

THE HOUSE OF YODER NEWSLETTER

Summer 2010

A HISTORY OF

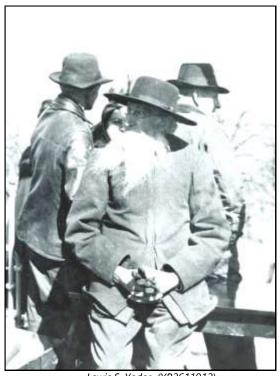
LEWIS S. YODER (YR 2611912)

Written by Henry E. Tice, Grandson

"Lewis S. Yoder (YR2611912) was born January 29, 1869, a son of Solomon D Yoder (YR261191) and Barbara (Yutzy)(J946) Yoder. Lewis passed away January 8, 1953. Age 83 years, 11 months, 21 days. Lewis had one full brother, William and one full sister, Annie. Two half brothers, Harvey and Norman Yoder and one half sister, Savilla (Yoder) Hershberger. Lewis married Elizabeth C. Beachy on November 1, 1891. To this union were born twelve children, namely: Clarence, Amelia, Eli, Savilla, Amanda, Simon, Henry, Mary, Menno, Annie (born Feb 2, 1911-died Dec. 30, 1911), Sarah and Norman. As of July 30, 2009, Sarah is the only survivor.

LEWIS'S DWELLINGS

Lewis and Barbara started farming near Posey Row Road, about 2 miles west of Grantsville, MD, where David N. and Martha Yoder own and now live. The buildings in which they lived no longer stand. Some one has said that Grandpa and Grandma hauled over a hundred loads of rocks from those fields. From information from the late Elmer S. Yoder's writings: "Lewis and Elizabeth bought and moved onto Elizabeth's home farm in Niverton, PA., in Feb of 1909. In 1924, at the age of 55, Lewis retired from farming and sold the farm to their son Clarence and his wife Nancy for \$11,000.00. They reserved around fifteen acres for a retirement home. While their house was being built, Lewis and son Henry, with two teams of horses and dump scoops dug out a large, beautiful



Lewis S. Yoder (YR2611912)

Son of Solomon D. and Barbara (Yutzy) Yoder Photos from the Alvin H. Yoder photo albums

dam." Had they ever dreamed of the invention of a bulldozer? They lived in an earthly paradise until health required that they move back on the farm with Clarence, in the part that Lewis built for Elizabeth's mother when they bought the farm. Now their remains rest in the Niverton Church cemetery and their souls rest with God in the eternal abode!



Lewis S. Yoder Homestead on Shoemaker Hill Road, Springs, P.A. The small red barn and white house, barely visible to the right is the retirement house built by Lewis and Elizabeth on 15 acres reserved from the farm. The farm was sold to their son Clarence L. and wife Nancy Yoder for \$11,000.00 in 1924. Clarence sold the farm to his son Simon, who lives in the retirement house. Simon's son Paul currently lives on the farm.

CHURCH LIFE

Lewis and Elizabeth were faithful members of the Old Order Amish church. His family was responsible for the janitorial works of the Niverton (PA) Church. The church division of 1927 was a difficult time for Lewis and Elizabeth. Clarence and wife Nancy remained with the Yoder side and the rest of the children did not stay. However, Amelia and husband Monroe Yoder had joined the Maryland conservative church prior to the 1927 division and being with the Yoder group would demand shunning of their daughter and husband, which was a problem for them. When a concession was made for them that they would not be accountable for not shunning their daughter and husband, they decided to stay with the Yoder side, now known as the Old Order Amish. Lewis was a faithful Bible reader, and one who made it practical in every day life.

PERSONAL MEMORIES

As a boy going to Grandpas was always a pleasure. A beautiful, friendly, peaceful atmosphere it really was! No trash in sight. Barn always clean and swept. There was the corn ip with the "Indian corn" of carried colors. The Eskimo Spitz doges were beautiful and friendly. I can almost see one at the door steps as to welcome us in. Going fro the barn to the house on a concrete walk which was also a bridge over a stream of water was a pleasure in itself. Looking around there were peacock, pheasants, pigeons and doves. We would never miss the large gold fish contained in the water on the outside. The dam

and boat house were a marvelous sight in itself. It was thrilling to walk the walk-way across the water to the boat house. There was the porch swing that had its own sound, which I can almost hear today. Grace at the table was meant to be silent, but Grandpa would whisper to the extent that you could hear him. I do not remember Grandpa as one who played and got all excited about us children, but it was an enjoyable place to be. I remember seeing Grandpa out with the scythe, keeping the place neat and trimmed. Wonder if he ever dreamed of a "weed-eater"? After ailing health, they moved back on the farm with Clarence. I remember him there in bed with his Bible close by, and what was meant to be silent was a whisper that could be heard. I have nothing but fond memories of my Grandfather Lewis S. Yoder

