



THE HOUSE OF YODER NEWSLETTER MAY 2011

DAVID H. YODER
YR261821

MARCH 28, 1859?– NOVEMBER 4, 1912?

David H. Yoder was born in Mifflin County PA March 28, 1859(?) he died November 4, 1914 (?) in Somerset County, PA. He was the son of Absalom and Catherine (Headings) Yoder (1). David was the first child born to Absalom and Catherine. We think he had two sisters: Susan and Catherine. The 1860 census lists David's age as 2 and Susan as age 2 months. The 1870 census lists David's age as 10 and Catherine's age as 7. There is no listing for Susan. It is a possibility that Susan died between 1860 and 1870. The obituary for Absalom Yoder, dated September 14, 1893 states that he "leaves one son, David. His wife and a daughter preceded him to the spirit world". There is no mention of the other daughter Susan.

Not much information could be found on David while he was growing up. In the 1880 census, it lists a David Yoder, age 21, single, working on a farm for Christian and Lidia Renno in Juniata County, PA.

The next bit of information we could find on David: he was living in Holmes County, OH, married to Amanda P. Barkman, daughter of Peter and Phoebe (Sommers) Barkman. David and Amanda were married about 1885. The exact date of their marriage could not be found. David and Amanda had four children: John D. Yoder born 1-12-1886; Monroe D. Yoder born 5-28-1889; Samuel Yoder born around 1892; and Amanda born 10-5-1894. We think all of the children were born in or around Holmes County, OH.



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Picture taken in Salisbury, PA. Photo courtesy Rebecca McClure

1. Amish and Amish Mennonite Genealogies; Gingerich and Kreider 2007, page 590 does not give a maiden name for Catherine.

According to “The Peter Barkman Book” around 1892, David and Amanda lived where Bishop Henry E. Mast built a new house. The farm, according to the 1875 Platt Map contained 42 acres and was owned by J. Yoder. David probably rented this farm, as no property records were ever found for David owning property. Dan Mast, who lives a short distance from the farm where David lived, said that none of the original buildings are standing today. He said when the foundation for the present -day house was dug, they found a lot of old bottles and broken pieces of house hold items. Dan said there was an old barn that stood where David and Amanda lived. This old barn was moved to Dan’s farm and used to grind feed and store equipment. They added a corn crib to one side and a lean-to on the other side. Dan said it is possible that the barn was standing when David lived at that location.



Center part of the barn was moved from where David Yoder lived to the Dan Mast Farm. Corn crib and lean-to were add-

In Ohio, David was known as “Dafty”. The first syllable being for David and the last syllable meaning small or little. According to Henry Erb, in the Pennsylvania German language, the nickname would probably translate into “being a small man.”

Sometime around 1898, Amanda passed away, and the children were “put out” to different families to be cared for. David’s father-in-law, Peter Barkman moved to Middlefield, Geauga County OH in 1899, after his second wife Rachel, passed away. What did David do after his wife Amanda’s death? The following is only speculation, but we think it is worth including. We will let the reader decide or do some more research to verify its correctness.

In the book “Early Amish Settlers of Geauga County OH” written by John M. Byler, states on page 85: “A David H. Yoder came to Geauga County, OH in October 1899.” The writer did not know where David came from.

In “The Budget”, written from Middlefield, OH, April 3, 1899, reads as follows: “David H. Yoder arrived here from Pennsylvania, where he was working last winter.” This letter was written by Misses Fanny and Susie Barkman. They would have been half sisters to David’s wife Amanda.



The area where David and Amanda lived. None of the original buildings are standing. Township Road 370 House 4710. Picture taken from the Dan Mast farm.

There is a discrepancy on the date that David arrived: April 1899 or October 1899. He may have left and then returned. In the June 20, 1900 census, Geauga County, Middlefield, OH, a David Yoder was a boarder at Parmer Patchin, a farmer. It stated that David was a farm laborer and unemployed for four months during the year, a widower and 40 years old. This would “fit” with David’s age and being a widower. His two sons, John D. and Monroe were both living in Geauga County, OH at this time.

