth Baker oldest child of George, Sr. and Juliana Baker was born 29 September 1795 in Washington Co., Md. Her birth date is recorded in the family Bible. Aunt Betsy or Aunt Bets never married and lived with her parents and brother, George, on the home farm until her death in early 1880. Her will was probated on 1 March 1880. She is buried in the Baker Cemetery on the family farm.
When her father, George, Sr. died in 1839 he left to Elizabeth twenty three acres of land and his “loom and takle.” The latter would be related to the weaving equipment owned by the Bakers. Elizabeth probably earned her keep with the family by working at the weaving business.

Elizabeth Baker wrote her will on 4 May 1874 and stated in part, “After all my legal debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit. To my sister, Margaret Jackson, I give and bequeath my bed in which I now sleep and other bed and bedding belonging to me together with any money remaining after my funeral expenses are paid. I give to the children of my brother to be divided equally among them share and share alike as nearly as can be. Likewise I make and constitute Daniel M. Baker to be executor of this my last will and testament.”

By reading this will I am not sure if Elizabeth’s money was left to her sister, Margaret, or divided with Margaret and George’s children. A very hard will to understand. However, I am sure Daniel Baker knew her exact wishes before she died.

An undated note written by Bessie Baker McCormick, daughter of Joe and Isabelle Baker, before she died in 1948 states “Betsy Baker - not married and buried in the cemetery on our farm.”
CHAPTER 30
MARGARET BAKER JACKSON
DAUGHTER OF GEORGE, SR. AND JULIANA BAKER

Margaret Baker was the third daughter of George, Sr. and Juliana Baker. She was born 6 December 1804, according to the family Bible, in Springhill Township. The first child of the Bakers born in their new home. Margaret was baptized, on 28 July 1806, at Jacobs Lutheran Church by Pastor George Henry Weygandt.

Margaret married about 1833 to Benjamin Franklin Jackson. Franklin Jackson was born 4 March 1811 in Fayette Co., Pa., the son of Josiah and Sarah McCartney Jackson. (See Part VII for more information on the Jackson Family.) About 1840 the Jacksons moved to a farm near Gladesville in Preston Co., W. Va. Margaret was known in the family as “Aunt Peggy.”

A. W. Scott in his A Glimpse of the Old School House recalls this, “Margaret Baker is a daughter of the elder George Baker. She was born in Springhill, was remarkably quiet, unobtrusive girl, always neat and tidy in appearance. She married Franklin Jackson of Monongalia Co., W. Va., lived in this township for a number of years, then moved to Preston Co., W. Va. where her husband died several years ago, leaving her the care of a large family. By industry and care she and her children have a good farm and live in comfort.”

When Margaret’s sister, Elizabeth, died she left Margaret “my bed on which I now sleep the other bed and bedding belonging to me together with any money remaining after my funeral expenses.”

Franklin Jackson died 19 June 1859 at the age of 48. No will have been found because the Preston County Courthouse burned down in 1869.

Margaret Jackson continued living on the farm with her children. Eventually the operation of the farm was taken over by the eldest son, George Jackson. Margaret Jackson died on 28 April 1889. Margaret and Franklin Jackson are both buried in the Gladesville Cemetery.

Margaret and Franklin Jackson had six children, of whom, only son, George, married. The children are:

1. Sarah Elmey (Emily) Jackson b. 20 September 1834 in Springhill. In the 1880 Census she was still single and living at home. Apparently never married. Death date is unknown and there is no stone for her in the Gladesville Cemetery.


3. Mary Elizabeth Jackson b. 02 July 1838 in Springhill. Not listed in the 1850 Census, so she had apparently died by this time. No tombstone found in Gladesville Cemetery. If she died before the family moved to Preston Co. then she is probably buried in the Baker Cemetery on the home farm.

4. George B. Jackson b. 3 July 1839 in Springhill. He married to Elizabeth, known as Lizzie in the family. I have not yet found out her maiden name. George Jackson remained on the home farm. George d. 1916. Elizabeth Jackson’s tombstone says “Lizzie 1846-1926.” Their children’s names were taken from Census and tombstone readings.
   1a. Winfield Jackson b. 1876 in Preston Co.
   2a. Eunice Jackson b. 1877 in Preston Co.
   3a. Son b. 1880 in Preston Co.

There may have also been two other sons of George and Lizzie Jackson, Calvin and Emmett. Nella Hamilton, writing in 1976, said her father, A. A. Brooks, lived in Morgantown, W. Va. George Jackson would occasionally stay the night with them, when they were business. Nella recalled two sons of George named Calvin and Emmett. She could especially remember Calvin because “he had St. Vitus Dance very bad.”

5. James V. Jackson b. 8 June 1841 in Preston Co. d. 7 December 1892 and is buried in the Gladesville Cemetery. Evidently never married. Listed as single in the 1880 Census.
6. William Irvin Jackson b. 11 February 1849 in Preston Co. d. 3 January 1866. There is no tombstone for him in Gladesville Cemetery, but he probably buried there.

Please note that most of the above information on this family came from Census Records and Cemetery Readings at the Gladesville Cemetery. Attempts to locate descendants of this family were unsuccessful.

CHAPTER 31

THOMAS BAKER
SON OF GEORGE, SR. AND JULIANA BAKER

Thomas Baker was the eldest son of George, Sr. and Juliana Baker. He was born 3 September 1807 in Springhill. Thomas died 3 July 1851. These dates are from the family Bible. Thomas is probably buried in the Baker Cemetery on the home farm.

Evidently Thomas Baker was disabled or retarded. In his will George Baker, Sr. bequeathed his home farm to son, George, Jr. with the admonition to "keep his mother and my son, Thomas, their natural life times."

CHAPTER 32

CHARLOTTE BAKER BROOKS
DAUGHTER OF GEORGE, SR. AND JULIANA BAKER

Charlotte Baker was born 7 January 1813 in Springhill the child of George, Sr. and Juliana Baker. As with all the Charlotte's in the family I have found her name variously spelled as Charlotta, Sharlotte and Charlotte. Her birth date is recorded in the family Bible. There is a record of her baptism at Jacobs Lutheran Church, but only her birth date was entered in church records.

About 1832 Charlotte married Joseph Brooks, son of Aaron and Elizabeth Brooks. He was a brother of James Brooks who married Charlotte's sister, Margaret. James was born 18 March 1818 in Springhill. The date for Joseph's birth came from Nella Hamilton who had a record of Aaron and Elizabeth Brooks children birth dates, probably taken from an old family Bible.

I have not been successful in locating descendants of Charlotte and Joseph Brooks. What I have found has been from the Census records and a couple of entries in the George and Margaret Baker Bible.

Joseph Brooks is listed in the 1840 and 1850 Census and gone from the 1860 Census. His children are found in various households. I am not sure if Joseph died or moved. I suspect that he died. I believe that if he had moved from the area some of his children would have moved with him.

In the 1850 Census Joseph is listed as 30 years of age and Charlotte as 32. Both of these ages are wrong. This illustrates how errors can creep into family history. I'm not sure if people guessed, or lied about their age or if the Census Taker was careless.

Charlotte Brooks died in January 1851. This date is entered in the George, Jr. and Margaret Baker family Bible. Only the month and year are listed. Charlotte was buried in the Baker Cemetery on the family farm. If Joseph Brooks died between 1850 and 1860 he is also probably buried in the Baker Cemetery.

There are no wills on file in Fayette Co. Courthouse for either Charlotte or Joseph Brooks. There are records that show James Brooks and George Baker handled the estate of Charlotte Baker.

The known children of Charlotte and Joseph Brooks are as follows. All were born in Springhill.
1. Salina Brooks b. about 1833 according to 1850 Census. May have married Noah Hill.

2. Julia Brooks b. 1839 according to 1850 Census. Died October 1881 by an entry in George, Jr. and Margaret Baker family Bible. In the 1860 Census Julia is listed in the household of her uncle and aunt, George, Jr. and Margaret Baker as a "domestic." In 1870 she is listed again in the same household as age 37 and "idiotic." In 1880 she is still with the Bakers and listed as a "niece." Julia Baker was mentally retarded and was known in the family as "Big Jul." At the end of this section of the Brooks children is more information about Big Jul.

3. William Brooks b. 1842 according to the 1850 Census. In 1860 Census he is living with his uncle and aunt, James and Mary Brooks. He is not found in any later Springhill Census.

4. Mary M. Brooks b. 1845 according to 1850 Census. No further information known.

5. Elizabeth Brooks b. 1847 according to 1850 Census. No further information known.

6. Amanda Brooks, not listed in the 1850 Census. Her death date of 16 April 1852 found in George, Jr. and Margaret Baker’s family Bible. I think it is only logical that she was a daughter of Charlotte and Joseph Brooks.

**WHO IS BIG JUL?**

When I first started collecting information on the Baker family my Great Aunt Myrtie Dunham was still living and told me stories about her grandparents, George, Jr. and Margaret Baker.

One character she could recall was a woman who lived with her Grandfather and Grandmother Baker that she called Big Jul. Aunt Myrtie was not sure who Big Jul was but knew that she was crazy. Myrtie said she liked to play with the children but they were scared of her.

One thing she could recall was when they visited Big Jul sat on the steps going to the upstairs. On another occasion Jul built a house out of corn cobs (like a log house) which she violently knocked over scaring the children.

For years I puzzled about who Big Jul was. Then I started reading the Census records and found Julia Brooks living in the household of George and Margaret Baker. In the 1860 Census she is listed as a domestic. In 1870 she is listed as "idiotic" and in the 1880 Census as a niece of George and Margaret Baker.

I suspected she could have been a daughter of George Baker, Jr.’s sister, Charlotte Brooks. In the 1850 Census I found listed Joseph and Charlotte Brooks with several children including a Julia eleven years old.

From the Baker family Bible we know Charlotte Brooks died in 1851. I don’t know what happened Joseph Brooks. He is not found in the 1860 Census but their children are found in the households of other family members, including George and Margaret Baker, James and Mary Brooks and James and Serepta Mustard.

There is no will on file for Joseph Brooks, nor his name listed in the Baker Bible. He either died suddenly or moved. Right now I am not sure.

The Baker Bible has an entry “Julian Brooks died Oct 1881.” This has to be Big Jul. She would have been 42 years old. I suspect she is buried along with her mother, Charlotte, in the Baker Cemetery on the Baker farm.

Aunt Myrtie Dunham recalled her as “crazy” and a big woman. Big Jul was probably mentally retarded. She may have been a Mongoloid, but I doubt it as Aunt Myrtie said she was big. However, all adults are big to children. She evidently was capable of doing some type of work or chores or I don’t believe the Census Taker would have listed her as a domestic.

An interesting note is that George Baker, Jr. had a brother, Thomas, who by reading between the lines of their father’s will was also disabled or retarded. So the Bakers had experience living with this type of person.
Mary Baker was born 19 October 1797 in Washington Co. Md. Her birth is recorded in the family Bible. She was the daughter of George, Sr. and Juliana Baker. Mary moved to Springhill with her family as a little girl.

On 8 May 1823 Mary Baker married James Brooks, son of Aaron and Elizabeth Selger Brooks. James was a neighbor of Mary and his family’s farm was East of the Baker farm on the other side of the Uniontown - Morgantown Road. James Brooks was born 26 October 1800 in Springhill.

James Brooks took over his father’s farm by buying out his brothers and sisters. This farm had originally been patented to Elizabeth Selger. Aaron Brooks married Elizabeth Selger. The Selgers were German, and the Brooks English. I am sure
that James Brooks, whose mother and wife were of German origin, had a good working knowledge of the language.

A. W. Scott in A Glimpse of the Old School House says, “James Brooks was born in Springhill Township in the year 1800, married Mary Baker, started in life as farmer, on the old homestead, working the farm under rent. He was industrious and economical, and when his father became old and enfeebled he took charge of the entire estate, paying off all the other heirs, (eight in number) and now owns by dint of his own industry a large and well improved tract of land. Mr. Brooks has lived a useful and honorable life; he is honest, upright, kind and obliging, and to him is attached meritoriously, the entire respect, confidence and esteem of all who know him, and when ‘life’s fitful fever’ is about to close with him, if any man now living, can ‘wrap the drapery of his couch about him and lie down to pleasant dreams,’ it is James Brooks.”

George W. Litman writing for the 8 February 1904 issue of the Genius newspaper states, “James Brooks one of the sons of Aaron, lived and died on the home farm in Springhill. I knew him personally and well, and I can say, with all due deference to others, he was the most upright and honest man, in my judgement, I ever knew.”

In 1948 J. M. Hall wrote a letter to Barney Lynn called The History, Genealogy and Sayings of Springhill Township. In this Hall states, “There used to be a common expression in the community then, when speaking of a man’s honesty, ‘That he was as honest as old Jimmy Brooks.'

The Census records of Springhill reveal the following about the Brooks Family.

The 1830 Census reads:

Brooks, James
1 Male 5-10
1 Male 30-40
1 Female under 5
1 Female 5-10
1 Female 60-70

In the 1840 Springhill Census we find the Brooks as:

Brooks, James
1 Male 5-10
1 Male 10-15
1 Male 15-20
1 Male 30-40
2 Females 5-10
1 Female 10-15
1 Female 15-20
1 Female 30-40

In the 1850 Census we have:

Brooks James 50 Farmer Value of Real Estate 4500
Mary 50
John 26 Farmer
Elizabeth 21
George 23
Margaret 18
Minerva 16
Oliver 14

In 1860 the Census reads:

Brooks Jas. 59 Farmer Real Estate 7000 Per. Property 15,00
Mary 60
William 18 Farm Lab.
In the 1870 Census of Springhill we find:

Brooks James 70 Farmer 9000 2430
Mary 23 House Keeper

In 1880 we find:

Brooks James 79 Widow Farmer
Brooks Oliver 45 Son Farmer
Annie 40 Wife Keeping House
Albert M. 18 Son At Home In School
Emma E. 16 Dau At Home In School
Joseph M. 14 Son At Home In School
George M. 13 Son At Home In School
James M. 10 Son At Home In School
Sylvester M. 2 Son

In 1850 and 1860 there was also an Agriculture Census conducted. This information was as of June 1st of each year and represented the production for the previous year. This clearly shows the extent of the farming operation of James Brooks.

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<td>Milch cows</td>
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<td>Other cattle</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Sheep</td>
<td>14</td>
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<td>Oats, bushels of</td>
<td>170</td>
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<td>Wool, lbs. of</td>
<td>30</td>
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<tr>
<td>Irish potatoes, bushels of</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Sweet potatoes, bushels of</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Buckwheat, bushels of</td>
<td>40</td>
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<tr>
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<td>20</td>
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<td>15</td>
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<td>Maple sugar, lbs. of</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>Maple syrup</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Value of homemade manuf.</td>
<td>20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Value of animals slaughtered</td>
<td>15</td>
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James Brooks was also active in political affairs in Springhill Township. He was a Democrat and served in various offices including School Director, Auditor and Assessor.

Mary and James Brooks were members of St. Johns Lutheran Church.
Mary Brooks died 19 March 1861 at age of 63 years and 5 months. Her obituary says she died after a protracted illness.

James Brooks remained on the farm and lived for another twenty-five years. He died 21 October 1886. Both Mary and James are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.

The following was printed up for a Brooks Reunion in 1923. Nella Brooks believed this was written by either Jim or George Bowers.

To Whom It May Concern: Look! Listen! Read!

About the year 1710 a son was born and named Abraham Brooks. He died in 1715, being one year and three months old. He was the eldest of twelve children. When Abraham was two years old, a James Brooks was born, and when James was three years old, another son was born, named Samuel. Then in 1720, a daughter was born, named Sarah. James Brooks remained on the farm and lived for another twenty-five years. He died 21 October 1886. Both Mary and James are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.

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John Brooks was the oldest child of Mary and James Brooks. The 1850 Census says he was 26 years of age and still living with his parents. This would make his birth date in 1824. He is not found in the 1860 Census in Springfield. Family
tradition says that he went to Colorado, where he had two or three children and died at the age of 53. This would put his death date about 1877.

CHAPTER 36
JULIAN ANN BROOKS BOWERS
DAUGHTER OF MARY AND JAMES BROOKS

Julian Ann Brooks was born 26 May 1825 in Springhill the daughter of Mary and James Brooks.

About 1845 she married Joseph H. Bower, Jr., son of Joseph, Sr. and Anna Bowers. Joseph, Jr. was born 26 July 1825 in Springhill. The Bowers family had a 100 acre farm near the Brooks and Baker farms in Springhill. The Bowers were of German origin and evidently close friends of the Bakers. Joseph, Sr. and Anna Bowers are buried in the Baker Cemetery on the Baker farm. (See Part VII for more information on the Bowers family.)

After their marriage Julian and Joseph Bowers went to housekeeping on his father's farm. After his father's death, Joseph purchased the farm from his siblings. Joseph Bowers farmed this property for twenty three years. In 1868 he sold the farm and purchased the Alex Ross farm located about two miles north of Morris Cross Roads. Here the Bowers made many improvements and lived out the rest of their days.

In the 1850 Census the Bowers are listed as:

Bowers Joseph 23 Farmer
Julia 25
James 4

In 1860 the Census listing is:

Bowers Joseph 35 Farmer Value of Real Estate 600 Per. Prop, 1500
Julia 35
James P. 14 In School
George I. 9 In School
Wilson 4/12

In 1870 the Census for the Bowers is:

Bowers Joseph 45 Farmer 7000 805
Julia 45 Keeping House
James 24 Farm Lab.
George 19 Farm Lab.
John 10

The 1880 Census reads:

Bowers Joseph 56 Farmer
Julia A. 56 Wife Keeping House
John W. 20 Son At Home

Joseph Bowers died 4 September 1908 and Julia January 1914. Both are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. The Bowers had three children.

1. James P Bowers b. 1846 according to Census records. I have found no other information on him.
2. George D. Bowers b. 1851, according to Census records. His death date is not known. He married Caroline Nancy Hertzog, daughter of Andrew and Susannah Gans Hertzog. Nancy b. 26 July 1851 d. 1887. They are both buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. There has been confusion among Bowers researchers on this George Bowers. He has been often confused with his uncle, George Bowers, a carpenter, who settled in Point Marion, Pa. and scion of the Bowers family who later operated the McClain Sand Co. This George Bowers lived south of Point Marion, near the West Virginia State Line according to his placement on the Census.

1a. David Bowers b. 1868
2a. Mary L. Bowers b. 1870
3a. Charles C. Bowers b. 1873
4a. Frank Bowers b. 1877
5a. Jesse O. Bowers d. 1880 at six months of age.

3. John Wilson Bowers b. 26 March 1860 m. 13 March 1888 Anna E. Wilson, daughter of Rev. W. O. and Anna Wilson. Rev. Wilson was pastor of St. Johns Lutheran Church. After his marriage he took control of the home farm and ran it for a number of years. He then moved to Cheat Haven, Pa., now called Lake Lynn, Pa. and opened a store. John was very active in the St. Johns Lutheran Church. In 1894 he was active in the organization of a new Lutheran Church in Cheat Haven that became known as Trinity Lutheran Church. He was the first superintendent and donated the land the church was built on.

John Bowers was also one of the organizers of Fayette Co. Sabbath School Association. John and Anna Bowers had no children and in old age moved to New Jersey. At age 95 he was still teaching the Adult Bible Class at Trinity Lutheran Church in Dover, N. J.

CHAPTER 37

GEORGE BROOKS

George Brooks b. 1828, nothing else known.
Elizabeth Brooks was born 9 May 1829 in Springhill the daughter of Mary and James Brooks. She was called Betsy all of her life.

Betsy married about 1850 to Henry Lyons, son of Joseph and Susie Palmer Lyons. Henry was born in 1826 in Springhill.

Although I have researched this couple I have not been able to gather much information on them. The two oldest children were born in Springhill. Between 1853 and 1862 the Lyons moved to a farm near Gladesville in Preston Co., W. Va. This
was near the farm of Betsy's aunt and uncle, Margaret and Franklin Jackson. The youngest child, Joseph, was born there.

In the 1880 Census of Lyons District, Preston Co., W.Va. they are listed as:

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<th>Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Lyons</td>
<td>53</td>
<td>Farmer</td>
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<tr>
<td>Henry</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>Wife</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elizabeth</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>Dau</td>
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<td>Amanda</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>Son</td>
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Evidently the Lyons lived out the rest of their days at Gladesville. Nella Hamilton in her correspondence with me recalled they lived in Gladesville and her grandfather, Oliver Brooks would occasionally visit them.

Betsy Lyons died 20 April 1922. She had been preceded in death by her husband, Henry. They had three children.


2. Amanda Lyons b. 1853. In 1880 Census she is still living with her parents and was twenty seven years of age. Evidently never married.

3. Joseph A. Lyons b. 30 October 1862 d. 14 March 1914 m. his cousin, Julia Rebecca Blosser, daughter of Henry and Mary Brooks Blosser. Julia b. 27 January 1869 d. 20 July 1948. Both are buried at Forks of Cheat Baptist Cemetery, Stewartstown, W.Va. Joseph was born in Gladesville, W.Va. but moved to Stewartstown, W.Va. after his marriage to Julia. He purchased a farm from Henry Sidwell. It was on the Uniontown-Morgantown Road and was between the Cheat River and Stewartstown. In addition to farming Joseph Lyons also had a cider mill. Julia and Joseph Lyons had five children all of whom were probably born in Stewartstown.

![Figure 118A](image)

**FIGURE 118A**

**JOSEPH AND JULIE LYONS**


2a. Margaret Lyons b. 3 December 1900 d. 6 Sept 1982 m. 24 October 1924 to John Walskey, son of Joseph and Anna M. Walskey. John b. 25 February 1900 d. 6 July 1982. John was a sawmill owner and operator. They were affiliated with the Baptist Church. They are buried in New Lebanon, Pa. They had five children.

1b. Mary M. Walskey b. 12 February 1925 in Point Marion, Pa. d. 22 October 1992 and is buried in Cottondale,
Fla. Never married.

2b. Hazel M. Walskey b. 6 March 1926 in Point Marion, Pa. m. 2 June 1951 in Detroit, Mich. To Herbert Neeley.


2c. Karen Lynn Neeley b. 10 December 1965 m. 16 April 1994 to Douglas Verrechio. He was b. 17 February 1969. Karen works as a medical secretary and Douglas as a service manager for an auto dealership.

3b. Joann M. Walskey b. 11 March 1928 at Point Marion, Pa. m. 28 April 1962 at Pittsburgh, Pa. to Jacob L. Johncox. He was b. 8 April 1930 d. 1993.

4b. Roberta A. Walskey b. 22 October 1932 at Point Marion, Pa. m. 14 February 1953 at Pittsburgh, Pa. to Eugene Konieczki b. 28 February 1928. Eugene works in the mills. They live in Pittsburgh, Pa. and their children were born there.

1c. Regina A. Konieczki b. 23 September 1954 m. 15 December 1973 to her cousin, Thomas A. Lyons. See section on Joseph J. Lyons, Jr. for more information on children.

2c. Mark P. Konieczki b. 11 July 1959.

5b. John Walskey, Jr. b. 31 March 1945 at Meadville, Pa. m. 16 July 1971 to Sharon Wright, daughter of Willie and Helen Wright. Sharon b. 15 February 1951. John was in the U. S. Army 1966 to 1968 and served in Viet Nam. He is a mechanic and Sharon works as a research and development coordinator. They are Baptists.

1c. Janice D. Walskey b. 11 March 1975 in Dothan, Ala.

2c. Michael A. Walskey b. 10 September 1977 in Dothan, Ala.

3a. Stella Lyons b. 18 June 1903 d. 23 August 1971 m. Donovan Protzman.

1b. Marion Protzman m. Janie Roberson.

1c. Roger Protzman.

2c. Noah P. Protzman m. Judy Hieling.

1d. Brittany D. Protzman.


3c. Donovin D. Protzman.

4c. Benjamin D. Protzman.

5c. Brad A. Protzman.

1d. Joseph A. Protzman.

6c. David L. Protzman.

7c. Tracy L. Protzman m. Robert Conners, Jr.

1d. Matthew Conners.

2d. Benjamin Conners.

8c. Kelly E. Protzman m. Kenneth Reel.

2b. Doris Protzman m. Harvey Fox.

3b. Constance B. Protzman m. Lloyd Moreau.

4a. Robert Lyons b. 3 December 1905 m. Elva Addison.

MARY MARGARET BROOKS BLOSSER

DAUGHTER OF MARY AND JAMES BROOKS

Mary Margaret Brooks was born 11 February 1831 in Springhill the daughter of Mary and James Brooks. She was raised on the Brooks family farm and remained there the rest of her life.

Mary Margaret Brooks married on 1 March 1857 to Henry Blosser, son of Isaac and Rebecca Gillespie Blosser. Henry was born 21 June 1828 in Springhill. (See Part VII for more information on the Blosser family.)

Henry Blosser purchased 92 acres of the original Brooks farm and farmed it for the rest of his life. The Blosser home was situated about where the community of Lake Lynn is now located, along the banks of the Cheat River.

In the 1860 Springhill Census the Blossers were listed:

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<th>Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Blosser Henry</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>Farm Lab</td>
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<td>Mary M.</td>
<td>26</td>
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In 1870 the Census of Springhill lists:

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<td>38</td>
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<td>Lavina</td>
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The 1880 Census reads:

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<td>Dau</td>
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<td>Blosser Rebecca</td>
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<td>Boarder</td>
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In 1900 the Springhill Census reads:

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<tr>
<td>Jesse</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>Son</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jackson Emma</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>Servant</td>
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</table>

In this Census the Blossers said they had been married 43 years and Mary had seven children, all of whom were still living.

The Blossers attended St. Johns Lutheran Church. Henry was a Democrat in politics.

Henry Blosser died 10 April 1901. Mary Margaret Blosser died 6 October 1926. They are both buried in St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. The Blossers had seven children, all born in Springhill.
MARY MARGARET BLOSSER AND HER CHILDREN.
FRONT ROW L-R, MARY HOARD, MARY MARGARET BLOSSER, AND LUVARA LYONS.
BACK ROW L-R, JOSEPH BLOSSER, JAMES BLOSSER, JESSE BLOSSER AND JULIA LYONS.

MARY MARGARET BLOSSER AND HER GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.
L-R 1ST ROW EDWARD STENTZ & JOSEPH STENTZ. 2ND ROW JOE BLOSSER, MALCOM 'SONNY' BLOSSER, DAWSON BAKER, MARY MARGARET BLOSSER, JEAN BLOSSER, ELEANOR BLOSSER, LOIS BIXLER, JOHN H. BIXLER) 3RD ROW RAYMOND LYONS, DORTHA STENTZ, MABEL STENTZ, EMILY LYONS, MILDRED BIXLER, AND JOSEPH BIXLER.

   1a. Omer Lyons b. 13 May 1879 d. 23 April 1975 m. 5 February 1910 to Helen Ernestine “Ernie” Conn b. 28 March 1879 d. 12 January 1961. Both are buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Point Marion, Pa. The Lyons lived on a small farm near Stewartstown, W.Va. When she was a young woman Ernie taught school in Point Marion, Pa. Omer was a carpenter by trade. They were members of the Christian Church in Point Marion, Pa.
   1b. Omer Raymond Lyons b. 30 December 1910 m. Winifred Jane Rhodes b. 21 July 1910.
   1c. Nina J. Lyons b. 14 October 1940 m. 15 June 1963 to Joseph L. Darnell b. 16 September 1938.
      1d. Matthew L. Darnell b. 19 August 1970.
      1d. Amy E. Lyons b. 23 December 1975.
      2d. Claire M. Lyons b. 5 June 1981.
2b. Emily L. Lyons b. 22 January 1913 m. 28 December 1940 to Dexter Putnam b. 24 January 1916 d. 20 September 1982.
   1c. Carolyn Putnam b. 20 January 1943 m. 1st to Lee O'Bourn and 2nd to James Dickens d. 24 April 1983.
3a. Ola May Lyons b. 18 June 1886 d. 8 February 1985 m. Edward C. Stentz, Sr., son of Maria and Jesse Stentz. Ed was b. 27 April 1882 d. 24 July 1960. Both are buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Point Marion, Pa. Ed Stentz was a coal operator with holdings in the Monongalia Co., W. Va. area. They lived in Lake Lynn, Pa. They were associated with the Lake Lynn Community Chapel, formerly the Trinity Lutheran Church.

\[\text{FIGURE 123}\]

ED AND OLA STENTZ AND GRANDAUGHTER, LINDA READE.

1b. Mabel Stentz b. 25 March 1909 m. Orland Rye b. 5 February 1914 d. 7 May 1973. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. They had no children.
2b. Dorotha Stentz b. 8 March 1911 d. 1 October 1997 m. John J. Reade b. 2 March 1915 d. 9 February 1989. He was the son of Frank and Carrie Blosser Reade. They are both buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. John Reade worked at the West Penn Power Dam at Lake Lynn, Pa. They lived in Lake Lynn and were members of the Lake Lynn Community Chapel.
   1c. Linda Reade b. 1 October 1950 at Uniontown, Pa. m. 12 September 1987 to Stephen Fischer b. 6 March 1947. The Fischer’s live in Point Marion, Pa. and love to collect old stoneware.
   3b. Edward C. Stentz, Jr. b. 25 February 1913 d. 19 September 1990 m. 1st to Helen Klingel and had one child. He m. 2nd Marjorie Dally.
   1c. Margaret Jo Anne “Peggy Jo” Stentz b. 5 November 1931 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. Raymond Walsh, Jr. b. 4 February 1932. The Walsh’s had an insurance agency. They were Methodist.
   1d. Suzan Walsh b. 26 July 1954 m. 1st to Michael Cohen and 2nd to Charles Clemens.
      1e. Erin Clemens
      2e. Randi Clemens
      3e. Matthew Clemens
      4e. Nathan Clemens
   2d. Mark Walsh b. 9 February 1956 m. Kim
      1e. Nicole Walsh
      2e. Tony Walsh
   4b. Joseph W. Stentz b. 16 March 1915 d. 19 April 1985 m. Maxine Martin b. 2 August 1916 d. 15 July 1993. Both are buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. Joe was in the coal business. They were members of the Lake Lynn Community Chapel.
      1c. Joseph W. Stentz, Jr. b. 23 January 1936 d. 13 September 1984 m. Patricia Robinson. They had no children. Joe is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.
      2c. Adelle Stentz b. 11 May 1939 m. Neil Miller b. 4 November 1937.

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Id. Darlene Miller b. 16 November 1965.
2d. Laura Miller b. 19 February 1967 m. 16 February 1991 to John Bixler.
3d. Diane Miller b. 28 April 1969

2. Joseph A. Blosser b. 10 January 1860 d. 7 June 1945 m. 25 July 1888 at Uniontown, Pa. to Martha Cover b. 25 June 1867 d. 30 September 1944. Buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. Joseph was a carpenter and road supervisor for Springhill Township. They lived in Lake Lynn and were members of the Trinity Lutheran Church. All children born in Lake Lynn.

1a. Pearl Blosser b. 5 July 1889 d. 22 November 1965 m. 30 May 1910 to Jackson V. Bixler, son of Joseph and Harriett Steele Bixler. Jack was a coal miner. They were members of the Trinity Lutheran Church. They are buried at LaFayette Memorial Cemetery, Brier Hill, Pa. All their children were born in Lake Lynn, Pa.

FIGURE 124
JACK AND PEARL BIXLER

1b. Joseph Bixler b. 16 September 1911 d. 29 August 1971 m. 21 August 1935 at Oakland, Md. to Edna Moser, daughter of Thomas and Daisey Swaney Moser. Edna b. 14 October 1914 d. 20 September 1974. Joe was a plumber and Edna worked as a school teacher. Buried at LaFayette Memorial Cemetery, Brier Hill, Pa.


Id. Valjean C. Eckert b. 19 April 1962 at Dallas, Tx. m. 30 July 1982 to Timothy Nixon. Now divorced. Valjean graduated from Penn State and Duquesne University and works in sales.

2b. Bessie Mildred Bixler b. 26 July 1914 d. 8 April 1984 m. 1934 at Oakland, Md. to French Greathouse, son of French and Rose Christopher Greathouse. French b. 9 May 1911 at Point Marion, Pa. d. 27 December 1977. Buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Point Marion, Pa.

1c. Carl F. Greathouse b. 30 Oct 1935 at Lake Lynn, Pa. m. 30 May 1958 at Oakland, Md. to Joan E. Nicholson, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Blixt Nicholson. Joan b. 8 May 1939 at Clymer, Pa. Carl works for General Motors. They are members of the Maple Grove Alliance Church.

1d. David C. Greathouse b. 29 April 1965 at Cleveland, O.

2d. Kathleen E. Greathouse b. 8 October 1966 at E. Cleveland, O. m. 22 May 1992 at Willoughby Hills, O. to William Presley.

1c. Christopher W. Presley b. 25 April 1995 at Charlottesville, Va.

3d. Mark A. Greathouse b. 22 November 1971 at E. Cleveland, O.

2c. Earl V. Greathouse b. 30 October 1934 at Lake Lynn, Pa. m. 6 July 1957 at New Brunswick, Canada to Mary Inman. Earl is retired from the U. S. Air Force.
FIGURE 125
EARL AND MARY GREATHOUSE FAMILY. FRONT ROW L-R, ADAM, EARL, MARY, CAMERON AND AARON. BACK ROW L-R, ANTHONY, BRIAN AND PAMELA.

