

Jacob S. Yoder YR23374f6

Born July 13, 1906 ~ Died April 5, 1997

Fannie M. Yoder YR26119631

Born January 23, 1909 ~ Died July 2, 1986



Jacob and Fannie (Yoder) Yoder June 1948

Jacob's growing up years

Jacob was born July 13, 1906 at 706 Davis Road, Springs, PA to Samuel D. Yoder and his second wife, Magdalena (Hostetler) Yoder (HS18174).

According to Jacob's daughter, Mable, a great aunt delivered Jacob. The family was in a hurry to get Jacob's sister Nettie to bed. The next morning, Nettie woke up to find a baby brother. Liz B. remembers Jacob's birth and said it

cost \$1.00. Mable wrote that the family was poor and would often eat mush and milk.

Jacob, his brother Dan and their Mother would go to the woods to pick huckleberries and take them to Salisbury, PA where they were sold door to door. One time, Jake and Dan decided to play a trick on Mag Shumaker, who would go to the woods to pick garlic. They pulled all of the garlic and hid it behind a log, not knowing that Mag was watching them. Later, Mag told their father, Samuel, how nice it was to have all of the garlic pulled and put on a pile. Daughter Grace wrote that Jacob said while living at home, they were poor and could hardly raise enough feed for their seven cows.

Jacob's Father

Samuel D. Yoder (YR23374f) was born April 5, 1856, fifteenth child of sixteen children born to David C. Yoder (YR23374) and Susanna (Miller) Yoder (MLB58) at Shanksville, Somerset County, PA. When Samuel was 3 years old, his mother Susanna died on July 29, 1859. In 1869, at age 13, Samuel moved with his father, David C. to Middlebury, IN. The 1870 census lists David C. Yoder living in Middlebury Twp., post office Goshen, IN., his occupation as farmer. Living with David are his four youngest children: Jeremiah, age 17; Tobias, age 16; Anna, age 15; and Samuel, age 14. The next entry in the census record is David C.'s daughter, Rachel, married to Joseph J. Stutzman, suggesting they were neighbors.

In the 1880 census, David, age 72, is living with his son, Jeremiah and Samuel is living with his sister Rachel and her husband, Joseph J. Stutzman, listed as a laborer.

Jacob's father, Samuel, moves to Iowa

Samuel moved to Johnson Co. Iowa in 1883 and there married Miriam Eash on January 1, 1884. Miriam was born in Johnson, Co. Iowa on November 4, 1864, a daughter of Isaac and Magdalena (Schrock) Eash. Miriam's grandfather was Bishop Jacob Eash of Davidsville, PA and was a great granddaughter of Casper Schrock of Berlin, PA. Her father Isaac had first been married to Elizabeth, a daughter of Bishop Benedict Miller of Springs, PA. Samuel and Miriam lived in Kalona, Iowa and were blessed with three children:

Magdalena, 1885- Married Jacob J. Gingerich

Eli 1886-1981 Married Esther Brenneman

Emma 1889-1889

Samuel's wife Miriam, mother of three children, died June, 11, 1890 in Johnson County, Iowa

Samuel moves to Elk Lick, PA



Three brother's and their wives. Photo taken in 1956

Half-brother Eli Full brother Dan Jacob Full sister Nettie
Esther Fannie Fannie

Note: This picture does not include the entire family.

Samuel moves to Somerset County, PA

On June 24, 1900, Samuel married Magdalena Hostettler, (HS18174)

Children of Samuel and Magdalena:

Nettie May, born 1901 never married died 1988 near Springs, PA

Daniel S. (Honey Dan) born Feb. 27, 1904 died June 18, 1972 at Kalona Iowa, married Fannie Beachy

Jacob S. subject of this article.

On March 8, 1901, Samuel bought 106 acres from Alexander and Anna (Lehman) Speicher on Davis Road, near

Springs, PA.

Quoting from an article in the *Casselman Chronicle*, 1966, volume 6, issue 3&4, page 19 by Jacob's sister, Nettie Yoder:

"When the Yoder's bought the farm, it had an old log house and barn on it. In 1902, the old house was replaced by a new building. In 1916, a new barn was built a little distance to the west of the site of the old barn. In the early 1900's you could still plainly see that another set of buildings had been on the farm. On the hill southwest of the buildings were the remains of a house foundation and a few lilac bushes and Easter lilies. There was a spring above these buildings. History says a Swartzentruber had lived there in earlier times."