By March 24, 1901, David would be back in Somerset County PA. This is the date he married Fanny Hostetler. Fanny is the daughter of Christian G. Hostetler and Barbara H. (Stevanus) Hochstetler. David would have been 41 years old, Fanny 35 years old. They were married by Moses D. Yoder. After David was married, he returned to Ohio to bring his children back to Somerset County, PA.

David had a good friend, Solomon Summy, who had gone to Ohio in 1880 and married Catherine Speicher, daughter of John Speicher. In 1901, Solomon Summy moved back to Somerset County, PA. This is about the same time David Yoder would have moved to Somerset County, PA. It is said that they were both heavy drinkers, and might have come back together. David's second wife, Fanny Hostetler would be a niece to Solomon Summy's mother, Elizabeth Hostetler.

The Somerset County PA 1910 census lists David Yoder immediately after Solomon Summy. This would indicate they lived close to each other. The census indicated that both men were doing general farm work as their occupation. This was in the Mt. Davis PA area.

In 1902, David had a daughter, Addie. The mother is unknown and we could not locate a birth certificate for Addie. At the time of Addie's birth, Pennsylvania required all births to

In 1904, a son Albert was born to David, and like Addie, a birth certificate was unavailable. We don't know if Addie and Albert had the same birth mother. We do know that Addie and Albert were not born to David's second wife, Fanny

Before her death, Martha (Maust) Yoder, who was born in 1903, remembers going to school with Albert and Addie in the Mt., Davis, PA area.

In the 1910 census, Addie and Albert are living with David and Fanny. Addie was 8 years of age and Albert 6 years old. This is how their birth years were established. It is unknown when Addie and Albert started living with David and Fanny. Was it right from birth, or later on?

Fanny was known as a kind and loving person and wanted Addie and Albert to have a home. At this time, none of David and Amanda's children were living with David and his second wife, Fanny.

David, being a heavy drinker was probably not the most responsible man. The Amish ministers would come to "visit" David to see if they could change David's ways. It is said that David was becoming tired of these "visits". The next time one of the Ministers were seen coming to "visit", David sat at the kitchen table with a butcher knife and a sharpening stone, sharpening the knife. The minister, being a little nervous, didn't stay long on this "visit"!

One source thought that David would stop at various homes in the community, sometimes spending the entire day there. He also spent a lot of time at the locale "drinking establishments." After frequenting one of these establishments in Meyersdale, PA area, someone slipped a laxative in his drink. And in time, the laxative did what it was meant to do and David was soon headed to the river to clean himself. October weather is not the most opportune time to be washing oneself in the cold river water. David contracted pneumonia and within 3 weeks he was dead.

When David became ill, he lived with his

"Death of "Davy" Yoder

"Meyersdale Republican November 12, 1914"

"David H. Yoder, who had been sick for some time, died at the home of his brother-in-law, John C. Hostetler, at about 7 o'clock, Friday evening, November 6, age 54 years. Mr. Yoder was a well know character, who immigrated to Somerset County from Ohio some years ago and while here married Miss Fanny Hostetler, daughter of the late Christian Hostetler. The funeral took place Sunday, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon at the Oak Dale Church. The funeral service was conducted by Preacher Noah M. Yoder, assisted by Preacher Moses Beachy, with interment in the Hostetler graveyard."

Another obituary for David:

"Meyersdale Commercial November 19, 1914"

"David Yoder" Aged 54 years, died at the home of his brother-in-law, John Hostetler, in Elk Lick Township, November 6th, after an illness of three weeks, and was buried the following Sunday in Hostetler Cemetery, the funeral services being held in the Amish Church near Compton's Mill. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Fannie Hostetler, two sons and one daughter."



Tombstone of David H. Yoder in the Hostetler Cemetery, located at 265 Oak Dale Road, Salisbury, PA. David was buried outside the cemetery fence.