Lewis S.
Yoder: This
picture was
taken on
the
"sneak" at
the Stone
House
Farm while
his daughter Savilla
and her
husband,
Jonas Tice
lived there.



Photo from the Alvin H. Yoder albums.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID

A cow dealer once said that "Lewis Yoder was the only person that ever thought that he offered him to much for a cow." "Don't believe Lewis Yoder had any enemies." The late Elmer S Yoder, grandson of Lewis writes in his book: Simon L. and Lydia E. Yoder: 20th Century Pilgrimage. Lewis was a hard and steady worker. He cared well for his farm and animals and enjoyed an unusual variety of animals for an "Amishman". He would stick his tooth pick in the wall for further use. He was one of the most progressive farmers in the community. Although an "Old Order Amishman", he was one of the first in the community to use a tractor for field work. He was also one of the first to have an Oregon fir silo: lumber coming from Oregon.

Much more could be written about Lewis S. Yoder, but I was not asked to write a book, what I did write, I wrote out of deep respect and honor for my grandfather, Lewis S. Yoder."

Henry E. Tice



The retirement home built by Lewis S. and Elizabeth Yoder, near Springs, PA. Simon C. Yoder, a grandson lives here now in 2010.

ELIZABETH C. (BEACHY)YODER Born August 4, 1871 Died Feb. 7, 1964

Daughter of Christian Beachy (BC1842) and Sarah (Hershberger) (HB147) Beachy.

Married to Lewis S, Yoder (YR2611912) on November 1, 1891



Great granddaughter of Samuel "Revva Pap" (River Dad)

Beachy and Elizabeth (Yoder) Beachy

Great granddaughter of Bishop Christian Yoder Jr.

GRANDMA ELIZABETH C.(BEACHY) YODER

Reflections by Paul H. Yoder,

Grandson

"I remember her as a lady who wore glasses and was of a kind disposition. I remember her as being of average height and a little bit on the heavy side. Grandpa's lived in the retirement house which Grandpa had built for them and into which they moved when Clarence took over the farm.. We came there some times at Christmas. The visits were special because Grandma was there. I remember Grandpa sitting in "his" chair close to the candy bowl. The bowl was of special interest to me.

I think it was after Grandpa died that we came to the home one time, and I saw the Bible lying open with Grandma's glasses lying on it. There are very few specific memories that I can point to but in my reflections, I have a warm feeling as I remember Grandma, devoted as she was to her husband and the family, with deeds of kindness and love that endeared her to all who knew her. In her later years she did a lot of work which helped the sewing circle of the Mt. View (Beachy) Congregation, where most of their children went to church. Grandpa's still attended the Old Order Amish Church.

Paul H. Yoder



The house in the foreground is the retirement home built by Lewis S. and Elizabeth (Beachy) Yoder, now occupied by his grand son Simon C. and Ruth E. (Brenneman) Yoder, who is also restoring the pond. The farm in background, right, was Elizabeth (Beachy) Yoder's grandparents, Daniel and Sara (Gnagey) Hershberger. Lewis's farm was originally part of Daniel Hershberger's farm. Daniel sold the property to his son-in-law, Christian and Sara (Hershberger) Beachy, 184 acres on March 14, 1877 for \$6,750.00

YODER'S POND

Always an ardent lover of nature, Lewis retired from farming in 1924 to launch into a project of building a retirement home and pond. The dam was dug out with horsedrawn scoops. In addition, he built a large cement fish aquarium, a barn and numerous pens for wild life, pheasants, squirrels, rabbits, tumbling doves, and pouter pigeons. He also planted many trees, shrubs and flowers, making his home one of the prettier spots in the community.