From Jacob's daughter Grace: *"Samuel could only read in German. He could never read or write in the English language. He signed his checks with an X, which the bank understood and accepted. They would make a little butter and every two weeks would go to town to sell the butter and buy groceries. There would maybe be a few dollars left. They would buy flour, salt, sugar, coffee (a must) and yeast. But not much more. They would take the grain to Compton's Mill to have it ground."*

Jacob's Mother

Magdalena Hostettler (HS18174), was born November 21, 1874, Springs, PA and died June 3, 1951, Springs, PA. Her parents were Elias and Maria (Stevanus) Hostettler. Elias's parents were Jonathan and Susanna (Gnagey) Hochstetler. Jonathan was the first of nineteen children of Minister Henry Hochstetler. Jonathan's mother was Barbara Schrock, daughter of John and Elizabeth Schrock of Berlin, PA



Jacob's mother, Magdalena (Hostettler) HS 18174,

Jacob's Paternal Grandfather

David C. Yoder, born August 31, 1817, at Shanksville, PA, died November 24, 1887, near Middlebury, Elkhart

County, Indiana, age 70. David C. was the son of Bishop Christian Yoder Jr. and Catherine (Miller) Yoder. Catherine was the daughter of Abraham and Anna (Hochstetler) Miller. Abraham was a minister in the Glades and continued preaching after he was blind. Anna Hochstetler was a daughter of John and Catherine (Hertzler) Hochstetler who moved to the Summit Mills, Somerset County, PA area from Berks Co., PA, probably in the 1780's. John's father Jacob was captured by Indians in Berks Co., PA in 1757. Catherine Hertzler was a daughter of Bishop Jacob Hertzler. Jacob may have been the first Amish Bishop in America.

David C. Yoder and his wife, Susanna (Miller) (MLB58) Yoder had sixteen children. When their son, Samuel (Jacob's father) was three years old, his mother, Susanna, died on July 29, 1859, at Shanksville, PA. We think David and his wife Susanna owned and were living on his father's (Bishop Christian Yoder, Jr.) farm.

In 1860, David C. married his first wife's first cousin, Sarah (Lehman) Yoder, widow of David J. Yoder (YR2397), who died in 1856. David J. and Sarah are the parents of the well known Civil War soldier, Tobias Yoder, who was shot 7 times and survived. Tobias's story can be found in the Yoder Newsletter, April 1996, or on the internet at www.yodernewsletter.org

Samuel, David C. Yoder's son told Jacob that David C. and his second wife, Sarah, did not get along very well. On March 3, 1869, David C. and his second wife Sarah sold their farm containing 244 acres to Levi Ringler, for \$9,500.00. The deed states, "it being part of the land which the Orphan's Court of Somerset County held at Somerset on the 26th day of August, 1850 awarded to David C. Yoder, the present grantor."

After the farm was sold, David took his children and moved to Middlebury, IN and left his second wife, Sarah, in Somerset, Co.PA. In the 1870 census, David's second

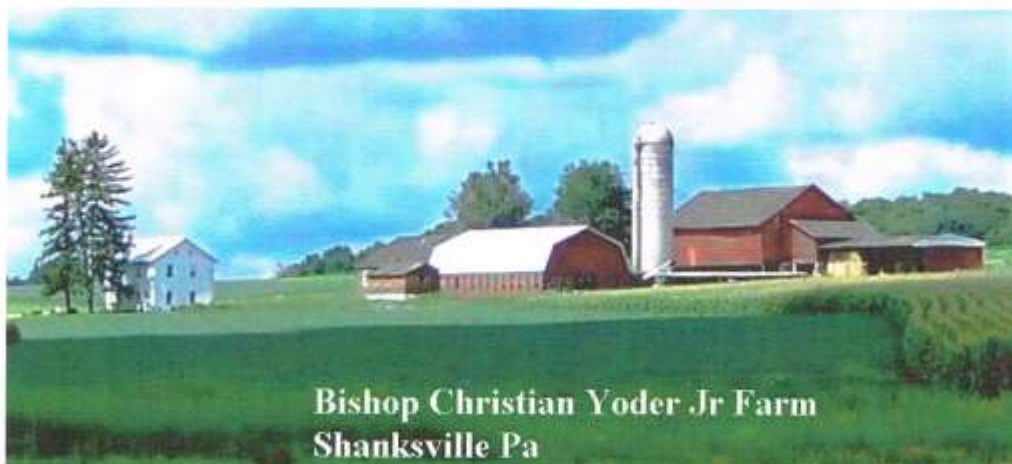
wife Sarah, is listed as living with her son Tobias. In the 1880 census, at age 69, living with her son Moses.