Marvin J. Yoder, a grandson of Peter and Amanda (Barkman) Yoder. Marvin lives in Springs, PA. The actual date on the tombstone is 1890, but we think she died in 1898. There is no birth date on the tombstone.

AMANDA BARKMAN YODER

Amanda was the only child of Peter and Phoebe (Sommers) Barkman. There seems to be a lot of uncertainties as to when Amanda was born, when she died and what the cause of death was. "The Peter Barkman Book" states that Amanda was born "around " 1870. The 1870 census states that Amanda was 3 years old and living with Peter and Phoebe Barkman. That being, her birth year date would be 1867, and the 1880 census states that Amanda was 13 years old and living with Peter and Rachel Barkman. (Amanda's mother, Phoebe died January 16, 1872, and Peter was already married to his second wife Rachel by this time.) Again, this would also make her birth year 1867. Peter and Phoebe were married August 22, 1869. Was there a mistake made in transcribing the marriage date, or was Amanda two years old when her parents were married?

Now, adding to the confusion surrounding Amanda, there are two different versions of her death:

1. Did Amanda die in child birth? We could not find any evidence to substantiate this. We think that the confusion begins with the fact that Amanda's step mother Rachel (Yoder) Barkman did in fact die in child birth. Rachel and the baby are buried in the same casket on the Levi R. Yoder Farm, Sugar Creek Township OH. "Leroy Beachy Cemetery Book, Page 110. M4#13". Amanda is buried in the Norman Miller/Paul Frey Farms Cemetery. "Leroy Beachy Cemetery Book Page 70, K-23 lot #32"

"The Peter Barkman Book" also states that an obituary was found in the Peter Barkman Family Bible; "Died, Amanda, wife of David H. Yoder, died on the 9th instantly. Age 31 years, 6 months, and 15 days. Her sickness was of complications of diseases. Buried on the David Miller Farm. Funeral services were conducted by Revs Shem Miller and David A. Troyer." It does not state which day, month or year she died. If she was born in 1867 and 31 years old when she died, she would have died in 1898. If you use the date of 1870 as her birth date, then her death date would be 1901. The 1900 census states that the children were all put out to other homes. The death date on her tomb stone is 1890. This is probably incorrect because her daughter Amanda was born October 5, 1894.

Amanda married David H. Yoder "around" 1885. Four children were born to this union: John D. Yoder born January 12, 1886, died May 26, 1959; Monroe D. Yoder born May 28, 1889 died March 10, 1956; Samuel born around 1892 died around 1894; Amanda born October 5, 1894 died June 11, 1949.

AMANDA AND DAVID'S CHILDREN JOHN D. YODER

John D. Yoder, born January 12, 1886, died May 26, 1959. Born in Charm, Holmes County OH. In the 1900 census, John was living with David J. Miller (ML22581) and his wife Veronica (Fannie) (Sommers) Miller, a sister to Phoebe (Sommers) Barkman, in Geauga County, OH. His mother Amanda, died around 1898 and the children were put out to other families. By the 1910 census, none of David and Amanda's children were living with David and his second wife Fanny. John was living with Gideon W. Bender and his wife Mary. He is listed as a boarder and working at a lumber mill. Being born in 1886, this would make him 24 years of age. John married Sadie C. Beachy on October 24, 1911. Sadie was the daughter of Christian and Sarah (Hershberger) Beachy. They were married by Moses D. Yoder. Two children were born: Roy J Yoder and Iva Yoder. Sadie died October 2, 1916 and is buried at the Flag Run Amish Cemetery, Somerset County, PA. On January 30, 1919, John married the second time to Lydia Tice, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Mast) Tice. Lydia was born in Middlefield, OH .Gauga County. To this union, eleven children were born; Verda, Olen, Raymond, Lois, Cloyd, Dorothy, Marvin, Mark (still born twin to Marvin), Monroe, John Jr. and Daniel. John and Lydia are buried at the Maple Glen Conservative Church Cemetery, Grantsville, MD. John is the Grandfather of House of Yoder Board Member, Edgar R. Yoder.