Stocking the pond with fish made it a relaxing spot of pleasure for the summer anglers. Lewis charged a minimal fee for fishing at the pond. Lewis would feed the fish that he had stocked in the pond. He would often walk by the foot bridge (a squared log) to the boathouse where he had oatmeal in large bags. He would take some in a pail and walk out on the log, scattering it by handfuls on the water. There was such a rush for the oatmeal that the fish actually pushed each other out of the water, trying to get to the food. The noise was something like a pen of pigs gobbling their feed.

Ice was also cut from the pond, stored for later use. The community also enjoyed the pond during

the winter months when all the young people of Springs would descend upon the pond. Over the years the pond fell into neglect, but at the present time, grandson Simon C. Yoder is restoring the pond and the surrounding areas.



The horse-drawn scoop that Lewis and son Henry L. used to dig out the pond.



The dark house in the back is where Lewis S. Yoder was born. The dark house was later moved behind the Maple Glen Mennonite church house, where Amelia and Luella Yoder lived. The house in front wasn't built when Lewis's dad, Solomon Yoder was renting the farm from Joel Beachy.

LEWIS: THE GROWING UP YEARS.

Lewis was the second son of Solomon D. Yoder (YR261191) and Solomon's first wife, Barbara (Yutzy) Yoder (J946). Barbara was the daughter of Peter and Mariah (Hershberger) Yutzy. Barbara passed away on January 23, 1870, at age 23 years of age, six days before Lewis's first birthday. She had just given birth to Annie eight days earlier. The oldest son, William was 2 1/2 years old. She was buried on property owned by Solomon's brother, Mose Yoder now owned by Joe and Dorcas Yoder, Dorsey Hotel Road, Grantsville, MD. Lewis's father, Solomon, at age 25, married the second time to Catherine (Yutzy) (Maust) Yoder, daughter of Daniel (J9a) and Anna (Brenneman) (BR64)Yutzy. Catherine was the widow of Leonard Maust (MS3698). Catherine was 38 years old when Solomon and she were married. She had 3 sons from her first marriage to Leonard Maust, who died October 14, 1865, at age 32. The sons are: Daniel W. Maust, age 14; Simon Maust, age 12; and Leonard A. Maust (he spelled it Lenard) would have been 5 years old when Solomon and Catherine were married. Catherine and Leonard also had a daughter, Anna who died October 1865 at 2 1/2 years of age. Lewis's mother and step-mother would have been first cousins.

Lewis's father Solomon, married Catherine on January 22, 1871, seven days before Lewis' second birthday. Lewis and Catherine were the parents of Harvey S. Yoder, Norman S. Yoder and Savilla (Yoder) (Mrs. Noah) Hershberger.

Speculating from Solomon's account book, Lewis and his siblings would have been taken care of by Maria Youtzy (Yutzy), Nancy Livingood and Lydia Yutzy while Solomon was a widower.

When Lewis was born, his father Solomon was renting a farm from Bishop Joel Beachy, approximately 3/4 mile north of Grantsville, MD on present day Dorsey Hotel Road. The property is owned by Dirk A. and Karin Yoder. This property was also known as the Jake Miller farm. Lewis lived here until sometime in 1877. By the spring of 1878, when 9 years old, he would have lived on the Dung Hill farm. Approximately 3 miles south

of Grantsville, MD, close to present day State Route 495. His father Solomon rented this farm from Benedict Beachy from 1878-1881. By the spring of 1882, when Lewis was 13 years old, he would be living approximately 2.3 miles west of Grantsville, MD., off of U.S. Route 40 on Posey Row Road. Property is currently owned by David N. and Martha Yoder. Coming down what would later be called the Lewis S. Yoder coal mine road, (not a public road) it would be one mile from Grantsville, MD. If Lewis attended school when he was 13 years old at Shade Run Mill School, he would

Lewis was 22 years old when he married. There were no entries in his father's account book indicating that Lewis was being paid for working on the home farm after he turned 21 years of age. Was Lewis working for someone else? When Lewis married, did he rent the farm adjoining his father Sol's farm right away? Lewis was married about 2 1/2 years before he bought the farm from Lafayette Miller on April 14, 1894.