1d. Pamela Greathouse b. 5 April 1958 at Kissimmee, Fla. m. 4 September 1976 at Oakland, Md. to William Reed. Now divorced.
   1e. Brian W. Reed b. 10 March 1978.
   2e. Adam J. Reed b. 16 May 1981.
   3e. Aaron E. Reed b. 18 June 1984.

2d. Anthony Greathouse b. 7 March 1961 at Westover AFB, Mass. m. 21 September 1985 at Donora, Pa. to Debra Perney.
   1e. Cameron J. Greathouse b. 10 January 1994.

3b. Lois Bixler b. 9 September 1919 m. 25 June 1940 at Friendsville, Md. to Harry A. Rogerson, son of James and Alice Rogerson. Harry b. 13 August 1914 in Springhill. Harry worked for Armor and Co.
   4b. John H. Bixler b. 28 January 1922 m. 27 September 1942 at Mountain Lake Park, Md. to Edith Gates, daughters of Lindsay and Grace Myers Gates. Edith b. 16 September 1925 in Georges Township. John served in World War II in U. S. Army. He is a meat cutter and super market manager. They are members of the Lake Lynn Community Chapel. Edith helped on the research for this branch of the family.
      3c. Bradford C. Bixler b. 9 August 1953 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. 22 July 1972 to Debbie Rura.
         2d. Joel E. Bixler b. 5 July 1979.
      4c. Heather R. Bixler b. 15 December 1969 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. 1st to Eugene Farrier and 2nd to Shawn Medic.
   6b. Frances Bixler b. 26 November 1926 m. 8 November 1949 at Friendsville, Md. to Charles Wolfe, son of Sam and Daisey Wolfe. Charles b. 30 January 1921 at Stewartstown, W.Va. d. 7 December 1988. Charles served with the
U.S. Marines in World War II. He was a mechanic. Charles buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Point Marion, Pa.

1c. Jacqueline L. Wolfe b. 28 August 1950 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. 9 June 1973 at Point Marion, Pa. to Virgil Casini.


3a. Frank B. “Ben” Blosser b. 31 January 1896 d. 26 June 1979 m. 10 November 1919 at Cumberland, Md. to Elizabeth Humbert, daughter of William and Ada Burchinal Humbert. Elizabeth b. 27 January 1900 at Gans, Pa. Ben Blosser was active in the World Wide Church of God. He was a farmer and member of the Gallatin Grange. He is buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.

1b. Robert M. Blosser b. 28 May 1920 in Gans, Pa. d. 25 April 1987 m. 20 March 1948 to Margaret “Peggy” Campbell, b. 25 June 1923. Robert was a dairyman and had lived in Indiana, Pa. He is buried at Oakland Cemetery, Indiana, Pa.

1c. Linda R. Blosser m. Timothy A. Border.
1d. Christina L. Border
2d. Nancy G. Border
3d. Lisa R. Border

2b. Joseph H. Blosser b. 20 July 1924.
3b. Jere B. Blosser b. 28 January 1933 d. 16 December 1990 m. 7 September 1957 to Ella C. Segner b. 18 August 1937. Lived in Gans, Pa. He is buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.

1c. Janice Blosser b. 3 August 1959.

5a. Hazel M. Blosser b. 4 March 1898 d. 31 October 1970 m. 29 September 1921 at St. Johns Lutheran Church to Edward L. Burchinal, son of Howard and Melinda Higinbottom Burchinal. Ed b. 1 September 1900 at Gans, Pa. d. 25 December 1993. Both are buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Point Marion, Pa. They had no children. Ed operated Burchinal’s General Store in Gans, Pa. and was also a farmer and cattleman. He was active in the Gallatin Grange, the FOE and Local 596 of the American Federation of Musicians.


3. Mary Margaret Blosser b. 18 December 1862 d. 28 January 1935 m. Enoch V. Hoard, son of Edgar and Rebecca Ross Hoard. Enoch b. 1858 d. 1941. Buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. Originally buried in Old Point Marion Cemetery but later moved to Evergreen.

2a. Arthur W. Hoard b. 1901 d. 9 July 1982 m. Mary Leach b. 6 March 1898 d. 25 January 1992. They had no children. Art Hoard was an insurance agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. all of his life. They lived in Uniontown, Pa.

4. James Brooks Blosser b. 5 July 1866 d. 7 September 1946 m. 5 February 1891 to Matilda Wilson, daughter of William and Charity Bly Wilson. Matilda b. 5 May 1866 at Pittsburgh, Pa. d. 21 January 1955. Both are buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Point Marion, Pa. They lived near Cheat Haven, Pa. (Now Lake Lynn, Pa.) They had six children, all born at Cheat Haven.
1a. Allen W. Blosser b. 2 February 1893 d. 21 June 1915. Allen was accidentally killed while playing baseball. Never was married. Buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

2a. Ray Blosser b. 18 July 1894 d. 29 November 1959 m. 11 August 1914 at Uniontown, Pa. to Louise Conn, daughter of Jacob and Lou Nabors Conn. Louise b. 27 July 1896 d. 12 November 1966. Both buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. Ray Blosser was a businessman in Springhill. He was very active in Democrat politics and was on the Springhill School Board for many years.


2b. Regina “Jean” Blosser m. Berk Lynch.


3c. Debra L. Phillis b. 6 July 1947 at Uniontown, Pa.

4c. Melissa J. Phillis b. 7 December 1948 at Uniontown, Pa.

2b. Regina “Jean” Blosser m. Berk Lynch.

3b. Marjorie Blosser m. Robert Fowler.


William Baker was killed in a freak saw accident in 1951. He was working a sawmill on the Morgan Day farm when a large wood splinter went through his throat. He drove clear to Point Marion to the doctor’s office, but died. His aorta was cut.

1b. James M. Baker d. 1945. He was killed in World War II while serving in the U.S. Army.

2b. William Dawson Baker b. 31 October 1918 at New Brunswick, N. J. d. 7 March 1992. m. 7 January 1941 at Masontown, Pa. to Dorothy Boord, daughter of Thomas and Lyda Blaney Boord. Dorothy b. 14 April 1920 at Point Marion, Pa. They divorced. Dawson was a custom coal operator and also owned a beer distributorship in Point Marion, Pa. He was very active in the Rotary and FOE in Point Marion. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

1c. William J. Baker b. 21 November 1942 at Point Marion, Pa.


5a. Helen M. Blosser b. 27 March 1906 d. 21 February 1997 m. 29 March 1930 at Wheeling, W.Va. to William F. Cline b. 1 October 1900. He was born at Elizabeth, W.Va. Helen and William both graduated from West Virginia University. William was a school teacher and school administrator. Helen taught school. They worked in school systems in West Virginia and Maryland. Helen is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Point Marion, Pa.

FIGURE 127
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOTANY FIELD TRIP IN 1929. HELEN BLOSSER IS SECOND FROM RIGHT AND WILLIAM CLINE IS THIRD FROM RIGHT.

1b. Janet Cline b. 27 June 1931 at Parkersburg, W.Va. d. 8 May 1980 m. Charles Stapler. They were divorced. Janet buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.
1e. Beverly J. Stapler b. 1967 at Washington, D.C.
2b. Libbie Cline b. 9 May 1935 at Parkersburg, W.Va. m. 4 June 1957 to Robert Dumaine. They are divorced.
3c. Andrew D. Dumaine b. 1961 at Frankfurt, Germany.
6a. Dora V. Blosser b. 7 December 1908 d. 1989 m. 13 July 1929 at Cumberland, Md. to Charles Herbert Hunter, son of Charles and Mirtie St. Clair Hunter. Herbert b. 1 December 1902 at Stewartstown, W.Va. d. 30 May 1974. Both are buried at Mt. Union Cemetery, Union District, Monongalia Co., W.Va. Herbert graduated from West Virginia University in 1929 with a degree in Animal Husbandry. He operated a dairy farm near Stewartstown, W.Va. The Hunters were active in the Forks of Cheat Baptist Church.
1b. Charles H. Hunter, Jr. b. 25 April 1930 m. 29 May 1953 to Mary J. Hurley b. 4 April 1929. Charles was a graduate of West Virginia University with a degree in animal husbandry. He worked with his father in the dairy business and also raised beef cattle. They are members of the Forks of the Cheat Baptist Church.

1e. Charlene J. Hunter b. 14 September 1957 m. 9 May 1981 to Donald W. Porter b. 4 July 1957.

5. Julia R. Blosser b. 27 January 1869 d. 20 July 1948 m. her cousin, Joseph Lyons, son of Elizabeth and Henry Lyons. See Chapter 38 for a full history of this family.

6. Jesse Lewellyn Blosser b. 24 April 1872 d. 20 October 1943 m. 25 December 1908 at Confluence, Pa. to Rheumany
Hall. Jesse was killed when his car was struck by a train in Point Marion, Pa. Buried in the Old Point Marion Cemetery, but no tombstone can be found.

7. George O. Blosser b. March 1876 m. Minnie Stineson. No other information known.

CHAPTER 40
MINERVA BROOKS BAKER
DAUGHTER OF MARY AND JAMES BROOKS

Minerva Brook was born 24 March 1833 in Springhill and raised on the family farm. She married on 29 May 1853 to William Baker, son of John and Catherine Baker. See Chapter 17 for the complete history of this family.

CHAPTER 41
OLIVER BROOKS
SON OF MARY AND JAMES BROOKS

Oliver Brooks was born 5 March 1835 in Springhill the son of Mary and James Brooks. He married on 10 March 1861 to Elizabeth Ann Lyons. She was born 21 December 1839. Oliver and Elizabeth lived on his father’s farm until 1888 when they purchased a farm near Easton, W.Va. in Union District, Monongalia Co. His brother-in-law, William Baker, purchased
the other part of the same farm.

The 1870 Census records of Springhill Township reveal that Oliver Brooks was living next door to his father on the old Brooks farm. The Census reads:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Brooks</th>
<th>Oliver</th>
<th>35 Farm Lab.</th>
<th>Value of Personal Property 366</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Elizabeth</td>
<td>30 Keeping</td>
<td>House</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Albert A.</td>
<td>8</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emma E.</td>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joseph</td>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>George</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
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</table>

In 1880 Oliver and his family are living in the same household as his father. His father, James, is listed as head of household. I am not sure if they were living in the old Brooks home place or if James was living in a house with them. The Census reads:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Brooks</th>
<th>James</th>
<th>79 Widow</th>
<th>Farmer</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Brooks</td>
<td>Oliver</td>
<td>45 Son</td>
<td>Farmer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annie</td>
<td>40 Wife</td>
<td>Keeping House</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Albert</td>
<td>18 Son</td>
<td>At Home</td>
<td>In School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emma E.</td>
<td>16 Dau</td>
<td>At Home</td>
<td>In School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joseph</td>
<td>14 Son</td>
<td>At Home</td>
<td>In School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>George</td>
<td>13 Son</td>
<td>At Home</td>
<td>In School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>James</td>
<td>10 Son</td>
<td>At Home</td>
<td>In School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sylvester</td>
<td>2 Son</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Nella Hamilton lived with her grandparents, Oliver and Elizabeth Brooks, after the death of her mother, from age eleven months until she married. In a letter Nella wrote, “When I say they were wonderful I mean just that. I am nearly 83 and never have I been around people like them. They never talked around their neighbors and never even a bossy word between them.” Nella also wrote recalling going in a buggy to the funeral of Oliver’s uncle, George Baker, in 1905. On the way home he told her that was his last living uncle.

Elizabeth Ann Brooks died 14 February 1917 at her home. Oliver continued to live on the farm. Gradually his son, Sylvester, took over the operation. Oliver Brooks died 31 March 1920 at his home in Easton. His obituary says, “Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at nine-thirty o’clock from the Brooks home near Easton for Oliver Brooks, whose death occurred Wednesday morning about seven o’clock after an illness of about five months. Interment will be in St. Johns Cemetery near Morris Cross Roads. Mr. Brooks’ death resulted from a complication of blood poisoning and other ailments which his advanced age made it impossible to overcome. He was 85 years old, and had been a resident of Union District for the past 32 years. Mr. Brooks had moved here from Pennsylvania.” Both were buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. Oliver and Elizabeth Brooks had six children, all of whom were born in Springhill Township.
1. Albert Arlington "A. A." "Arley" Brooks b. 16 February 1862 d. 29 February 1940 m. 1st on 18 September 1888 near Smithfield, Pa. to Nancy C. Hill, daughter of John and Adeline Masters Hill. Nancy b. 1 September 1865 near Masontown, Pa. d. 21 October 1894. Arley and Nancy had two children. Nancy died of Typhoid Fever and is buried at Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, Pa. Arley married 2nd 22 September 1897 to Luvara Gans, daughter of Jasper N. and Sarah Fowler Gans. Luvara b. 10 October 1861 d. 18 September 1935. As a young man Arley went to Missouri with all the other Brooks and Bakers who had moved and settled in Caldwell Co. Arley evidently did not like Missouri as he returned to Springhill. His brother, Joseph, remained in Missouri. Arley lived in Springhill the rest of his life. After his wife's death he lived with his son, Howard. However he was living with his daughter, Nella Hamilton, when he died of pneumonia. Arley and Luvara Brooks are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.
Arley Brooks


William and Edna Brooks

1b. Martha M. Brooks b. 18 December 1916 at Pittsburgh, Pa. m. 3 February 1954 at Cumberland, Md. to Ralph Fry, son of Howard and Sarah McKenzie Fry. Ralph b. 26 January 1902 d. 16 February 1983. He is buried in Warren Co., Pa. Ralph served as an officer in the U. S. Navy in World War II. Martha served as nurse in the Navy in World War II. Martha was an RN and Ralph was a Road Supervisor in Watson Township, Warren Co., Pa.

1c. Hannah M. Fry b. 11 April 1954 in Uniontown, Pa.


1d. Kori H. Eaker b. 17 October 1989 at Jamestown, N. Y.

2d. Casey M. Eaker b. 4 November 1991 at Jamestown, N. Y.

2b. William H. Brooks b. 16 July 1922 at Gans, Pa. m. 10 June 1943 at Midland, Tx. to Fay W. Martin, daughter of Montrose and Catherine Martin. Fay b. 19 January 1923 at Uniontown, Pa. W. Hugh Brooks served in the Army Air Force in World War II. Children all were born in Uniontown, Pa.

1c. Bonnie F. Brooks b. 30 July 1944 m. 22 December 1964 at St. Petersburg, Fla. to Bruce G. Greenwood b. 10 May 1938. Bonnie and Bruce both graduated from Florida State University. Bonnie is a Professor and Assoc. Dean, College of Human Sciences at Florida State University. Bruce is a Geologist and Environmental Specialist for the State of Florida.

1d. Stephanie L. Greenwood b. 17 June 1973. She graduated from Florida State University.

2c. Mark J. Brooks b. 13 March 1948 m. 28 June 1969 at St. Petersburg, Fla. to Corlean A. Mills.
3c. Holly A. Brooks b. 4 January 1952 m. 1 April 1975 at Dallas, Tx. to Carlos Ortiz III. Holly is a Medical Doctor and Carlos an Anesthetist.
4c. Melanie G. Brooks b. 24 July 1953 m. 7 July 1979 at Pittsburgh, Pa. to Robert Sharpe. Melanie and Robert both graduated from the University of Maryland. Robert is a Captain in the U. S. Navy and a Hematopathologist. Melanie is a Radiologist.

1d. Zachary A. Sharpe b. 22 October 1982.

2a Nella B. "Nellie" Brooks b. 25 October 1893 at Gans, Pa. d. 7 February 1994 m. 13 August 1912 at Oakland, Md. to James F. Hamilton, son of Francis and Mary May Hamilton. James b. 11 November 1892 in Monongalia Co., W.Va. James Hamilton owned a furniture store, Hamilton-Jordan Furniture, in Washington, D.C. The family also operated a Hamilton Farms near Redhouse in Garrett Co., Md. The 740 acre Hamilton Farms were "Producers of excellent beef, cool climate vegetables and hay." In the early days of my research on the Baker Family Nella Hamilton provided a great amount of needed information. She had lived with her grandparents until she married so she was well acquainted with the older generation of the family. The Hamiltons are buried at Mt. Union Cemetery, Union District in Monongalia Co. W.Va.

![Nellie Brooks](image)

**FIGURE 135**

**NELLIE BROOKS**

1b. Wayne B. Hamilton b. 1 Mary 1916 at Morgantown, W.Va. d. 15 January 1994 m. 12 February 1937 at Winchester, Va. to Claudia M. Wheeler b. 12 August 1913 d. 28 March 1989. They are buried at Eglon, W.Va. Wayne earned a degree in agriculture from the University of Maryland and operated Hamilton Farms. He was a County Commissioner for Garret Co., Md. and served on many commissions and committees for the county and state of Maryland. The Hamiltons were members of the Church of Brethern in Eglon, W.Va.

1c. Rebecca A. Hamilton b. 14 October 1937 at Clarksburg, W.Va. m. 1st to Charles H. Fleming, 2nd to William J. Turner and 3rd to Clarence "Wilkie" Wilkerson, Jr.

1d. Cynthia A. Fleming b. 29 February 1960 at Baltimore, Md. m. 8 April 1995 to Gerald R. Jensen.
2d. Charles H. Fleming, Jr. b. 5 July 1963 at Baltimore, Md. m. 16 May 1987 at Ft. Collins, Colo. To Jacqueline Robinson. They are divorced.


2c. Wayne B. Hamilton, Jr. b. 11 August 1943 at Philippi, W.Va. m. 1st to Juanita M. Ball, and 2nd to Kathy L. Handry Haaf. He had one child by his first wife and two children by his second wife.

1d. Karen S. Hamilton b. 25 May 1966 at Oakland, Md. m. 9 April 1993 to Jeffery Engel.
2d. Patricia D. Hamilton b. 12 February 1968 at Oakland, Md. m. James F. Hummel, Jr.
3d. Wayne B. Hamilton III b. 2 November 1980 at Oakland, Md.

2b. Mildred E. Hamilton b. 19 May 1919 m. 30 May 1942 at University Park, Md. to Franklin H. Snively, son of
William and Lulu Sanger Snively. Franklin b. 16 October 1918 at Trappe, Md. died 16 September 1980. He is buried at Fairview Cemetery, Cordova, Md. Franklin served in the 629th Tank Destroyer Bn. in World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. Mildred graduated from the University of Maryland in 1942 with a degree in Home Economics.


1d. Stephen D. Martinson b. 2 September 1964 at Frankfurt, Germany m. 22 September 1990 to Kathryn J. Anderson, 4 June 1964.

1e. Joshua S. Martinson b. 28 July 1993.

2d. Dawn E. Martinson b. 31 January 1967 at Olney, Md. m. 2 July 1994 to Kevin H. Jennings b. 5 February 1962.

2c. William F. Snively b. 29 July 1949 at Elkton, Md. m. 26 August 1967 at Ashton, Md. to Ruth L. Carter b. 23 April 1949. William is a Minister and currently is the owner and publisher of “Shepherd’s Guide” a Christian directory for the Washington, D.C. Metro Area.

2d. Jeffrey C. Snively b. 11 June 1974 at Raleigh, N.C.

3d. Kristin R. Snively b. 4 March 1982 at Baltimore, Md.

4d. Cara B. Snively b. 22 May 1983 at Baltimore, Md.

5d. Jonathan D. Snively b. 13 July 1987 at Annapolis, Md.

3c. Linda N. Snively b. 14 August 1948 at Easton, Md. m. 1st to James H. Kehoe III and 2nd to Andrew Blanchard.

4c. Joseph F. Snively b. 26 October 1954 at Olney, Md. m. 1st to Amy Rush and 2nd on 3 January 1981 at Brighton, Md. to Barbara Wakeem Lindberg b. 4 June 1956. Joseph is a feed and farm supply company owner.

5c. Alice E. Snively b. 8 November 1960 at Olney, Md. m. 6 June 1985 at Cedar Grove, N.J. to Mark C. Wilkes b. 19 August 1958. Mark is a realtor.

3b. Harold J. Hamilton b. 22 April 1926 at Redhouse, Md. m. 29 July 1944 at Oakland, Md. to Joan A. Tephabaugh, daughter of Floyd L. and Bessie Kerns Tephabaugh. Joan b. 8 February 1927 at Thomas, W.Va.


1d. Joseph T. McNeer b. 11 June 1971 at Cape Canaveral, Fla.


2c. James F. Hamilton b. 23 November 1950 at Oakland, Md. m. 1st to Scarlett W. Jones b. 17 August 1953 and 2nd 6 November 1984 to Cindy Weatherby Baker b. 15 November 1955. James has three children by first wife and one by second.

1d. Carolyn M. Hamilton b. 8 February 1972 at Goldsboro, N.C. m. 16 October 1989 to Robert W. Foate.


4d. Harold J. Hamilton III b. 4 August 1983 at Cheyenne, Wy.


4a. Howard G. Brooks b. 21 August 1900 at Morris Cross Roads m. 10 December 1919 at Uniontown, Pa. to Bertha M. Caseber, daughter of Amos and Violet Caseber. Bertha b. 26 May 1901. Howard was a rural mail carrier with the Postal Service for 45 years. They were lifelong residents of Springhill. Howard buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. All children were born in Springhill.
FIGURE 136
HOWARD G. BROOKS


1d. Chad Brooks b. 28 June 1982.

2d. Derek E. Brooks b. 10 August 1986.

3b. Dorcas E. Brooks b. 5 August 1924 at Uniontown, Pa. m. 10 December 1946 at Uniontown, Pa. to Paul McCabe, son of Patrick and Beatrice Kane McCabe. Paul b. 1 March 1917 d. 15 August 1913. He is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Butler, Pa. Paul was a District Manager for GMC, Pontiac Division and worked in advertising. Dorcas worked as a receptionist. Active in St. Paul Catholic Church in Butler, Pa.

1c. Saundra A. McCabe b. 29 December 1947 at Uniontown, Pa. m. 28 November 1968 at Owensboro, Ky. to Stephen Clements. Now divorced.


2d. Nicole Clements b. 28 December 1972 at Owensburg, Ky.

2c. Patrick J. McCabe b. 19 October 1959 at Uniontown, Pa. m. 27 September 1973 to Polly A. Twerdock, daughter of John and Jean Twerdock.

4b. Arthur E. Brooks b. 24 December 1925 at Uniontown, Pa. m. 16 June 1945 at Point Marion, Pa. to Mary A. Gasbarre, daughter of Adam and Mary Gasbarre. Mary b. 11 March 1927 at Poland Mines, Pa.


1d. Heather C. Brooks b. 8 June 1972.


3d. Justin A. Brooks

2. Emma Eliza “Nora” Brooks b. 28 December 1863 d. 26 April 1943 m. 28 December 1884 to James B. Rotharmel, son of Jacob and Rebecca Rotharmel. James b. 16 January 1860 near Smithton, Pa. d. 19 July 1934. Both are buried at the St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. The Rotharmel family lived near Cheat Haven, Pa. (now Lake Lynn, Pa.) All children were born in Springhill.
1a. Bertha M. Rotharmel b. 18 April 1886 d. 9 February 1968 m. 19 June 1912 to Samuel Mossburg. She is buried at Zarephath, N.J. No other information known.

2a. Amy E. Rotharmel b. 27 November d. 30 April 1954 m. 9 April 1910 at Uniontown, Pa. to Joseph F. Fishbaugh, son of John and Margaret Beringer Fishbaugh. Joe b. 28 August 1887 at Marion, Ind. d. 24 May 1959. Both are buried in Bridgeport, W.Va. Amy taught school for two years prior to her marriage. After their marriage they lived in Point Marion, Pa. where Joe worked in a glass factory. In 1912 they moved to Bridgeport, W.Va. and Joe continued working in a glass factory until the late 1920's. He then worked for Hope Gas and National Carbon Co. They were members of the Methodist Church in Bridgeport, W.Va.


1c. Ruth E. Crall b. 31 December 1935 at Clarksburg, W.Va. m. 3 June 1956 at Clarksburg, W.Va. to Eugene F. Jaumot, son of Jules and Virgie Jaumot. Eugene b. 13 February 1936. Ruth is an RN and worked for the...
Clarksburg Health Department. Eugene was a school bus driver. They are members of the North View Methodist Church. All their children were born in Clarksburg, W.Va.


1e. Stephen M. Jaumot b. 3 April 1989.


2c. Laura E. Crall b. 4 November 1948 at Grafton, W.Va. m. 3 August 1968 at Grafton, W.Va. to David L. Rogers, son of Robert and Martha Dougherty Rogers. David b. 1 November 1942.


1c. William C. Sandridge, Jr. b. 9 May 1932 at Bridgeport, W.Va. m. Vickie _________.


1d. Donna M. Sandridge
2d. Debbie Sandridge
3d. Denise Sandridge
4d. Diane Sandridge
5d. Darlene Sandridge

3c. James A. Sandridge b. 6 March 1938 at Dunbar, W.Va. m. 1st 30 August 1958 to Carole G. Evans b. 10 January 1940 and had four children. He m. 2nd 17 December 1971 to Janet L. Burket b. 19 September 1943 and had one child. All children were born in Pittsburgh, Pa.


1e. Derek S. Sandridge b. 21 May 1980.


3d. Gregg E. Sandridge b. 17 June 1962 m. 22 August 1983 to Lynn Shroads.


2e. Joey Sandridge b. 9 November 1986.

4d. Brian P. Sandridge b. 19 March 1965 m. Trish Orgavon.

1e. Brian P. Sandridge II b. 10 July 1988.


5d. Maureen L. Sandridge b. 4 June 1972 m. Gilbert Wagner.


1e. Nathan Slavin
2e. Kristin Slavin
3e. Jordan Slavin


1e. Ryan P. Chambers
2e. Megan Chambers a twin of
3e. Morgan Chambers
4e. Rodney Chambers

1e. Allison N. Wilson
2e. Robert W. Dunn, Jr. b. 11 August 1938 m. 30 August 1950 at Bridgeport, W.Va. to Nancy L. Straight b. 18 May 1939.

1d. Richard W. Dunn b. 27 November 1959.
2d. Terri L. Dunn b. 2 November 1960 m. John Egress.
1e. John R. Egress
2e. Heather Egress
3e. Carrie Egress
4e. James Egress
3d. Marcia L. Dunn b. 26 April 1962 m. Mark DeBerry
1e. Mandy DeBerry
2e. Jamie DeBerry
3e. Jody DeBerry

3c. Ralph W. Dunn b. 17 July 1941 m. 5 October 1963 to Joyce A. Fernandez.
1d. Pamela S. Dunn

4c. Brenda E. Dunn b. 9 June 1943 m. 4 April 1963 at Clarksburg, W.Va. to William H. Fox, son of Charles and Joppa Fox. William b. 1 December 1940.
1d. Amy E. Fox b. 4 October 1965 at Hollywood, Fla. m. Robert Collins.
1e. Leanna Collins
2d. Charles W. R. Fox b. 11 July 1968 at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. m. Ruth
1e. Kiera Fox

5c. Richard W. Dunn b. 6 July 1950 m. Angela Scalise.
1e. Jennifer Dunn b. 7 January 1971 m. John Lamb.
2e. April M. Dunn b. 12 July 1973 m. James Kelley.
1f. Amanda B. Kelley b. 10 January 1990.
3e. Angela Dunn b. 13 April 1979.
4e. Kristine Dunn b. 19 December 1981.

1d. Thomas A. Fishbaugh b. 13 August 1975.
2e. Nancy J. Fishbaugh b. 25 September 1941 m. 28 November 1978 to Karl E. Haines b. 14 June 1948.
1d. Carla J. Haines b. 3 November 1979.
3c. Charles T. Fishbaugh b. 9 March 1947 m. 6 January 1968 to Eugenia Haass b. 31 October 1948.
4c. Janet K. Fishbaugh b. 26 April 1959 m. 9 October 1983 to Patrick Cunningham.

4a. John Rotharmel b. 4 October 1891 d. 9 January 1892. Buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.
6a. Jacob L. Rotharmel b. 7 January 1895 d. 13 April 1957 m. 28 June 1920 to Anna B. Oliphant b. 28 March 1898 d. 8 December 1935. They are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.
1b. Emma J. Rotharmel b. 6 April 1925 m. Charles L. Clayton b. 30 January 1925.
1d. Ryan J. Fedor b. 10 August 1975.
2c. Sandra K. Clayton b. 10 April 1956 m. 20 September 1980 to Anthony A. Brnusak b. 29 October 1954.
1d. Steven A. Brnusak b. 28 December 1981.
3c. Jeffrey A. Clayton b. 13 August 1957 m. 3 June 1978 to Linda Velencheck b. 27 November 1957.
2b. James L. Rotharmel b. 18 January 1927 m. 1 November 1952 to Patricia A. Cottom b. 3 March 1936.
   1c. James C. Rotharmel b. 21 June 1953 m. 20 August 1975 to Jean E. Lofstrom b. 10 May 1951.
   2c. Brian E. Rotharmel b. 29 December 1957 m. 1st to Loretta Phar and 2nd to Marylin Mossburgh.
      1d. Brian E. Rotharmel II b. 7 June 1978.
   3c. Kathleen L. Rotharmel b. 5 February 1962 m. 15 August 1981 to Frank Toth b. 1 August 1943.
      1d. Jermy F. Toth b. 16 December 1981.
      1d. Jacob L. Lipp b. 28 November 1965.

3b. Mary L. Rotharmel b. 28 February 1932 m. 24 November 1956 to Thomas A. Jesso.
   2c. Nicholas Jesso b. 4 July 1957 m. 7 April 1979 to Jill Fettefof b. 16 November 1960.
   3c. Timothy C. Jesso b. 23 January 1959 m. 27 February 1982 to Mary Butler b. 23 December 1959.
   5b. Alice F. Rotharmel b. 4 December 1935 d. 6 December 1935.

   1b. Leah L. Rotharmel b. 27 December 1926 at Lake Lynn, Pa. m. 20 August 1949 to George T. Hranilovich, son of Rev. Milan and Mary Labos Hranilovich. George b. 29 April 1920 at Cleveland, O. George was a medical doctor and pathologist.
      They are members of St. Michele Byzantine Catholic Church.
      1c. Kathryn M. Hranilovich b. 30 August 1950.
      2c. Thomas E. Hranilovich b. 3 November 1951 m. Barbara Wirtz.
   2b. Lloyd A. Rotharmel b. 4 September 1934 m. 1 November 1934. Buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.

8a. Margaret Estella Rotharmel b. 9 November 1898 d. 9 March 1977 m. 5 June 1919 at Cumberland, Md. to Ray E. Lyons, son of Phillip and Olive Stentz Lyons. Ray b. 26 October 1890 d. 29 November 1968. Buried at Mt. Moriah Baptist Cemetery, Smithfield, Pa. Ray served in the Army in World War I.
   2b. Evelyn E. Lyons b. 25 November 1922 at Lake Lynn, Pa. m. 1st to David P. Branthoover and m. 2nd 24 September 1949 at Cleveland, O. to Herbert H. Zabor.
      1c. David L. Zabor b. 11 August 1943 at Mt. Pleasant, Pa. m. 17 April 1965 at Melbourne, Fla. to Lois J. Reimer, son Ruth and Frank Reimer. Lois b. 11 December 1943. They are divorced.
         1d. Darin L. Zabor b. 7 March 1966 m. 7 November 1992 to Nicole Frankenfield.
   3b. Margaret A. Lyons b. 16 July 1924 at Lake Lynn, Pa. m. 15 November 1945 at Rockville, Md. to Paul P.
Burbage, son of Dorothy and Leo Burbage. Paul b. 23 July 1921.

1c. Raymond D. Burbage b. 22 September 1946 at Washington, D.C. d. 21 February 1968. Raymond was serving in the U. S. Army when he was killed in Viet Nam.

2c. Vincent L. Burbage b. 21 July 1946 d. 9 September 1957.

   2d. Tiffany R. Shiroma b. 20 February 1983.

4c. Rexford L. Burbage b. 5 December 1961 m. 3 October 1987 to Kimberly A. Sprouse.


1b. Emma B. Blosser b. 7 December 1920 at Stewartstown, W.Va. m. 29 August 1944 at Point Marion, Pa. to Harold H. Miner, son of Frank and Ida Grimm Miner. Harold b. 28 July 1920 at Normalville, Pa. Harold was an electrician. They are members of the Fallen Timbers Community Chapel. All children were born in Springhill.

1c. Sharon E. Miner b. 14 August 1946 m. 2 September 1967 at Point Marion, Pa. to Barry T. Hawthorne, son of Robert and Margaretta Schmidt Hawthorne. Barry b. 4 July 1945 at Washington, D.C.
   1d. Lori A. Hawthorne b. 30 March 1969 m. 25 July 1987 to Benjamin J. Groover.
   2d. Richard T. Hawthorne b. 1 August 1972.

   1d. Michael J. Sandor Jr. b. 5 Nov 1970.

3c. Joyce L. Miner b. 4 August 1950.

4c. Harold K. Miner b. 8 July 1952 m. 7 September 1974 to Susan K. Baer b. 17 December 1954.
   1d. Melissa K. Miner b. 27 March 1975.

5c. Nita L. Miner b. 9 February 1956 m. 11 December 1976 to Danny Rhodes b. 26 February 1951.
   1d. Amy L. Rhodes b. 10 April 1983.

6c. Donald W. Miner b. 25 September 1958 m. 8 July 1978 to Brenda L. Kennedy b. 26 August 1959.

7c. Carol S. Miner b. 15 September 1959 m. 12 May 1979 to Stanley S. Kravats b. 17 March 1954.

2b. Infant Daughter b. 3 April 1922 d. 3 April 1922. Buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.