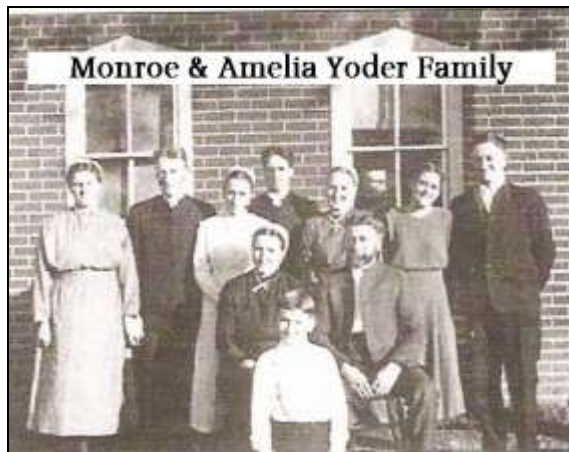
John D Yoder on the right with his steam engine.

MONROE D. YODER

Monroe D. Yoder, the second child of David and Amanda, was born May 28, 1889 and died March 10, 1956. After Monroe's Mother's death, Monroe stayed with his Maternal Grandfather, Peter Barkman, a widower. They lived in Middlefield, OH, Geauga County. According to the 1900 census, Monroe would be 10 years old and living with 6 of his aunts and uncles, ages 5-20. After his father David married for the second time, he, like his brother John moved to Somerset County, PA.

In the 1910 census, Monroe at 20 years of age was living with Simon C. and Sarah Beachy, Elk Lick Township, Somerset County, PA. He was listed as a servant.

On September 3, 1913, Monroe married Amelia Yoder, daughter of Lewis S. and Elizabeth (Beachy) Yoder. Lewis was featured in The House of Yoder Newsletter August 2010 issue. Monroe and Amelia were married at the Niverton Amish Church, Niverton, PA., by Moses D. Yoder. There were six children born to this union: Ray, Floyd, Olen, Elizabeth, Alta, and Norman. Elizabeth is the mother of Anna Yoder, whose husband Daniel Yoder, Sr. is a House of Yoder Board Member. Monroe died March 10, 1956. His wife Amelia died March 10, 1965. They are both buried at the Maple Glen Conservative Mennonite Church Cemetery, Grantsville, MD.



Front: Norman

Middle row: Amelia (wife), Monroe

Back row: Amelia (daughter-in-law), Ray, Amy (daughter-in-law), Olen, Alta, Miriam (daughter-in-law), Floyd

SAMUEL YODER

Samuel, the third son born to David and Amanda. He was born around 1892 and died when he was about two years of age. We could not find any records of Samuel's birth, his death or where he is buried.

AMANDA YODER

Amanda, David and Amanda's only daughter was born October 5, 1894 in Holmes County OH. When Amanda's mother died, Amanda was the only child that stayed in Holmes County. According to the 1900 census, Amanda, age 5, was staying with Anna (Bontrager) Stutzman, age 58. Anna was the widow of Jacob Stutzman. Amanda would have shared the house with 3 of Anna's children. Ages 16-31 years of age. We presume Amanda came to Somerset County, PA around 1901 when David remarried.

In the 1910 Elk Lick Township, Somerset County, PA census, Amanda, age 15 is living with Jacob P. and Susie Zook. Jacob, age 30 and Susie age 27 and their sons John, age 5 and Menno, age 4. Jacob is listed as a farmer and Amanda as a servant. Jacob Zook's name appears in the censuses right after Lewis Maust and Jonas Maust. This would be the Mt. Davis PA area.

Amanda, at the age of 18, was married on May 25, 1913 at the Summit Mills Amish Church to Daniel J. Kinsinger, son of John P. and Catherine E. (Yoder) Kinsinger. Daniel was born August 5, 1886 at Meyersdale, PA. Daniel and Amanda were married by Moses D. Yoder. Eleven children were born to this union: Amelia, Fannie, Tillie, Mary, Elmer, Verna, Eli, Peter, Sarah D. Nancy D. and Iva A.