Jacob's Paternal Grandmother

Susanna (Miller)(MLB58) Yoder, was born January 4, 1818. She died July 29, 1859, near Shanksville, PA. Susanna was a daughter of Christian and Susanna (Musser) Miller. Christian's father, Christian Sr., was a minister in the Glades Amish Congregation. The (MLB) Miller family cemetery is located about 100 yards east of the Glades Unity Untied Church of Christ on State Route 160 north of the PA turnpike. The cemetery is located in the woods. Anthony Charlton, who lives nearby, noticed the grave stones while bow hunting. The inscription on Samuel's grandmother's stone, Susanna (Musser) Miller, who died when Samuel's mother, also named Susanna, was three months old states: **"Hier Ruht in got Susanna Miller Gebooren, 8 ten July 1785. Gestorben den 18 April 1818"** The primary visitors to the grave site are an occasional hunter and wildlife.



Jacob's great grandmother, Susanna (Musser) Miller is interred in this cemetery, located on Route 160, north of the PA turnpike, near the Glades Unity United Church of Christ, Shanksville, PA



Bishop Christian Yoder Jr Farm
Shanksville Pa

Jacob's Maternal Grandmother

Mariah (Stevanus) Yoder, born May 18, 1838 on a farm near Springs, PA. She was a daughter of John and Anna (Hershberger) Stevanus. She was married February 14, 1869 to Elias Hostetler.

Quoted from The Casselman Chronicles Jan 2, 1967, page 12.

"Mariah worked a lot for other people when they were in need of help because of sickness of all kinds. Since she was exposed to so many diseases, people told her she should smoke a pipe to keep from getting sick herself, so she smoked a pipe after each meal. But not more than this, and she carried this habit as long as she lived. She was a very kind and tender hearted woman."

Mariah helped shear sheep in the spring and also did shearing for other people on request.

When huckleberries were ripe, she would be off to the huckleberry fields for berries to eat and to sell. This was her regular work at the time unless rain prevented her. She always carried an onion when picking berries, for insect stings and snake bites. She would cut the onion in half and hold the raw side on the affected spot until it turned green, then she would hold the other half in the same manner. On days when the sun shone hot, she would gather a bunch of chickweed before the dew had evaporated, and put it on top of her head to keep cool.

Butchering was another task she delighted in doing. One of her most accomplished feats was her walk to Holmes County, Ohio with a group of others. It took about a week each way. She is buried in the Niverton, PA Amish Church cemetery, beside her husband, Elias.



Simon Samuel Sarah Lydia Annie Bertha Fannie

Fannie's Brothers and Sisters

Fannie: 1901-1986 Married Jacob S. Yoder

Bertha 1912-1989 Married Milton M. Beachy

Annie 1913-1995 Married Walter E. Yoder

Lydia 1915-2007 Married Lloyd E. Yoder

Sarah 1918-1996 Married Noah M. Yoder

Samuel 1920-1996 Married Elizabeth Beachy

Simon 1925-1997 Married Lela E. Schrock

Fannie's Father

Fannie's father was Menno J. Yoder, (YR2611963) son of John D. Yoder, (YR261196) and Anna J. (Miller) Yoder, was born August, 31, 1886, Springs, PA. Died August 1, 1958, Meyersdale, PA. Menno was a horse lover, and Mr. Cramer, the fire chief, often showed Menno's Belgians at the county fair and won first prize. Menno was also a skilled woodworker and built a bureau for each of his children. Menno grew up on the Peter Beachy II farm in Springs, PA. Jacob and Fannie both claim Peter Beachy as their ancestor.