3b. Donald N. Blosser b. 12 July 1923 at Lake Lynn, Pa. m. 1 June 1950 1 June 1950 to Dortha N. Wiles b. 7 April 1919. No children.


Both are buried in Highland Cemetery, Hamilton, Mo. Family tradition says the Joe Brooks moved to Caldwell Co., Mo in 1883. If he did he was only eighteen years of age. He did have relatives already living in Caldwell Co. so he could have moved there and lived and worked for them, in particular his cousin, Oliver Baker. However, his obituary says he moved to Missouri in 1896. It is possible he did go out in 1883, lived there for awhile and returned home. Then came back again in 1896. On 21 August 1903 Oliver Brooks purchased 80 acres of land from Benjamin Lewis. I believe this is the property that eventually became the Joe Brooks farm. I am not sure if Oliver Brooks was actually in Missouri in person to buy this farm or if he was just the one providing the money for his son's purchase. Over the years the farm grew to 200 acres in size. Joe and Etta Brooks' farm was northeast of the town of Nettleton, Mo. They lived on this farm for forty one years. When their health began to fail they sold the farm and moved in Cameron, Mo. They were members of the Nettleton Methodist Church.
FIGURE 139
JOE BROOKS AND LEWIS BAKER

FIGURE 140
ETTA BAKER
1a. Leah M. Brooks b. 2 October 1898 at Nettleton, Mo. d. 29 April 1968 m. 18 January 1925 at Chillicothe, Mo. to George Kromeich, son of Albert Kromeich. George b. 26 January 1887 at Braymer, Mo. d. 23 October 1949. Both are buried in Highland Cemetery, Hamilton, Mo. George served in the U. S. Army in World War I. He was a farmer. The Kromeich's were members of the Methodist Church. Both of their children were born in Braymer, Mo.
FIGURE 143
GEORGE, JOSEPH AND LEAH KROMEICH

1b. Joseph R. Kromeich b. 5 July 1926 d. 20 January 1997 m. 17 October 1947 at Hamilton, Mo. to Wilma Salmon, daughter of John and Mae Salmon. Wilma b. 23 March 1928 in Davis Co., Mo. Joe served in the U. S. Army in World War II in Germany and France. They lived in Lamoni, Iowa and Kansas City, Mo where Joe worked in construction for many years. In 1968 he became a bowling alley mechanic and manager. In 1987 they returned to Lamoni. Wilma worked in a factory and in an office. They were members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. Wilma was a great help in updating the information on this branch of the family. Joe buried in Highland Cemetery, Hamilton, Mo.

FIGURE 144
WILMA AND JOSEPH KROMEICH

1c. Richard D. Kromeich b. 5 September 1959 at Kansas City, Mo. m. 7 June 1992 at Milwaukee, Wis. to Sondra J. Budner, daughter of Jerry Budner. Sondra b. 5 March 1967 in Skokie, Ill.

Id. Leah Ann Kromeich b. 5 November 1996.


2a. Lyle O. Brooks b. 11 June 1904 at Nettleton, Mo. d. 16 January 1994 m. 8 September 1928 at Chillicote, Mo. to Pearl A. Mitchell, daughter of Tom and Della Mitchell. Pearl b. 16 October 1909 at Hamilton, Mo. d. 13 February 1987. They are buried at Highland Cemetery, Hamilton, Mo. Lyle worked as a warehouse manager.
FIGURE 145
FOUR GENERATIONS.
MICHAEL O’DONNELL, LYLE BROOKS, ROSALIE O’DONNELL AND ETTIE BROOKS.

1b. Rosalie V. Brooks b. 20 February 1930 at Hamilton, Mo. m. 10 September 1950 at Cameron, Mo. to Philip E. O’Donnell, Jr., son of Philip and Grace Bucholz O’Donnell. Philip d. 25 July 1991. He is buried in Cameron, Mo. Philip was a farmer and mechanic.


2d. Katherine E. O’Donnell b. 25 October 1992, twin of

2c. Thomas L. O’Donnell b. 8 July 1957 at Cameron, Mo. m. 11 March 1995 to Linda S. Buck, daughter of Earl and Alice Buck. Linda b. 6 October 1954.


4c. Steve E. O’Donnell b. 27 December 1970 in Cameron, Mo.

3b. Margaret L. Brooks b. 6 April 1934 at St. Joseph, Mo. m. 27 February 1938. Buried at Highland Cemetery, Hamilton, Mo.

4. George H. Brooks b. 30 May 1868 d. 25 December 1928. Buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. Never married. Nella Hamilton says that as a young man he went west and was gone for fifteen years. Nella described him as “more or less a roustabout.”

5. James Brooks b. 10 January 1871 d. 11 August 1953 m. Mary E. Evirk b. 20 March 1968 d. 18 October 1953. Buried at Mt. Union Cemetery, Union District, Monongalia Co., W.Va. He evidently lived in the Easton, W.Va. community where he did threshing with his brother, Sylvester. I have not been able to find anymore information on him.

6. Sylvester Brooks b. 27 February 1878 d. 29 December 1956 m. 13 May 1899 to Nora M. Bixler, daughter of Joseph and Harriet Steele Bixler. Nora b. 10 January 1879 d. 29 March 1965. They are buried at Mt. Union Cemetery, Union District, Monongalia Co., W.Va. Sylvester remained on the home farm near Easton and took over its operation. All were children born near Easton, W.Va.
FIGURE 146
SYLVESTER BROOKS

1a. Joseph R. Brooks b. 23 June 1901 d. 8 November 1965 m. 1st Nellie Protzman d. 1927 and 2nd to Hollis Gay-way. He had one daughter by first wife.

1b. Dorothy Brooks


1b. Lloyd L. Colebank b. 12 January 1921 m. 23 August 1945 at Lake Hurst, N. J. to Ann E. Arpp.
2b. Violet M. Colebank b. 1 October 1924 m. 28 June 1947 at Oakland, Md. to James E. Frum b. 12 January 1915. All their children were born in Morgantown, W.Va.

1c. David L. Frum b. 11 January 1950 m. 17 October 1955 at Ocoracoke, N. C. to Karen M. Lovejoy.


3b. Clarice D. Colebank b. 24 June 1994 m. 30 May 1983 to Scott Wood.

4b. Phillip W. Colebank b. 16 November 1945 m. Harriet Scott.


1b. Carl A. Colebank b. 18 December 1934 m. 10 September 1960 to Nancy R. Burge.
2b. Norman L. Colebank b. 12 December 1938 m. 1st to Genene Noland and 2nd to Connie L. Moore.
3b. Linda S. Colebank b. 19 May 1942 m. 26 August 1962 to Donald A. Cummings.
4b. Nancy L. Colebank b. 16 October 1951 m. 1st to Paul Neely and 2nd to Robert J. Galusky.
  1c. Christopher J. Neely b. 13 June 1971 at Aberdeen, Md.

The following two photographs are of Brooks Family Reunions. These were provided by Carl Greathouse.

FIGURE 147
BROOKS' FAMILY REUNION SEPTEMBER 16, 1923

FRONT ROW ON GROUND L-R, RAYMOND LYONS, JOSEPH BIXLER, EDWARD STENTZ, JR., MABEL STENTZ, DORTHIA STENTZ, JOSEPH STENTZ, DAWSON BAKER, ELEANOR BLOSSER, JEAN BLOSSER, EMILY LYONS, MILDRED BIXLER, JOHN H. BIXLER, LOIS BIXLER, AND MALCOM "SONNY" BLOSSER.

MIDDLE ROW SEATED L-R, ENOCH HOARD, MARY HOARD, JOSEPH BLOSSER, MARTHA BLOSSER, JOSEPH LYONS, MARY M. BLOSSER, LUVARA LYONS, TILLIE BLOSSER, JAMES BLOSSER, JULIA LYONS, JESSE BLOSSER AND AMY BLOSSER.

BACK ROW STANDING L-R, ARTHUR HOARD, EVA LYONS, JOHN BLOSSER, STELLA LYONS, BESSIE BLOSSER, PEARL BIXLER, LEE LYONS, HAZEL BURCHINAL, JACKSON BIXLER, EDWARD BURCHINAL, OLA STENTZ, EDWARD STENTZ, SR., OMER LYONS, ERNIE LYONS, HELEN BLOSSER, ADDIE BAKER, DORA BLOSSER, LOUISE BLOSSER, ELIZABETH BLOSSER, RAY BLOSSER AND FRANK B. BLOSSER.)
FIGURE 148

BROOKS FAMILY REUNION TAKEN ABOUT 1957.
DO YOU KNOW ANYONE IN THIS PHOTO? IF YOU DO PLEASE LET ME KNOW.
CHAPTER 42

GEORGE BAKER, JR.
SON OF GEORGE, SR. AND JULIANA BAKER

George Baker, Jr. was born 11 April 1818 on the Baker Farm in Springhill. He was the youngest child of George, Sr. and Juliana Baker. George was reared on the family farm and attended subscription school until he was eighteen.

Although the youngest child of the family, George, Jr. became responsible for the running of the family farm. His parents, George, Sr. and Juliana, both died in 1839, when George, Jr. was only twenty one years of age. At their death he inherited the farm on the provision the pay $300.00 each to his sisters, Mary Brooks, Margaret Jackson and Charlotte Baker (later Brooks.) He was also to provide for the care of his brother, Thomas, and allow his sisters Elizabeth and Charlotte to make a home with him as long as they thought proper. Not mentioned in his father’s will was his unmarried Aunt, Charlotte Baker, who also lived with the family.

So here was George Baker, Jr. at age twenty one with a large farm to operate and a household that included at least two sisters, one brother and an aunt. In fact in the 1840 Census we find the family listed as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Baker, George</th>
<th>My guess as to the person</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Male 15-20</td>
<td>George Baker, brother</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Male 20-30</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Male 30-40</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Female under 5</td>
<td>Elizabeth Baker, sister</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Female 5-10</td>
<td>Charlotte Baker, aunt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Female 40-50</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Female 60-70</td>
<td></td>
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</table>

There are at least three extra people here I cannot account for. The one male 15-20 could be a hired hand. However, the two females, one under five and the other between five and ten are a mystery. They do fall into the right age category of the two oldest daughters of Margaret Jackson, George’s sister. Perhaps they were visiting or living with the Bakers when the census was taken.

On 17 October 1844 George Baker, Jr. married Margaret Sargent, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Sargent. The marriage date is recorded in the family Bible. Margaret was born 10 November 1822 in Virginia, according to Census Records. She was probably born just across the state line in nearby Monongalia Co., Va. (now W.Va.) The Sargent family lived at times in both Monongalia Co. and in Springhill. For more information on the Sargents see Part VII.

When Margaret married into the Bakers she was coming into a household with several older females who were already well established. Although this could have been a problem from what I have found they all lived in harmony.

The older ladies of the family, Aunt Charlotte and sister, Betsy, were involved in the weaving business. George probably helped them as time allowed during the winter months. The brother, Thomas, was evidently mentally or physically handicapped so I am not sure what he could do. I suspect he was capable of doing some type of farm work.

Margaret Baker busied herself with the household and raising her children. The children started coming soon after marriage and arrived at about two year intervals until nine children had been born. The last two children were twins, who evidently were stillborn or died shortly after birth. There is no entry for them in the family Bible. These last two children were probably buried in the Baker Cemetery on the farm. In George Baker’s 1889 biography in the Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Fayette Co., Pa. it states they had two children “who died in infancy.” Older member of the family, particularly, Lola McCann, Nellie Deffenbaugh and Marge Farquhar, granddaughters of Margaret Baker, and could recall her well, agreed these two children were twins.

The following seven tintype photographs are the earliest identifiable pictures that I have found of anyone in the Baker family. These photos of the George and Margaret Baker family were found in a small photo album that was owned by the
Deffenbaughs. These were probably taken about 1860 judging by the age of the youngest child, William, who was born in 1857. It could even have been taken in 1859 before the son, Joseph, was born. The oldest daughter, Julie, is missing from the group. You will notice all the children are sitting on the same chair for their picture. This clearly shows they were all taken at the same time. I looked in the old photo albums at Edna Bakers thinking I might find Julie's photo there, but found no other young girl sitting on this chair.
FIGURE 152
SARAH ELLEN BAKER

FIGURE 153
OLIVER BAKER
In 1850 and 1860 the Federal Government did an Agriculture Census. The information recorded in this census is very helpful in showing George Baker, Jr.'s farming operations. The figures represent production at the year ending June 1 of each of these years.

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<tr>
<th>Baker, George</th>
<th>1850</th>
<th>1860</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ac. of imp.</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ac. of unimp.</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash value of</td>
<td>2500</td>
<td>4200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value of farm</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Horses</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Milch cows</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other cattle</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Sheep</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>Swine</td>
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<td>Value of livestock</td>
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<td>Wheat, bushels of</td>
<td>112</td>
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<td>Rye, bushels of</td>
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<td>Indian corn, bushels of</td>
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<td>Oats, bushels of</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wool, lbs. of</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>36</td>
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<tr>
<td>Irish potatoes, bushels of</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sweet potatoes, bushels of</td>
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<tr>
<td>Value of orchard products</td>
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<td>Butter, lbs. of</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>700</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cheese, lbs. of</td>
<td>100</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Hay, tons of</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hops, lbs. of</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maple sugar, lbs. of</td>
<td>900</td>
<td>800</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maple syrup, gallons of</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beeswax, lbs. of</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honey, lbs. of</td>
<td>100</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value of homemade manufactures</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value of animals slaughtered</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>125</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Notice the large amount of butter, cheese and maple sugar they made.

George Baker, Jr. was a staunch “Jacksonian Democrat” and held several township offices, including auditor, road supervisor, and school director. In an old newspaper clipping from June 1840 we read about a Democratic Meeting in Springhill Township. In the clipping is a list of the men attending the meeting, including George Baker.

The Bakers had at least three family Bibles that recorded the family records in them. One was a large German Bible that originally belonged to George, Sr. and Juliana Baker. The next Bible was printed in 1845 by the American Bible Society. This Bible was probably acquired by George and Margaret after their marriage. It has entries for all of their children’s births. The last Bible was printed in 1866 and has all the family entries in a beautiful hand. It is obvious some of these entries were copied from the 1845 Bible.

The Census records of Springhill Township reveal the following about the Bakers.

1850 Census

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The 1880 Springhill Census reads:

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<td>Wife</td>
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Now we have another mystery. Who is this Elle Baker listed in this 1880 Census? Well, in one of the Baker Bibles is the following entry: "Ella Moss Baker was born February 28th, 1874." In the census she is listed as "homeless." These two entries are all that I have found on Ella Moss Baker. Was this some homeless child the Bakers took in? Was Moss her real last name? There are no Moss families in Springhill Township. Was she a child of some member of the family? My guess is she was a child of some member of the family, but not necessarily, George and Margaret’s immediate family. Perhaps she was connected through Margaret’s Sargent family. If she was a homeless unrelated child why did they add Baker to her name? I cannot find any other information on her.

The 1890 Census has been destroyed. The 1900 Census shows George, Jr. and Margaret Baker living near Oak Grove between Alpheus Scott, Tom Gans, Tom Dunham and Alpheus Conn.

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<td>Eberhart Amadie</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>Lodger</td>
<td>Day Lab.</td>
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As we had stated earlier in this book the Bakers were German speakers. George, Jr. spoke German and in his old age entertained his grandchildren by reading to them out of old German Bible. His children may have picked up some German, but they were not German speakers.

George Baker, Jr. was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church. He was confirmed on 30 January 1859. He was active in the church. Margaret Baker was a Presbyterian and attended the old Browns Presbyterian Church near Stewartstown, W.Va. This church was only a few miles from their home by crossing the Cheat River at the Line Ferry. (The old Uniontown-Morgantown Road.) Margaret was also “a faithful friend of the church to which her husband also belongs.”
Over the years George Baker, Jr. made many improvements to this farm, including the building of a new home to replace the old log house built by his grandfather, Peter Baker.

The routine of farm life did not change much. The farmer was tied to the cycles of the land, plowing, sowing, and harvesting. On a daily basis the cows were milked. Horses, pigs, sheep and chickens were fed. In winter there was butchering and winter work such as repair of equipment and planning for spring. Occasionally George would help in the family weaving.

The women also worked to a routine, daily, weekly, monthly and yearly. Everyday there were meals to be prepared, care of the children and cleaning the house. In the summer the women had garden work and the canning and preserving of food. Weekly there was the washing and ironing of clothes, bread baking and house cleaning. Edna Baker said that she had been told that the women often went down to the Cheat River to wash their clothes. This was probably only in the summertime. Usually one day was set aside for making pies, cakes and cookies. In the Baker household the women were also involved in the spinning and weaving of cloth. This was worked on a daily basis when Aunt Charlotte and Aunt Betsy were living. Later it was probably only winter activity. As Margaret and George Baker got older and their children started marrying the weaving was forgotten. Beside store bought material had become cheap.
Then the Bakers struck it rich, or at least rich in their eyes. A valuable vein of coal was discovered underlying their farm.

On 13 February 1894 George, Jr. and Margaret Baker sold 70 acres of coal to William McCormick, Cyrus Erhard and Frank Coughanour for $11,725.00. (Fayette Co., Pa. Deed Book 127, page 398) The deed described it as a coal tract called Connellsville Coking Coal under 70 acres of part of a farm bounded by the Fairmont, Morgantown and Pittsburgh Rail Road Co., Ira Kiser, John Palmer and Heirs of Michael Baker. Excluded from the sale were tracts of land under the house, barn and several other small tracts.

Over the years the coal company that removed the coal was known variously as the Cheat Haven Coal Co., the Cheat Haven Coal and Coke Co., and finally the Fancy Hill Coal Co. (See Appendix for more information on the Fancy Hill Coal Co.)

Previous to the sale of the coal George, Jr. had already sold land along the Cheat River to the Railroad.
On 11 December 1895 George, Jr. and Margaret Baker sold the farm to their youngest son, Joseph, for $3150.00. (Fayette Co., Pa. Deed Book 172, page 154.) By this time the farm was down to 126 acres. This was due to the land sold to the railroad and coal company. In reading all the estate papers concerning the settlement of George Baker’s estate it would appear George lent part of the money Joseph needed to buy the home farm from him.

Edna Baker said she was told that all this money was like a fortune to the Bakers. This is when George Baker, Jr. devised his old age plan. The plan was this: George and Margaret would divide up their money between their children and in return the children would care for them in their old age. George and Margaret would live for a month at time with each child. They would rotate like this all around the year. Eventually, this is exactly what happened. Of course, the two sons, Oliver and William, who lived out West missed this part of the deal.

During 1895 and 1896 George doled out money to each of his children. He was a very careful man and each child was required to sign a note for the money. All of these notes have been preserved and state about the same “Received from George Baker five hundred dollars, for which I agree to pay annually 2 percent interest until the final settlement of the estate of my father, George Baker aforesaid. When said five hundred dollars ($500) shall be charged to my share of said estate.”

The first order of business for each child was to build a new house. All the children, except Joseph, who had the new house on the home farm, started building houses. Julie and Dan Baker, Jim and Laura Baker, and Em and Son Deffenbaugh all built houses. Oliver in Missouri and William in Kansas also received money and built new houses. The Bakers went on a building spree. George and Margaret Baker kept a small home near Oak Grove, where they were living in 1900, but mostly they moved from child to child on a monthly basis. Edna Baker recalled that they always loved it when Grandad and Grandma Baker visited them. “Grandma always took up for the children if my Mom went to correct one of them Grandma would say ‘They are only kids, don’t punish them.’”

FIGURE 162
GEORGE BAKER
The only place George hated to go was the Deffenbaughs. Evidently his son-in-law, Son Deffenbaugh didn’t have much to say. In fact, he hardly talked at all. George said “He would rather sit in a coal bin than go to Deffenbaughs.”

George did not devise all his money to his children. He also lent some money. At his death he had two outstanding notes owed to him. W. E. Gans owed $1000.00 and D. L. Mankins $662.75.

On 25 May 1905 George Baker, Jr. died at the home of his son, James Baker. His obituary states, “George Baker one of the oldest native residents of Springhill Township, died May 25, 1905 at the residence of his son, James Baker, near Point Marion, where he and his aged wife were visiting. Mr. Baker was noted for his jovial disposition and quality of manner. He lived in peace with every one and never witnessed a fight between men. Deceased voted for Martin Van Buren in 1840 and was a Democrat all his life. Mr. Baker became a member of the Lutheran Church under the ministry of Rev. J. K. Melhorn and will be buried in the Lutheran Church Cemetery Saturday, May 27, at 2 o’clock p.m.”

George’s will had been written on 18 April 1898. It was probated 7 June 1905. (Fayette Co., Pa. Will Book 14, page 19) In his will George gave his wife, Margaret, “possession of my house and lot in Cheat Haven, Pa. also household goods and furniture. all moneys and all interests due and accruing to my estate for her use so long as she lives.” If she remarried or died the house and lot are to be sold. To Grandson, Frank Palmer, “The sum of one thousand dollars as his full share of my entire estate.” After all debts are paid the remainder of the estate was to be divided share and share alike between his sons and daughters. Daniel M. Baker and J. U. Gans were appointed executors of his estate. Witnesses to the will were Wm. E. Gans and Jacob Nickerson. Note the house mentioned in this will may be the same house they were living in at Oak Grove in 1900. It would have had a Cheat Haven mailing address.

Margaret Baker lived on another three years dying on 17 October 1908 at the home of her daughter, Julie Baker. It was only shortly before her death that the State of Pennsylvania started issuing Death Certificates. Margaret Baker’s Death Certificate was signed by Dr. L. N. Burchinal of Point Marion, Pa. He stated Margaret had been a general health decline for six months and had died of a cerebral hemorrhage. Johnson of Masontown, Pa. was the undertaker.

George and Margaret Baker are buried in St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. Their son, James and his wife, Laura, were later buried in the same lot. The graves are laid out in a “family circle” with the graves like spokes on a wheel.
FIGURE 164
GEORGE BAKER AND HIS TWO GREAT GRANDSONS, ROBERT AND EDWARD BAKER. THIS IS THE LAST KNOWN PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN OF GEORGE BAKER BEFORE HE DIED. TAKEN ABOUT 1903. THEY ARE STANDING IN FRONT OF JULIE AND DAN BAKER'S HOME.

FIGURE 165
GEORGE AND MARGARET BAKER TOMBSTONE

FIGURE 166
JOSEPH AND WILLIAM BAKER, THE TWO YOUNGEST CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND MARGARET BAKER, ABOUT 1880
George and Margaret Baker had nine children, seven of whom grew to adulthood. As mentioned earlier it is believed the last two children were twins who did not survive. Following is a chapter for each of George and Margaret's children.

CHAPTER 43

JULIA ANN BAKER

DAUGHTER OF GEORGE, JR. AND MARGARET BAKER

Julia Ann Baker was born on 6 April 1846 and was the oldest child of George, Jr. and Margaret Baker. She was raised on the family farm and on 17 October 1867 married her cousin, Daniel M. Baker, son of John and Catherine Baker. For a complete history of this family see Chapter 22.

CHAPTER 44

SARAH ELLEN BAKER PALMER

DAUGHTER OF GEORGE, JR. AND MARGARET BAKER

Sarah Ellen Baker was the second child of George, Jr. and Margaret Baker. She was born 10 April 1848 at the Baker home in Springhill. Sarah Ellen married Jonathan Palmer, son of John and Mary Palmer of nearby Hope Hollow. I have not found a record of their marriage date. Jonathan also known as John Palmer was born in 1837 (from tombstone) in Springhill.
Shortly after marriage the Palmers moved to Nicholson Township and lived directly across the road from the Henry Deffenbaugh farm. I believe they lived on this farm until Sarah Ellen's death. This was the same house and farm that Sarah's sister, Emma, and her husband, Son Deffenbaugh, moved into after their marriage. The Deffenbaughs always called this house the Palmer Place or the Palmer House.

Sarah Ellen and Jonathan Palmer had twin sons on 16 March 1878. Sarah died on 5 May 1878 and one of the twins died on 25 July 1878. Sarah Ellen's death was probably from complications of birth.

In the 1880 Census Jonathan and his son, Frank, are found living with John Palmer in Hope Hollow. Jonathan is listed as John, Jr. 38 years of age and son, Frank, as two years of age.

On 18 December 1882 Jonathan Palmer made out his will. He was evidently very ill and knew he was dying. He left his estate to his son, Frank. He also directed that a cabinet organ that was the property of his wife be returned to his father-in-law, George Baker, in the event of the death of his son. His clothing and bedding was to be divided among his nearest relative. Jonathan also directed that a suitable monument, including corners, not exceeding $150.00 in cost to be erected at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. He then stated in the will that in the event of the death of his son that all of the estate is to be devised and bequeathed to St. Johns Lutheran Church. He appointed his father, John Palmer, as Executor. The will was witnessed by W. O. Wilson and George Baker. Jonathan Palmer died less than a month later on 13 January 1883. Sarah Ellen and Jonathan are both buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Sarah Ellen and Jonathan Palmer had twin sons:

2. Frank Palmer b. 16 March 1878. Frank Palmer is somewhat of a mystery in the Baker family. In the 1880 Census he was only two years old and living with his father in his Grandfather Palmer's home in Hope Hollow. The 1890 Census does not exist so we don't know for sure where he was at that time. However, from conversations with older members of the family I found he was raised by both grandparents and his aunts and uncles. He was also evidently close to the Deffenbaugh family because a number of photographs of Frank Palmer and Earl Deffenbaugh taken together have been found. In the 1900 Census Frank is found in the household of his Grandfather Palmer with a wife, Hattie, and a son, Willard. He was listed as twenty two years of age. I have no idea who Hattie was. In 1995 I asked Edna Baker if she remembered anything about Frank Palmer. She replied, "I don't know much about Frank Palmer. Isn't he the one who 'ran off' with someone else's wife? Or he just ran. I think he came back but no one greeted him with open arms. I remember hearing Grandmaw and Aunt Em talking about him. They would stop as soon as I came into the room." Frank's Grandfather, George Baker, left him $1000.00 in his will in 1905. After this time he seems to have disappeared.


FIGURE 170
FRANK PALMER AND EARL DEFFENBAUGH

FIGURE 171
PALMER FAMILY TOMBSTONES AT ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY.
CHAPTER 45
OLIVER PERRY BAKER
SON OF GEORGE, JR. AND MARGARET BAKER

Oliver Perry Baker was born 1 March 1850 at the home farm in Springhill. He was the oldest son in the family. In his youth he worked on the farm with his father and occasionally worked for others to earn some extra money. At one time he worked in the pottery at New Geneva, Pa. Edna Baker had in her possession a small stoneware sitting dog door stop that “Uncle Ol had made in the pot shop.”

Oliver married on 24 December 1872 to his cousin, Margaret Ellen Baker, daughter of John and Catherine Baker. They were married at the home of the bride. Margaret had been born 25 April 1852 in Springhill.

Oliver Baker was known in the family at “Ol” or “Uncle Ol.” After moving to Missouri he was known in the community at O. P. Baker.

Oliver and his family moved to Caldwell Co., Mo. in the Fall of 1879. He was part of a contingent of Springhill residents, mostly cousins, who had moved to Caldwell County over the years. The Bateman cousins and his two brothers-in-law, William Johnson and Richard Baker had arrived earlier.

On 16 September 1881 Oliver purchased 40 acres of land from Francis and Mary Barlow. This land was located in Gomer Township, a mile north of the town of Nettleton. He later added 40 additional acres to the farm. The Southeast corner of his farm met the Northwest corner of Richard Baker’s farm.
The two oldest children, Lester and Etta were born in Springhill before the move to Missouri. The two youngest, Isa and George were born in Caldwell Co.

O. P. Baker was a very successful farmer and raised crops and livestock. As you can see in this picture of their home the front columns were different. They look like poured concrete sitting on large concrete blocks.
Both Oliver and Margaret Baker attended the St. Johns Lutheran Church in Springhill. After settling in Missouri they attended the Methodist Church.

In the Fall of 1903 Oliver and Margaret Baker went back to visit their relatives in Springhill. This was the first and last time they had been East since the move to Missouri. They stayed three months. Oliver Baker was quoted in the Farmers Advocate of 3 January 1904 as saying “The mountains looked higher than they did in his youthful days.”

Over the years several relatives and friends from Springhill visited with the Bakers. About 1885 Frank Baker and Will Dunham visited to look into the possibility of moving there. However, neither made the move.

In the early 1920's Ed “Speddy” Baker and Willis “Dutch” Dills visited the Bakers for an extended period of time.
On 16 March 1926 Oliver Baker died after an illness of ten days. His death certificate says he died of Apoplexy. Oliver’s obituary says in part, “O. P. Baker, well known resident of Caldwell County passed away at 9:40 o’clock Tuesday morning at his home near Nettleton. Mr. Baker was stricken with paralysis ten days before his death and gradually grew weaker until the end. Funeral services for Mr. Baker were held at the home this Thursday morning by Rev. E. R. Mitchell of the Presbyterian Church of this city. The burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Breckenridge beside his soldier son, George Baker, who died in July 1924. A number of Mr. Baker’s many friends from Hamilton attended the service. Mr. Baker was a native of Pennsylvania, where he was born. He came with his family to Missouri in the fall of 1879 and had lived since this spring of 1881 on the farm where he died.”

Margaret Baker and her daughter, Isa, continued to live on the farm. Margaret died on 23 July 1932. Her obituary states, “Mrs. Margaret Baker, widow of O. P. Baker, died at her home near Nettleton Saturday morning, July 23, 1932. She was born near Morris Cross Roads, Fayette Co., Pa. April 25, 1852. The deceased grew to womanhood and was united in marriage with Oliver P. Baker in Pennsylvania. They came to Caldwell County following their marriage and lived for a time south of Nettleton, later moving to the farm one mile north of that village where they resided until the death of Mr. Baker in March 1926. Following the death of Mr. Baker six years ago Mrs. Baker and daughter Miss Isa continued to live on the farm which had been the family home for more than fifty years. Mrs. Baker became affiliated with the church at an early age and retained her member until death called her to her eternal home. The funeral service for Mrs. Baker was conducted at the home Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. W. Ward of Hamilton and burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Breckenridge beside the body of Mr. Baker.”

One interesting thing I found is that Margaret Baker made her will on 15 March 1926, one day before her husband, Oliver, died. In the will she devised her estate to her husband, Oliver, and on his death to be divided share and share alike between her children. No will has been found or is on file for Oliver in Caldwell Co., Mo.

Oliver and Margaret Baker had four children as follows;
Lester Wilson Baker b. 11 September 1874 in Springhill d. 30 November 1940 m. 25 December 1898 at Nettleton, Mo. to Leora King, daughter of Daniel and Ruhama Wright King. Leora b. 7 June 1880 d. 12 October 1965. Both are buried at Lakeview Cemetery in Lake Andes, South Dakota. Lester Baker’s obituary tells his life history. "Lester Wilson Baker, son of Oliver and Margaret Baker, was born at Morris Cross Roads, Pa. on Sept. 11, 1874 and passed away after an illness of 18 months at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Helen Newman, Nov. 30, 1940, northeast of Lake Andes. In 1880 he moved with his parents to northwestern Missouri where he grew into manhood. He became a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. From 1899 to 1915 he was telegraph operator and station agent on the Burlington railroad in Missouri and later on the Milwaukee road in Iowa. In the spring of 1915 he and his family moved to Missouri to engage in farming. In 1919 he moved to Platte, S.D., where he engaged in carpenter work, living there until March 27, 1940, when, owing to this extremely poor health and need of constant care, he came to the home of his daughter. On June 26, 1939, he suffered the first stroke from which he partially recovered but on Dec. 5 last year he suffered the second stroke which caused him to be bed-ridden until his
death. The funeral service was held in the Presbyterian church in Lake Andes. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery.

FIGURE 180
LESTER BAKER

FIGURE 181
MARGARET BAKER, LESTER BAKER, ETTA BROOKS AND ISA BAKER

1a. Helen L. Baker b. 11 November 1901 in Caldwell Co. Mo. m. 1st to Ray Newman and 2nd on 31 May 1958 at Harvey, Ill. To Ernest J. Bruggeman. No children.

2a. Lester Perry Baker b. 14 February 1905 in Nettleton, Mo. d. 29 October 1952 m. 29 July 1936 to Alice McCarl. Perry Baker is buried at Harvey, Ill. He was a crane operator for the Illinois Central Railroad. No children.

2. Etta Viola Baker b. 28 August 1876 in Springhill d. 29 March 1958 m. 3 October 1897 to Joseph L. Brooks. For the full history of this family see Chapter 41.

3. Isa Margaret Baker b. 20 February 1881 in Caldwell Co. Mo. d. 28 April 1955. Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckenridge, Mo. Isa never married and remained on the home farm all of her life. Her obituary says, “Isa Margaret Baker passed away in the early morning of April 28, 1955 at Kingston, Mo. She attended school and grew to womanhood at Nettleton, Mo. At an early age she joined the Methodist Church. Funeral services were conducted from the Brams funeral home of Hamilton, at two o’clock Saturday afternoon.”
4. George Edwin Baker b. 18 February 1894 in Caldwell Co. d. 2 July 1924 m. Jennie Hall. He is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Breckinridge, Mo. There were no children. George served as a musician in World War I in both France and Germany. George has the two largest newspaper obituaries that I have found in my research on the Bakers. In all this I can find no reason for his death except it was a result of his service in the Army. He may have been the World War I version of "post traumatic syndrome." See the appendix for his obituaries and copies of a couple letters he sent home from the service.
FIGURE 184
GEORGE E. BAKER IN UNIFORM

FIGURE 185
HELEN BRUGGEMAN, ETTA BROOKS, LEORA BAKER, AND LEAH KROMEICH
James Baker was born 23 April 1852 in Springhill the son of George, Jr. and Margaret Baker. He was raised on the family farm and engaged in farming most of his life.