Amanda and Daniel's son Peter is the only grandchild of David and Amanda still living. He lives in Mifflin County, PA.

Amanda died June 11, 1949 and is buried at the Summit Mills Amish Cemetery, Summit Mills, PA. Daniel died February 27, 1966 and is buried in the same cemetery.



Front row left to right: Sarah, Peter, Iva
Back row: Daniel (Father), Amelia, Fanny, Eli,
Mary, Vernie, Amanda (Mother)

ADDIE YODER

David's daughter, Mother unknown.

We think she was born around 1902, according to the census. We could not locate a birth certificate. In the 1910 census, Addie, age 8, was living with David and his wife Fannie and brother Albert, age 6. In the 1920 census, Addie was 18 and living with Daniel and Amanda Kinsinger. Amanda would be her half sister. Addie stayed Amish and in 1924 married Jonas Petersheim, in Oakland MD. Addie died in 1925. No children.

ALBERT YODER

David's son, Mother unknown.

In the 1910 census, Albert was living with David, Fanny and his sister, Addie. In the 1920 census, we were not able to locate Albert.

The following is speculation: In the 1930 census, there is an Albert Yoder, age 26, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1904. His employment lists him as a mechanic in a garage. He was married to Lelia (Baughman) Yoder and had a son Russell, 8 months old. They were living in Green Township Summit County, OH. (near Akron OH). We think this is David's son Albert but there is no sure documentation. All of the documents that asked for Albert's fathers name were left blank.

Albert's wife Lelia was born in Clearfield, PA. She, along with her siblings and parents Sylvester and Anna Belle Baughman moved to Springfield Lake, Akron, OH.

In the 1939-41 Akron, OH City Directory, Albert was working for the WPA.

In "The Progress", Clearfield Pennsylvania Monday, November 29, 1948. Area Deaths:

Russell Lee Yoder

Springfield Lake, Akron OH—Russell Lee Yoder, age 19, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Baughman, former residents of Clearfield PA died at his home here at 1436 League Street Friday evening, November 26. He was a WWII veteran,. Surviving him are his mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Bert Yoder, a brother Paul and a sister Geraldine, all of Springfield Lake. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Adams Funeral Home here with Rev. D. F. Billington officiating. Internment was made in the Glendale Cemetery, Akron, OH.

George Ross, Jr. said Russell died after being hit by a bus.

From the above obituary we see that Albert and Lelia also had a daughter Geraldine and a son Paul. Geraldine Edna Yoder, who was born in 1931 married George Ross, Sr. They had two children; George, Jr. and Charles. George Ross Jr. still lives in the Akron area. Charles lives in North Carolina.

Albert and Lelia's son Paul was born April 27, 1936. He married Barbara Jean Ross on July 18, 1964. They had two children: Russell and Christine. Both live in North Carolina.

Paul was divorced in 1981, moved to New York City and died October 11, 1992 at age 56.

George Ross, Jr. was located, living at Uniontown, OH. (Akron OH area)

He was asked if he knew anything about his grandfather, Albert Yoder. He said his mother Geraldine would never talk about him. He said that his Grandparents, Albert and Lelia were divorced. The only thing he ever heard his mother say was that Albert was a bum and an alcoholic. George never knew what happened to Albert. There was no death record that we could find for Albert. If anyone has more information on Albert, we would appreciate it if you would let us know, so that we can document if this was David H. Yoder's son Albert.



Peter Barkman Farm, Middlefield, Geauga County, OH. Farm today is owned by Freeman W. Byler 17202 Nauvoo Road, Middlefield OH 44062

PETER AND PHOEBE (SOMMERS) BARKMAN

Peter Barkman, born July 13, 1846 in Rathskirchen Pfalz, West Germany. He was the son of Daniel Gottiel Bergman and Maria Christina (Bauer) Bergman. He came to America when he was around seven years of age. Peter was married to Phoebe Sommers on August 22, 1869 by Daniel D. Funk, Holmes County OH. Peter was 23 years old. Phoebe, around 26 years of age.