Fannie's Home Place



Menno J. and Mary J. (Tice) Yoder. Fannie's home place

Fannie's Parents

Fanny, Born January 23, 1909 Springs, PA died July 2, 1986, Meyersdale, PA. Fannie's parents were: Menno J. and Mary J. (Tice) Yoder. They married August 4, 1907 in Summit Mills, PA and were blessed with seven children:



Menno J. and Mary J. (Tice) Yoder
Parents of Jacob's wife Fannie (Yoder) Yoder

Fannie's Mother

Mary J. Tice was born August 11, 1889 in Bittingner, MD. She died June 9, 1959 in Meyersdale, PA. She was born to Jonas and Lydia (Yoder) Tice, where Park Opel lives on Foxtown Road. The old Cherry Glade Amish Church was built on part of Jonas and Lydia's property in 1881.



Mother
Mary J Tice Yoder Fannie Oct 28 1957

Fannie's Maternal Grandparents

Jonas J. Tice was born April, 24-1857, Bittingner, MD, died December 10, 1925, Salisbury, PA. Lydia (Yoder) Yoder, born October 18, 1860, Meyersdale, PA, died July 21, 1933, Salisbury, PA.

Jonas, while farming at Bittingner, got a piece of stone in his eye. He was kept in a dark room for seven weeks after which he had his eye removed at a Baltimore hospital and given an artificial eye.

Jonas and Lydia moved to a farm located next to the Oakdale Mennonite Church, St. Paul, PA, in 1923. Jonas Tice, died from an accident while living on the farm at Oak Dale, which was noted in the Meyersdale Republican newspaper the next week:

"Jonas Tice: Recent Accident Results in Death of Highly Respected Elk Lick Farmer"

"Jonas J. Tice, a prominent and highly esteemed farmer of Elk Lick Township passed peacefully away at 5:30 o'clock Thursday evening, the 10th at his home about 1 & 1/2 miles southwest of the Wilhelm Reformed Church. His death was due to an accident which occurred two days earlier, at which time, while he was hauling corn fodder into the barn his head struck an overhead beam or joist with great force while riding on top of a load of corn fodder as it was being hauled into the barn. He was knocked from the load and fell to the barn floor, which injured him so badly that he was in a partially paralyzed condition until his suffering was relieved by death. He remained conscious to the last, how-

ever, bearing his suffering bravely and with Christian fortitude, realizing that death was near, and telling his loved ones that he was prepared to die."

Jonas and Lydia are buried in the Oak Dale Mennonite Church cemetery.

Fannie's Maternal Grandmother, Lydia (Yoder) Tice



Lydia Yoder Tice

Fannie's Maternal Great Grandparents

It has been said the barn at Park Opel's was built by Fannie's great grandparents, John V. and Sarah (Beachy) Tice. John V. Tice was born on the Atlantic Ocean on July 24, 1833. He died May 24, 1881 at Bittingner, MD. Sarah was born May 6, 1833, Springs PA and died September 9, 1923, Salisbury, PA. Sarah was known as "Sal". Some of the beautiful straw baskets and hats she made can be seen at the Springs Museum, Springs, PA. Before Jonas married, he would often ask God to give him a wife who would be kind to his mother. John V. and Sarah are buried in the Tice cemetery near the old Cherry Glade Amish Church, on Foxtown Road, Bittingner, MD. John's parents are Valentine and Catherine (Guengerich) Tice, they are buried in Lagrange Co. IN. Fannie's maternal Great Grandmother's parents were Bishop Jonas and Sarah (Gnagey) Beachy who late in life moved to Keyzers Ridge, MD and are buried there.

Jacob and Fannie's Courting Days

At about age sixteen, Fannie consented to a date with Amos Zook. Before the date, Jake also asked Fannie, which created a dilemma, because Fannie would rather have Jake. So she asked her mother Mary what she should do. Her mother told her she needs to keep the promised date with Amos, then she can do what she wants to. Jake was told the situation and was willing to wait until Fannie had the date with Amos. Jake overheard Amos announcing that he has a girl friend in a bit of a boastful manner, but Jake knew Amos wouldn't have her long.

Jake put a picture of Fannie in his pocket watch, and looked at it often.