James married Laura Emeline Hare, daughter of Osborne and Nancy Smith Hare. Laura was born 25 June 1857 in Springhill.
Shortly after their marriage Jim Baker went to work for the Dawson family at Friendship Hill. (See Part VIII for more information on Friendship Hill) At the time Jim worked there, the farm was operated by Mrs. Dawson. Later her daughter, Louisa Speers, took over the estate. Not only was Friendship Hill a summer home for the Dawsons, it was also a large working farm. For many years the farm was managed by James P. Baker, Jim's cousin. (See Chapter 23) It was here that the nicknames for the two men developed. James P. became “Black Jim” for his black beard and Jim became “Little Jim” for his stature.

At Friendship Hill Little Jim worked as a milker for which he was paid $1.00 per day. During the summer months he earned $1.25 per day because he worked in the fields. He also received a flat $115.00 extra each six months for feeding the cattle.

While at Friendship Hill the Bakers lived in what was known as the “old plastered house” or the “Tom Clair House.” This old stone house, which had been plastered on the outside, was built long before Friendship Hill existed. The builder was Tom Clair, an Irishman, who was a very early settler in Springhill. Clair’s land and home were purchased by Albert Gallatin when he built Friendship Hill. According to Myrtie Dunham this house had no interior doors. There was a porch on the outside. To go from room to room you had to go outside on the porch to get to another room. The stairs inside only connected to room above it. So that each downstairs room had a set of stairs. The house had a reputation for being haunted and one of Little Jim’s friends, Rudy Eberhart, delighted in scaring visitors to death. Rudy was adept at telling spine chilling tales and pulling off stunts that scared the wits out of people. Rudy even painted bloody knife blade marks on the window sills.

One time Dan O’Grady, a true Irishman from the old country, was boarding with the Bakers while he was doing some stonemason work at Friendship Hill. Dan believed in ghosts. Rudy started to work on him. Tales of murder, headless bodies, and strange noises were told. Rudy also told Dan that his bed covers would mysteriously slide off the bed and no matter how hard you tugged on them you couldn’t keep them on you. Well, Dan went to bed. Sometime during the night he heard an unexpected and weird noise. The next morning the Bakers found him sleeping on the porch. He slept there the rest of his stay. Later it was found that a squirrel had fell down the chimney during the night.

While working at Friendship Hill Little Jim Baker was involved in saving the life of a small child. One of the Dawson daughters, Louisa, was married to Henry W Patterson. They had a small baby, still in a carriage. One day the baby’s nurse took the child for a stroll and went to the overlook. The overlook was a large flat stone or boulder jutting out over the Monongahela River several hundred feet below. As the baby and the nurse were sitting there suddenly the carriage rolled out of the nurse’s hands and over the edge of the precipice and into open space. Fortunately the carriage did not tip over. It landed way below in the top of a tree. The nurse went wild. Soon all the women were screaming and yelling for help. Jim Baker was nearby and came running. After looking over the situation Jim scaled down over the cliff to the base of the tree.
He then climbed up the tree to the baby. Jim carefully got the baby out of the carriage, climbed back down the tree and then back up the cliff to the distraught mother and nurse.

Jim and Laura Baker named their next child Harry Patterson Baker in honor of the Patterson child. The Patterson name has been carried down in the family to the present. Harry's nephew was named James Patterson Baker. James' granddaughter is Hope Patterson Baker.

In 1885 Laura Baker's father, Osborne Hare, died and left her half of his farm. A few years later Jim and Laura started making plans to build a house and start farming on Laura's part of the farm. Laura's mother and sister were living in the old house on the other half of the farm. They started building a new house about 1890 and moved into it about 1892. Later the money Jim received from this father, George Baker, was used to pay off the cost of the house.

Little Jim built the house with the help of his future son-in-law, Will Dunham, and a few other skilled workers. While the house was being built Laura set up housekeeping in the corn crib. Here she fixed meals for the family. However, at night they slept at the nearby Hare home.

![Figure 189](image)

**FIGURE 189**

**JIM AND LAURA BAKER HOME**

After the home was finished Jim farmed both sides of the old Hare farm. In addition he also worked as carpenter and laborer for others as time permitted. It was also at this time that Jim became Road Supervisor for Springhill Township. He held this job until he died.

Census records in Springhill reveal this about the Little Jim's family.

In 1880 they were living at Friendship Hill:

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<td>Larie</td>
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<td>Harrah P.</td>
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<td>Son</td>
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In 1900 they are listed as:

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<tr>
<td>Laura</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>Wife</td>
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<td>Charles O.</td>
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<td>Son Day Laborer</td>
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<td>Baker, Laura</td>
<td>52</td>
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Jim and Laura had three children. The two oldest, Myrtie and Harry were actually born at the Hare home. Laura’s mother was a midwife so she went home to have her babies. The youngest, Charlie, was born at the plastered house at Friendship Hill.

Jim Baker was raised in the St. Johns Lutheran Church. His wife, Laura, was a member of the Fallen Timbers Methodist Church. The Bakers attended Fallen Timbers most of the time.

Jim was active in Democratic politics, as were all members of the Baker family. At the time of his death he was Road Supervisor.

Jim Baker died suddenly on 6 January 1909. He had gone to Point Marion to get the mail. While there he stopped in Ben Berg’s store. He was sitting there with several other men. One told a joke. Jim was laughing at the joke and fell over dead. His death certificate said he died instantly of Cerebral Apoplexy. The death certificate was signed by Dr. L. N. Burchinal. E. J. Conn was the undertaker. Laura Baker said later, she had become concerned when Jim did not get back from Point Marion when expected. She went to look out the door and saw one of Jim’s good friends slowly walking up to the house. She knew something had happened to Jim.

When I was in the eighth grade at Point Marion High School I was on the school boy patrol. We kept our street crossing gear in the Borough Building. Here I met Tom Moser who worked for the borough. One day he asked me who I was and I said that I was Charlie Baker’s grandson. He immediately said “I remember when Charlie’s Dad died. I was there. He died laughing.” I later learned from several others that this was how Jim Baker was remembered by many people. He had died laughing.

After Jim’s death his wife, Laura, remained on the farm. The youngest son, Charlie, was working in a steel mill near Pittsburgh. He quit his job and returned home to help his mother on the farm. However, Charlie soon married. The farm was not profitable for a new family and Charlie returned to the mills.

Laura lived on the farm for several more years. In the winter she would visit her children and then return to the farm in warm weather. One winter while she was gone someone broke into the house and stole all the bedclothes except for two sheets, two pillowcases, and two blankets. The thief also took towels, wash cloths and kitchen linen. All the silverware was taken but one place setting. Laura always claimed it had to have been a woman who was the thief and someone who knew she lived there alone. Why would they leave behind just enough for one person.

On 8 December 1924 Laura Baker died at the home of her daughter, Myrtie Dunham, in Lock Four, Pa. Laura had
suffered for some time with cancer.

Both James and Laura Baker are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.

FIGURE 191
THE NEIGHBORS GET TOGETHER FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LAURA BAKER, JUNE 24, 1916.

LAURA BAKER AND HER FAMILY. FRONT, CREIGHTON DUNHAM AND OSBORNE BAKER. MIDDLE, LAWRENCE BAKER, MYRTIE DUNHAM HOLDING MADONNA DUNHAM, HELEN DUNHAM, LAURA BAKER HOLDING JAMES BAKER, BACK WALTER BAKER, CHARLES DUNHAM, MINERVA BAKER, HARRY BAKER, SYLVIA BAKER AND CHARLES BAKER.

Will Dunham was a carpenter by trade. He worked as a carpenter in Springhill and the Point Marion area. After the birth of their first child, Charles, the Dunhams moved to Speers, Pa. for a short time and then to North Charleroi, Pa. About 1910 the family moved to Doylestown, Pa. where Will worked on a farm. However by 1916 they were back in North Charleroi. In his later years Will worked for the health department and was responsible for quarantining homes with infectious diseases. Myrtie was a homemaker and kept a nice home in Charleroi. After Will's death she sold the home and lived with her children. Myrtie and Will had seven children.

1a. Charles James Dunham b. 9 May 1897 in Springhill d. 28 September 1974 m. 18 April 1923 at Pittsburgh, Pa. to Genevieve Weber, daughter of Frederick and Genevieve Weber. Genevieve b. 26 November 1901 in N. Charleroi. Chuck is buried in Monongahela Cemetery. Chuck served in the Army from 23 May 1917 to 29 September 1919. He was stationed on the Mexican border in a calvary unit. Just about the time he was ship out to Europe the Armistice was declared. Chuck worked his entire life in the steel mills as an electrician boss. He was on the Boro Council in Charlerio, Pa. and served as its President for two years. Charles' real middle name was Spears, after the Spears/Spers family that lived at Friendship Hill.
He did not like it so he changed it to James for his Grandfather Baker. Chuck Dunham was one of the people I questioned in order to learn more about the Bakers. He could recall his Grandfather and spent all his summers with his Grandparents on the farm. He was a wonderful source of information. Genevieve continued to live in Charleroi after Chuck’s death. In later years she sold her home and now lives with her daughter, Norma, in Rhode Island.

FIGURE 196
CHARLES DUNHAM

la. Norma B. Dunham b. 29 April 1924 m. 2 May 1945 at Charleroi, Pa. to Kenneth W. Carlson, son of Charles and Mary Carlson. Kenny b. 21 November 1923 d. 30 January 1997. Kenneth served in the Merchant Marines in World War II. He worked as a manager for a glass company in Charleroi and Corning, N. Y. Eventually the Carlsons moved to Attleboro, Mass. They were active in the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star.

FIGURE 197
NORMA DUNHAM

1b. David Bruce Carlson b. 19 July 1951 at Charleroi, Pa. m. 10 October 1975 at Attleboro, Mass. to Jo Ann Rutana b. 21 November 1957. Bruce works for a manufacturer of medical components and Jo Ann is a teacher. They are
affiliated with the Congregational Church.
2b. Kevin W. Carlson b. 19 May 1958 at Cortland, N. Y. m. 14 February 1988 at Pascoag, R. I. to Meredith Richardson b. 26 October 1963. Kevin works as the manager of a water purification plant. All their children were born in Woonsocket, R. I.

2a. Lillian G. Dunham b. 11 October 1899 at Speers, Pa. d. 26 August 1929 m. August 1923 to Thomas Laben. They had no children. Lillian is buried at Monongahela Cemetery.

4a. Creighton Z. Dunham b. 21 June 1908 at N. Charleroi, Pa. d. 8 May 1988 m. 1st to Billie J. Reaves and had one son, m. 2nd to Lucille V. Zawislak. He is buried in N. Little Rock, Ark.
1b. Michael L. Dunham b. 9 April 1959.

5a. Helen I. Dunham b. 19 June 1911 d. 19 December 1995 m. 1st to Wilbur Clark, son of William and Lucy Cagey Clark. Wilbur b. 7 January 1912 d. 12 July 1989. They had two sons and were divorced. Helen m. 2nd Clint Baker and was divorced from him. In later years Helen lived in Woodbridge, Va.
1b. Wilbur Clark, Jr. d. 1987 in Iowa. He was married to a Patricia.
   1c. Tambrey Clark
   2c. Charles Clark
   3c. Thomas Clark
2b. Danny Dale Clark, died an infant.
   1b. Donna Lynn Higgins
   2b. Robert Higgins
2. Harry Patterson Baker b. 12 August 1878 in Springhill d. 25 August 1959 m. 4 July 1901 to Minerva Given, daughter of James and Jane Kepple Given. Minerva b. 24 August 1879 in Jeanette, Pa. d. 22 July 1959. They are both buried at Riverside Cemetery in Poland, Ohio. Harry left the farm and went to the Pittsburgh area where he found work in the steel mills. Here he met and married Minerva. In 1924 they moved to Poland, Ohio where Harry was an electrician at the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. He worked there until he retired in 1953 at age 75. They were active in the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star. The Bakers were members of the United Presbyterian Church in Struthers, Ohio.

1a. Walter L. Baker b. 9 September 1902 m. 25 July 1927 to Lenora A. Small.
   1b. Beverly J. Baker b. 17 October 1928.
2b. Walter L. Baker, Jr. b. 5 December 1933 m. 26 June 1954 to Shirley A. Long b. 15 December 1933. Walter Baker served in the Navy in the Korean War. He is an architect.
   1c. Beth A. Baker b. 15 July 1965 in Cleveland, O.
   2e. Sue E. Baker b. 19 December 1968 in Cleveland, O.
2a. J. Lawrence Baker, b. 16 March 1904 m. Margaret Hazelton. After his wife’s death he remarried.
   1b. James L. Baker b. 20 March 1933 m. 18 February 1954 to Janice Slemons.
      1c. Debra L. Baker b. 21 December 1954.
      2c. Randy Baker b. 10 February 1956.
2b. Carol A. Baker b. 12 February 1938 m. 15 June 1958 to John Justice.
3. Charles O. Baker b. 23 March 1881 at Friendship Hill d. 27 June 1952 m. 22 December 1910 to Sylvia B. Stewart, daughter of William and Sarah Robison Stewart. Sylvia b. 27 April 1889 in Point Marion, Pa. d. 13 February 1974. Both are buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Point Marion, Pa.

Charlie was about twelve or thirteen years old when his parents moved from Friendship Hill to Blosser Hill and the Hare farm. About 1900 Charlie went to the Pittsburgh area where he found work in the mills. After his father's death in 1909 he returned home to help his mother on the farm. In addition to farming Charlie had a team of horses that he used for various jobs. He plowed for others, hauled loads, cut hay, worked on the township roads and drove a hearse for E. J. Conn.
In 1910, while attending a wake for neighbor, Simmie Blosser, at the home of William Stewart in Point Marion, he met Sylvia Stewart. On 22 December 1910 they were married. They set up housekeeping in the Baker home. In 1913 they moved to Monesson, Pa. and Charlie return to work in the mills. Here he learned the trade of electrician. After living in Monesson for several years they moved to a larger home in Belle Vernon, Pa. In 1922 Charlie purchased the home farm from his mother and the family returned to Blosser Hill. Charlie and Sylvia did extensive remodeling to the house, adding several rooms and porches around the outside. Charlie worked as an electrician for several years for Arthur Bertolette of Point Marion. One of their big contracts was the complete wiring of the new courthouse in Uniontown, Pa. In the 1930's Charlie went into the electrical contracting business for himself.
Charlie and Sylvia were both active in the Trinity Methodist Church in Point Marion. They both served on the Board and Sylvia was President of the Ladies Aid Society and taught a Sunday School Class for the Young Adult Women. Charlie was also active in the local Democratic Party.

The Baker home was always the center of activity. There were almost visitors every Sunday. Relatives and friends spent summer vacations with them. The young people of the neighborhood gathered at the house to listen to the radio.

FIGURE 207
CHARLIE AND SYLVIA BAKER

FIGURE 208
OSBORNE, JAMES, QUINTER AND CHARLES BAKER
FIGURE 209
CHARLIE BAKER, MYRTIE DUNHAM AND HARRY BAKER. BROTHERS AND SISTER.

FIGURE 210
SYLVIA BAKER, MYRTIE DUNHAM AND MINERVA BAKER.
Charlie and Sylvia Baker had seven sons.

la. Osborne William Baker b. 30 September 1911 in Springhill d. 15 July 1981 m. 7 July 1935 at Point Marion, Pa. to Pauline Wigner, daughter of Rev. Clyde Wigner. After their marriage they moved to Bethesda, Md. During the war Osborne or Bill as he was known in Bethesda worked for the Federal Government. He later owned a small grocery store in Bethesda known as the Bridge Market. After closing the store he worked in retail sales. Both he and Pauline were active in the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star. After Bill's death Pauline moved to W.Va. Bill is buried in Pennsboro, W.Va.
1b. David L. Baker b. 25 September 1936 at Parkersburg, W.Va. m. 19 July 1958 at Georgetown, Md. to Barbara Wentworth, daughter of Howard and Minerva Sweitzer Wentworth. Barbara b. 18 April 1939 in Washington, D.C. David has been involved in the food service business all of his life. He currently owns a restaurant and catering business in Mercersburg, Pa. known as Baker's Acres, Inc. They are affiliated with the Brethren Church.
FIGURE 215
DAVID AND BARBARA BAKER

1c. David W. Baker b. 28 February 1960 in Bethesda, Md. m. 11 June 1983 at Schwenksville, Pa. to Melanie Gehret, daughter of Ellen and Phillip Gehret. Melanie b. 7 February 1961 in Norristown, Pa. David and Melanie both graduated from Eastern Mennonite College. David is a manager with Moyer Packing Co. and Melanie is a teacher with Penn View Christian School. They are affiliated with both the Mennonite and Brethren Churches.

1d. Kathrine J. Baker b. 31 March 1985 at Jefferson City, Tn.

FIGURE 216
DAVID, MELANIE, KELLY AND KATHRINE BAKER


1d. Brihanni N. Twine b. 22 January 1994 at Hagerstown, Md.

1d. Tasha M. Seilhamer b. 27 January 1983 at Hagerstown, Md.

2b. John P. Baker b. 13 December 1937 m. 9 August 1958 at Bethesda, Md. to Pamela L. Loehler, daughter of Francis and Lucille Koehler. Pam b. 12 August 1941 in Washington, D.C. For many years John was in the ice cream business with his brothers known as Baker Boys Ice Cream. They had a fleet of ice cream trucks in the suburbs of Washington, D.C.
After dissolving the ice cream business John and his family moved to West Virginia where he in the chicken business.

1c. Denise P. Baker b. 2 June 1959.
3c. Gregory F. Baker b. 6 November 1962.
4b. Thomas Baker m. Helen. Tom was in the ice cream business for several years. Now he lives in Perry, W.Va. where he owns several stores and an animal park.

5b. Robert W. Baker b. 26 March 1945 at Takoma Park, Md. m. 4 December 1965 at Silver Spring, Md. to Donna Emerson, daughter of Thomas and Lucy Emerson. Donna b. 2 January 1946 at Winchester, Va. Robert was also in the ice cream business with his brothers. The Bakers live and work in the Gaithersburg, MD area.

1c. Yvonne M. Baker b. 5 April 1969 at Silver Spring, Md. m. 21 January 1989 to Aaron Morgan, son of Robert and Nancy Morgan. Aaron b. 23 February 1965.
Id. Daniel Morgan b. 13 April 1991 at Mobile, Al.
2c. Wesley A. Baker b. 27 June 1973 at Silver Spring, Md.
2a. James Patterson Baker b. 4 December 1915 in Monesson, Pa. d. 19 October 1995 m. 9 August 1938 at Oakland, Md. to Margaret L. Thorn, daughter of John and Vinnie Waters Thorn. Margaret b. 3 May 1918 at Morgantown, W.Va. James was a machinist having learned the trade while working in the mold shop at the Houze Glass Co. in Point Marion, Pa. He worked at Houzes from 1938 to 1952. He worked for a couple of years at Olin-Mathinson Chemical Co. in Morgantown, W.Va. After that plant closed the family moved to Rockville, Md. Here Jim worked as a machinist with Wilks Precision Instrument Co. At age 55 he retired as a machinist and became a mail carrier with the Rockville, Md. Post Office. He worked as a carrier for ten years and retired at age 65. Jim loved to hunt and fish. While still living in Springhill he served on the School Board. He was also a member of the Point Marion Fire Department. Jim is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Point Marion, Pa. Jim and Margaret retained their membership in the Point Marion Methodist Church. Margaret was a homemaker and continues to live in Rockville, Md.
FIGURE 223
MARGARET AND JIM BAKER ON 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY


FIGURE 224
JANICE AND GORDON BAKER

1c. Holly Y. Baker b. 23 October 1968 at Bethesda, Md. m. 17 July 1993 at Richmond, Va. to Spencer L. Waddell, son of Spencer and Mary Vorberger Waddell. Spencer b. 15 August 1970 in Manassas, Va. Spencer works for an engineering company and Holly with Westvaco, a wood products company.


2c. Heather J. Baker b. 16 May 1975 at Richmond, Va. m. 3 August 1996 at Richmond, Va. to Kevin F. Cooke, son of Roy and Alice Fitzgerald Cooke. Kevin b. 3 April 1969 at Richmond, Va. Kevin works for Ukrops, a large food retailer in Richmond. Heather works part time at Ukrops and is in college full time.

3c. Hope Patterson Baker b. 19 December 1979 at Richmond, Va. Hope is in High School and loves to sing and dance.
FIGURE 226A
SPENCER II, SPENCER III AND HOLLY WADDELL

FIGURE 226B
HEATHER AND KEVIN COOKE

4a. Quinter Stewart Baker b. 26 March 1920 at Belle Vernon, Pa. m. 1st 14 February 1942 at Wichita Fall, Tx. to Jessie Murn Hall, daughter of Wade and Molly Hall. Jessie Murn b. 17 December 1920 in Uniontown, Pa. They are now divorced. Quinter m. 2nd on 9 September 1989 to Gail DeLoach in Falls Church, Va. Quinter served in the U. S. Army Air Force during World War II, 1941-1945. After the war they lived for a short time in Baltimore, Md. and near Uniontown, Pa. Quinter and Jessie Murn moved to Rockville, Md. where Quinter worked the rest of his career with the District of Columbia Highway Department. In the early 1970's Quinter became interested in saving Friendship Hill the estate of Albert Gallatin in Springhill. After years of hard work, Quinter was delighted when President Carter signed a bill on 10 November 1978 authorizing the National Park Service to purchase Friendship Hill and turn it into a National Park. (See Part VIII) After retiring Quinter and Gail owned and operated a tour business, Celebrate America Tours. They conducted tours of Washington, D.C., Williamsburg, Va., Disney World and other historical sites.
FIGURE 228
QUINTER AND JESSIE MURN BAKER

lb. Renee Murn Baker b. 11 September 1947 at Baltimore, Md. m. 8 May 1976 at Rockville, Md. to Marshall Bruce Lee, son of William and Louise Lee. Bruce b. 7 October 1949 at Sandy Spring, Md. Both Renee and Bruce work for the U.S. Postal Service at the Suburban Postal Facility in Montgomery Co. Md. Renee is a technician in mail acceptance and Bruce is an electronic technician.

lc. Kerry A. Lee b. 30 January 1979 at Olney, Md.
2c. Nichol L. Lee b. 13 May 1981 at Olney, Md.

FIGURE 229
RENEE BAKER
Sa. Charles Baker b. 26 January 1922 at Springhill m. 1st 9 October 1946 at Oakland, Md. to Adeline E. Hibbs, daughter of Ernest and Edna Hibbs. Adeline b. 23 February 1929 d. 10 September 1964. She is buried in Warren, Ohio. Charles was in the Marine Corp from 1942 to 1946 in World War II. He was in the battle for Iwo Jima. After the war he returned to Point Marion and worked as an electrician with his father and also for several years at the Houze Glass Co. In the late 1950’s they moved to Warren, Ohio where Charles worked at Copperweld Steel Co. After Adeline’s death Charles remarried on 2 March 1974 to Nancy Wallner b. 14 December 1935 at Perryopolis, Pa. Charles is now retired.
1b. Roger L. Baker b. 16 November 1947 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. 1st 28 June 1969 to Jeanne M. Fell b. 6 June 1951 and had two children. They are divorced. Roger m. 2nd to Theresa Worgull and had one son. They divorced. He married 3rd, 17 May 1995 to Violet Stawicki b. 4 April 1943 at Cleveland, Ohio. Roger is a nurse at the Cleveland Clinic.


1d. Patrick A. Heuss, Jr. b. 8 October 1996 at Columbus, O.
2c. Kimberly M. Baker b. 7 February 1972 at Warren, O. m. 7 December 1996 to Steve Zickefoose.
3c. Brian M. Baker b. 31 January 1982 at Cleveland, O.

3b. Cathy S. Baker b. 11 June 1952 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. 1st to Robert DeCost and 2nd on 14 August 1976 in Warren, O. to Philip Szepietowski, son of Stanley and Marie Szepietowski. Cathy is now retired and she and Phil have built a new home near Warren, Ohio.

1c. Stacy L. Szepietowski b. 10 June 1972 at Warren, O.
4b. Charles S. Baker b. 11 December 1963 at Warren, O. m. 1st to Jenny Siebert and 2nd on 21 October 1994 to Berniece I. Taylor, daughter of Irene and William Taylor. Chuckie had one child by 1st wife and two by his 2nd wife. Chuck works as an electrician.
1c. Charles J. Baker b. 3 December 1986 at Charleston, S.C.
2c. Heather N. Baker b. 10 November 1991 at Warren, O.
CHAPTER 47

EMMA CORNELIA BAKER DEFFENBAUGH

DAUGHTER OF GEORGE, JR. AND MARGARET BAKER

Emma Cornelia Baker was the fifth child of George and Margaret Baker. She was born 15 July 1854 at the Baker home in Springhill. Emma was known as Em all of her life. On 21 October 1880 she married Sylvanus Deffenbaugh, son of Henry and Margaret Durr Deffenbaugh of Nicholson Township. They were probably married at the bride’s home in Springhill.
Sylvanus Deffenbaugh was born 8 December 1843 in Nicholson Township. He was known as “Son” all of his life. He had a twin sister, Salina, who died at a young age. I am not sure how Em and Son met. It may have been through the Jacobs or St. Johns Lutheran churches. Son also had some Deffenbaugh cousins who lived in Springhill near the Bakers.

After their marriage the Deffenbaughs first lived on a farm directly across the road from Henry Deffenbaugh’s farm. They would later move to the Deffenbaugh home farm. They first lived in what was known as the old log house. This log house had been covered with clapboards. It had two huge rooms down and two smaller rooms up. Two enclosed narrow stairs connected the downstairs to the upstairs. The two upper rooms were not connected. There were fireplaces in every room with a huge stone fireplace in the cellar. I believe the log house may have been built by Son’s grandfather, Anthony Deffenbaugh. About 1900 Em and Son built a new house about one hundred feet from the old log house.
FIGURE 253
THE OLD LOG HOUSE WHERE THE DEFFENBAUGH FIRST LIVED. THIS PHOTO TAKEN IN THE 1940'S

FIGURE 254
HARRY, SON, EARL AND EM DEFFENBAUGH

FIGURE 255
THE NEW DEFFENBAUGH HOUSE. L-R SIS, EARL, NELLIE, LOLA, EM AND SON DEFFENBAUGH.
SIS WAS SON'S SISTER
Son Deffenbaugh was a small man and old photographs show that Em was several inches taller than he was. When he got older he became sickly and weak. One story told in the family is that he took a wagon to his sister-in-laws, Laura Baker, to get a calf. He could not get the calf into the wagon because he was so weak. Laura had to lift the calf into the wagon herself. Son died suddenly on 27 November 1914. His death certificate says he died of a "valvular lesion of the heart."

After Son’s death Em and her children continued to run the farm. Her son, Earl, was well read on the latest farming techniques and started using modern farming methods. He had lime kilns burnt on the farm and heavily limed the land. When his brother-in-law, Don McCann, joined the family they turned the Deffenbaugh farm into one of the most productive farms in Nicholson Township.

Although Earl was doing the farming, his mother, Em, ran the household with a firm hand. It is well remembered in the family that “she ruled the roost.” Everyone had their assigned tasks that they performed on a set daily schedule. Washing, ironing, baking and cleaning each had an assigned day of the week. The girls were also responsible for the milking, chickens, and the garden in addition to the household chores. All money earned from milk, butter, eggs and garden produce belonged to the girls.
The Deffenbaughs were active in Jacobs Lutheran Church and Woodside Grange.

Em Deffenbaugh died on 9 October 1941 of "chronic heart and kidney disease." She and Son are buried at Jacobs Lutheran Church in Nicholson Township. They had four children.

1. Earl E. Deffenbaugh b. 10 August 1884 d. 8 June 1964. Earl never married and was a farmer all of his life. He was a very progressive farmer and was well known in the farming community in Fayette Co. and in Pennsylvania. Earl served as a School Director in Nicholson Township for twelve years. He is buried at Jacobs Lutheran Church Cemetery.

2. Harry Deffenbaugh b. 20 April 1887 d. 30 December 1891. He is buried at Jacobs Lutheran Church Cemetery.

3. Lola P. Deffenbaugh b. 19 December 1892 d. 12 April 1980. Lola taught school for several years at Bowood School before she married, on 20 June 1923 to Donald McCann, son of Reuben McCann. Don b. 12 October 1894 d. 27 December 1971. Don served in World War I in Company A, 51st Infantry, 6th Division in France. After he and Lola were married they lived with the Deffenbaughs on the farm. Don worked in the mines and helped Earl do the farming. Lola had a baby that died shortly after birth. After retiring from mining Don devoted himself to farming full time. Don always liked nice cars and later in life owned two Oldsmobiles. The 1948 model was for everyday driving and the 1965 was for church and special occasions. Although he liked big cars he never traveled far from home. In the 1960's while visiting nearby Morgantown, W.Va. with Jim Baker he said it was the first time he had been in Morgantown in over forty years. Morgantown was only about fifteen miles from the farm. After Don died Lola continued to live on the farm, with sister, Nellie. Lola and Don are buried at Jacobs Lutheran Church Cemetery.
4. Nellie M. Deffenbaugh b. 16 November 1897 d. 26 September 1981. Nellie never married and lived at home all of her life except for a few occasions when she worked away for short periods. One thing that Nellie disliked was thunder and lightning. In the late 1970's Nellie’s health gave out and she could not walk. Lola was unable to care for her at home and she lived in a nearby nursing home until her death. Nellie is buried at Jacobs Lutheran Church Cemetery.

The Deffenbaughs were considered “old fashioned” by all their relatives and friends. In some ways this was true and in others not. They had the very latest equipment for farming, but still hand dug their own coal out of a coal bank on the farm. They had a refrigerator and electric stove in the kitchen, but continued to cook most of their meals on a coal stove. They only used the electric stove for baking. They had a radio, got the daily paper, subscribed to several magazines, but never purchased a television until late in life. Everyone just loved to visit them. When you did visit the men would take long walks around the farm while the women gossiped. Lola always had beautiful flower beds around the house and lots of hanging baskets and pots of flowers on the porches and steps.
CHAPTER 48

WILLIAM ELZA BAKER

SON OF GEORGE, JR. AND MARGARET BAKER

William Elza Baker was born 12 February 1857 in Springhill. He was raised on the home farm and learned to farm from his father. He remained a farmer all of his life.
William married 18 September 1879 to Sarah Maria Gans, daughter of Uriah and Zilpha Mustard Gans. Sarah was born 22 December 1856 in Springhill.

I am not sure where the Bakers first lived after they married. I cannot find them on the 1880 Census. It is possible they were living with Sarah’s family as they are also missing from this census. Sarah’s father, Uriah, had died in 1876 and Bill Baker may have been working this farm. After the move to Kansas Sarah’s mother, Zilpha, came along and lived with them.

FIGURE 263
MAY, WILLIAM, FRED, SARAH AND ALICE BAKER ABOUT 1887

In 1894 the Baker’s moved by train to Coffey County, Kansas and settled near the town of Burlington. They lived for a time on a rented farm west of town. In 1895 they purchased a farm of 80 acres east of Burlington, Ks. It is probable that the purchase of the farm was the result of the money that William’s father, George Baker, was devising to each of his children from the sale of his coal tract.

FIGURE 264
THE BAKERS IN FRONT OF THEIR HOME IN KANSAS. L-R, FRED, BILL, NELLIE, SARAH, ROBERT, ALICE, GERTRUDE AND MAY
Harry Taylor, grandson of William and Sarah Baker said the Bakers “raised corn, kafir corn, oats and wheat. They milked a few cows, raised hogs (not many), also chickens.”

William and Sarah Baker had six children. Only the youngest, Robert, was born in Kansas. All the others were born in Fayette Co., Pa.

Two of the children, Fred and Gertrude, never married and remained on the home farm with their parents.

FIGURE 265
THE BAKER FAMILY IN 1907. SEATED L-R, FRED, NELLIE, SARAH, AND WILLIAM. STANDING ALICE, GERTRUDE, MAY AND ROBERT.

On 14 May 1937 Sarah Baker died. Three and a half years earlier she had fell and broke her right hip and had been confined to her bed. Her obituary tells us the following, “Many friends and neighbors attended the funeral of Mrs. Wm. E. Baker at the Pleasant Hill Christian Church Monday, May 17. The services were in charge of Rev. H. M. Hellis of LeRoy preached a comforting funeral sermon .Burial was in the Saunders Cemetery, usually known as the Pleasant Hill cemetery, the pall bearers being Lester Combs, Hubert Combs, Frank Kinkead, Roy Clark, Albert Wilson and Allen Davis. In 1929 Mr. and Mrs. Baker celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Three and one-half years ago Mrs. Baker fell and broke her right hip and she has been confined to her bed ever since. Until the time of her accident Mrs. Baker was very active and her life was devoted to her home and family. She was never so happy as when her children and grandchildren were gathered together at her home. Her children could always go to Mother for wise and kindly advice for their problems and sympathetic understanding in all things concerning them. The lifetime of devotion was rewarded by the tenderest and most loving care given her by her children during her long illness. Her neighbors and friends showed their respect and affection by their many visits which brightened her days and were mutually enjoyed. She will be surely missed in her home and community, but truly her spirit will live – an inspiration to her loved ones and friends.”