The 1850 census shows Phoebe being seven years old. That would make her birth date around 1843 and living at Brady, Huntingdon County PA. The 1860 census has Phoebe being 17 years old, and living with her parents and siblings at Walnut Creek Holmes County, OH

Peter and Phoebe had one child: Amanda P. Barkman, born around 1867-1870. Amanda would become the mother of Amanda, wife of David H.

Yoder. Peter's wife Phoebe, died January 16, 1872 and is buried at the Walnut Creek Menonite Church Cemetery, Holmes County OH.

The 1870 census has Amanda being 3 years old, and the 1880 census gives Amanda's age of 17, thus she would have been born in 1867. Either the census is wrong or Amanda was born two years before Peter and Phoebe were married. They would have been living in German Township, Holmes County OH, using the Clark post office, according to the 1870 census. There is not a German Township listed in Holmes County, OH today. The name could have been changed since 1870. There is a Clark Township located at the south east corner of Holmes County. It also states Peter was a farmer, he did not own real estate. His personal property was valued at \$100.00. He could not write.

After Phoebe's death, Peter married Rachel V. Yoder, daughter of Valentine Yoder (YR12579) and Elizabeth Coblentz (CB163). Peter and Rachel had 12 children. Rachel died in 1897 after giving birth to a still born baby. Rachel and the baby are buried in the same casket at the Levi R. Yoder Farm, Sugar Creek Township. "Leroy Beachy Cemetery Book" Page 110 M4#13. After Rachel's death, Peter moved to Middlefield, Geauga County, OH. In "The Budget" dated January 13, 1899, it states Rev. Phineas Yoder and Peter Barkman of Holmes County OH are here to rent farms. This was written by Daniel G. Gingerich.

On March 15, 1899 "The Budget" states Phineas U. Yoder and Peter Barkman arrived here with their household goods to make this their future home. Written by Eli K. Byler

In the 1900 census, Peter Barkman, a widower, was living in Middlefield, Geauga County, OH with 6 of his children 5-20 years of age and a Grandson, Monroe Yoder, age 10, David's son.

According to Enos Barkman, a grandson of Peter through Peter's son, Samuel: Peter lived at two different locations. The first address 15790 Hayes Road. No buildings, this farm was probably rented and now owned by the government. The second place he bought from Christian J. Slabaugh on March 3, 1902 containing 59.65 acres in Middlefield Township. If you travel north on Hayes Road from Peter's first residence to Nauvoo and turn left on the Nauvoo Road, the farm is located on the right, owned today by Freeman W. Byler,

Peter Barkman married for the third time to Katie I. Weaver, daughter of Isaac Weaver and Rebecca (Swartzentruber) Weaver. Peter's youngest son, Jacob would have been eleven years old when Peter married Katie.

In the 1910 census, Peter, age 63, his wife Kate, age 52 and his son Jacob, age 15 were living in the same household. Peter owned his farm. Was free of any mortgage and he couldn't read or write.

Sometime between 1910 and 1920, Peter and his third wife, Katie, moved back to Clark Township, Holmes County OH.

In the 1920 census, they were both living with his son Daniel Barkman in Holmes County, OH. Peter's third wife, Katie, died January 4, 1925. Peter died June 20, 1927. Both are buried on the former Jonas Yoder farm. Using Leroy Beachy's directory of Amish cemeteries, Peter and Katie's burial plots are on page 140/Cemetery 0-20, graves 39 and 40. The cemetery is located approximately 3 miles south east of Charm, OH on State Route 557, mailbox #3593. The farm is presently owned by Roman Hershberger. His son Eli is doing the farming and they have an antique store. An interesting side note about Peter Barkman's son, Daniel, a newly ordained minister, died approximately two months after his father passed away. It is said that Daniel had presided over one communion, one wedding, and one funeral before his death.