Jacob's pocket watch with Fannie's picture



Jacob and Fannie's Wedding March, 18, 1928

The Summit Mills Amish Church was the scene of the wedding of Jacob S. Yoder and Fannie M. Yoder. In 1927 the Summit Mills and Niverton PA Amish church split into two congregations: the more conservative Amish Church and the more progressive/liberal Beachy Amish Church. Mose Beachy, Bishop, was the leader of this group, thus giving the name "Beachy Amish Church". Today, this church is known as the Mt. View Christian Fellowship Church. The Amish and Beachy congregations both used the same churches on alternate Sundays until 1953, when the Beachy group built their own church on land owned by Jacob S. Yoder. We think that both Jacob and Fannie were members of the Beachy Church at the time of their wedding, because of the posed pictures that were taken and Mose Beachy married them.

A snow storm the day of the wedding brought wind and 20-24 inches of snow. The Bishop was late to perform the ceremony. No one was there from the upper district except Mose Beachy. Tradition is that they always went to the brides home after the wedding for the reception. They had a singing in the evening and not everyone could return home. They stayed overnight and slept six to a bed. Jacob and Fannie could not sleep together the first night because there were so many people there for the night. Before the young people left the next morning, a picture was taken of seventeen young folks on the porch steps at Fannie's home.



Summit Mills Amish Church where Jacob and Fannie were married.

Photo taken March 19, 1928, the morning after Jacob & Fannie Yoders wedding at Summit Mills Amish Church. They had a singing in the evening at Menno Yoders and because of snow not everyone was able to return home. They stayed overnight, and slept crossways six to a bed.



Number 6 is Jacobs brother Henry Dan

The first year that Fannie and Jacob were married, they worked on the farm where Noah M. Beachy lived, now Phil Beachy's, Niverton, Pa. Noah's wife, Elizabeth was Fannie's aunt. They moved to Boynton, PA, where Simon, Lena, Mabel and Grace were born. Menno was born on the farm near St. Paul, PA. The Boynton farm was where the golf driving range was once located.

Daughter Grace wrote that Jacob and Fannie moved to the Amos Yoder farm (John D. Yoder) when first married.



Jacob and Fannie 1928



The Jacob S. and Fannie (Yoder) Yoder Farm at 1126 St. Paul Road, Salisbury, PA. The Mt. View Christian Fellowship Church to the left of the farm. The land for the church was taken off Jacob and Fannies farm. The building in front of the church is used by the Mt. Anthems Chorus as their office and touring bus garage.

Jacob and Fannie's Children:

1. Simon, b. 7-20-1929
2. Lena, b. 7-15-1931, m 4-22-1951 Ernest E. Yoder, b May 16, 1923 d. May 16-1986. Lived in Salisbury, PA
3. Mabel, b. 8-29-33, d. October 19, 2005 m. 3-24-1954 Cloyd E. Yoder, b. 7-28-1932. Mabel and Cloyd lived at 191 Moser Road, Meyersdale, PA
4. Grace, b. 4-18-1937, m 4-18-1957 John E. Yoder, b. 12-23-1931 d. 10-2-2009. They lived on her home farm near St. Paul, PA.
5. Menno, b 8-19-1944. Married 5-9-71 to Nona Kinsinger, b 11-16-1948. They lived at West Salisbury Ave, Salisbury, PA on a farm bordering his home place. Menno is a minister at Mt. View Mennonite Church.



Jacob and his son, Simon, June 1987

Simon never married, he lived on the farm with his parents.

From daughter Lena



Front row left to right: Regina, Marlin, Joanna,

Middle row: Martha, Ernest, Lena, Marlene

Back row: Martha, Robert, daughter-in-law Ruth, Ruth

Marlin and Martha were adopted

I was born at Boynton, PA on July 15, 1931. I married Ernest E. Yoder, on April 22, 1951. Ernest was born near St. Paul on May 16, 1923. He died at Salisbury on May 16, 1986 on his 63rd birthday by accidently drowning in the farm pond.

My parents (Jacob and Fannie Yoder) were regular church goers. Mother was quite concerned about us staying in the "ordening", as well as other things. She was thrifty and a hard worker. She helped other people who had needs. The Sewing Circle met in our home for a number of years, until the church house was built in 1953. Dad was hard working and kind. I remember relaxing after supper outside on the grass with him on a warm, summer evening. Dad said they were very poor when they were growing up. He says they were raised mostly on corn meal mush. He said that they also had other things, but the main thing

was corn meal mush. Is that why he lived to be 90 years old?