William Baker only lived another 18 months, dying on 28 November 1938. Only a month before his youngest daughter, Nellie Evans, had died and he seemed to have been in shock from that and his wife’s death. His death certificate says cause of death was “diabetes mellitus” which he has suffered from since 1930.

William and Sarah were buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Burlington, Ks.
1. Fred U. Baker b. 26 October 1880 d. 23 January 1967. He is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Fred never married and lived on the family farm with his parents. After their deaths he and his sister, Gertrude, continued to live and farm on the home place. In addition to farming he also worked for other farmers. He was elected a Trustee of Avon Township which included being assessor of personal property, for many years. In the late 1950's he sold the farm to his sister and brother-in-law, Alice and George Taylor and retired to town.
2. Alice Baker b. 14 August 1882 d. 31 July 1961 m. 5 December 1905 at Burlington, Ks. to George Taylor, son of Jess and Mary Greig Taylor. George b. 28 March 1980 d. 6 November 1975. Both are buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The Taylors lived in town for awhile before moving to the country. In 1917 they purchased their own farm and lived on it until their deaths. In the late 1950’s they bought the Baker home place from Fred Baker.

1a. Harry Taylor b. 22 January 1915 near Burlington, Ks. m. 8 April 1939 at Burlington, Ks. to Dorothy Williams, daughter of Wesley and Pauline Williams. Harry was also a farmer. He lived on rented farms until 1948 when he purchased a 160 acre farm in Star Township. The Taylors lived on this farm until 1993 when they retired to town. Harry owns his own farm, his parent’s farm and the Baker home farm. These are rented out. Harry provided much of the material used to write this chapter. They have no children.
3. May Baker b. 27 November 1884 d. 18 December 1971 m. 14 November 1906 at Burlington, Ks. to Lewis Hunter, son of A. A. and Anna Beard Hunter. Lewis b. 1 November 1881 d. 1966. Buried in Downs, Ks. After marriage they moved to Winston, Mo. In 1913 they moved to a farm northwest of Downs, Ks. where they lived until retirement.

1a. Florence Hunter b. 25 July 1908 at Downs, Ks. d. 12 September 1966. Buried in Downs, Ks. Florence was a telephone operator for many years. She and her sister, Eileen, owned a drug store in Downs, Ks. that they operated until they died. Never married.

2a. Eileen Hunter b. 27 June 1915 at Downs, Ks. d. 12 February 1971. Eileen was a registered nurse and also operated a drug store with her sister, Florence. Never married.

3a. Lucille Hunter 5 September 1923 at Downs, Ks. d. 9 September 1991 m. 4 March 1943 at Beloit, Ks. to Don Driggs b. 1 January 1921. She is buried at Downs, Ks.

1b. Jerry L. Driggs b. 12 February 1947 at Beloit, Ks. d. 12 February 1947 and twin of

2b. Judy Ann Driggs b. 12 February 1947 at Beloit, Ks. m. 17 March 1968 at Downs, Ks. to Hadyn Fawcett b. 3 January 1946. Judy is a dental assistant and Hadyn is a guard in a correctional facility. All children were born at Norton, Ks.

1c. Jody L. Fawcett b. 26 December 1968 m. 6 August 1988 at Norton, Ks. to Brent Schick. Jody is a dental hygienist.
2c. James H. Fawcett b. 4 May 1971. James served in the Marine Corp during the Gulf War.

FIGURE 274
THE FAWCETT FAMILY. SEATED JUDY AND HADYN.
STANDING JASON, JONATHAN, JAMES, BRENT AND JODY SCHICK.

4. Gertrude Baker b. 1889 d. 15 December 1944. Never married. Gertrude lived on the home farm with her brother Fred after the death of her parents. On 17 November 1944 Gertrude was bitten by a family dog that was rabid. She was taken to the Newman hospital and given the rabies shots but died one month later. Her niece was also scratched by the dog, but recovered. An article in the paper tells the following, "Miss Gertrude Baker, aged 52, of the Lauderdale neighborhood seven miles east of Burlington was taken to the Newman hospital early Thursday afternoon and is believed to be suffering from hydrophobia. Miss Baker was bitten November 17 at the home by the family's 8 year old pet fox terrier dog and both of her legs were badly chewed up. She was taken almost immediately to the Emporia hospital where she started taking the series of shots for rabies. She came home after 17 days in the hospital. Miss Baker seemingly was getting along all right until Sunday night when she became very ill, and has been confined to her bed since. Her throat bothered her and she was unable to swallow and had taken no nourishment since Sunday. Fred Baker and Dr. A. B. McConnell of Burlington and Dr. Wells of LeRoy took her to the hospital Thursday afternoon. A niece, Mrs. Donald Dilts, who received a scratch on her arm, took the shots at the same time but she has gotten along nicely."

5. Nellie Baker b. 8 June 1893 d. 7 October 1938 m. W. D. Evans. Bill Evans was a farmer and the owned a farm east of Burlington, Ks. She is buried in Graceland Cemetery, Burlington, Ks. No children.

  1b. Nancy Kluin b. 3 February 1958 m. 19 February 1979 to Gregory Wiersma b. 4 October 1957. Greg is a dairy farmer and butcher. Nancy is a medical secretary.
    3c. Brent G. Wiersma b. 1 October 1983.

  1b. Janice Baker

FIGURE 276
ROBERT BAKER IN FRONT. BACK, ALICE TAYLOR, GERTRUDE BAKER, AND MAY HUNTER.

FIGURE 277
ROBERT AND MAMIE BAKER
CHAPTER 49

JOSEPH MELHORN BAKER

SON OF GEORGE, JR. AND MARGARET BAKER

Joseph Melhorn Baker was born 31 August 1859 at the Baker home in Springhill, the son of George, Jr. and Margaret Baker. Joseph's middle name was in honor of Rev. J. K. Melhorn, minister of St. John Lutheran Church. Joe Baker lived his whole life on the home farm.

Joseph Baker married in 1882 at Smithfield, Pa. to Isabelle Rhodes, daughter of William and Ruhama Manning Rhodes. Belle was born in 1859.

On 11 December 1895 Joe Baker purchased the family farm from his father, George Baker, for $3150.00. Joe and Isabelle lived on this farm all of their married life and raised all nine children there.

Joe and Belle Baker were much loved by the family. There was an old family joke that every time they saw Joe adding a room on the house another baby was on the way.

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Isabelle Baker died on 27 July 1939 after a lengthy illness. Joe Baker continued to live on the home farm, which he had turned over to his son, Danny. Joe Baker died on 15 June 1943. They are both buried in St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. All their children born on the home farm in Springhill.

2. Jesse L. Baker b. 21 August 1884 m. 3 June 1906 to Reba Conn, daughter of Jacob and Lou Nabors Conn. Reba b. 25 January 1887 d. 16 September 1968. Jesse and Reba lived for a short time in Arnold, Pa. where their oldest son was born. They returned to Springhill and built a house on lot taken off of the old Baker Farm. Jesse worked at Fancy Hill Coal Company. They were members of the First Methodist Church in Point Marion, Pa. Both are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. They had six children.
1a. Joseph B. Baker b. 18 October 1907 in Arnold, Pa. d. 29 May 1974 m. Alice Clawson, daughter of Joseph Clawson, Alice b. 22 May 1909. Joe served in the U. S. Navy and then worked for the U. S. Government for many years in the Panama Canal Zone. After his government service he worked for U. S. Steel Corp. in Venezuela. Joe is buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery.

1b. Jacob Baker
FIGURE 284
JOE AND ALICE BAKER

2a. Edson C. Baker b. 24 February 1910 in Springhill d. 7 July 1989 m. 26 June 1939 at Fairchance, Pa. to Marcelline Franklin, daughter of Joseph and Mary Kreckle Franklin. Edson worked at a coal loading station in Lake Lynn, until it closed. His family then moved to Rockville, Md. where Edson worked for the Montgomery Co. Board of Education. Marcelline worked in a psychiatric hospital. After their retirement they returned to Smithfield, Pa. Ed is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Smithfield.


2b. Mary Mercedes Baker b. 5 August 1942 at Smithfield, Pa. m. September 1975 at Uniontown, Pa. to Steve Hageman. They are divorced. Mercedes graduated from John Hopkins School of Nursing and is a visiting nurse for the Albert Gallatin School District in Fayette Co., Pa.


4b. Franklin D. Baker b. 8 December 1946 at Uniontown, Pa. m. 1st to Linda Swenson, 2nd to Susan Tors and 3rd to Vickie Walker. He has a child by each marriage. Frank was in the U. S. Airforce from 1974 to 1968. He graduated from the University of Washington. He now works as a computer technician.


CHILDREN OF EDSON AND MARCELLINE BAKER, FRANK, RICHARD, MERCEDES AND MILTON.

3a. Madaline V. "Madge" Baker b. 31 August 1911 in Springhill d. 27 March 1988 m. 1st to Leslie Moser and 2nd on 2 May 1933 at Waynesburg, Pa. to Vernon "Mike" Leckey, son of Jesse and Gertrude Grimes Leckey. Mike b. 10 June 1909 d. 21 March 1994. Both are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. Madge was Tax Collector and Democratic Central Committeewoman for Springhill Township for many years. Mike was on the school board and Township Supervisor for Springhill. Mike was a barber and for many years he and Madge ran Leckey's Market in Springhill.

1b. Thomas A. Moser b. 29 March 1930 in Springhill m 1st to Peggy Chadderton and had two children. They were divorced. Tom m. 2nd 11 February 1969 to Berta J. Houatter. She died on 26 January 1988. They had two children. Berta is buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. Tom worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years, with the last nineteen as Postmaster of Lake Lynn, Pa.

1c. Linda Moser b. 13 March 1952 at Uniontown, Pa. m. John Lavery.
2c. LuAnn Moser b. 18 July 1954 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. John W. Weaver.
3c. Milton Moser b. 7 August 1969.

2b. Harriet Moneen Leckey b. 28 April 1934 in Springhill m. 31 May 1952 at Oakland, Md. to Ralph Dingle, son of Fred and Laura Brooks Dingle. Ralph b. 24 July 1932 in Bobtown, Pa. Ralph served in the U.S.
Airforce for 26 years and was in both the Korean and Viet Nam conflicts. He then went to work for the federal government in a civilian capacity.


1d. Justin M. Dingle b. 26 October 1987 at Frederick, Md.
2d. Nicole C. Dingle b. 1 October 1991 at Frederick, Md.
2c. Melanie Raye Dingle b. 28 May 1956 in Morgantown, W.Va. and twin of
3c. Melinda K. Dingle b. 28 May 1956 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. 22 October 1983 at Ringgold, Md. to Vincent Pabon, son of Manuel and Irma Pabon. Vincent b. 5 June 1957. He works as a youth counselor.

1d. Christopher A. Pabon b. 15 October 1985.
4c. Mark A. Dingle b. 25 August 1962 at Waynesboro, Pa. m. 20 February 1988 to Bonnie Kauffman. They are divorced.

4a. Jesse M. Baker b. 23 May 1916 in Springhill d. 14 November 1987 m. 9 March 1943 at Virginia Beach, Va. to Flora H. Henry, daughter of Jules and Della Henry. Flora b. 5 December 1920 at Point Marion, Pa. d. 16 August 1985. Both are buried at St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery. Jesse served in the Army in World War II. He worked for many years at Fancy Hill Coal Co. Later he was an employee of the Fayette County schools. Jesse was also a School Director for Springhill Township. Flora was secretary at Point Marion Jr. High School for over twenty years. They were active members of the Point Marion United Methodist Church. Flora was a Sunday School Teacher. She was also served on the Springhill Honor Roll Committee.

lb. Miles M. Baker b. 31 July 1951 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. 2 June 1979 at Point Marion, Pa. to Debra J. Dobozinsky, daughter of Joseph and Dorothy Dobozinsky. Debra b. 19 May 1951. Miles graduated from W.Va. University in 1973. He is Assistant Vice President of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County. The Bakers are very active in the United Methodist Church in Point Marion, Pa. Miles is also active in civic duties in Fayette Co., Pa.

1c. Stephanie A. Baker b. 19 November 1979 at Waynesburg, Pa.
5a. Milton D. Baker b. 21 December 1918 in Springhill d. 18 April 1984 m. 22 May 1947 at Kitzmiller, Md. to Sarah M. Johnson, daughter of Fred and Bertha Johnson. Sarah b. 4 January 1930 d. 16 December 1997. Both are buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery near New Geneva, Pa. Milton served in the Army in World War II in the 29th Division and landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day. Milton had served at Springhill Township Supervisor for 19 years and had just been elected for another six year term when he died. The Bakers were members of the Lake Lynn Community Chapel.


2b. Larry K. Baker b. 24 September 1952 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. Judith A. Franks, daughter of Howard and Anna Franks. Larry is a machinist and owns his own business. Judith is a nurse. They are members of the Lake Lynn Community Chapel.

1c. Brent A. Baker b. 28 August 1978 at Uniontown, Pa.


6a. Robert B. Baker b. 15 August 1923 at Morgantown, W.Va. m. 20 June 1948 at Uniontown, Pa. to Elinor J. Easton, daughter of Joseph and Nellie Easton. Elinor b. 11 May 1928 d. 10 January 1966. Buried at Sylvan Heights Cemetery, Uniontown, Pa. Bob served in the U.S. Navy as a pharmacist mate with the Marine Corp in World War II in the South Pacific. He worked as a technician at the Bettis Atomic Plant for Westinghouse. Elinor was a telephone operator. They were members of the United Methodist Church in Dravosburg, Pa.
3. Oliver Grover “Grove” Baker b. 4 April 1886 d. 9 November 1942 m. 15 September 1909 at the bride’s home to Anna M. Burchinal, daughter of Jeremiah and Lizzie Burchinal. Anna b. 20 March 1887 d. 25 February 1972. Both are buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Point Marion, Pa. They lived in Morgantown, W.Va.


1b. Jeremiah B. Baker b. 7 October 1939 at Charleston, W.Va. m. 16 April 1966 at Kensington, Md. to Vivian R. Orndorff, daughter of Carl and Frances Sweeney Orndorff. Vivian b. 18 May 1942 in Sandy Spring, Md. Jerry works in sales for Safilo Inc. and Vivian is a bank project analyst. They are affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

1c. Brian L. Baker b. 30 August 1970 at Alexandria, Va. m. 9 June 1995 to Ginny L. Miller.

2b. Patrick T. Baker b. 5 September 1954 at Charleston, W.Va. m. 1st to Roberta Marcum and 2nd to Suzanne Wely.


2b. Patrick T. Baker b. 5 September 1954 at Charleston, W.Va. m. 1st to Roberta Marcum and 2nd to Suzanne Wely.


1b. Kenneth B. Brown b. 6 November 1945 at Washington, D.C. m. 8 June 1967 in Puerto Rico to Ida Heighligher b. 2 November 1947. Kenneth graduated from the University of North Carolina and University of Michigan. He served in the Navy during the Viet Nam War.


3b. Melinda Brown b. 20 August 1950 at Mineola, N. Y. m. 1st 21 August 1971 to Jeff Poole b. 22 May 1945. They were divorced in 1976. Melinda m. 2nd 6 June 1976 to Barry Meltzer. They were divorced in 1985. Melinda remarried Jeff Poole on 30 November 1985. Melinda graduated from the Pace School of Nursing.

1c. Mikaela E. Meltzer b. 10 February 1977.
2c. Joshua A. Meltzer b. 4 March 1981.
3c. Lauren R. Meltzer b. 9 August 1982.
4c. Collin M. Poole b. 5 January 1989.


2a. Joseph B. McCormick b. 14 March 1916 at Fairchance, Pa. m. 2 July 1946 at Connellsville, Pa. to Alma F. Shaw b. 5 May 1914. Joe McCormick served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II. Alma was a nurse and served in the U.S. Army in Australia and New Guinea in World War II. They had no children.

3a. Edwin C. McCormick b. 2 November 1923 at Fairchance, Pa. d. 17 July 1944 of wounds received while serving with the Army in France in World War II.
5. Margaret “Marge” Baker b. 19 May 1889 d. 1 April 1982 m. 12 April 1916 at Pittsburgh, Pa. to Russell H. Farquhar, son of Charles and Lora Farquhar. Russell b. 11 December 1895 d. 2 July 1916. Russell was killed by being hit in the head by a ball during a baseball game at Morris Cross Roads. Marge never remarried and lived in Pittsburgh, Pa. with brother and sister, Charles and Julie Baker. After retiring she moved to Smithfield, Pa. where she lived until she died. Marge was another person who supplied information to me on the Baker family.
FIGURE 297
MARGE FARQUHAR ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY WITH GUERNIE MOORE, PEGGY BYER, PATTY WILSON AND ISABEL LAWRENCE.

6. William G. Baker b. 4 March 1890 d. 15 April 1951 m. 20 February 1918 at Uniontown, Pa. to Adda Blosser, daughter of James and Matilda Blosser. Adda b. 5 September 1896 d. 13 December 1976. For more information on this family see Chapter 39.
   2a. James Baker d. 1945. Killed while serving with the Army in World War II.


FIGURE 298
JULIA BAKER

In later years they lived in Smithfield, Pa. Dan and Nellie had sixteen children, a record for the Baker family, all born at the home farm.

FIGURE 299
DAN BAKER

FIGURE 300

1a. Donald A. Baker b. 9 May 1925 m. 8 February 1947 at Philadelphia, Pa. to Dorothy Brockley, daughter of John and Veronica Brockley. Don served in the Navy in World War II and was on the U.S.S. Alaska in the Battle for Okinawa.

1b. Donald J. Baker b. 2 December 1948 at Philadelphia, Pa. d. 9 June 1968. Donald was killed while serving with the Marine Corp in Viet Nam.


2a. David P. Baker b. 6 January 1928 m. 18 December 1962 at Los Angeles, Ca. to Geraldine Drop, daughter of Andrew and Ann Drop. Geraldine b. 3 August 1932 at Richeyville, W.Va. David served in the Marine Corp during World War II. He is a heavy equipment operator and Geraldine works in a bank.

1b. Heidi A. Baker b. 18 December 1963.
2b. Lee D. Baker b. 30 April 1968.

3a. Benjamin L. Baker b. 22 April 1929 d. 28 December 1993 m. Anna Merryfield.

1b. Benjamin Baker
2b. Michael Baker


4b. Clyde R. Baker 12 March 1958 at Pittsburgh, Pa. m. 2 September 1978 to Susan Gehringer, daughter of Norbert and Shirley Gehringer. Susan b. 22 March 1957 at Alexandria, Va. Clyde is a contractor and Susan is an office manager.

2c. Elizabeth R. Baker b. 10 September 1983.

5b. Phyllis J. Baker b. 27 November 1962 at Pittsburgh, Pa. m. 14 June 1986 at Winston Salem, N.C. to Daniel Calhoun, son of Thomas and Muriel Calhoun. Daniel b. 11 February 1961 at Winston Salem, N.C. Phyllis and Dan both graduated from Piedmont Bible College. They have a landscaping business.
6b. Paula M. Baker b. 4 December 1964 at Pittsburgh, Pa. m. 1985 to Howard Walters.
5a. Esther H. Baker b. 6 January 1932 m. 1st to Dirk Van der Linden and 2nd to Leonard Ross.
1b. Christianne E. Van der Linden b. 18 December 1957 at Los Angeles, Ca.
2b. Rachel A. Ross b. 3 March 1976 at Burbank, Ca. m. Richard Bradway.
1c. Dana R. Bradway b. 18 Nov. 1994.
3b. Jeffrey S. Ross b. 20 April 1984 at Missoula, Mt.
1c. Laura A. Shipp b. 8 March 1983.
1c. Chad A. Hall b. 23 May 1980.
2c. Ashley N. Hall b. 7 January 1985.
3b. Peggy M. Shipp b. 24 September 1959 at Elyria, O. m. 23 July 1982 at Elyria, O. to Joseph H. Stickney, son of Robert and Eileen Clark Stickney. Peggy and Joe are both school teachers.
1c. Nathan S. Stickney b. 4 April 1987.
4b. Allen L. Shipp b. 21 July 1961 at Elyria, O. He is warehouse supervisor.
7a. Gerald R. Baker b. 22 July 1934 d. 19 December 1982 m. 19 February 1958 at Portland, Ore. To Louana L. Sappenfield, daughter of Elmer and Bernice Sappenfield. Louana b. 30 September 1934 in Exeter, Mo. Jerry was a trolley operator with the Pittsburgh, Pa. Port Authority. He died after a lengthy illness. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Point Marion, Pa.
8a. Janet A. Baker b. 8 June 1936 m. Rodney J. Hatch. They have no children.
9a. Annabelle L. Baker b. 22 July 1937 m. 10 September 1955 at Oakland, Md. to Raoul “Jack” Tricot, Jr. They were divorced in 1972. Annabelle m. 2nd to Thomas P. Scott on 4 January 1982.
2c. Justin M. Conrad b. 29 February 1984. (Leap Year)
10a. Evelyn T. Baker b. 11 October 1938 m. Karen Roderick. Ralph lives on the old Baker farm in the house built by George and Margaret Baker, his great grandparents. He has done research on the family and the original survey of the farm.
1b. Troy Baker
11a. Melvin E. Baker b. 15 January 1940 m. 16 April 1966 at Elyria, O. to Sandra S. Robinson, daughter of Frederick and Lois Bates Robinson. Sandra b. 7 March 1947 at Alliance, O. Melvin is a millwright and Sandra works as a legal secretary.
2b. Anna M. Baker b. 27 December 1967 at Elyria, O.
3b. Brenda S. Baker b. 9 October 1970 at Elyria, O.
12a. Evelyn T. Baker b. 13 June 1943 m. 27 December 1966 at Newark, N. J. to Edward E. Johnson, son of Joseph and Billie Johnson. Ed b. 6 January 1927 at Miami, Florida. Ed served twenty years in the U. S. Navy, retiring in
1969. Evelyn is a registered nurse.

13a. Wayne K. Baker b. 15 January 1945 m. 12 October 1963 at Morgantown, W.Va. to Beverly J. Swihart, daughter of Kenneth and Dorothy Swihart. Beverly b. 18 August 1946 at Morgantown, W.Va. d. 8 September 1979. She is buried at Mt. Union Cemetery near Morgantown, W.Va. Wayne owns a coal company and operates in the Point Marion, Pa area. He owns that part of the old Baker farm that was originally in the Michael Baker family.


15a. Donna L. Baker b. 11 August 1946 and twin of Daniel. Donna is mentally retarded and has cerebral palsey.


FIGURE 302
GUERNIE BAKER MOORE
FIGURE 303
JOHN B. MOORE

1a. Patricia S. "Patty" Moore b. 12 April 1917 at Uniontown, Pa. d. 20 August 1997 m. 3 May 1941 at Hartford, Ct. to Luther B. Wilson III, son of Luther and Sadie Wilson. Luther b. 23 October 1914 at Baltimore, Md. d. 15 February 1991. Patty and Luther were divorced in 1964. Patty graduated from Mt. Holyoke College in 1938. She was Executive Placement Director with G. Fox and Co. in Hartford, Ct. and active in the Girl Scouts, Red Cross and United Way. She is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Point Marion, Pa.


1c. Eliza Ware b. 7 September 1970.
2c. Jennifer Ware b. 31 October 1977.

2b. Deborah M. Wilson b. 28 December 1950 at Hartford, Ct. m. 21 November 1974 at Honolulu, Ha. to Daniel M. Johnson, son of Evelyn and Mason Johnson. Daniel b. 4 February 1953. They are divorced.

2c. Erin Johnson b. 11 June 1983.
2a. Guernie H. Moore b. 1 August 1919 at Point Marion, Pa. d. 15 February 1982. Buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Point Marion, Pa. Guernie never married. She was a research assistant for the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association of Farmington, Ct.


4a. Isabel Moore b. 23 December 1924 at Point Marion, Pa. m. 30 August 1945 at Point Marion, Pa. to Lester A. Lawrence, Jr., son of Lester and Hetty Lawrence. Lester b. 11 June 1922 at Washington, D.C. d. 18 February 1994. He buried at National Memorial Park, Fairfax, Va. Lester served in the U.S. Maritime Service in World War II. He was a stock broker.

Washington University.


3a. Susan M. Lawrence b. 1 November 1950 at Washington, D.C. She graduated from Madison College.

FIGURE 305

JOHN, ISABEL, LESTER, SUSAN AND LESTER III LAWRENCE.

FIGURE 306

GUERNIE MOORE AND DAUGHTERS. L-R, GUERNIE (MOTHER), GUERNIE (DAUGHTER), PEGGY BYER, PATTY WILSON AND ISABEL LAWRENCE
PART VII

RELATED AND CONNECTED FAMILIES

THE BLOSSER FAMILY

Mary Margaret Brooks, daughter of Mary Baker and James Brooks was married to Henry Blosser, son of Isaac and Rebecca Blosser. (See Chapter 39)

The Blosser family arrived in Springhill about 1793 from York Co., Pa. They settled on the east side of the Cheat River, at its junction with the Monongahela River, across from the present day Point Marion, Pa. This area is still called Blosser Hill.

The original Springhill Blosser settler is known today to genealogist as John Blosser, Sr. He was the son of Abraham Blosser of York Co., Pa. It is believed that Abraham was the son of Nicholas Blosser who was exiled from Switzerland to Pennsylvania about 1710. Abraham Blosser purchased land in York Co., Pa. in 1739. Abraham Blosser was married to Anna Eby, the daughter of Durs Eby who at one time owned a great portion of the land now occupied by Lancaster, Pa. Abraham and Anna Blosser had at least eight children, one of whom was John Blosser, Sr. who settled in Springhill.

On 05 February 1796 John Blosser, Sr. purchased two large parcels of land called “Dover” and “Greenfield” from Samuel Kinkaid. This land ran approximately from Nilan north along the Cheat River to about Sprucetown. It ran back from the river almost to where the Fallen Timbers Road is now located. This land included two islands in the river. One of these islands below the mouth of the Cheat River was eventually dredged away. The other island remains in the Cheat River above the bridge.

John Blosser, Sr. was married in York Co. to Catherine Beery, daughter of Nicholas and Barbary Beery. The last time any record of John and Catherine Blosser can be found is in an 1814 Springhill Township tax list. There is no mention of them afterward. They must have died shortly afterward. They are probably buried in the Cagey Cemetery located in Greater Point Marion. There are no tombstones. John and Catherine Blosser had seven known children:

1. Abraham Blosser (1763-1836) m. Mary Shank. They moved to Fairfield Co., Ohio.
2. John Blosser, Jr. (1766-1829) more on him follows.
3. Jacob Blosser moved to Fairfield Co., Ohio.
4. Nicholas Blosser (1774-1814) m. Ann Cagey. They lived on part of the Blosser land in Springhill. They died childless.
5. Isaac Blosser (1777-1845) m. Elizabeth Kauffman and moved to Fairfield Co., Ohio.
7. Anna Blosser m. Jacob Clemmer. They lived near the Blossers in Springhill. From them descend most of the Clemmers in Springhill.

John Blosser, Jr. married Mary Clemmer, daughter of Jacob and Barbara Clemmer, and continued to live on the Blosser land in Springhill. John was born 1 November 1766 and died 7 February 1829. Mary was born 14 December 1767 in York Co., Pa. and died 9 September 1854. They are both buried in the Cagey Cemetery at Greater Point Marion. From old records and family recollections it would appear most of the Blossers were not only farmers but also rivermen. They had a ferry across the Monongahela River. It is also believed they were engaged in the lumbering trade.

John and Mary Blosser had at least twelve children:
1. Barbary Blosser (1788- ) m. Nicholas Fast and moved to Ohio.

2. Catherine Blosser (1790-1859) m. Martin Fast and moved to Ohio.

3. Elizabeth Blosser (1794- ) m. Christian Fast and moved to Ohio and then Illinois.

4. Mary Blosser (1796-1879) m. William Kirkpatrick and moved to Ohio.

5. George O. Blosser (1798-1833) m. Elizabeth Davis and lived in Springhill.


7. Isaac Blosser (1804-1842) m. Rebecca Gillespie. They remained on the Blosser land in Springhill and were the parents of Henry Blosser who married Mary Margaret Brooks. See Chapter 39 of this book.

8. John Blosser m. Anne.


10. Jacob Blosser (1810-1890) m. Martha Martin and moved to California.

11. Henry Blosser m. Isabella Stewart.

12. Eli Blosser

THE BOWERS FAMILY


The elder Joseph Bowers was born in the 1780's near Hagerstown, Md. Family legend says that Joseph first settled in German Township, Fayette Co., Pa. where he learned the blacksmith trade from Jacob Deffenbaugh.

Joseph arrived in Springhill prior to 1810. In the 1810 Census he is listed with his wife, one son and two daughters. All the children were under age ten.

In the War of 1812 Joseph was a First Lieutenant in Captain Peter Hertzog's company.

Joseph Bowers was a blacksmith, with his shop and home near Morris Cross Roads. He was a beloved character, remembered by the old timers for his thick German accent.

Joseph died 23 April 1846. His wife Anna died on 30 January 1863. Both are buried in the Baker Cemetery on the Baker farm. Their death dates come from their tombstones.

Joseph and Anna Bowers had thirteen children:

1. Susannah Bower, b. 15 December 1805 d. 7 February 1900 m. George Boord. Both are buried at Mt. Moriah Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Springhill. There is a stone for Susannah but none can be found for George. They lived near Fallen Timbers.

2. Jacob Bowers was a carpenter near McCellantown, Pa.


4. Mary Bowers b. 21 December 1810 d. 5 April 1896 m. Michael Cagey b. 2 February 1811 d. 22 June 1899. They lived near Point Marion and both are buried in the Cagey Cemetery in Greater Point Marion. Michael Cagey was a son of Christian (1790-1838) and Margaret (1787-1869) Wall Cagey and a grandson of Michael Cagey, Sr.
5. Rebecca Bowers died young and unmarried.

6. Julia Ann Bowers b. 16 July 1814 d. 17 July 1864 m. John Cagey b. 28 April 1809 d. 9 October 1860. He was also a son of Michael and Margaret Wall Cagey. They are both buried in the Cagey Cemetery in Greater Point Marion. They had five children, Christian, Barbara, James, David and Clara.

7. David Bowers. No other information known.


11. George Bowers lived near Point Marion, Pa. From him descend the Bowers family who later owned the McClain Sand Company.

12. Catherine Bowers who died young.


THE BROOKS FAMILY

Mary Baker (Chapter 30) and Charlotte Baker (Chapter 32) daughters of George, Sr. and Juliana Baker married brothers, James and Joseph Brooks.

James and Joseph Brooks were the sons of Aaron and Elizabeth Brooks. The Brooks’ farm was adjacent to the Baker farm.

Aaron Brooks was believed to have been born in eastern Pennsylvania, but his parent’s names have not been found. He was probably of English origin. Family legend says he came to Fayette Co., Pa. about 1777 with the Seltzer family. Elizabeth Selger/Seltzer on 23 December 1785 warranted 248 ¼ acres of land in Springhill. Elizabeth’s husband, John, evidently had died before the land was warranted. This Seltzer warrant would later become the Brooks farm.

Aaron Brooks married Elizabeth Seltzer daughter of the elder Elizabeth Seltzer.

In 1965 Mrs. Nella Hamilton, a direct descendent of the Brooks Family, furnished me with the dated of birth of Aaron and Elizabeth Brooks’ and their children. This information had come from an old family Bible.

Aaron Brooks was born 15 February 1761 and died 13 May 1862 aged 101 years, 2 months and 28 days. His wife, Elizabeth, was born 20 July 1770 and died 21 April 1855. I am not sure where they were buried. They are not in the St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery, or at least there is not stone for them. It is possible they were buried on the family farm or even in the Baker Cemetery on the Baker farm.

Aaron and Elizabeth evidently inherited the farm from the Seltzers. As I said before the Brooks and Baker farms were adjacent to each other. The dividing line was the main road from Uniontown to Morgantown. The Brooks farm ran down to the Cheat River and included all that area now in the village of Lake Lynn up to the mouth of Grassy Run.

Aaron and Elizabeth Brooks had twelve children. All were born in Springhill.

1. Jane Brooks b. 31 August 1794. Jane first married to Jonathan Jordan and they lived near the Line or McFarland Ferry on the Cheat River. After Jordan died Jane married George Frankenberry and lived at the Forks of the Cheat. There were no children to either marriage.
2. John Brooks b. 20 May 1796. According to Nella Hamilton there was an old family legend that John Brooks disappeared as a young man and was never heard of again.


5. Rachel Brooks b. 15 November 1802 m. Wilson Jenkins. They lived at the Line Ferry on the Cheat River.

6. Eliza Brooks b. 22 July 1805 m. William Mahanna. They moved from Springhill after they married.

7. Mary Brooks b. 15 November 1807 m. Levi Sargent. The Sargents lived along the Cheat River in Springhill, where Levi was involved in the boat building business. They later lived in Union District, Monongahela Co., W.Va. Levi had severely injured himself in an accident and Mary supported the family by sewing. They had two daughters, Sarah and Nancy. There may have been other children.

8. Margaret Brooks b. 27 September 1810 m. John Ranshaw. They lived in Independence, W.Va., where John was killed digging a well.


10. Jehu Brooks b. 7 April 1815 m. Mary Matthews. Not much is known except Jehu was skilled at repairing wagon wheels.


12. Sarah Anne Brooks b. 2 June. The year of her birth was not entered in the Bible and nothing more is known about her. May have died young.