Lafayette bought the farm Feb. 1, 1888. But according to Solomon's account book, he was still paying board in December of 1888 to Solomon Yoder. The first entry in Sol's account book for Lewis, after he was married, was May 10, 1892. He bought 2 bushels of potatoes for .80 cents. That same year in November, 1892, Sol paid Lewis \$25.03 for 5 months and 26 days rent for pasture for 5 head of cattle. In August and November 1893, Lewis bought fertilizer from his father, Sol. It seems that Lewis was farming before he bought the Lafayette Miller farm, was he renting the property before he bought it?



Standing on some of the foundation stones from the original buildings. Lewis would have bought these buildings (which are no longer standing) and property from Lafayette Miller April 14, 1894, containing eighty four acres and 65 perches. Looking west towards Lewis's father's (Solomon Yoder) farm, currently owned by David N. and Martha Yoder Approximately 1/4 mile from the foundation stones to the building



The Solomon Yoder farm where Lewis moved to on Posey Row Road, Grantsville, MD. The small white house is where Lewis lived when he was 13 years old, until he left home. Solomon built the larger house as a retirement house when his son Harvey rented the farm. The large house actually was to the left of the little house, close to the pine trees. According to Jake Yoder, the house was moved by Rufus Slabaugh. The house had a high porch, with many steps that made it very difficult for Mrs. Slabaugh, who was a heavy set lady, to get up and down the steps.



John C. Yoder, grandson of Lewis and Elizabeth Yoder, Oakland, MD. Sitting in Lewis' half-brother Harvey's rocking chair. Mrs. Elmer Beachy bought the chair from the Harvey Yoder auction. When Mrs. Beachy had sale, John tried to buy it, but was out bid. After the auction, John spoke to the buyer, said if she ever wanted to sell it, he would give her the price she paid for the chair. Two years later, John bought the chair!



Catherine. Step-mother

William No known pic-



Lewis S.



Annie



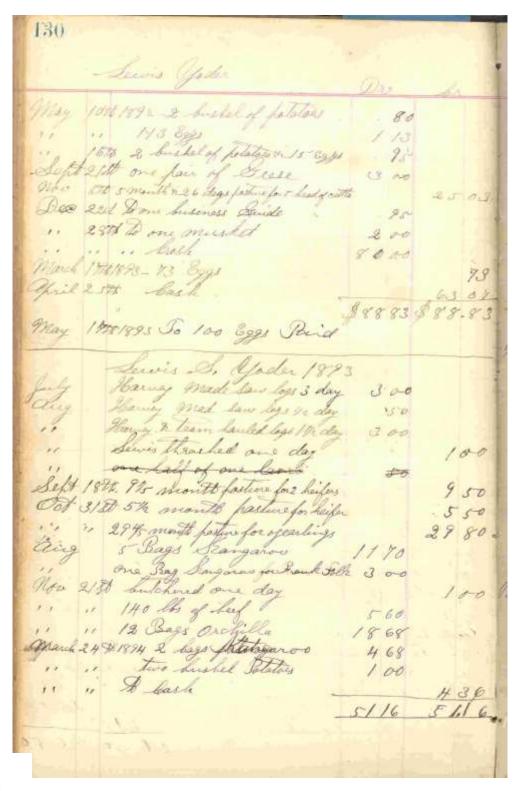
Harvey



Norman



Savilla



A page from the account book of Solomon D. Yoder



"Yoder mine shade run i/2 north of the national highway"

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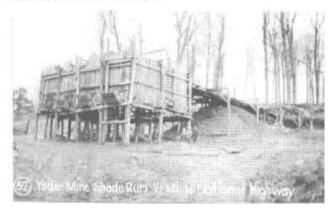
These photographs of the Yoder mine were discovered on the internet. From the description on the photos, they appear to be of the Yoder Mine which was reported as awned in the 1920's by the "M&M Coal Company" with Hugh C. McMahon as foreman. The Second Annual Report by the Maryland bureau of Mines (1924) indicates that the:

"Yoder mine is located about I mile east of Grantsville . It is a drift opening working the Freeport coal seam. Ventilation is by natural means."

"During calendar year 1924, this mine employed one man, worked 10 days and produced 24 tons of coal."

Editors note: It is believed that this mine was located west of Grantsville, MD. Shade Run is on the west side of Grantsville.