My great Grandfather was John D. "Hans" Yoder. John was very strict with his workers. Dad used to work for him and would relate these stories: At the table they would have to hurry and eat to get done in time because John would eat fast and then bow his head again for silent prayer and then go to work. When they were out working some times John would suddenly step out from behind a tree. One time he scolded Nettie for sitting on the ground while picking up apples. He wanted her to bend down. Nettie remained sitting, so he let her go."

Nettie was 14-16 years old when she started working for John D. Yoder. In 1932, maple syrup was \$1.00 per gallon Maple sugar, fourteen cents a pound.

Their toys were a wagon."



~~~~~ Daughter Mabel's Memories

"Samuel's parents, David C. Yoder and his second wife, Sarah (Lehman) Yoder did not get along to well, so David took his children (from his first marriage) and went out west, leaving Mom (step mother) behind in Somerset, county Pa. Jacob remembers his father Samuel saying that his stepmother used to hit him over the head. Jacob considered his father as having been mentally retarded though he never remembers having it mentioned as such. Jacob thinks that Samuel's condition may have caused him to be an unhandy child and that may be why Samuel's step mother hit him over the head. Jacob also thinks that as a result of this, Samuel received brain injury that caused him to later get epileptic fits occasionally."

At home, Jacob would regularly take a noon-time nap, maybe ten minutes or so. Then he would be ready to go again. He had a dry sense of humor. For private devotions, he would read his Bible and sometimes sing. He could not even hold a tune, but I am sure God knew his heart and honored him anyway.



Front row: daughter Mabel, Cloyd

Back row: Steven, Jeffery, Darrell

Photo taken in 1989

~~~~~ "Old Time Gleanings From Dad"

by Grace

"My Great Grandmother, Maria Stevanus, has the record of long time butchering. She butchered for the Compton's for 60 years according to Allen Compton.

Dad says when he lived at home, his family was so poor, they could hardly raise enough feed for their seven cows. From the cream they gathered, they made butter. Every two weeks they went to town to buy groceries, flour, salt sugar, coffee, yeast, that was about all. Sometime they had a few dollars left over. Poor as they were, the Davis family borrowed yeast and coffee off them yet.

My Maternal Grandfather, Menno J. Yoder, son of John D. Yoder tells the story when the ministers were taking the voice of the church, Sammy (Jacob's father) whispered to the man beside him that the other fellow should get up and help. He whispered back to Sammy, "why don't you", so Sammy whispered back to the other fellow, "well, then what do you have to say?"

My dad and his brother Dan used to pick black berries to sell. So in the early morning upon entering the woods, (which was right by the road) they would pick the black-berries by the edge of the woods first, then move on into the woods further to pick. This was so people did not know there are black berries there to be picked.

After Jacob's father Samuel died, his mother, Magdalena married Noah S. Beachy, son of Samuel (Reever Pap) Beachy and Elizabeth (Yoder) Beachy. Elizabeth is a sister to Jacob's grandfather, David C. Yoder

Back in those days I don't think parents told their children when they were expecting a baby. So I knew nothing about a baby joining our family, even though I was already seven years old at the time. On August 19, 1944, in the evening I was standing at the open barn gate, when someone came out and told me I have a baby brother. Very emphatically I said "Ich hops awver net" meaning "No I do not." That baby was Menno."



Duane, Twila, daughter Grace, John, Sharon, Wendell

"The Life and home of Jacob and Fannie Yoder"

by son Menno

Dad's early life and youth at home did not afford him the opportunities that many of his peers had. As a little boy he played with make-believe toys. They usually had enough to eat, but not the tasty foods we like to eat. He was well acquainted with poverty. His father had some mental handicaps that put him at a disadvantage in managing his business. He passed away when Dad was 18 years old.

Mom came from a more prominent family where things were well managed. She was the oldest of a family of seven children.

When Dad was still at home, he and his brother Dan enjoyed doing pranks. One day they found an ugly worm. Dan commented to Dad, "That looks like your brother (implying dad may have a resemblance to the worm). After a moment of thought, Dad's reply was, "It sure does: (implying that the worm looked like Dan).

The first summer after Dad's got married, he worked on the farm where Noah M. Beachy lived (where Philip and Ruth Beachy now live). After that they rented a farm at Boynton, PA where they farmed for ten years. Dad then bought the farm on the road from West Salisbury to St. Paul (PA) where the Mountain View Church was later built.