THE DEFFENBAUGH FAMILY

Emma C. Baker (Chapter 47) daughter of George, Jr. and Margaret Baker married Sylvanus “Son” Deffenbaugh of Nicholson Township.

Sylvanus owned the old Deffenbaugh farm between Smithfield and Old Frame in Nicholson Township. This was the farm originally owned by his grandfather, Anthony Deffenbaugh. Up until very recent time there was a large log house on the farm that was being used as an outbuilding. It was probably the original Anthony Deffenbaugh home.

This house was built out of squared logs, later covered with clap boards. It consisted of two large downstairs rooms and two upstairs rooms. The upper rooms were reached by narrow winding stairs. There was no interior doors between the two upper rooms. There was a addition on the back that was probably the kitchen. There were fireplaces in each room and a huge fireplace in the basement. The basement was paved with flat stones. In later years it was the washrmoom for the family. In the early 1900’s Sylvanus and Emma built a new house about 100 feet from the old house.

Sylvanus was the son of Henry Bowman Deffenbaugh (1823-1901) and Margaret Durr (1827-1887). Henry and Margaret Deffenbaugh had four children, Jacob, who died young, Maria “Sis” (1850-1931), Salina (1853-1882) and Sylvanus (1853-1914). Salina and Sylvanus were twins. Sis Deffenbaugh never married but she had one son, Walter Deffenbaugh. She lived on the farm with Sylvanus.

Henry B. Deffenbaugh was the son of Anthony Deffenbaugh (1789-1843) and Susannah Bowman (1802-1886). They had nine children.

Anthony Deffenbaugh was the son of Conrad Deffenbaugh (1749-1812) and Mary Magdalene Riffle (1755-1832). Conrad Deffenbaugh was a native of Germany. He settled in German Township, Fayette Co., Pa. probably in the late 1780’s
or early 1790's.

All the Deffenbaughs were members of Jacobs Lutheran Church and they are all buried in the church cemetery.

The Deffenbaugh name was once very prominent in Fayette Co., Pa. Now it is nearly extinct.

THE DICK FAMILY

George Baker, Sr. (Chapter 27) was married to Juliana Dick, daughter of Henry Dick, Sr. and Mary Shecter of Boonsboro, Md.

There are several references that state Juliana Dick Baker was born in Germany. In the 1880 Census, George Baker, Jr. states his mother was born in Germany. In George Baker, Jr.'s biography on page 248 of Wiley's Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Fayette Co., Pa. he states his mother was a "native of Germany."

If Juliana Dick Baker's correct birth date is 7 June 1770 then the Dick family could not have moved to American until after that date.

In the book, Pennsylvania German Pioneers by Strassburger and Hinke, 1934, at Henrich Dicke is found signing the Oath of Allegiance on 4 December 1771 at Philadelphia, Pa. He had arrived on the Brig "Betsey" commanded by Andrew Bryson. A Hermanus Dicke also signed the oath at the same time. There is no way it can be proved this is our Henry Dick. It is entirely possible our Dick family came through the port of Baltimore.

There were a number of Dick families in Washington and Frederick Counties, Md. I have not found any connection between our Henry Dick and any of them.

The earliest record I have found so far on our Henry Dick is the 1790 Maryland Census. He is listed with two males over 16, three males under 16 and three females in his household.

In the 1800 Maryland Census Henry Dick is listed with three males 26-45, one male over 45 and one female over 45. His daughters were both married by 1800.

In J. Thomas Scharf's History of Western Maryland, page 1262 is found "Henry Dick has a weavers shop where the parsonage now stands as early as 1800 and probably before..." The parsonage that Scharf was speaking of is the Trinity Reformed Church. Scharf also mentions on page 1263 "among the early residents of Boonsboro were...Peter Baker, weaver...Wendel Shecter..." This Peter Baker was the son of our ancestor, Peter Baker. Wendel Shecter was a brother of Mary Dick.

In 1801 Henry Dick sold to George Morse a twenty acre parcel "Resurvey of Well Done." This was originally a much larger parcel of land that had been broken up over the years. In 1785 Peter Baker had also purchased part of "Resurvey of Well Done." I have not found any deed on file as to how or when Henry Dick obtained this parcel.

Henry Dick wrote his will on 22 April 1808 and it was probated on 23 July 1808. He named his wife, Mary, daughters, Margaret Turnbaugh and Juliana Baker, and sons, John, David and Henry. Margaret Turnbaugh received eleven acres of land, wife Mary his lot and house in the town of Boonsboro. After Mary's death it was to be sold and divided into five equal parts. Mary and Juliana to get their shares immediately. The other three fifths to be deposited in Orphans Court and put to interest. The three sons were to draw the yearly interest with the following tidbit "but it is my will and desire that so soon as they or either of them become sober and careful they or either shall receive their full share at the discretion of the Judges of the Orphan Court."

I have not found any record of Mary's death. Henry and Mary Dick are probably buried in the Trinity Reformed Church Cemetery in Boonsboro. I have personally searched this cemetery and I could not find a stone for them. There is one for Wendel Shecter, Mary's brother.
THE EVERLY FAMILY

Michael Baker Sr.'s (Chapter 3) second wife was Mary Catherine Everly. She was born 6 January 1777 in Frederick Co., Md. Her birth is recorded in the Christ Reformed Church, Middletown, Frederick Co., Md. No record of her exact death date has been found, but it is believed she died in 1829. Michael, Sr. married a third wife, Barbary.

Mary Catherine Everly was a daughter of Johann Nicolous (John Nicholas) Eberli/Everly and Dorothea Mohr (ca 1755-1826). John and been born 12 April 1744 in Eiterbach, Heidelberg, Baden, Germany. He died 6 December 1825 and is buried at Jacobs Lutheran Church Cemetery. They had nine known children.

John Everly's father was Johann Leonhard Eberle who was born about 1720 in Eiterbach, Baden, Germany. Leonhard was married to Eva Maria Beckenbach (1718-ca 1790). They had eight children.

It is possible the Everlys and the Bakers were acquainted in Maryland. Leonhard Eberle is found as a trustee of Jacobs Lutheran Church as early as 1785. He also patented land in Greene Co., Pa. Leonard is last found in an 1802 Tax List for German Township.

THE JACKSON FAMILY

Benjamin Franklin Jackson (1811-1859) who married Margaret Baker (Chapter 30) descends from the Jackson iron making family of Monongalia Co. W.Va.

Franklin Jackson’s parents were Josiah Jackson (1785-1864) and Sarah McCartney (1791-1834).

Josiah Jackson operated the famous Jackson Iron Works at Ice’s Ferry on the Cheat River in Monongalia Co. Most of this area is now in Coopers Rocks State Forest. The works had been established by his father, Samuel Jackson. Josiah and his sister gained control of the Iron Works and everything connected with it in 1818 when Samuel died. Josiah eventually gained his sister’s interest and became sole owner.

One of the great events of Josiah Jackson’s career was in 1822 when he put in a cutting mill to make cut nails. Up until that time all nails had to be hand made and were very expensive. The great occasion was celebrated by a grand parade in Morgantown where the cutting machine was marched through town spitting out red hot nails for souvenirs.

In addition to the Iron Works and cutting mill Josiah also cast iron stoves, operated a smelter, grist mill, saw mill, brick yard, wagon shops and a large general store. He employed about 1200 men and approximately 3000 folks lived near the plant. This was all located on the eastern side of the Cheat River approximately at the point where Interstate Route 68 now crosses the river.

In 1836 Josiah Jackson sold his operation and retired.

Franklin Jackson’s grandparents were Samuel Jackson (1750-1818) and Rebecca Dixon (1752-1820)

Samuel Jackson was born in Chester Co., Pa. and inherited his father’s farm in 1760. In 1775 he moved to Fayette Co., Pa. near the mouth of Redstone Creek. Over the years he developed at this location a sawmill, gristmill, and oil mill. He also built flat boats for sale to emigrants who wished to move west. One enterprise he was famous for was the establishment of the first paper mill west of the Allegheny Mountains in 1796. About 1800 he became interested in the development of the Iron Works on the Cheat River near Ice’s Ferry. It is said that he made the iron used by Commodore Perry to build his fleet on Lake Erie and that his cannon balls help defeat the British in the ensuing battle in which Perry said, “We have met the enemy and they are ours.” Also iron was supplied for cannon balls used by Andrew Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans.

Samuel Jackson’s parents were Joseph Jackson (1699-1760) and Susannah Miller (1712-1767) who lived in Chester Co., Pa. Joseph Jackson was the son Ephraim Jackson and Rachel Newlin. The Jacksons were Quakers and arrived in Bucks Co., Pa. about 1684.

To learn more about the Jackson Family see the book, The Jackson Family A History of Ephraim Jackson by Jesse Calvin Cross.
THE LARCH FAMILY

Joseph Baker (Chapter 6) son of Michael Baker, Sr. was married to Hannah Larch. Hannah was the daughter of Paul Larch and his second wife, Elizabeth.

This history of Paul Larch is very interesting.

In Gresham’s and Wiley’s Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Fayette Co., Pa., 1889 is a sketch of Michael Baker, grandson of Paul Larch and son of Joseph and Hannah Baker. In the sketch the following is related about Paul Larch: “Paul Larch, maternal grandfather, as related, won his wife in a rather romantic manner. He was a native of France, emigrated to the Illinois country, and engaged as an Indian Trader. He stole his wife at night from an Indian Camp where she had been confined as a prisoner. She had been employed during the day in carrying wood which the Indians intended to use in burning her during the next day. Larch owned 400 acres of land where Kaskasia, Ill. now stands. Being in fear of the Indians, he came to Georges Creek, and took up 400 acres of land, where he resided until his death.

In the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Quarterly, Volume 23 #1, Summer 1996, pages 23 and 24 Jean Morris wrote an article, Larch vs. Larch, Fayette Co. Sept. Term 1796. Basically this concerned a lawsuit between the two surviving children of Paul Larch. Charles Larch was by his first wife and Hannah by his second. Paul Larch made his will on 17 November 1792 and divided his estate as 1/3 to widow, 1/3 to Charles and 1/3 to Hannah, with the provision that if he had more children they would be equal sharers notwithstanding his former bequeathments. Paul Larch died 11 April 1793 and a posthumous son, John Larch, was born in August 1793. This child died August 1794.

To come to the point without a lot of legal language the lawsuit was to determine if John’s share should be divided between Charles and Hannah or go to Hannah (as a full sister). The court decided to divide equally between Charles and Hannah as the surviving children of the father.

It is interesting that at no time are the names of either Larch’s first or second wife mentioned.

Ms. Morris goes on to mention the story about Paul Larch rescuing his wife and ends by asking the question, “It would be interesting to note whether or not the ‘rescue of Paul Larch’s wife from the Indians at Kaskashi, Ill.’ is fact or fiction.”

This story intrigued Mr. James L. Hansen, a Reference Librarian at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. In the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly, Volume 23, #3, Winter 1997 he wrote an article entitled, More Larch Family Notes.

Mr. Hansen suspected the Larch name was “a shortened form of the French-Canadian name Larcheveque.” Checking further he found two references to Paul Larch. I quote the following from Mr. Hansen’s article.

“From La population des forts francois d’Amerique: Repertoire des baptemes, mariages et sepultures celebres dans les forts et establissemens francois en Amerique du Nord au XVIIIe siecle, Tome 2 par Mathe Fairbault-Beauregard, 1984 Montreat p. 228

Mariages

Larche-Larcheveque, Paul M. 19-06-1759, a 7h, du soir, fils de Paul-Phillipe, maitre-condonnier, & Angelique LeBoeuf, de Montreal, Canada.

(to)

Dean, Alice, fille de William & Sarah (Chamel(Campbell), habitants de New York, Tem: Jean-Bte Hervieux; Charles Phlibot; Jos. Hennet; Antione Le Roy; Larche, cousin de l’epoux; Mme B. Mallette. Fr. Hippolyet Collet, recollet, miss.

From The Village of Chartes in Colonia Illinois 1720-1765 edited by Margaret Kimball Brown and Lawrie Cens Dean, publ. For LaCompagnie des Amis de Fort de Chartes, 1977 reprint by Polyanthos. P 215-216 #D-290:

Translation: In the year one thousand seven hundred fifty nine, the 19th of June at 7 o’clock in the evening in the
Church of this parish of New Chartes of the Illinois, government of the Mississippi, after having published 3 banns at the parish Mass, the first bann on a Sunday May 27th, the second bann on the second Feast of Pentecost on the 10th of the present month of June, and the third bann on the seventeenth of the same month of June on a Sunday; between Mr. Paul Larche, son of Paul Larche, master cobbler and of Angelique le Beuf, lawful spouses, residing at Montreal, of the one part, and Allise d’Ainne, dau of Ouillaume Dean and Sarah Chamel, (Judge Douglas surmises on the spelling of these English names are: Alice Dean, William Dean and Sara Campbell.) lawful spouses, inhabitants of New York, of the other part, and no canonical impediment having been found, we the undersigned Recollect priest, King’s Almoner at Fort Quebec, presently serving the pastorate of St. Anne of New Chartes, gave them the nuptial blessing with the customary ceremonies of our Mother Holy Church in the presence of Mr. Jean Baptiste Hervieux and Mr. Charles Philibot, of Mr. Joseph Henne, and Antoine leRoy, of Mr. Larche, cousin of the bridegroom, of Mr. Malteste. Messrs. Hervieux and Philibot and Malteste have signed with us on this entry, a reading having been made following the ordinance.”

Mr. Hansen also found the record of the Baptism of Paul Larch’s son Charles in Missouri Miscellany Volume 9 (1980) p. 1. Original Baptismal Register, 1759-1811 the Church of Ste. Genevieve.

“Year 1760 page 1
Charles son of Paul Larche and Alice Angleise baptized 1/11/1760.”

These records make it clear that Paul Larch was of French Canadian origin, the son of Paul Philippe Larche and Angelique le Beuf of Montreal, Canada. On 19 June 1759 he married at Chartes, Illinois to Alice Dean daughter of William Dean and Sara Campbell of New York. This was during the French and Indian War period so it is entirely possible Alice Dean had been captured by Indians and brought to the Illinois Country. Whether Paul rescued Alice from the Indians may never be known. He may have purchased her release or the Indians may have just turned her loose. Less than six months later Larches were across the Mississippi River in the town of Ste. Genevieve in what is now Missouri. On “1/11/1760” their son Charles was baptized. (Note the date 1/11/1760 is quoted directly from the article. I am not sure if its is January 11 or November 1, 1760.

Just where Paul Larch and his family lived between 1760 and 1785 I do not know. He did the opposite of what most folks did in those days. He moved east instead of west.

The next record that I can find on Paul Larch is when he had land patented in what is now Nicholson Township, Fayette Co., Pa. On 15 February 1785 he had surveyed 370 acres called “Apple Orchard.” It was patented to him on 19 September 1785. This parcel of land was on the waters of Georges Creek and a short distance northeast of New Geneva.

Paul Larch was listed as a distiller in both 1786 and 1789 Tax Lists.

By 1790 Paul had married Elizabeth ________, his second wife as his daughter Hannah was born in that year. In have not been able to find Elizabeth’s maiden name.

Paul Larch died 11 April 1793. His children are:

1. Charles Larch. I have not followed up on Charles. He was living in 1795, but is not found in the 1800 Census of Fayette Co., Pa.

2. Hannah Larch married Joseph Baker. See Chapter 6 for a complete history of this family.

3. John Larch died at one year of age.

THE NICHOLS FAMILY

Peter Baker (Chapter 1) married Anna Maria Nichol on 15 September 1761. The record of their marriage is found in the records of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, Md. They were married by Pastor Philip William Otterbein.

Anna Maria Nichol (later Americanized to Mary) was the oldest child of Johanne (John) and Margareta (Margaret) Nichol. Mary was most likely born when the Nichols were living on Pequea Creek, Conestoga Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.
In Strassburger and Hinke’s *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* is found the passenger list for the ship “Friendship” that arrived in Philadelphia, Pa. on 3 September 1739. A Johanne Nichol is listed as a passenger. Although it cannot be proved this is our John Nichol it is the only Nichol listing in all the passenger lists.

John married his wife, Margaret, about 1744. I have not found her maiden name.

On 16 June 1746 John Nichol placed an advertisement in Christopher Saur’s newspaper. At that time he was living on Pequea Creek in Conestoga Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Mary Nichol was probably born about 1745-1746 if she was 16 when she married Peter Baker in 1761. No record of her birth date or Baptism has yet been found.

On 30 April 1749 John and Margaret Nichol’s eldest son, John, was baptized in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Pa.

John Nichol is on the 1751 Tax List for Strasburg Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Between 1751 and early 1754 the Nichols family moved from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Frederick Co., Md.

On 16 January 1754 John Nicholls, farmer recorded in Frederick Co., Md. Deed Book Liber E pages 354 and 355 a deed made that same date between John Philip Strider of Frederick Co. and John Nicholls for a parcel of land containing 50 acres called “Addition to Wolf Pit.” The land cost 25 pounds current money.

On 15 April 1754 John and Margaret Nichols daughter, Charlotte, was baptized in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Frederick, Md.

The following records in Frederick and Washington Counties, Md. have been found concerning John Nichol.

John Nichol witnessed the will of Grove Thompson on 22 March 1755 in Frederick Co.

In Liber E page 1085 in the Frederick Co., Md. Land Records Joseph Robinett recorded supersedeas 18 June 1756 against Jacob Holland, John Davis and John Nicholl for the sum of 5 shillings debt plus 2 shillings 6 pence costs. A supersedeas was the result of a fine or judgement of the court, or a settlement out of court between the parties.

John Nichols witnessed the will of Thomas Payn on 8 July 1765 in Frederick Co.

John Nichols witnessed the will Josiah Harper on 16 March 1768 in Frederick Co.

John Nichols wrote his will on 26 August 1772. It was probated on 17 April 1773. Witnesses were Nicholas Tice, Jacob Birgue and Valentine Adam.

John Nichol devised that his wife, Margaret, to have “her maintainance” with son John if she so chooses, otherwise half to her. He bequeathed his plantation to son, John, along with one cow, a kart, one plow, one windmill, provided he pay each of the other children, Charlotte, Jacob, George, Michael and Mary the sum of ten pounds Pennsylvania currency each. Of his movables they “are to share in peace and quietness.”

John and Margaret Nichol had six known children:

1. Anna Maria or Mary Nichol who married our ancestor, Peter Baker on 15 September 1761. See Chapter 1.

2. John Nichol b. 26 December 1748 and baptized 30 April 1749 in Lancaster, Pa. He married Philippina, whose maiden name is currently unknown.

3. George Nichol b. about 1750. He married twice. First 16 November 1767 to Anna Barbara Hofman and second to Ann Margaretha __________. Known children were John, Jacob, George, Peter, Adam, Amelia and Jacob.

4. Jacob Nichol b. about 1752 d. 1799. He married Eva Catherine Tschudi/Judy. Children were Jacob, Michael,
Anna Catherine, Elizabeth, George, Susan, Anna Maria and Petrus Johannes. Members of this family moved to Culpeper Co., Va. and then on to Ohio.

5. Charlotte Nichol baptized 15 April 17544. No other information known and may have never married.

6. Michael Nichol married Maria Catherine [illegible]. Know children Margaretha, Catherine, Henry, Anna Maria, Christina, and Jacob.

I would like to thank Catherine Dunham of Hurricane, W.Va. who provided much of this above information on the Nichol Family.

**THE SADDLER FAMILY**

John Baker (Chapter 16) son of Michael Baker, Sr. married Catherine Saddler, daughter of Mary Magdalena Saddler (1773-1865) and William Saddler. The Saddlers were married about 1795 in York Co., Pa. Because they both had the same last name I suspect they were cousins.

Mary Magdalina’s parents were Jacob Saddler (ca 1742-1817) and Maria Magdalena Souder, daughter of Rudolph and Barbara Souder.

Jacob Saddler’s father and mother were Christian Saddler (ca 1720-1779) and Anna Maria Catherine [illegible]. Christian lived in Donegal Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Catherine Saddler Baker’s father was William Saddler (ca 1771-1833). At the present time the name of his parents are unknown. However, since they were all from York Co., Pa. there must be some connections between these two Saddler families.

At one time various members of the Saddler family owned large parcels of land in Springhill. Christian Saddler (1774-1840) brother of Mary Magadalina, owned all of what is now the town of Point Marion, Pa. Right on the edge of town is the old Sadler Cemetery.

Over the years the name Saddler has evolved to Sadler.

On 22 July 1800 Jacob Saddler purchased the John Swearingen tract of 248 acres in Springhill. On 31 December 1802 he sold this land to his son-in-law, William Saddler. Eventually this same property became the John and Catherine Baker farm.

Thanks to Craig Bailey for sharing his research on the Saddlers.

**THE SARGENT FAMILY**

The Sargent family is intertwined with the Baker family. Catherine and Margaret Sargent, daughters of Richard Sargent both married Bakers. Catherine married Michael Baker, Jr. and Margaret married George Baker, Jr.

The Sargents are hard to trace because they did not own any property. Richard Sargent the father of Catherine and Margaret, first appears in Springhill in the 1820 Census, in a household of six males and three females. The census notes that three in the family were engaged in farming. In the 1800 Census there is a George Sargent in Springhill between the age of 26 and 45. I cannot find any connections between the two men. In the 1850 Census Richard Sargent says he was born in Virginia, which could mean what is now West Virginia.

In 1830 Census records Richard is living in Monongalia Co., Va. (W.Va.). Remember the state line was very close and he could have moved a short distance and have been in Monongalia Co. I suspect they lived somewhere between the Line Ferry and Stewartstown, W.Va.

Although Richard is listed in the Census as a farmer there are several references that say the Sargents were engaged
in boat building on the Cheat River. I am not sure what type of boats were built but it would appear that several of Richard's sons were engaged in this trade.

In 1840 Richard Sargent is back in Springhill where he remained until his death.

In 1850 the Census identifies his wife as Elizabeth. Richard is 78 years old and Elizabeth is 66. This makes their birth dates as 1772 and 1784.

By 1860 Richard is dead and his widow, Elizabeth is listed as living in the household of Michael and Catherine Baker, her daughter.

By Richard's placement on the 1840 and 1850 Census it would appear he was living along the Cheat River in the vicinity of Hope Hollow.

Richard Sargent did not leave a will nor are there any other legal documents for him in the Court House. From piecing together Census records the following may be some of the children of Richard and Elizabeth Sargent.

1. John Sargent b. 1802 m. Margaret
2. Ezekiel Sargent b. 1806/07 m. Nancy
3. Levi Sargent b. 1808 m. Mary Brooks, daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth Brooks.
4. James Sargent b. 1812 m. Nancy Keyser?
5. Catherine Sargent b. 1817 m. Michael Baker, Jr. See Chapter 13 for a complete history of this family.
7. Margaret Sargent b. 1822 m. George Baker, Jr. See Chapter 42 for a complete history of this family.

THE SHEC TER FAMILY

Henry Dick, Sr. father of Juliana Dick Baker, wife of George Baker, Sr. (Chapter 27) was married to Mary Shecter.

It would appear that Henry and Mary Dick were married in Germany prior to their move to America. Perhaps the Shecter family moved with them at the same time. A review of Strassburger and Hinke's Pennsylvania German Pioneers fails to locate any Shecters who fit into the correct period.

Mary's father was Andrew Shecter. Her mother's name is unknown. In fact, very little is known about this family.

Andrew Shecter died without a will in 1784. His estate was settled on 15 May 1784. The paperwork names only his children so his wife must have been dead. The children were Wendel, Mary Dick, Doratha Eatenire and Henry. Wendel Shecter is buried in Trinity Reformed Church Cemetery in Boonsboro, Md. Wendel's tombstone states born Dec 1751 & died Jan 29th 1845 In the 94st year of his age.

On 10 December 1847 Andrew Schechter, William Schechter, Lydia Schechter, Joseph Wagoner and Susan Wagoner of Ogle Co. the state of Illinois sold sixteen acres of land in Washington Co., Md. to Jacob Foltz. These folks may have been the children of Wendel or Henry Shecter.

PART VIII

HISTORICAL TIDBITS AND FAMILY STORIES
HISTORY OF SPRINGHILL TOWNSHIP

Springhill Township has a long and important history. The Baker family has been closely connected to this township since their arrival in 1799.

Springhill was originally established when this area was still part of Cumberland Co., Pa. At that time Springhill Township included all of what is now Fayette Co., Greene Co., and the southern part of Washington Co. Springhill had been named by Col. George Wilson for his old home, Springhill, in Augusta Co., Va. Wilson settled at the mouth of Georges Creek at what later became New Geneva.

When Fayette Co., Pa. was established in 1783 Springhill was one of its original townships and fell in the far southwest corner of the county. Its western boundary was the Monongahela River, southern the Mason-Dixon Line, east the Wharton Township line and north the Georges Township line and Jacobs Creek. In 1847 the part of the township north of Georges Creek was cut off to form Nicholson Township.

For many years the local citizens often referred to Springhill as “Old Immortal Springhill” perhaps for its longevity and the fact it had once nearly covered three counties. In a letter written on 10 May 1863 from William Johnson to Mary Baker during the Civil War he said that “we are anxiously looking for some letters of a late date from Immortal Springhill.” J.M. Hall says the phrase was “coined before the Civil War.”

Springhill was always a hot bed for Democrat politics. During the Civil War a number of Springhill citizens were outspoken for Jeff Davis.

J. M. Hall in The History, Genealogy and Sayings of Springhill Township tells this story, “Capt. Showalter came from Morgantown with 100 soldiers and arrested A. B. Hall, Owen Stewart, Tom Batton and Lee Tate and took them to a huge elm tree on Gans Station road, gave them a military trial, but for want of evidence were dismissed, but their hurrah’s for Jeff Davis were not heard afterwards.”

J. M. Hall also wrote “Col. John D. Scott, speaking to a democratic party meeting said ‘I hail from Old Immortal Springhill where the roosters crow democracy, the hens cackle democracy, the cows moo democracy and Barney Martin hammers democracy on the anvil from the rising of the sun to the setting of the same.” Barney Martin was a blacksmith at Morris Cross Roads.

Hall says that during the 1850’s, 60’s, 70’s and 80’s the township always went democratic in all elections. He lists the Democrat and Republican families as:

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Many of the descendants of Peter Baker served in Springhill Township offices over the years. Ellis in the *History of Fayette Co., Pa.* lists the following:

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<td>Joseph Bowers 1879</td>
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Peter Baker descendants continued to hold many township offices up until the present. For example around 1900 Jesse H. Baker was School Board Director for many years. Little Jim Baker was Road Supervisor for years until his death in 1909. Baker descendants serving in later years included School Board Members James Baker and Jesse Baker. Ray Blosser was on the School Board for many years. More recently Milton Baker was Township Supervisor for 19 years until his death. Vernon Leckey was also a Township Supervisor and his wife, Madge, was the Tax Collector.

Springhill was an agricultural community in its early years. However, manufacturing has always been important. There were grist mills as early as 1786. In 1782 twenty two stills were assessed in Springhill. In 1792 the Springhill Furnace started manufacturing iron. A glass factory was started by Gallatin and Company in 1797. These businesses all remained important to the economy for years afterward. About 1850 the manufacture of stoneware started in New Geneva and was an important industry until 1914. Not only was the actual manufacture of stoneware important but also it supported other activities such as digging and hauling the clay from the clay banks, cutting wood and digging coal for the kilns and transportation of the finished products. Many local farmers worked in the potteries in the winter to earn some extra money.

In addition there were also saw mills and woolen mills in Springhill by the 1790's.

In the mid 1800's there were no towns or villages in the township. New Geneva had gone over to Nicholson Township. The chief centers were Forks of Cheat (Point Marion), Morris Cross Roads and Springhill Furnace. Morris Cross Roads was the actual center of the township and became a polling place in 1816.

Post Offices were established early in the township. New Geneva post office was established in 1799; Smithfield in 1812 (not in Springhill, but nearby); Springhill Furnace in 1843; Morris Cross Roads in 1851; Point Marion in 1878 and Cheat Haven in 1890 (changed to Lake Lynn in 1916.) Later post offices were also established in Emme (White House) in 1898; Gans in 1894; Winstead in 1886 and Wymps Gap in 1880.

When the Bakers first arrived in Springhill in 1799 the nearest post office was New Geneva. Prior to its establishment you had to go to Uniontown for your mail.

The Uniontown-Morgantown road was the eastern line of Peter Baker's farm in Springhill. This road followed the old Catawba Indian Trail. This road crossed the Cheat River at McFarland Ferry that was approximately at the mouth of Grassy Run. This was also called the Line Ford or Line Ferry because it was almost on the Pennsylvania-Virginia (W.Va.) state line.

There were also ferries at Forks of Cheat (Point Marion) across both the Cheat and Monongahela Rivers.
For years Morris Cross Roads was the center of activity for the township. It was where the Uniontown-Morgantown Road crossed the New Geneva-Sand Springs Road. It was named for Absolom Morris who had a tavern at the cross roads. At this center of the township were the polling place, militia muster location, school, blacksmith shop, store and tavern. The Baker farm was only about one mile from Morris Cross Roads.

In the 1890’s coal mining became important and was the dominate industry for decades.

About 1900 glass manufacture developed with the opening of the natural gas fields. Point Marion became the center for the glass factories. There was also a glass factory in Nilan.

Today Springhill would be classified as a residential community with most citizens going elsewhere to work. There is still some mining and Houze Glass still operates in Point Marion. Farming is a reduced scale and is stock raising for the most part.

FIGURE 307
1832 MAP OF SPRINGHILL TOWNSHIP
FIGURE 308
1865 MAP OF SPRINGHILL TOWNSHIP, SHOWING THE NAMES OF PROPERTY OWNERS
FIGURE 309
1875 MAP OF SPRINGHILL TOWNSHIP, SHOWING THE NAMES OF PROPERTY OWNERS
The Bakers in Springhill were closely connected to the Lutheran Church. When the Bakers first arrived in 1799 the nearest Lutheran Church was Jacobs in German Township about ten miles away.

In 1852 Rev. J. K. Melhorn, the pastor of Jacobs Lutheran started to hold services at Morris Cross Roads for the benefit of the Lutheran families that lived in that area.

Real interest in erecting a church began to build. Prior to his death in 1853 John Baker had negotiated with a
committee from the church to deed to the church enough land to erect a building. After John's death his wife, Catherine Baker, completed the deal and deeded the land to the church. Alexander Crow was contracted to build a brick church building. On 27 August 1854 the church was dedicated.

On 6 June 1856 a Charter for St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church was filed at the Recorders Office in Fayette Co., Pa. The following were the members of the church who signed this charter.

Conrad S. Emery
William Baker
John Deffenbaugh
Michael D. Baker
Michael Crow
Mary M. Sadler

Catherine Baker
Mary Emery
Mary Riffle
Elizabeth Baker
Mary M. Baker
Minerva Baker
Mary Brooks

Of the thirteen original charter members eight were related to the Bakers.

At first only two officers were elected, one elder and one deacon. Michael Crow was the first elder and Michael D. Baker was the first deacon.

In 1859 the first full council was elected. The elders were Michael D. Baker and Conrad Emery. The deacons were Joseph Bowers, George Baker and Joseph Lyons.

Rev. J. K. Melhorn was pastor until 1865. He was followed by Rev. Henry Acker 1865-1873. Rev. W. O. Wilson followed Acker from 1875 – 1885. Then there was a short vacancy until Rev. Wilson returned in 1886 until 1892. Then there was a long vacancy. In 1897 Rev. Ira M. Wallace arrived and remained until 1900. In that year Rev. J. K. Melhorn returned. After this time I have not been able to find any list of pastors. It is likely the pastors at Jacobs also served St. Johns.

In the late 1920's St. Johns Congregation had dwindled down to a very small number. Many members had left to attend Trinity Lutheran at Lake Lynn that was nearer to their homes.

During the 1930's and early 1940's the church was maintained but only used occasionally for services and funerals. In 1948 it was officially disbanded.

At this time the church land should have reverted back to the descendants of John and Catherine Baker as per the provisions of the original deed. However, the provisions of the original deed was not recalled by the family. Eventually the Lutheran Church sold the building and land for $1.00 to another church organization. Over the years different short lived congregations went in and out of the building. Finally the building and grounds were acquired by Springhill Township.

In the 1970's Marshall Baker made inquiries about reclaiming the church and land for the Baker descendants. He was advised by lawyers that because the family made no inquiry at the time the church was closed and the fact it had changed hands so many time since it closed it was a lost cause.

Over the years I have made inquiries as to where the records of the St. Johns Lutheran Church were located. They were not at Jacob Lutheran. I begin to think they had been lost or were forgotten in someone’s attic. Just as this book was going to press I was advised the records were discovered in the Archives of the Lutheran Church at Thiel College. I could not get a copy because they are in such fragile condition. Plans are underway for these to published in the future.

During the years the St. Johns Lutheran Church was in existence there was one Sunday School class that outlasted all others, the Baker Class. Because there were so many Bakers in the church they had a class of their own from the very beginning.

Over the years the St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church has been known by many names. It has been called the L.C. Church, The Brick and even Alexander Crow's church, because he built it. The Brick is the name most commonly used by the local citizens. No doubt because it was the only brick church in Springhill.
FIGURE 311
EARLY PHOTO OF ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH. THIS SHOWS THE TWIN DOORS ON THE FRONT AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT.