ABSALOM YODER YR26182

David's Father

Absalom, born March 5, 1829 died September 14, 1893. He married Catherine Headings. Gingerich and Kreider's "Amish and Amish Mennonite Genealogies" does not give Catherine's maiden name. The internet lists it as Headings.

Absalom was the second child of five born to David Yoder YR2618 and Mary Yoder YR2574. David was born in Somerset County, PA and later moved to Juniata County, PA.

In the 1860 census, Absalom was living in Fermaugh Township, Juniata County PA. Absalom's age 28, a farmer, value of real-estate \$2,000.00 Value of personal property was \$500.00. He was living with his wife Catherine, age 25, his son David, age 2, a daughter Susan, age 6 months and Adam Page, age 14.

In the 1870 census, Absalom, age 38 was living in Fayette Township, Juniata County, PA with his wife Catherine age 40, son David age 10 and daughter Catherine age 7. Value of real-estate \$600.00 and personal property \$200.00. In the 1860 census it has Catherine being 3 years younger than Absalom and in the 1870 census it has her as being 2 years older than Absalom.

Absalom's obituary located on "Mennobits" states "At the residence of C.L. Peachy, in Union Township, Mifflin County, PA September 14, 1893, Absalom Yoder age 64 years 7 months and 9 days. He leaves one son (David) and two brothers to mourn his death. His wife and daughter preceded him to the spirit world. Buried on the 16th. Services were held by Benjamin Hartzler and John Peachy."

There is no mention of his daughter Susan, who

There are inconsistencies concerning David's ^{may} have birth and his death date and his actual age at time of death.

The 1860 census lists David as being two years old. This would make his birth year 1858. The 1870 lists David as being 10 years old. And the 1910 census has David as being 50 years old. This would make his birth year as 1860.

David's tombstone has the death date as November 4, 1914. The two Meyersdale newspapers both state he died November 6, 1914. The Meyersdale Republican also states he died Friday evening about 7 o'clock. If you look at a November 14, 1914 calendar, Friday would be on the 6th.

The inscription on the tombstone reads "age 54 years 7 months and 8 days". If you use this and his birth date as March 28, 1859, this would also put his death date as November 6, but 55 years old and not 54 years old at his death.

In the 1860 census taken in July, states David had a sister 6 months old. This would mean if David was born March 28, 1859, his sister Susan was born 9 months after David was born.

THE TRIP TO OHIO

In the early hours of April 1, 2011, Mark, Jim and Marvin Yoder left Pennsylvania, headed for Ohio to gather information on David H. Yoder and Amanda (Barkman) Yoder. Marvin, who lives in Springs, PA is a grandson of David and Amanda (Barkman) Yoder. The men visited various farms of the people that migrated from Somerset County, PA to Holmes County, OH.

Henry Erb was our “expert tour guide”, taking Jim, Mark and Marvin to the first Amish and Mennonite settlements in Holmes County, OH of people that migrated from Somerset County PA in the 1800's.

Henry also took the group to the cemeteries where Peter Barkman, his wives, Phoebe, Rachel and Katie and a daughter Amanda are buried.



Pictured above from left to right; Marvin J. Yoder Springs, PA; James L. Yoder, Grantsville, MD; Dan Mast and Henry Erb at the Dan Mast farm that borders the farm where David and Amanda lived.

*A special **Thank You** to Henry Erb, of Baltic OH, who spent the entire day traveling with us. He is a very knowledgeable historian. With out looking at any reference material, he knew dates, names and the time frame of the first Amish arrivals in the Holmes County area that they visited. A special **Thank You** to Enos Barkman, (a grandson of Peter's through Samuel) of Middlefield. OH, who went with us in Geauga Co., to show us the places where Peter Barkman lived.*



John D. Yoder and his second wife, Lydia (Tice) Yoder



Children of John D. Yoder and both of his wives, his first wife: Sadie (Beachy) Yoder and his second wife, Lydia (Tice) Yoder. No picture of Sadie is available.