In spite of any disadvantages he may have had from his home life, Dad was a progressive farmer who managed well. There were things at the farm where they last



First check written by Jacob Yoder

October, 9, 1926 for the amount of \$2.00

moved, that were considerable in disrepair. He was asked on one occasion why he doesn't fix up some of the things that were needing attention. His reply was that he wants to see first of all who owns the farm. Then he will fix it up later, which he did.

The poverty he experienced in his childhood home may have been an asset to him later in life. Dad and Mom lived frugally. Household furnishings were adequate, but certainly not luxurious. They were able to prosper in spite of the great depression occurring during the first ten years of farming.

Dad was not selfish with his financial success. He would frequently loan money to people who came to him for assistance. He donated the land on which the Mountain View Church was built. He was janitor of the church for a good number of years. He also served as a church trustee, and was a Sunday School teacher.

The farm where Dad and Mom lived the last was a very large house. This too, they were generous in sharing with others. For a number of years, the Mountain View Sewing Circle met at Dad's house. When there were church meeting held in the community, such as minister meeting, youth fellowship meetings, etc, Dads would often host a lot of guests. For a good number of years, they hosted fresh air children from New York City. For a number of years they provided a home for a local boy and his sister who because of unfortunate circumstances needed to leave their home.

Mom was a good cook. When there were Sunday afternoon visitors you could expect a good spread. She often went to help her daughters with household chores, as well as other people. In 1957 Dad bought a farm from Jacob Swartzentruber, adjacent to his own farm. He continued farming on the home farm till the end of 1961, at which time he sold it to son-in-law and daughter, John and Grace Yoder. Dad and Mom continued to live on the farm they had sold, but he began to farm on the farm he had more recently bought. He raised dairy heifers for awhile, but later switched to raising beef cattle. The farm became sort of a retirement farm for him.



Jacob's retirement farm, now owned by son Menno and his wife Nona Yoder.

Mom's arthritis had her handicapped for many years. Dad lovingly cared for her. He baked bread, cooked and helped her get around with the walker or wheel chair. It got to be too much for him and more help was gotten. Her death was heart related. She lived a life of service.

Dad had a dry sense of humor. While they did barn chores together, he asked Mom when she needs a cow butchered for meat. She would forget to check the supply when she was in the house. After several time, she told him to ask when they are in the house. So one evening after they were in bed, he asked her.

Dad was diagnosed with lymphoma a number of years before passing away. In his later years he had Alzheimer's. He died some days after a fall. X-rays did not show a fractured hip, but it caused him pain when he was turned in bed. He went Home after having lived a fruitful life. Dad and Mom were certainly not perfect, but they left an example that we, their descendants and others also, would do well to follow.*



Back: LaVon, Dwight, Kerwin, Wayne, Arlin

Front: Son Menno, Nona, Caleb, Lynnette, Michael

"My Tribute to Jacob and Fannie Yoder

by Menno Beachy

"My Mom and Dad were married on January 11, 1923. within 5 years they had four children, Alvin, Elva, Menno and Fannie. Surprisingly Dad left home on January 27, 1928, leaving us as orphans. The four of us were put into the home of Grandpa Noah Hershberger's. We lived with them until we were old enough to be farmed out into other homes.

In June of 1938, at the age of 12, I was placed on the Jacob Yoder farm in Boynton, PA and worked for Jakes for 5 1/2 years. Later the same year Jake bought the Ringler Farm on the St. Paul Road where the Mt. View Church stands. We moved there in January of 1939 and it was very cold.

A surprising episode... Among the animals moved on that cold January day was a sow with a litter of six week old piglets. One piglet got away from us and could not be found. Several days later we found it at home on the Boynton farm and hungry.

I was moved to Jake Yoder's before the Maryland Schools had closed. Therefore I had no credentials to show that I had passed the fifth grade. As a young lad I was really ticked off. I thought they could have waited two more weeks to move me until school had closed and I got a certificate. So in the St. Paul School, I had to repeat Grade 5 materials. The teacher knew what had happened and immediately passed me into Grade 6. Then I felt ashamed I had been ticked off.