FIGURE 312
ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH IN 1960. SHOWS HOW THE FRONT HAD BEEN REMODELED AND SIDE DOORS MADE INTO WINDOWS, WITH ONE CENTRAL DOOR.
FIGURE 312A
THE ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION CELEBRATED THE FOURTH OF JULY WITH A PICNIC AT THE MOUNTAIN. TAKEN ABOUT 1902 OR 1903
In 1881 a move was made to establish a cemetery under control of St. Johns. J. A. Lyons sold five acres across the road from the church for this purpose. The cost was $600.00. The cemetery was managed through the officers of the church. After that time St. Johns Cemetery became a favorite burial place for the Bakers. In doing the research on this book I found there are approximately 91 Baker descendants buried in this cemetery.

The cemetery fell into disrepair over the years. Some families kept their lots neat and clean while others grew up in trees and briars. In the late 1970’s Marshall Baker launched an effort to endow the cemetery. The organization was incorporated as the Brick Church Cemetery Corporations. Funds were solicited and eventually the cemetery was properly endowed. The corporation has a board of officers who oversee the cemetery. Lots are being sold again. It is now a beautiful spot.

Thank you Marshall Baker.
The Baker family children attended several different schools in Springhill over the years.

In 1834 Pennsylvania enacted a law to establish free elementary schools. After this, the state and local governments became responsible for building and maintaining the schools. This was mainly done through locally elected school directors in each township.

Over the years many descendants of Peter Baker have answered the call for educating our children and have served on local school boards not only in Springhill but other areas also. A number of Baker descendants have become teachers and
After the free school law was enacted several new schools were built in Springhill that were attended by the Bakers.

Skinners Knob school was established after 1850 and was built of brick. The children of John and Catherine Baker attended this school. An old school book, McGuffey's Eclectic Fourth Reader printed in 1848 survives. In that book are written the names of M. D. Baker and Daniel M. Baker. On the inside of the back cover is written "Skinners Knob, Springhill Twp., Fayette Co., Pa. Apr 29th 1858." Skinners Knob was located between the original Baker farm and Hope Hollow, somewhere about the John Palmer farm. It may have actually been named for Peter Skinner, a black man who lived in that vicinity. After it was built a controversy erupted over Skinners Knob when some of the citizens of eastern Springhill complained the school was built for the use of one family. The family was not named but I suspect it was the Bakers.

When John and Catherine Baker deeded land to the St. Johns Lutheran Church in 1853 for the erection of a church they also provided a lot for the erection of a public school building. The Lutheran or L. C. School was erected soon afterward. This building became the school most Baker children attended.

Point Marion High School was also important to the Bakers of Springhill. A school in Point Marion was established in 1889. For many years it only taught to the eighth grade as was custom. However, in 1909 it graduated its first high school class. From then on until the close of the school in 1960 all students from Springhill went to Point Marion for high school.

BITS AND PIECES OFF THE ORIGINAL BAKER FARM

The original Peter Baker farm was divided in half between sons, Michael, Sr. and George, Sr. upon Peter's death. Michael got the northeast section, toward Morris Cross Roads and George the southwest, toward the Cheat River. I believe this division was decided on well in advance of Peter's death. There were at least two houses on the original tract. One house was for Michael and one house for George, in which the parents, Peter and Mary resided also.

Over the years bits and pieces have been sold off the farm.
As early as 1804 Peter Baker sold six acres of land to Thomas Burchinal and Michael and George Baker (his sons) as partnership. By reading this deed this parcel was on the banks of the Cheat River. An interesting thing in this deed is that Peter Baker reserved the right to use a sugar tree, the use of the mill seat, the privilege of timber for the building and repairing the home place and the privilege of stone where it can "begat handyest." I am not sure what Thomas Burchinal and the Bakers were using this parcel for unless it was for a mill.

In later years land was sold along the river for the railroad that came through in 1894. This was also the same year the coal tract was sold. The building of the railroad gave the coal operators the means of transporting their coal.

After the farm was sold to Joe Baker, lots were sold off the side of the farm along the Morris Cross Road to Lake Lynn road.

![Figure 315: Current tax map showing original Peter Baker farm in bold lines. Parcels 120, 128, 129, 131 and 131-09 are currently owned by two descendants of Peter Baker, Ralph Baker and Wayne Baker.]

DID THE BAKERS GO BACK TO HAGERSTOWN, MD. FOR SALT?

Dan Baker told me that he had always been told that the older Bakers went back to Hagerstown, Md. once each year to buy salt. They would take a wagon and go back there and load it with all the salt they needed for the following year. Dan said he did not know how long this yearly trip continued.
We know that two of Peter and Mary Baker's sons, Peter and John, had remained in Boonsboro, Md. when the family moved to Springhill. Boonsboro is only a few miles from Hagerstown. So there was still family in the Hagerstown area. This trip would also be a way to get back and visit family and friends in that area.

We also know Michael Baker, Sr. engaged in the freighting business, hauling freight between Cumberland, Md. and Uniontown, Pa. Michel had the wagon and horses needed to make the salt trip. A trip to Hagerstown would be quite easy for him.

The annual trips probably ceased about the time of George, Sr.'s and Michael, Sr.'s deaths. By 1850 the stoneware potteries were going into production in New Geneva, Pa. These potteries used huge quantities of salt, which they also sold to the public. This ended the need to go back to Hagerstown for salt.

GEORGE BAKER, JR. STORIES

Edna Baker related a couple of stories about George Baker, Jr.

The family always said Grandad was a tall man. My father said that George Baker loved to fish and one time caught a fish in the Cheat River that was so big when he hung it over his back its tail flopped on the ground. (Note: I wondered what kind of fish could have been this big. I discovered that prior to mine acid killing the Cheat River there were both sturgeons and pike in the river that big.)

Edna said that they always loved it when Grandad and Grandma, George and Margaret, visited them. Grandma always took up for the children. If her Mom went to correct one of them Grandma would say, "They are only kids. Don't punish them."

Edna said that George Baker had an old age plan. When he sold the coal under the farm it was like a fortune to them. Like being millionaires today. He divided the money up between all the children, then sold the farm to son, Joe. After that he and Grandma went from child to child to live for a month at a time. The kids really enjoyed their visits.

This is a story told by my Aunt Myrtie Dunham. When her Grandfather, George Baker, ate custard pie he liked it to touch the end on his nose when he bit down on a piece. When he stayed at their place it was always made that way to please him.

George Baker did not like to visit the Deffenbaughs, mainly because his son-in-law, Son, did not talk. George often said he would rather sit in the coal bin than visit the Deffenbaughs.

FRANK BAKER STORIES

Frank Baker was the son of Dan and Julie Baker. Counting his Saddler ancestors he was the fourth generation to live on his farm. Edna Baker told me some of these stories about her father.

Dad had a mine up back of the house and had a mule that he used in the mine. One morning a neighbor woman came over, mad as an old wet hen, and said the mule had gotten into her garden. It had eaten or torn everything to pieces. Dad was not home at the time but a fellow by the name of Woods happened to be there. He said he would go get the mule. Well, poor old Woods had a terrible time catching that mule and getting him back home. Woods was covered in mud and his clothing was all disheveled. When Dad finally got home he took one look and said that wasn't his mule. They looked over and Dad's mule was standing, happy as can be, in the field where he belonged.

Frank Baker had a sugar camp right below his house. This sugar camp probably went back to the time of his great grandfather Saddler. Every spring when the sap started to flow Frank got busy and made maple syrup, sugar and wax. He also made a greenish liquid called sugar water beer. This sugar water beer was made using the sugar water and hops. It was greenish in color and they stored it in crocks in the basement. My father, Jim Baker, recalled a time when the whole family was at Aunt Julie's birthday party. The kids, boys and girls alike, snuck into the basement and got into the sugar water beer. It was not long until its effects hit everyone—the back door trots. Jim said the girls were in the privy and the boys out behind the barn.
When Frank Baker decided to build a home for his family he did not go far from his parent’s home. He attached his new house right to the home of his parents, Dan and Julie. The interiors of the houses were interconnected so you did not have to go outside to go from one house to another.

The old John and Catherine Baker house stood to the rear of the Frank Baker home. It was a four room board and batten house. The Bakers used it as an outbuilding for butchering, workshop and storage. Well, Frank had had habit of always sitting his burning pipe down and forgetting where it was. One day in the 1920’s he accidentally caught the old house on fire. The Point Marion Fire Department was called. Anytime the fire truck ran so did all the local citizens. Edna said when the fire truck showed up it was followed by hordes of people. They were on foot, in cars, on horseback, and on bicycles. They were coming from all directions. They were stomping over everything including the garden. Frank was more upset about the people than he was the fire. As the firemen entered the burning building Frank said in a loud voice, “I keep dynamite stored in that building!” Within seconds everyone was gone. The building burned down.

One of Jim Baker’s memories of Frank Baker was the wrens. In all the outbuildings around the place Frank had placed tin cans on their side and nailed them into the crooks, crannies and caves. Wrens nested in all of them.

**BAKER AND BROOKS BAND**

During the 1880’s the Baker and Brooks Band was a popular group in the Springhill area. They played at socials and churches all over the area. The band consisted of Joseph Brooks on first violin, Lewis Baker, violin, Worthington Baker, bass fiddle and Arley Brooks, triangle.

Nella Hamilton writing on 1 November 1977 said, “Some years ago, some people living on Will Bakers place and kids were playing in the barn when they ran on the wooden box they used to pack the bass fiddle in and told their parents and having a lock on it they decided it was a rough box and maybe someone was in it. The kids ran down to my old Brooks home and Sylvester...imagined what they had found but he went up and that’s what it was. But they thought it quite a joke.”

**BOARDERS FOR THE SUMMER**

Edna Baker described the boarders that used to come to Julie Bakers, “Grandmaw had people coming here from Pittsburgh year after year. I imagine through the Baker Girls (Michael D. Baker’s daughters). Always during the last of July or August when we had plenty of garden stuff. They would stay two weeks or more. The one picture taken in the barnyard and everyone standing in front of our surrey with fringe on top are the Armor people. Not the meat people. He was an artist. We used to have a nice picture of Grandmaws old blue coffee pot full of dahlias...no idea what she charged. Dad had a place in the woods down below the sugar house which he had cleared off and made into a croquet court.”
The Bakers all loved dogs. When you read the old tax lists even back in the early 1800's the tax collector always recorded whether or not you owned a dog. All the Bakers had at least one dog.

When Little Jim Baker and his family lived in the Plastered House at Friendship Hill he had a dog named Ring. From stories handed down in various branches of the family all agree he was a big animal, but his breed is unknown.

Ring's claim to fame was his ability as a messenger between the Bakers at the Plastered House and Laura's mother, Nancy Hare, at her home on Blosser Hill. These houses were probably four or five miles apart by road. Overland it was somewhat shorter.

When Laura wanted to send a letter to her mother she tied it to Ring's collar and off he took to the Hares. He would remain at Mother Hares until a return letter was tied on his collar and then back to the Plastered House he went.

When Ring was carrying the mail he was all business. No stopping or tom foolery when on duty. Several of the neighbors reportedly told the Bakers that they had encountered Ring on his messenger run and would attempt to stop him, but no sir, he just kept on going. They also said he traveled a straight line between the two houses. He wasn't dumb. Ring carried the mail this way for many years.

After Little Jim Baker's death his sons, Harry and Charlie, became concerned about their mother living alone on the farm. They decided to get her a good watch dog. That dog was a dalmation. He was good all right. Even Harry and Charlie couldn't get into the yard of the house until their Mom told the dog it was OK.

FANCY HILL COAL COMPANY

When Peter Baker purchased "Mt. Pleasant" in 1799 he had no idea it overlaid a large tract of coal. On 14 February 1894 George Baker, Jr. sold 70 acres of coal to William McCormick, Cyrus Edhard and Frank Coughanour.

Over the years this coal company evolved into the Fancy Hill Coal Company. On 26 November 1913 the company was purchased by John B. Moore. John B. Moore would become Joe Baker's son-in-law in 1916.
Over the years Fancy Hill added coal acreage to its holding including the coal under the Michael Baker farm, Jesse H. Baker farm, John Palmer farm and others.

A small coal patch developed with company houses and company store. There was a large coal loading operation at the railroad near the Cheat River. All the coal was hauled away by railroad.

Fancy Hill closed in the 1960’s.

Edna Baker wrote the following to me in 1971, “When Fancy Hill bought that land and the coal they had quite a time figuring out all the old wills and deeds in Uniontown Courthouse. Mr. Fawcett told our Dad that ‘Old Man Baker was thinking in Dutch and trying to express it in English.”

**FRIENDSHIP HILL**

The Friendship Hill estate in Springhill was established by Albert Gallatin a native of Switzerland. Gallatin arrived in America in 1780 and purchased the land for Friendship Hill in 1786. Gallatin began construction of his home in 1789. At the same time he also began his career as a politician. He was a delegate in 1789-90 to the Pennsylvania Convention on the Pennsylvania Constitution. From 1790-93 he was a Pennsylvania State Assemblyman. In 1793-94 he was a U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania, but was disqualified because he was foreign born. In 1794 Gallatin helped negotiate a peaceful settlement of the Whiskey Rebellion.

In 1795 Gallatin and his partner purchased an additional 650 acres at the mouth of Georges Creek and founded the town of New Geneva. Here Gallatin established a glass works and several mills. In 1797 he also established a gun factory (near what is now Woodside) with partner, Melchoir Baker.

In 1801 Albert Gallatin became the Secretary of the Treasury under Thomas Jefferson. He continued in this position until 1814, also serving in the administration of James Madison. He served as Secretary of the Treasury longer than any other person.

While Secretary of the Treasury Gallatin helped finance the Louisiana Purchase, plan the National Road (Route 40) and organize the finances for the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

When the War of 1812 started Gallatin issued Treasury Bills to finance the war and then served on the team that negotiated the end of the war.

From 1816 to 1823 Gallatin was U. S. Minister to France.

One of the greatest events to ever occur in Springhill was the visit of LaFayette to Friendship Hill on May 27 and 28, 1825. Thousands of people swarmed to Friendship Hill to see LaFayette. A banquet was served and LaFayette and Gallatin spoke to the crew from the balcony of the house. I have no doubt our Bakers were there.

Gallatin continued in political affairs and in 1832 sold Friendship Hill and settled in New York City.

The Friendship Hill estate went through a series of owners over the years including the Dawson Family.

Eventually, Friendship Hill was purchased by J. V. Thompson, the Coal Baron and in 1951 Sherwood and Evelyn (Thompson) Martin acquired the title to the estate. Evelyn was the granddaughter of J. V. Thompson.

In the early 1970’s Friendship Hill was falling into disrepair and there was danger it would be sold to individuals who would destroy the house and the land. Quinter S. Baker began a campaign to have Friendship Hill turned into a National Park. He worked long and hard for years to achieve this goal.

On 10 November 1978 Public Law 95-625 was signed by President Jimmy Carter authorizing Friendship Hill as a National Historical Site. In 1980 title passed to the National Park Service. They took immediate steps to restore the house and grounds. Today Friendship Hill is one of the treasures of the National Park Service.

The saving of Friendship Hill is entirely due to one person, my Uncle, Quinter S. Baker.
John L. Dawson and his family have connection to the Bakers through their ownership of Friendship Hill.

John L. Dawson of Uniontown and Brownsville, was Democratic Congressman from Fayette Co. on two occasions, 1852-1856 and 1862-1866. He was greatly loved in Fayette Co. He purchased Friendship Hill in 1859. He died at the age of 58 in 1870. After his death his wife and children continued to use Friendship Hill as a summer home.

Over the years the control of Friendship evolved to the Speer family. It was during this time that the two James Bakers, Black Jim and Little Jim, worked at Friendship Hill.

Black Jim or James P. Baker became manager of the farm and ran it for many years. Little Jim worked as farm hand on the farm and lived in the Plastered House.

Little Jim's family developed a strong friendship with the Speers that continued even after Jim left Friendship Hill for his own farm. Sarah Speer would visit them on their farm on Blosser Hill, staying several days at a time.

In doing this book on our Baker family I think it is a good idea to include a little bit on Melchoir Baker. Although completely unrelated to our family he did live in the area during the same time as Peter Baker.

Melchoir Baker was on the western Pennsylvania frontier as early as 1781 when he served as a Lieutenant in a Virginia militia unit. His unit was called up to go with George Rogers Clark on an expedition against the Indians in the Ohio country. During the expedition Baker and his men felt their term of service had expired and headed back home. On the way back up the Ohio Col. Lochry discovered them. He thought they were deserters and took them prisoners. A short time later Lochry's outfit was attacked by Indians and defeated. Lochry was killed. Melchoir Baker was wounded on the left side of his head. Taken to an Indian town he was forced to run the gauntlet where he received more blows to his head. He was deaf in
the left ear and disfigured for the rest of his life. After being prisoner for eighteen months he was turned over to the British at Detroit. They took Baker to Quebec. Eventually he was exchanged at Fort Ticonderoga on 18 July 1783.

Melchoir Baker was back in Fayette Co. by 1788 paying taxes in Georges Township. Baker was known as a blacksmith and gun maker. In 1797 he went into partnership with Albert Gallatin to manufacture muskets for the State of Pennsylvania and the Federal Government. The gun factory was actually built near what is now known as Woodside in German Township. Between 50 and 100 men were employed at the gun factory.

In 1801 Gallatin became Secretary of the Treasury and dissolved his partnership with Baker. Baker continued to fulfill the contracts. However by 1804 or 1805 he was out of business. A short time later he moved to Virginia (W.Va.).

Melchoir Baker had two sons, Nicholas and George. George Baker died in 1820 in Georges Township. This George Baker has been confused with George Baker, Sr. in our family. But they were not related.
APPENDIX

PHILIP WILLIAM OTTERBEIN

Philip William Otterbein was pastor of the Evangelical Reformed Lutheran Church in Frederick, Md. He was the pastor who married Peter and Mary Baker on 15 September 1761. Dieter Cunz in his The Maryland Germans A History tells us this about Pastor Otterbein. "He was born in 1726 in the little German town of Dillenburg in Nassau, and was one of those six young pastors who came to America with Schalatter in 1752. From Pennsylvania he went to Frederick, where he conducted the parish with much skill and energy from 1760 to 1765. In his first year in the pulpit work was begun, after the example of the Lutherans, on the construction of a more solid and spacious church. Again it was Daniel Dulany who gave the land for the church and cemetery. The lumber from the old church was sold to Thomas Schley for ten pounds. For the new structure each person gave his share in money or in labor. The building was completed in 1764. In the official minutes of the Reformed Cootus the Reverened Do. Otterbein, in the last three years, has almost worked himself to death. Shortly after the dedication of the church he left the parish..."

PETER BAKER LAND PATENT IN MARYLAND

Maryland State Archives
Land Office
(Patent Record)

Peter Pecker - (Note: This should really read Peter Becker)
Book BC & GS #44
Pages 37 and 38 SR 7751

MR. PETER PECKER HIS PATT. 50 a.
MARTSOME

Frederick Co. Know ye that for in consideration that Peter Pecker of Frederick County hath due unto him fifty acres of land by virtue of a Warrant for that quantity granted him by renewment that twenty forth day of December seventeen hundred and sixty two as appears in our land office and upon such condition and terms as are in our conditions of plantations of our said Province bearing date the fifth day of April sixteen hundred and eighty four and remaining upon record and our Province together with such alterations as in them are made by our father conditions bearing date the fourth day of December sixteen hundred and ninety six together also with the alterations made by our Instructions bearing at same on the twelfth day of September seventeen hundred and twelve and Registered in our Secretary's office of our said Province together with a paragraph of our Dear Father's Instructions bearing date at London the fifteenth day of December seventeen hundred and thirty eight and registered in our land office — We do therefore hereby grant unto him the said Peter Pecker all that tract or parcel of land called Martsome lying in the county at Beginning at a bounded white oak starting by the side of a branch falling from the end of the Short Hill Mountain down to Robert Turner's Plantation being a draught of Little Antietam and running thence South seventy four degrees East twenty perches North seventy four degrees East eighty one perches North sixty three degrees West forty perches South eighty four degrees and a half East eighty one perches North sixty three degrees West forty perches South eighty four degrees West sixty two perches then with a straight line to the beginning containing and now laid out for fifty acres of land according to the Certificate of survey. Thereof taken and returned unto our land office bearing date the twenty sixth of May seventeen hundred and sixty three and there remaining together with all Right Profit Benefit and Privileges thereunto belonging Royal Mines excepted to have and to hold the same unto him the said Peter Pecker his heirs and assigns forever to be of and as of our Manor of Coneygocheighe in full and common usage by fealty only for all manner of service and paying therefore yearly unto us and our heirs at our receipt at our City of St. Mary's at the two most usual feasts in the year Viz. The feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael the Arch Angel by even and equal portion the rent of two shillings sterling in silver or gold and for a fine upon every alienation of the said land or any part or parcel thereof one whole years rent in silver or gold or the full value thereof in such commodities as we and our heirs or such officer or officers as shall be appointed by us and our heirs from time to time to collect and receive the same shall accept in discharge thereof at the choice of us and our heirs or such officer or officers provided that if the said sum for a fine for alienation shall not be paid unto us and our heirs or such officer or officers aforesaid before such alienation and the said alienation entered upon record either in the provincial court or county court where the same parcel of land both with one month next after such alienation then the said alienation shall be void and of no effect. Given under our Great Seal of our said Province of Mary-
land this sixteenth of July seventeen hundred and seventy one. Witness our brother Robert Eden Esq. our Governor and Commander in Chief in and over our said Province of Maryland and Chancellor and Keeper of the Great Seal thereof.

ROBERT EDEN

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FIGURE 318
PETER BAKER'S LAND PATENT FOR MARTSOME (Page 1)
FIGURE 318
PETER BAKER'S LAND PATENT FOR MARTSOME (Page 2)

Maryland State Archives
Land Office
(Patent Record)

Peter Pecker (Note: This should really read Peter Becker)
Book BC and GS #45
Page 27 SR 7752

Peter Pecker his Cert. 50 acres
Martsome Patented 16th July 1771
Rent in Amt 2/shillings to the Rent Rolls

FREDERICK COUNTY – By virtue of a warrant granted out of His Lordships Land Office of the Province to Peter Pecker of the County aforesaid for fifty acres of land bearing date by renewmont 24 Dec 1762. I therefore Certify as Deputy Surveyor under his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor of Maryland that I have carefully surveyed and laid out for and in the name of him the said Peter Pecker all that tract of land called Martsome lying in the county aforesaid, Beginning at a bounded White Oak standing by the side of Branch falling from the end of the Short Hill Mountain down to Robert Turners Plantation being a draught of Little Antietam and running thence South seventy four degrees East twenty perches South twenty degrees
East twenty perches North seventy four degrees East eighteen perches North twenty one degrees and a half degree East eighty nine perches North sixty three degrees West forty perches South eighty four degrees West thirty two perches then with a straight line to the Beginning containing and laid out for fifty acres of land to be held of Conegachiegue Manor Surveyed 26th May 1763.

John Murdock

Dec 8, 1770 Examined & Passed
U. Scott, Exam.

On the back of the foregoing certificate was the following receipt to wit: I have received the sum of fourteen shilling and eight pence having for Rents to March 1770 on the within Patent may therefore issue his Excellencys approbation this December 8, 1770

John Morton Jordon

Approved
Robt. Eden

FIGURE 319
PETER BAKER'S CERTIFICATE FOR MARTSOME
DEED OF DANIEL ARNOLD TO PETER BAKER FOR MOUNT PLEASANT

SPRINGHILL TOWNSHIP, FAYETTE CO., PA.

The land Peter Baker purchased in Springhill was called “Mount Pleasant.” It was originally warranted on 23 December 1785, surveyed on 2 October 1786 and patented on 5 June 1787 to John Calhoon. Calhoon conveyed the land to William and Dixon Hutton who sold it 16 August 1793 to Daniel Arnold. On 17 October 1799 Daniel Arnold sold the land to Peter Baker.

The original land warrant from Pennsylvania stated the parcel contained 300 acres. The patent stated 293 1/4 acres and the deed to Peter Baker said 291 acres plus usual allowances of six acres for roads. The deed is as follows:

This indenture made the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine between Peter Baker of Springhill Township, Fayette County Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of the one part and Daniel Arnold of the county aforesaid of the other part. Witneseth whereas the Commonwealth aforesaid by their patent dated the fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eight seven did grant unto John Calhoon a certain tract of land called Mount Pleasant situation therewith East side of Cheat River in Springhill Township aforesaid — Who by this William and Dixon Hutton conveyed the same to aforesaid Daniel Arnold as per Indenture dated the sixteenth day of August one thousand seven hundred and ninety three. Who together with Agnes his wife by Indenture of said date herewith conveyed the following described part thenceunto the said Peter Baker Viz: Beginning at a spot on the bank of Cheat River thence by land of one Gillespie North thirteen degrees West thirty perches to a black oak North eighty and a half West forty perches and four tenths to a pile of stones thence leaving two acres of the original tract on the left for James Gillespie North three degrees and a half West sixty nine perches to stone thence by land of John Gillespie North seventy eight degrees and half East fifty perches and four tenths to a white oak North thirty four degrees four perches to a post South eighty degrees East sixty three perches and four tenths to a post thence by land of William Workman South thirty four degrees and a quarter East one hundred and nineteen perches to a dead white oak in a line of Josh Selser South sixty degrees and a quarter West thirty eight perches and two tenths to a white oak south thirty four degrees west eighty four perches and two tenths to a dogwood South forty five degrees West one hundred and fifty perches to a bank of the Cheat River thence down the same one hundred and thirty four perches to the beginning containing two hundred and ninety one acres and the usual allowances of six acres of land for roads and Whereas the said Peter Baker by sundry obligations bearing on date with these presents stands bound unto the said Daniel Arnold in the sum of four hundred and forty five pounds real debt under the customary penalties separated by sundry bonds as for articles of agreement payments to be made annually as for bonds and articles. NOW THIS INDENTURE futher witneseth that the said Peter Baker for the better securing the payment of said sum of four hundred forty five pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania unto this said Daniel Arnold agreeably to his aforesaid contract and in conformity with the before mentioned bond obligations and articles of agreement already entered into by the parties as well for and in consideration of the further sum of five shillings lawful money of Pennsylvania now paid by the said Daniel Arnold to the said Peter Baker the receipt whereof acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant and sell unto the said Daniel Arnold the before described part of therefore said tract of land and premises with their appurtenances to have and to hold the same unto the said Daniel Arnold his heirs executors administrators assigns forever provided always that the said Peter Baker his certain attorney heirs executors administrators or any of them shall well and truly pay the aforesaid debt of four hundred and forty five pounds as per convent before alluded to and agreed by. So the term of the before mentioned bonds obligation and that without any fraud, delay, declarations or abatement of any part thereof by reason of any taxes or otherwise that there and therefore this present indenture the directed or alluded to bonds and agreements hereof entered into and everymater and thing that related thereto shall reappear of the said Daniel Arnold his heirs executors administrators or assigns and every of them and becomes utterly void anything. In this indenture expressed to the contrary thereof in anywise not notwithstanding in witness whereof the parties to this presents have set their hand and seals this day and year first before written.

Sealed and Delivered John Wood Received this day of the state of the foregoing Indenture of Mortgage the sum of five
In presence of Jonathan Rowlans Shillings therein mentioned

Agnes Arnold
Daniel Arnold

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Our family is very fortunate in that four early Bibles survive that contain vital family records. The first of these Bibles is the Michael Baker, Sr. Bible.

The Michael, Sr. and Catherine Baker family Bible is printed in German and was published in 1788 in Nuremberg, Germany. I suspect this Bible came into the Baker family when Michael married his second wife, Catherine Everly. The reason I believe this is because only the children of the second marriage are listed in the Bible. The two older daughters by Michael’s first wife are not listed. The entries are written in German. I could not get a photocopy of this page. Following is an English translation.

Joseph Baker was born on the 22nd of April, 1803

Sarah Baker was born on the 7th day of August, 1804

Jacob Baker was born on the 8th day of December, 1805
John Baker was born on the 15th day of September, 1807.

Daniel Baker was born on the 18th day of January, 1810.

Sarah Baker was born on the 31st day of December, 1811 (8 p.m.).

Phebe Baker was born on the 30th day of December (Note: no year entered in Bible).

Michael Baker was born on the 3rd day of March, 1815.

Samuel Baker was born on the 14th day of July, 1817.

Catharine Baker was born on the 25th day of April, 1819.

This Bible is now owned by Shirlene Korzun, a descendant of Michael Baker, Sr.

GEORGE BAKER, SR. FAMILY BIBLE

The George, Sr. and Juliana Baker family Bible is also printed in German. I have not had access to it to see the title page. The entries are translated as follows:

This Bible belongs to me, Georg Becker, I was married to my wife Anna Juliana in December 14, 1794.

On the 7th day of the year 1770 Juliana Leiter was born.

In the year 1795, September 29th, between 11:00 and 12:00 at night, a Daughter was born named Elizabeth, God may be with her.

In the year 1797, September 28th around 5:00 p.m. a daughter was born to the world, named Maria. God may be with her.

In the year 1807, September 3rd a son was born, named Thomas. God may be with him.

In the year 1804, the 6th day in December, a daughter was born, named Margareta.

In the year 1813, January 7th, a daughter was born, named Charlotte.

In the year 1818, April 11th, a son was born, named Georg Becker.

January 25th, 1838 was born the 25th of January.

1838

On the second line the translation reads “1770 Juliana Leiter was born.” I am not sure what Leiter means in German. As we know Juliana’s maiden name was Dick. If you look at the original it is very hard to make out this word.

The last entry is also a mystery. The translator could not make out the name and read it as .......... Becker. In the original Bible a one word name was entered and then scratched out. Over it was written, in what appears to be another hand, two words. The mystery is that the birth date of 25 January 1838 doesn’t fit any known Baker that I have found a birth date for.

The only name that I can find that comes close to this name is Salina Brooks, the oldest child of Charlotte Baker who married Joseph Brooks. Could Salina have been born out of wedlock. The Bible says she was born in 1838 and the 1850 Census lists her as 17 years old. This would mean she was born 1833. The next oldest child of Charlotte and Joseph Brooks was born in 1839. If this is indeed Salina Brooks then I suspect the Bible entry is correct. I’ll let you be the judge.

This Bible is in possession of Melvin Baker, a descendant of George Baker, Sr.
This Bible is printed in English by the American Bible Society with the date 1845 on the title page. George, Jr. and Margaret Baker were married in 1844 so this Bible came into their possession early in their marriage. The entries are:

George Baker was born April 11th 1818
Margaret Baker was born Nov. 10 1822
Juliana Baker was born April 6 1846
Sarah E. Baker was born Apr 19th 1848
Oliver P. Baker was born March 1st 1850
James Baker was born Apr 23rd 1852
Emma Cornelia Baker was born July 18 1854
William Elza Baker was born February 1 1857

Page 2
Joseph Melhorn Baker born August 31 1859
Ella Moss born 28th February 1874
Joseph Melhorn Baker born Aug 31 1859

Page 3
George Baker Sr. died May 16th 1839
Juliana Baker died July 11th 1839
Charlotte Brooks died Jan 1851
Thomas Baker died July 3rd 1851
Amanda Brooks Died April 16th 1852
Sharlotta Baker died April 15th 1858
Julian Brooks died Oct 1881
George Baker Jr. died May 25th 1905
Margaret Baker died Oct 17 1908
James Baker died Jan 6 1909

At the time I copied these pages this Bible was owned by Edna Baker.

FIGURE 322 FOLLOWS (3 PAGES)
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GEORGE, JR. AND MARGARET BAKER FAMILY BIBLE

This Bible is a large volume printed in 1866. The family entries are duplicates of the previous Bible printed in 1845. The entries appear to have been written in the same hand at the same time. This Bible is in possession of Melvin Baker. The pages are as follows:

FIGURE 323A
PAGES FROM THE GEORGE, JR. AND MARGARET BAKER FAMILY BIBLE
FIGURE 323B
PAGES FROM THE GEORGE, JR. AND MARGARET BAKER FAMILY BIBLE
Births

James Baker was born April 23rd, 1852.
Emma Caroline Baker was born July 18th, 1854.
William John Baker was born February 10th, 1857.
Joseph Melton Baker was born August 31st, 1867.
Eliza Noble Baker was born February 17th, 1874.

FIGURE 323C
PAGE FROM THE GEORGE, JR. AND MARGARET BAKER FAMILY BIBLE
FIGURE 323D
PAGE FROM THE GEORGE, JR. AND MARGARET BAKER FAMILY BIBLE
FIGURE 323E
PAGE FROM THE GEORGE, JR. AND MARGARET BAKER FAMILY BIBLE
WILL OF PETER BAKER

Following is the will of Peter Baker in Fayette Co. Will Book 1 Volume II, page 413. It was probated on 10 August 1812. I have attempted to copy it using the same spelling as found in the original.

I Peter Baker of the county of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania being sick and weak in body but of sound mind, memory and understanding (bless be God for the same) do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit:

In the Name of God Amen.