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In the <u>Yoder Newsletter</u>, dated October 2008, the two pictures featured above of a Yoder Coal mine near Grantsville, MD, gives the location as 1/2 mile north of the National Highway, (now

known as U.S. Alternate 40), located at Shade Run. It states the mine was owned by the M&M Coal Company in the 1920's. We speculate this coal mine was owned and operated by Lewis S. Yoder when he owned the farm. The following are the reasons:

August 8, 1902,

Lewis S. Yoder bought a right-of-way for \$125.00 from Peter Nathan. The right-of-way is 20 feet wide and started at the National Highway (now alternate route 40) and ran northwardly across military lot 2206 and intersecting the line of Aaron Beachy. The said road is to be for the purpose of giving Lewis S. Yoder ingress and egress to and from his coal mine. It also states he was to keep the gates shut between April 1, and December 1.

The area where this right-away is located is known as Shade Run.

December 29, 1908

Lewis sold the farm and Lewis S. Yoder right-of-way to John U. Yoder.

November 17, 1911

John U. Yoder sold the farm and the Lewis S. Yoder right-of-way to Urias D. Yoder.

April 20, 1917

The estate of Urias D. Yoder sold the mineral rights and the Lewis S. Yoder right-of-way and 3 acres and 100 perches to Sam U. Yoder. This same date, the estate sold the farm to Earle Folk.

June 13, 1917

Sam U. Yoder leased the above coal rights to Frank Marine, from Baltimore, MD., for one year.

June 30, 1917

The lease was extended to 3 years.

August 21, 1917

There was a transaction between Frank Marine and Daniel Marine.



Looking from Alternate Route 40 the farm on the left was the Solomon D. Yoder farm, now owned by David N. and Martha Yoder. At location #1 is where the buildings of Lewis S. Yoder's farm were located. Location #2 is the approximate location of the opening to the Lewis S. Yoder coal mine.

According to David Yoder, who now owns the farm, and Jake Yoder, who owns the adjoining farm, "There is still an opening a man could crawl in if you were brave enough to do so!"

LAND TRANSACTIONS

Lewis's first purchase was on April 14, 1894. He bought 84 acres and 65 perches from Lafayette and Esther Miller for \$2,000.00. Lafayette Miller purchased this farm from Bishop Joel Beachy(BC137) This farm joined his father Solomon Yoder's farm. This is the farm near Posey Row Road, Grantsville, MD.

August 8, 1902

He bought from Peter Nathan the right-of-way from the National Highway to his coal mine for \$125.00

December 12, 1903

Lewis bought 37 square purchase of ground from Peter and Mary Beachy. This piece of ground was by his coal dump.

December 29, 1908

Lewis sold his farm to John U. Yoder, his wife Mary, 85 acres 65 perches plus the 37 square for \$3,000.00. When Lewis sold this farm to John U.

Yoder, he gave a note for \$5,000.00 with no interest The first payment was due April 1, 1910 for \$2,000.00. The second note was due April 1, 1910 for \$200.00 and each year there after through the year 1924. Lewis had a lien on the property. The mortgage was released on August 1, 1928 about 4 years late. After selling the farm, Lewis moved to Niverton, PA., in February of 1909. This would be his wife Elizabeth (Beachy) Yoder's home place.

October 15, 1918

Lewis bought from H. H. Maust and Jennie S. Maust, his wife, Frank A. Maust and Ada B. Maust, his wife, and A.C. Maust and Roberta Maust, his wife 80 acres for \$1150.00. this property was along the PA./MD. state line on the west side of the road leading from Salisbury, PA (now State Route 219) to the National Pike (now Alternate Route 40).

March 24, 1919

Lewis bought from Albert E. Johns 31 acres for \$700.00. This land was on Meadow Mountain and bordered the Richard Glotfelty property. (It might have also bordered the Maust property transactions of October 15, 1918)

December 27, 1923

Lewis bought from Daniel Baker 2 1/4 acres for \$301.00. This property bordered the property he bought from Albert Johns.

November 12, 1927

Lewis sold to Monroe D. Yoder, his son-in-law, who married daughter Amelia, 80 aces, 31 acres and 2 1/4 acres for \$2,000.00. These were the three tracts of land he purchased in 1918, 1919, and 1923. On route 219 between Salisbury, PA., and alternate route 40.

February 1, 1935

Lewis loaned to Monroe D. Yoder, his son-in-law \$1,650.00 payable in five years a 3% interest for property Monroe bought at Keyser Ridge, MD. Lewis had a lien on this farm. The lien was released February 28, 1936.