Pictured from left to right; Monroe, Marvin, Roy, Raymond, John Jr., Iva, Cloyd, Verda, Olen, Dorothy, Daniel, Lois



David H. and Amanda (Barkman) Yoder's three children left to right: John D. Yoder, Monroe D. Yoder, Amanda (Yoder) Kinsinger

The House of Yoder is currently looking for a webmaster for the existing House of Yoder web site. If you would be interested, please contact the editor at 814-267-3383 or mhyoder@msn.com. Thank You!



James L. Yoder (YR2611914a), of Grantsville, MD, holds a small book that Leroy Beachy, of Holmes County, OH now owns. Leroy thinks that this book was once owned by Christian Yoder (YR2). On the research trip taken by Jim, Mark and Marvin, they stopped at Leroy's home.

"Christian Yoder's (YR2) granddaughter, Anna, married a Stutzman. When Anna became old, she was almost blind and could not see anymore to do the sewing. When my Grandmother was 15 years old, she went to help her do some sewing. When it was time for my Grandmother to go home at the end of the week, her grandmother said "I wish I could pay you, but we are so poor that we don't even have one penny. We have nothing, I can't give you anything. But Oh, she said, I have something I'm going to give you. She reached into a chest of drawers, and under some clothing, she had this book. Then she gave it to my Grandmother. Leroy bought this book at his Grandfather's (Abe C. Schrock) auction. Abe was married to Catherine Yoder.

I had no idea what this book was. When we would go to Dawdi's (Grandfather's) to visit, it was the smallest book I ever saw."

Leroy thinks that the signature in the book matches Christian Yoder's signature from the ship list.

The above story was told by Leroy Beachy. Leroy is also the author of "Unser Leit....The story of the Amish". The book was released on the day of the trip. This two volume set is available for purchase.

Goodly Heritage Books

4324 State Route 39

Millersburg, OH 44654-9681 ph;330-893-2883.



SPRING CLEAN-UP TIME!!!

Saturday, May 14, 2011 was our annual spring-clean-up day at The House of Yoder. Windows were washed, floors cleaned, displays dusted, weeding done, mulch hauled in, and the grass mowed! Anyone is invited to come and help!. You don't have to be a Board Member!



Pictured above is Edgar and Mark Yoder, putting new mulch at the front entrance of The House.

The House of Yoder will begin our summer hosting program again this year, with our first hosts scheduled to arrive for the Memorial Day weekend. The House is to be open daily from 10am-5pm. If you would be interested in hosting, there are a few spots still open. Marian Diehl is our hosting coordinator, please contact her at: 814-356-3732



**HOUSE OF YODER
OPERATING EXPENSE**

January 1, 2010-December 31, 2010

Maintenance & Repair	\$ 146.00
Insurance	\$1, 179.00
Utilities	\$3, 236.13
Contracted Labor	\$ 1,166.46
Building Materials (Plexiglas)	\$ 566.05
Office Supplies	\$ 142.49
Dues and Services	\$ 743.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 391. 21
DVD	\$ 140.00

Total Expenses:	\$7,771.24
Income:	\$6,410.47

Any donations to help with the operating expenses would be very much appreciated. All donations are tax deductible. The House of Yoder is a non-profit organization.



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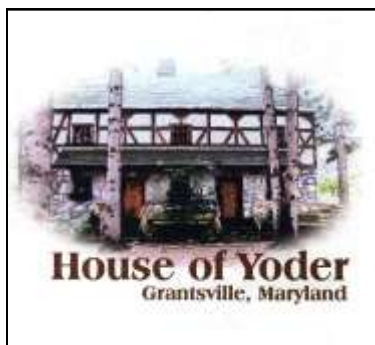
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The auction is to help cover medical costs for the Amish community.



The door, pictured above, was removed from Jacob Yoder's farm house on Posey Row Road, Grantsville, MD. It will be auctioned off at the public auction. Jacob thinks this door was installed in 1902-03 when Norman S. Yoder (YR2611915) built the house and barn. The picture on the glass door is of "The Narrows" in Cumberland, MD.

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