Jake and Fannie became my god-parents for 5 1/2 years. I was subject to them they treated me as one of their own children. Jake showed great interest in me. I never felt frustrated. He was a person that trusted me. He trusted me in handling his equipment and machinery. He trusted be in things I had never dreamed of...One example., I was 16 and had just gotten my drivers license. We went to Pittsburgh (PA) in a 1939 half-ton Ford pickup to get a big Holstein cow he had bought. We loaded it. The little pickup really squatted. The lights shone toward the moon. Most of our travels home was in the dark. It really was to much for that little pickup. Jake was afraid to drive it so he asked me to drive. It did an awful lot of swaying but we made it home in good shape. Jake trusting me to drive that pickup which he did not trust to drive himself did something for me. I can't recall of a negative characteristic in Jakes life. He was quiet, soft spoken, generous, good-natured, old fashion and had a dry sense of humor. He properly assessed the values of life. I'm sure Jake had his days of frustration, but I cannot recall of having seen him

him show it. He had a strong faith in God. We had our daily devotions. Saturday morning we read and discussed our Sunday school lesson. We were never late for meetings or church services.

We enjoyed sitting around in the evening listening to him rehearsing about the happenings of his young life. One story will do...His father Sam went to town. He told Jake and Dan, his bother, to cultivate the corn. In the old days they used a one horse cultivator that you had to pass twice through one row to do the job right. One rode the horse and the other walked behind the cultivator, guiding it close to the row. When Sam came home he was surprised that they were finished. He asked, "Did you go twice through one row? Yes we did, but only one row. Jake never said what happened after that.

I will always remember Fannie as one that stood by Jake. I don't remember of hearing any serious disagreements between them. She was a faithful cook and provided full meals for her household. She was not stingy, but very conservative. I believe she was more conservative in spending than what Jake was. In any case Jakes did well financially and spiritually."

Menno Beachy is the son of Samuel A. Beachy and Lydia N. (Hershberger) Beachy. Samuel was gone for 14 years and then returned home. Menno was for many years the choir director of the Mountain Anthems Singing group that has produced many recordings. This group is now under the direction of Jacob and Fannie's grandson, Michael Yoder, son of Menno and Nona (Kinsinger) Yoder.

The article and pictures about Jacob and Fannie was rewritten and condensed from a small booklet compiled by James L. Yoder, of Grantsville, MD.

From Fannie's Brown Book (a partial listing)

Jan 7, 1929 Dad put in telephone
Jan 9, 1930 I fell on ice at Boynton and tore a ligament in my foot
Jan 2, 1938 Had Sunday School in our house for the first time.
March 1, 1939 Moved on the Ringler farm today.
August 10, 1939 Had Tice reunion at the Forks 283 present
Jan 21, 1940 Jake took a teaspoon of liniment my mistake
May 11, 1941 Got our Chrysler car today.
May 16, 1941 Started to dig for new silo.
December 11, 1941 Got our Surge milker today.
March 7, 1942 Put radiators in rooms.
Mach 13, 1942 Got telephone today.

March 7, 1943 Lena has the mumps.

March 12, 1943 Mable has the mumps.

March 25, 1943 Simon has the mumps.

March 27, 1943 Grace has the mumps.

Menno Beachy had mumps about the same time as Simon and Grace.

Jan. 23, 1944 The sisters gave me a cake today for my 35th birthday.

Dec. 14, 1944 We put baby Menno back on canned milk. He seemed to have tummy ache so we had him on goat milk.

Jan. 20, 1946 Got our new Studebaker truck today.

Feb. 6, 1947 Got our New Holland baler today.

July 5, 1947 Baked our first cake since sugar ration left loose.

Feb. 25, 1948 Got my new electric sewing machine today.

October 24, 1949 We got our Electrolux sweeper

Jan 16, 1974 Heard today Cherry Glade allowed TV now.

June 5, 1973 Menno fetched his toys and other things.

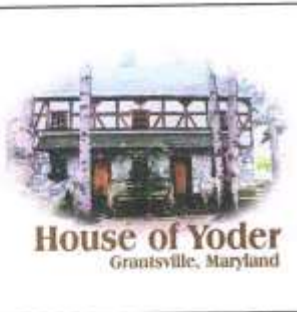
Nov. 30, 1973 Jake got his finger cut off.

THE HOUSE OF YODER HOSTING PROGRAM

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