March 5, 1936

Monroe D. Yoder sold to Lewis for \$1,650.00. the No-

There seems to be a discrepancy as to the amount Lewis paid for the farm at Niverton, PA. According to the deed, it states he paid '\$9,000.00 and assumes the payment of several notes secured by the mortgage.' We (the editor) don't know the amounts of these notes, but they probably explain the discrepancies.







STEP BROTHERS OF LEWIS S. YODER

Daniel W. Maust Simon L. Maust Lenard A. Maust

CREDITS

Casselman Chronicle Jacob Yoder, Grantsville, MD
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Simon C. Yoder, Springs, PA. Yoder Newsletter
Gingerich and Kreider alpha-numerical identification



WHERE IN THE WORLD

We have had many visitors to *The House of Yoder* over the years. They have come from many places in the world:

Arizona, Alaska, Illinois, North Carolina, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Vermont, South Carolina, New York, Georgia, Connecticut, Delaware, Wyoming, New Hampshire, California, Texas, Michigan, Indiana, Tennessee, Kansas, Ohio, Mississippi, Washington D.C., Colorado, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Iowa, Virginia, Maine, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Florida, Missouri, Kentucky, Alabama, Oregon, Montana, Minnesota, Washington, Michigan, North Dakota, New South Wales Australia, Guam, Auckland New Zealand, Czech Republic, Greece, Moscow, Pakistan, Ontario, England, Switzerland, Germany, North Wales, Winnipeg Manitoba.

OUR MEMBERS

I thought it would be fun to find out where our members of *The House of Yoder* live.

Maryland: 16 Colorado: 1

Pennsylvania: 13 Texas: 1

Virginia: 10 Washington:1

Indiana:5 Canada: 1

Ohio: 4 Switzerland: 1

West Virginia: 3

Iowa:2

HOSTING

Paul H. Yoder is currently in charge of the hosting program for *The House of Yoder*. If you would be interested in hosting, there is a completely furnished apartment down stairs in the house that you may stay in while you are hosting. Contact Paul at 301-895-5411 for any available dates. The House opens Memorial Day weekend, and closes the first part of October. Christmas in the Village is the first Friday and Saturday in December. There is information available (that will tell you about the house) to those who may be first time hosts. This is a very enjoyable experiences!! There are restaurants, grocery store and a small shopping mall within a few miles from The House.

THE HOUSE OF YODER ANNUAL MEETING

When: Saturday, November 6, 2010

Refreshments and Fellowship

Starting at 9:30am

Members portion

Starting at 10:00am

Where: The House of Yoder,

Grantsville, MD.

The speaker for this this years meeting will be Harvey L. Yoder, from Holliday, Missouri, formerly from PA. Harvey will focus on "Strong Jacob Yoder" and the first Yoder's to leave Berks County, PA., to move to Somerset Count, PA. and then on to the Mifflin County, PA. area.

Please plan to attend this enjoyable morning.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

The House of Yoder is presently looking for nomination for board members. If any of our members has a suggestion, please let one of our current board members know.



PASSING THROUGH THE AREA??

If you are passing through the Grantsville, MD., area? Please stop in to visit *The House of Yoder*. The House may not be open when you travel through the area. If you would like to visit The House, or tour the area, several of our members have agreed to act as a tour guide for an "impromptu" tour around the Grantsville area. If you would like to visit other areas, arrangements should be made ahead. Please call:

James Yoder cell phone: 240-727-1073

Weekend tours unless other arrangements have been made with Jim. Jim lives in the Grantsville, MD. area.

Kenneth Yoder home phone: 301-895-5687

Kenneth lives in the Grantsville, MD. area.

Bennie C. Yoder: 814-662-2054.

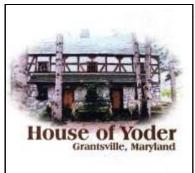
Bennie lives in the Springs, PA. area.

~~NEEDED~~

Stories, stories, stories!!! Will you help us out by sending ANY stories that we could use in <u>The House of Yoder Newsletter?</u>? Or even if you have any ideas or suggestions for a future feature. Send your information to the Editor, or any board member of The House of Yoder.

~~ALSO~~

The House of Yoder Library is always welcoming books of genealogy about the Yoder's and Yoder artifacts and books written by Yoder's.



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