Principally and first of all I commend my immortal soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it and my body to earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of executors here in after named. And as such wordly estate where of I am possessed. I give and dispose of the same as follows. First it is my will and I do order that all my just debts and funeral expense be duly paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently can be after my decease.—Item. I give & bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife, Mary, all and singular my household furniture, one sorrel mare, two milch cows, and five sheep for and during her natural life. And at & after her decease, I order and direct the same, or such thereof as may be on hands to be sold and monies arising from such sale to be equally divided amongst my seven children herein after named.—Item. I give and bequeath unto my wife use and occupancy of the east end of my dwelling house together with half the kitchen thereto attached and the garden during her natural life.—Item. I give and bequeath unto my sons, Michael and George my plantation where on I and they do live to them their heirs and assigns forever to be divided between them as follows. To wit Beginning at Cheat river at the mouth of the spring run, thence up and with said run, opposite the north corner of the apple orchard, from thence to run northwesterly by the north side of the said orchard so as to make the said division just and equitable, having respect to quality as well as quanity. Michael to have the northeast and George to have southwest end. They the said Michael and George or their heirs paying thereout unto my other children hereafter named the several sums of money to them respectively bequeathed and also they and each of them or their heirs delivering to my said wife and her house the following. Eleven bushels of wheat each and every year. And jointly at their proper costs and charges to deliver to my said wife at her door a sufficency of fire wood for her purposes during her life. And to feed and keep in good order for my said wife one horse creature, two cows and five sheep, at their joint expense during her natural life, provided the charges to have and keep so many. But if my said sons, Michael and George cannot agree themselves in the division aforesaid, I order and direct that they call three men to value each end, and that he who has the surplus end shall pay to the other the difference.—Item. I give and bequeath to my sons, Peter, John and Lewis and to my daughters Mary Marquis, and Charlotte Baker, and to each and every of them, the sum of three hundred and nineteen dollars and sixty seven cents, to be paid to them and each of them by my sons Michael and George jointly in manner following, to wit, to my said daughter Mary in one year after my decease, and to my said sons, Peter, John and Lewis and to said daughter Charlott as soon after my wives decease as possibly they can so, that the whole be paid within five years after her decease and to each apropoportionable of fifth part (that is $79.91 ¼ ) each year except the said order of payment may be by my said children dispenced with, for the interest of any one of them.—Item. My said daughter Charlott I order to have and receive one cow, one bed and bedding and one chest of drawers commonly known or called hers at this time.—Item. Futher I do order and direct that my sons Michael and George do each and every year, during the natural life of my said wife deliver unto her, each of them a good fat hog, thirteen lbs dressed flax, and thirteen lbs sugar and seven bushels of potatoes, and what apples and peaches she may want to dry and use in addition to the forgoing legacies from the orchard now or that may be at my decease. —And lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint my friend Joseph Gans and Andrew Oliphant of the said county of Fayette to be the executors of this my will, hereby revoking all other wills, legacies, and bequests, by me heretofore made, and declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof the foregoing is signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said testator, aa his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence, and at his request have signed the same as witnesses.

Henry Shipley
Aaron Brooks
Thomas Boord

Peter Baker (SEAL)

Codicil to the foregoing will. I Peter Baker in lieu and stead of the sum of three hundred and nineteen dollars and sixty seven cents as here in before bequeathed to my sons Peter, John and Lewis and to my daughters Mary Marquis and Charlotte Baker and each of them, and direct to be paid to them by my sons Michael and George do give and bequeath to each of them the sum of two hundred and sixty six dollars and sixty seven cents. And do order and direct that my said sons, Michael and George jointly do pay to each of them the said Peter, John, Lewis, Mary and Charlotte the said sun of $266.67 in manner following (to
To my said daughter, Mary in two years (one half each) after my decease after these payments made to my sons and
daughter Charlott in the order in which they are named $133.33 1/3 each year until each receives the full said sum of $266.67
bequeathed to them. But if my sons, Michael and George can and do pay to daughter Mary the bequest before mentioned or
an equal sum (which is my wish) antecedant to my decease sufficient evidence there of shall be in lieu to this by bequest. And
provided that my wish be done by Michael and George. The payments not to be made by them as above described must
commence the year after may decease.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the fourth day of December A.D. 1810.

In presence of
William Saddler
A. Oliphant
Joseph Gans

WILL OF GEORGE BAKER, SR.

Following is the will of George Baker, Sr. as registered in Fayette Co., Pa. Will Book 2 Volume I, page 206. It was
probated on 23 May 1839.

In the name of God, Amen – The sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty nine I
George Baker of Springhill Township fayette County and State of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, being in a very bad state of health
but of perfect mind and memory thanks be God for the same. Calling to mind the morality of my body and knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament (Viz.) Principally and chiefly and first of
all I give and recommend my soul into the house of God Almighty who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be
buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it
hath pleased God to bless me in this life. I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner (Viz) Item I give and
bequest to my dear and well beloved wife her living during her natural life time to be provided for by my Executors and what
money is in hand say two hundred dollars. Item to my son George my home farm containing one hundred and sixty acres
more or less forever and two horses, gears for two horses, and plows, harrows, hoes, and other farming utensils for which he
shall pay my just debts and funeral expenses and keep his mother and my son Thomas their natural life times and pay to my
daughters Margaret Jackson three hundred dollars the one half in two years after my death and the other half in four years
after my death after deducting Eighteen dollars and fifty cents with interest from the date of the change of same on my book—
And pay my daughter Mary Brooks three hundred dollars payable one half in three years after my death and the other half in
five years after my death deducting the amount of the notes and interest that I have against her husband James Brooks. And
pay my daughter Charlotte three hundred dollars payable the one half in three years after my death and other half in five years
after my death. Item I give and bequest to my daughter Elizabeth the small tract of land that I purchased from Thomas Boord
containing twenty three acres more or less forever and my loom and takle. I also give and bequeath to my son George in
addition to what is before mentioned my wagon and gun. My will is that George will let his sisters Elizabeth and Charlotte
make their home with him so long as they may think proper. My will is that the remainder of my estate shall be equally
divided share and share alike between my son George and my four daughters Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth and Charlotte by my
Executors. I do hereby constitute make and appoint my friends Joseph Bowers and James C. Ramsay Executors of this my
last will and testament and I do hereby disallow revoke and disannul all and every other Testaments, wills made by me in
anywise named willed and bequeathed notifying and confirming this and only this to be my last will and testament in testi-
mony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first before written.

Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared
By the said George Baker as my last
will and testament
in witness of
Thomas Morris
John Baker

Be it known to all who it may concern that I Julian Baker widow of the above named George Baker, dec. do agree to and am
perfectly satisfied and content with the foregoing last will and testament of my deceased husband George Baker.
Witness my hand and seal the 20th day of May A.D. 1839

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WILL OF MICHAEL BAKER, SR.

The following is the will of Michael Baker, Sr. registered in Fayette Co., Pa. Will Book 2 Volume II, page 690. It was probated on 6 December 1849.

I Michael Baker, Sr. of the Township of Springhill County of Fayette, and State of Pennsylvania, in or about the eighty second year of my age of sound mind, but feeble with old age, do make this my last will & testament, and as to such worldly estate, as the Lord has gave me, I dispose of the same in the following manner. First I direct that my funeral expenses and debts be paid out of the first money that I come into the hands of my executors after my decease, either from my real or personal estate. Also I direct that a fair valuation or appraisement be made of all my real and personal estate, including household and kitchen furniture, by three judicious neighbors, and after being signed with their names, that a copy of the same shall be given by them to each of my executors. And I do hereby vest in my executors full power and authority, to dispose of my real and personal estate, to receive moneys and to pay debts, and to distribute moneys among my children, agreeable to my will. I direct that my real personal property be sold, as soon as practicable after my decease, and my real estate to be disposed of as follows one half of the purchase money to be paid in hand, and the other half to be paid in two equal payments, the first in one year, and the last in two years after, possession shall be given to the purchaser and the conditions of the sale, of my personal property to be as may be thought best by my executors. And as to the disposition of all my estate both real and personal shall be as follows, First I bequeath to my wife Barbary all lawful widows dower that is her lawful interest in my real and personal estate, should she be living at my decease. Secondly, I direct that all the money or proceeds over and above my wife’s claim, and necessary compensation for the transaction of the business of my will, shall be equally divided among my nine children as soon as the same can be collected by my executors including my wife’s dower at her decease. Three of my children having sold their interest in my estate namely Mary Hart, Elizabeth Galaspie, and Sarah Bateman, which I give and bequeathed to each of them, one dollar only in addition to the money that they sold for. Therefore I direct that an equal distribution of all my real and personal estate be made among the hereafter named sons and daughters. And such sons or daughters as may have purchased of the above named three daughters, shall have such equal share or shares in addition to their own equal share. And the nine of my children to have share and share alike are the following Joseph, Jacob, John, Daniel, Samuel, Michael (sons) Susan, Pheby, and Catherine Daughters. And I do hereby make and ordain my neighbors Jasper Clemmer and John Keiser my executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I Michael Baker the testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my had and seal, this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

Michael Baker (SEAL)

Signed and sealed delivered in presence of us who have subscribed our names in the presence of each other

John Durr
Samuel Frankenberry

WILL OF GEORGE BAKER, JR.

The following is the will of George Baker, Jr. registered in Fayette Co., Pa. Will Book 14, page 19. Probated on 1st and 7th of June 1905.

I George Baker of Cheat Haven, County of Fayette & State of Pennsylvania, do make, ordain publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament (revoking all former wills) that is to say: First. After all my lawful debts are paid. I give and bequeath all my property both real and personal as after stated. Second My wife Margaret Baker shall have undisturbed possession of my house & lot in Cheat Haven Pa. also the household goods and furniture so long as she lives: also to have all moneys and all interests due and accruing to my estate for her use so long as she lives. Third. In the event of my wife’s marriage or death my Executors shall sell at public or private sale said house and lot as their judgement may dictate consulting the interest of my heirs concerned also the personal property in form of household goods shall be sold to the best advantage. Fourth. In bequeath to Frank Palmer, son of my deceased daughter Sarah Palmer the sum of One Thousand dollars as his full
share of my entire estate without interest to be paid as follows, viz: Five hundred dollars when he is twenty one years old and the balance five hundred dollars at the final settlement and distribution of my estate. In the event however of his death before he becomes of age then his share shall be divided equally between my surviving heirs. Fifth. After all my just debts and funeral expenses shall have been paid by my Executors the remainder of my estate shall be divided equally share and share alike between my sons and daughters namely Mrs. Julia A. Baker, Oliver P. Baker, James Baker, Joseph M. Baker, William E. Baker and Mrs. Emma C. Deffenbaugh. The sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars has been paid to each of the above named heirs, viz: Mrs. Julia A., Oliver P., James, Joseph M., and William E. Baker and Mrs. Emma C. Deffenbaugh for which they are each to pay two percent interest for date of said payments until the final distribution of my estate. Sixth. I do hereby appoint Daniel M. Baker and J. U. Gans executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the eighteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

George Baker (SEAL)

Witnesses William E. Gans
Jacob Nickerson

BAKER CEMETERY

The following tombstone are found in the Baker Cemetery which is located on the original Peter Baker farm in Springhill Township, Fayette Co., Pa. The readings were taken by myself in 1964 and by Carolyn Tufts in 1993.

1812 PE BA MA BA 1839
May X 17 G. B.

Elizabeth Baker, died Feb 1880 aged 87 years
Joseph Bowers, died April 23, 1846 aged 6__ years
Annie B., wife of Joseph Bowers, died Jan 30, 1863
Infant son of J. & J. Bowers died Jan ___ 1833

GA X BA B 1829 1859
Age 62

The stones marked PE BA, MA BA, and G.B. obviously are for Peter Baker, Mary Baker and their son, George Baker, Sr. The stone read as GA X BA could actually be CA X BA, the stone for Catherine Baker, wife of Michael, Sr. The death date of 1829 would also confirm this. However, the age is ten years older than her known birthdate of 1777.

When I visited the Baker Cemetery in 1964 I was guided by Dan Baker, son of Joe Baker, who then owned the property. He told me that several years before the cemetery had been vandalized by some children. Tombstones were knocked over and scattered. He tried to gather them all back but not all were found.

There have to be many more people buried in the cemetery than there are tombstones. I suspect many were buried without a permanent marker being placed on the grave. In my research I believe the following have to be buried in the Baker Cemetery.

Juliana Baker, died 1839, wife of George Baker, Sr.
Michael Baker, Sr. died 1849, son of Peter Baker

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Charlotte Baker (1778-1858), daughter of Peter Baker

Thomas Baker (1807-1851), son of George Baker, Sr.

Charlotte Brooks (1813-1858), daughter of George Baker, Jr.

Joseph Brooks, husband of Charlotte Brooks.

Julia Brooks (Big Jul) (1839-1881), daughter of Charlotte and Joseph Brooks

Amanda Brooks, died 1852, daughter of Charlotte and Joseph Brooks

There could well be other people buried in the cemetery besides members of the Baker family. As you can see there are some members of the Bowers family buried there. With the opening of the cemetery at St. Johns Lutheran Church in 1881 burials stopped in the Baker Cemetery. I am sure there are many children, who died young, also buried in unmarked graves in this cemetery.

**BAKERS IN 1837 SPRINGHILL TAX LIST**

A copy of this old tax list was loaned to me by Mick Gallis. It evidently had been kept by a member of the Lyons family who was the tax collector in 1837.

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**JACOBS LUTHERAN CHURCH RECORDS**

I have found records where two of George, Sr. and Juliana Baker's children were baptized at Jacobs Lutheran Church.

Margaret was baptized on 28 July 1806. The birth date 3 December 1804 was also entered in the record which differs with the family Bible date of 6 December 1804. Margaret was baptized by Pastor John Stauch.

Charlotte, spelled Scharlotte in the records, was baptized at Jacobs by Pastor George Henry Weygandt. The pastor
only entered her birth date 6 January 1813 which is also different than the family Bible entry of 7 January 1813.

The following records are found in the book *Jacobs Lutheran Church – Parish Records Part II 1793-1885*, page 87 under heading “Adult Persons Received into Jacobs Lutheran Church 1852-1885. Most, if not all, were actually attending St. John’s Lutheran Church.

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For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation. Whatsoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Rom. ii. 10.—Mark viii. 34. Whatsoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. x. 32, 33. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall men give in exchange for their soul?—Mark viii. 36, 37.

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.—Matt. x. 32, 33. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?—Mark viii. 36, 37.

 Helping to-day, the streams of joy,
Helping to-morrow, the streams of joy,
Glory to God that made the earth,
And watered all the world below.

This is to certify, That George Baker,
Being from duly instructed in the doctrines and duties of the Christian Religion, and found worthy of membership in the Church of God, was admitted into full communion with the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, on the sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

That the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost may ever multiply unto you his grace and peace, and preserve you faithful unto the end, and bring you to the happiness of his kingdom, is the devout prayer of

A. T. Melson,
Bishop of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America.

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BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

WRITTEN BY QUEENIE BAKER ON 6 JANUARY 1943

Copied from a letter written by Queenie Baker to Olive Cagey on 6 January 1943.

"Now I think I'll start on a little family history, but the truth is, I don't have anything in our Bible. The pages with births, marriages and deaths have been mostly all lost out. I think we kids played with the Bible and didn't know any better. The real old Bible Frank Baker has... I can tell you some things and I'll start with Father's side. I have no uncles or aunts living. I don't know who was the oldest but I think it was something like this - first there was Uncle Jake. I never saw him for he was a soldier in the Civil War and never came home. I had his picture in uniform but I think it got lost at home. Uncle John was a Durkard preacher. I remember seeing him when I was a little tot. He was a big tall man with a black beard and wore a big black hat. The older kids would tease me and tell me he was going to wash my feet when he came and for that reason I was always afraid of him. I remember one time I was sitting on our well in the yard and he came down where I was, I got about scared to pieces and ran to the house as hard as I could go. Uncle Will had a farm on Bunker Hill near Lake Lynn. My uncles were all married but Uncle Jake. I can't remember all their children's names. Uncle Mike lived on a farm adjoining the home place, then moved to Uniontown and for a long time he had the post office there. There was a large family of them, six or seven of the girls were teachers and one a nurse. They still have a Baker Class at the Lutheran Church called after the Baker family but they moved to Pittsburgh years ago and I never see them anymore. Uncle Daniel (Frank's father) lived next to us and Uncle Jim too. Aunt Margaret and Uncle Richard lived in the west. Father's name was Joseph Lyons Baker, he was a teacher. I don't know if he taught much after he and Mother were married. I was only a small girl when he died. He was born Sept 5, 1838 and died November 7, 1895. He was only 57 but his health had been bad for several years. Among the things I remember most clearly about him is the times he would sing to me while he rocked me in the old rocking chair....

Our family of Bakers originally came from the east.... They traveled over in covered wagons....

Father and Mother were married November 7, 1867. I still have their love letters, one stormy winter day out home I got them all out before the fire and read them, some were almost falling apart. My brother Jess was the oldest in the family, then sister Lillie was next. I was two or three years old when she died. She died six weeks after she was married. She married Harry Wilson, who is dead now. I suppose you can remember Beatrice and Kate. In our grandparent's time and in my parent's time too, they had so little to what people now have in what we call this modern age. But I bet they were just as contented and happy. Riding horseback was about the only way they went places. Mother has told me how she used to ride for miles in the winter and how her feet would be frozen. When the kids were all little at home, Father would ride seven miles to Geneva for a doctor when someone would be sick. I heard Mother tell how there would never be any children come to her mother's home but that Grandmother always gave them a piece of bread and butter. It was not much and perhaps they didn't have much then but there was such a sentiment of goodness behind it all, something that I think has almost passed away with those good old people. I don't know if you can read this Olive, I don't write as good as I used too. Maybe you can make part of it out and maybe I have forgotten some things that were most important.

Love and best wishes to all.

Queenie
George Baker is of German origin, was born April 11, 1818, in Springhill township, Fayette county, Pa., and is a son of George and Julia Ann (Dick) Baker.

His paternal grandfather, Peter Baker, came from Maryland to Springhill township in 1802, and purchased a farm of 291 1/2 acres of land. He was a successful farmer in his day and kept an apiary.

George Baker, Sr. (father), was born near Boonsborough, Md., and received a very good education. He married Miss Julia Ann Dick, December 14, 1794; in 1800 moved across the mountains in wagons to Springhill, and settled upon his father's tract, of which he became heir to 141 acres, his brother receiving the remainder. He had six children: Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Thomas, Charlotte and George. George Baker, Sr., was a weaver by trade, and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. He died in 1839 at the age of seventy-five years, and in two months his wife, a native of Germany, passed away, aged sixty-nine years.

George Baker was reared on a farm, and attended the subscription school until eighteen years of age.

The home farm was willed to him on condition that he pay the other heirs a certain sum each, which he did. He has held the farm since his father's death in 1839, and has added greatly to its appearance and value by many valuable improvements, one of which was the erection of a large, tasteful and comfortable residence.

He was married October 7, 1844, to Miss Margaret, daughter of Richard Sergent. Their union has been blessed with seven children: Julia Ann, April 6, 1846; Sarah E., April 10, 1848; Oliver P., March 10, 1850; James, April 23, 1852; Emma C., July 15, 1854; William E., February 10, 1857; Joseph M., August 31, 1859, and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Baker is a Jacksonian Democrat, as was also his father, he has held the township offices of auditor, road supervisor and school director.

He is a prominent citizen of Springhill, and is a good farmer. His wife has spent half a century of her life in the membership and service of the Presbyterian church, and has been a faithful friend of the church to which her husband also belongs.
JAMES P. BAKER is a son of John and Catherine (Saddler) Baker, and was born near Morris Cross Roads, Springhill township, Fayette county, Pa., March 2, 1843; is descended from an old and worthy German family. His grandfather Baker was one of the earliest settlers of Fayette county.

John Baker (father) was born near Morris Cross Roads, on the 15th of September, 1807, and died September 23, 1853. He owned a farm of 240 acres of excellent, well improved land, and devoted all his time to farming. He married Catherine Saddler, daughter of William Saddler, a farmer, and one of the earlier settlers. They had ten children: William, Jacob, Michael D., Mary, Joseph L., Daniel M., James P., John, Mattie and Margaret. All of these children are living except Jacob, who died while a soldier in the Union army.

James P. Baker worked on his father's farm, and attended the common schools until twenty years of age. Leaving school he engaged in farming with his father.

He rented the Everhart farm in 1875, and farmed it one year.

In 1876 he took charge of the celebrated "Friendship Hill" estate, the home of Albert Gallatin, and the "favorite seat of John L. Dawson, who ended here his brilliant and useful life."

Mr. Baker continued to manage "Friendship Hill" estate until 1884, when he bought a farm of sixty-five acres, and removed to it. He remained upon this farm until January 1, 1889, when he again took charge of the "Friendship Hill" estate, where he now resides.

James P. Baker was married November 7, 1867, to Elizabeth Everhart, daughter of

Adolph Everhart, a Fayette county farmer. Their union has been blessed with five children: Lena, Ella, Mattie, Elizabeth and Eliza, all now living except Elizabeth, who died at nine months of age.

Mr. Baker is a democrat, and has always voted that ticket. He is a member of the Lutheran church at Morris Cross Roads, and is a man of good judgment, correct business habits, gives intelligent thought to his business; and has always been successful in whatever he has undertaken.
JOSEPH LYONS BAKER is of German ancestry and a member of one of the prominent families of Springhill township. He is a son of John and Catherine (Saddler) Baker, and was born September 5, 1838, in Springhill township, Fayette county, Pa.

His grandfather, Michael Baker, was a native of Hagerstown, Md., and was one of the early settlers in Springhill township.

His father, John Baker, was born in Springhill township, and received a plain but practical education and engaged in farming as his life's pursuit. On arriving at man's estate, he married and immediately purchased his father-in-law's farm of 246 acres of land. He bought it on credit and by industry and prompt attention to his business paid every dollar of his indebtedness. He was married to Miss Catherine, daughter of William Saddler. To them were born ten children: William, Jacob, Michael, Joseph L., Daniel, James, John, Mary, Martha and Maggie, all living but Jacob, who died in the Federal Army. John Baker was a democrat and served as road supervisor and assessor. He was a kind father, a good citizen and died September 23, 1853. His venerable widow is now living with her daughters in Missouri.

Joseph Lyons Baker was reared on a farm, educated in the common schools, and the Millsboro Normal School, in Washington county, where he attended two terms. Leaving school, he engaged in teaching and taught three terms in the common schools of Fayette county, one term in Indiana and one term in Missouri.

During 1866 he returned to Springhill and engaged in farming on the homestead farm for three years. In 1869 he removed to his father-in-law's farm in Dunbar township, and remained there four years. In 1873 he purchased ninety-two acres of the home farm in Springhill township, and immediately removed there. He erected a fine dwelling and has greatly improved his farm by fencing, draining and liming.

He was married November 7, 1867, to Miss Rebecca, daughter of Nathaniel G. Hurst, a well known citizen of Fayette county. They have seven children: Jesse Hurst, Lilly May, Julia M., Katie Hurst, Beatrice, Isaac G. and Queenie.

Mr. Baker was a democrat until 1888. Being in favor of a high protective tariff, he left the democratic ranks in that year and voted with the republican party.

He has served one year as tax collector and is serving his fourth term as school director.

For two years he has been an elder in the Lutheran church at Morris Cross Roads, of which he and his wife have been members for several years.

FIGURE 327
BIOGRAPHY OF JOSEPH L. BAKER FROM WILEY'S BIOGRAPHICAL AND PORTRAIT CYCLOPEDIA OF FAYETTE CO., PA.
Michael Baker, an old and respected citizen of Springhill township, is of German descent; and was born March 3, 1815. He is the son of Michael and Catherine (Everly) Baker, both natives of Maryland.

Michael Baker, Sr. (father), when a young man came to Springhill township with his father and mother. He bought a farm of 125 acres, which he improved and cultivated during the remainder of his life. He married Miss Catherine Everly, and unto them were born six sons and four daughters. He engaged in farming, and for many years employed a team in hauling goods from Cumberland, Md., to Fayette county. He was an honest and respected citizen, and by hard work accumulated considerable property. He died in 1859, being preceded twenty years to the tomb by his faithful wife.

Michael Baker was reared on a farm, and attended the subscription schools until seventeen years of age. He then engaged in farming; and after his father's death he purchased the home farm, where he resides to-day. He has erected a very fine residence and a large, commodious barn on the old homestead, where he is passing his last days in peace and plenty.

Mr. Baker was married April 28, 1845, to Miss Catherine, daughter of Richard Sergeant. To their union were born seven children: Richard, Sarah, Elizabeth, Jefferson, Barbara, John and Margaret Ellen (dead). John and Sarah are still at home, while the others are married and have homes of their own. Mrs. Baker was a member of the Presbyterian church until her death, January 15, 1873.

Mr. Baker was admitted to membership, many years ago, in the Disciple church at Oak Grove.

He is a democrat of the Jeffersonian school, has served as judge of elections and supervisor of roads in Springhill township.

By intelligent management and honest labor, he has acquired a competency, lives surrounded by all the comforts of life, and enjoys the confidence and respect of those who know him.

FIGURE 328
BIOGRAPHY OF MICHAEL BAKER, JR. FROM WILEY'S BIOGRAPHICAL AND PORTRAIT CYCLOPEDIA OF FAYETTE CO., PA.
JCHAEAL BAKER is of German-French extraction, and was born in what is now Nicholson township, Fayette county, Pa., February 12, 1827. He is a son of Joseph and Anna Baker (née Larch).

Joseph Baker was the son of Michael Baker, a German Baptist minister, and early settler of Fayette county. Joseph Baker was born, reared and educated in Springhill township. He was a farmer and owned a valuable farm of 128 acres; he subsequently added to it by purchase, forty-five acres of adjoining land. He was a life-long democrat, an upright member of the Mount Moriah Baptist church, at Smithfield, and was one of the old and substantial citizens of Nicholson township, and died May 15, 1858, aged fifty-five years.

He married Miss Hannah, a daughter of Paul Larch. Their union was blessed with four children: Michael and George (twins), Josiah, cabinet-maker in Hamilton, Ohio, and Caroline, married and resides in Smithfield.

Paul Larch, maternal grandfather, as related, won his wife in rather a romantic manner. He was a native of France, emigrated to the Illinois country, and engaged as an Indian trader. He stole his wife at night from an Indian camp, where she was confined as a prisoner. She had been employed during the day in carrying wood, which the Indians intended to use in burning her during the next day. He owned four hundred acres of land where Kaskaskia, Ill., now stands. Being in fear of the Indians, he came to George’s Creek, and took up four hundred acres of land, where he resided till his death.

Michael Baker grew to manhood on the farm, attended the subscription schools and read and studied during his spare moments around the fireside at home, until twenty-one years of age. Starting out in life for himself, he engaged in farming as his life-pursuit. He now owns the home farm of 128 acres, besides having an interest in a large cattle ranch in Wyoming Territory.

September 20, 1859, he was united in marriage to Miss Jane, daughter of John Dowlin, of Greene county, and sister of John Dowlin, ex-revenue collector. They have three children: Lizzie, Ella, married, and Chauncey Larch Baker.

Mr. Baker and his family, are members of the Mount Moriah Baptist church, at Smithfield.

In 1873-74-75 he served very acceptably as poor house director of Fayette county. He is a prosperous farmer, an energetic and reliable business man.

FIGURE 329
BIOGRAPHY OF MICHAEL BAKER, SON OF JOSEPH BAKER, FROM WILEY’S BIOGRAPHICAL AND PORTRAIT CYCLOPEDIA OF FAYETTE CO., PA.
Dear Folks:

How are you all? I am feeling fine tonight. How does it sound to start reading my letter from Germany? We have been doing some hiking the last two or three weeks. That is why you have not heard from me for so long. I bet you folks in the states have some celebration when you get the news. If I were home I suppose you have had your letter of November 11th by this time. Listen, don’t you think for a minute you made more noise over there after the war was over than we had to listen to over here before it was over for they surely played rough once in a while. I will try and tell you a little of my experience since leaving the states. We left New York Harbor June the 4th, so you see that a year from the time I registered I was on the other side of the ocean. We went by way of England landing at Liverpool June 18th, marching on 12 days on the ocean. We stayed in Liverpool about two days and took trains across England to Southampton making as a very nice trip through England. We stayed one night there and took boat across the English Channel to La Hève, France, arriving there a day or two then taking trains to Lisieux, France, where we stayed six

weeks during which time we had some pretty hard drilling. We left there August 3rd for the front. We first went to a quiet sector near Mt. Sois but after staying there about a month it changed very suddenly into a very active sector. This was the big St. Mihiel drive which started September 12. You can tell the world I will never forget that night. We knew about what time she was going to start but I was sound asleep. At exactly 1 o’clock our artillery opened and I believe me that sector which the Germans thought could not be taken did not last long. Our boys brought the prisoners back by the thousands past the town where (the band) were left to guard the regimental dump which was the blankees and other things that were

"mudlike" when our men went over the top. This was about two miles from the front lines when the drive started. We all expected the Germans to shell us but there were too many other things getting away to bother about us. Well, after being on that front from about a month we were relieved and sent to the Argonne, Verdun or Champagne front I guess you know. Well in the time the band was made a bursting detail. On November 11th we started at 3 o’clock in the morning. The guys didn't worry us this time for we knew what to expect and it sounded good to us to listen to the barrage. Everything went fine. Fritz couldn’t stand the music so kept backing up. I will have to say though they made us scatter several times. I learned to get down on the ground when I hear a shell coming over. Sounds funny, doesn't it that big shells sound like a box car going through the air. The band was very happy that night. I got close enough during the morning to throw dirt on our tents where we slept. It had been raining for several days and my shoes were wet and pretty hard to get on but that morning they slipped right on and I went over the hill with the band. Ha! Ha! Well, as I said before the band was a bursting detail. We were out looking for dead the morning of November 11th and were thinking of some artillerymen. That said we had orders to cease firing at 11 o’clock and you can imagine we were tickled. We could hear the boys yelling all over the country. We left Stenay, France, and we have hiked about 110 miles since then. Some days marching as much as 18 or 18 miles a day with pack and instrument and it sure makes some load. We are now about 30 miles from the Rhine river. I don’t know when I will get started toward home but I hope it won’t be long. It may be quite a while and then by the time you get this we may be in our way. Tell and try and bring them a little souvenir but I have so much to carry it is pretty hard to get along without any thing extra. Then we are not allowed to bring much extra. Well! I guess I have written enough for this time. Write soon.

OBITUARY OF GEORGE EDWIN BAKER, SON OF OLIVER AND MARGARET BAKER

George Edwin Baker was born on February 18th, 1894, near Nettleton, Missouri, the son of Oliver P. and Margaret E. Baker. He passed away on the night of July 2nd, 1924, at Breckenridge, Mo.

He attended school and grew to manhood in the vicinity where he was born, and where his life is like an open book to all the world.

When the World War broke out he was called, along with millions of the best blood of our land to defend his country and preserve the civilization which had been building many centuries.

He was inducted into the 39th Division of the National Army on September 19, 1917, and served until the war closed, spending many long months in France, and then was with the Army of Occupation in Germany several months.

After his return home he was married to Miss Jennie Hall of Breckenridge, Mo., who survives him. Besides the widow he is survived by his broken hearted father and mother, one brother, Mr. Lester Baker of South Dakota and two sisters, Miss Etta Brooks and Miss Isa Baker both of Nettleton, Mo., and hundreds of loyal and loving friends.

George always loved his home and left a remarkable record as a home-loving boy as he had never stayed away from home but one night in all his life until he went to war. He made a model soldier and came home without a mar or blot on his record. He was faithful to every trust in both civil and military life.

During all his life he was true as steel in every avenue and left a heritage—a good name—which is more to be desired than much gold, yea than much fine gold. He was a Christian in the true sense of the word and had felt the pardoning power of Jesus’ blood. Though not a member of the church militant, he was a member of the church triumphant.

His passing in the springtime of life is another toll of the world consciousness and his life was sacrificed on the altar of his country for the preservation of Christian civilization as truly as if he were today sleeping in the poppy fields of France. He follows his late Commander-in-Chief, Woodrow Wilson, only a few months to that eternal camping ground, and as other comrades are gathered home there will be a grand reunion some day of all the Legion of Heaven.

They will assemble around the great white throne and it shall be said to them: Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord forever.

Our country cannot and must not forget the sacrifice of George E. Baker who made the world better by having lived in it, and our prayer is: God of our fathers, be with us yet, lest we forget; lest we forget.
FIGURE 332
MAP OF GOMER TOWNSHIP, CALDWELL CO., MO. SHOWING LOCATION OF THE FARMS OF OLIVER P. BAKER AND RICHARD M. BAKER
FIGURE 3.33
MAP OF BRECKENRIDGE TOWNSHIP, CALDWELL CO., MO. SHOWING LOCATION OF THE FARM OF WILLIAM F. JOHNSON.
BAKER COUSINS WHO MARRIED

PETER AND MARY BAKER

GEORGE BAKER, JR.

TWINS

MICHAEL BAKER, SR.

Mary Baker m. James Brooks

George Baker m. Margaret Sargent

Minerva Brooks m. Oliver Baker

Julie Baker m. Daniel Baker

Oliver Baker m. Minerva Baker

Margaret Baker m. William Baker

Richard Baker m. Martha Baker

Margaret and Catherine Sargent were sisters.

Baker sister and brother

Julie Married Daniel

Oliver Margaret

COUSINS WHO MARRIED

WILLIAM BAKER & MINERVA BROOKS

JULIE BAKER & DANIEL BAKER

OLIVER BAKER & MARGARET BAKER

MARTHA BAKER & RICHARD BAKER

ETTIE BAKER & JOSEPH BROOKS

OTHER BAKER COUSINS WHO MARRIED IN LATER GENERATIONS.

JOSEPH LYONS & JULIA R. BLOSSER

WILLIAM BAKER & HELEN BROOKS

ALVIN BAKER & BEVERLY BIXLER

FIGURE 334

BAKER COUSINS WHO MARRIED


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