



The House Of Yoder Newsletter Summer 2017

CALLING ALL YODERS!!

2017 NATIONAL YODER REUNION 300th Anniversary of Anabaptist Yoders in America

20-23 Sept. 2017, Shipshewana, Indiana

Speakers Include



**Hans Jakob and Andreas Joder of
Steffisburg, Switzerland
- the Yoder Hometown**



**Joe A Springer
Goshen College
"Anabaptist History"**

Other Presentations: YODERS IN AMERICA, YODER DNA RESULTS, ALSATIAN YODERS

2017 Reunion	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7am					
8am	First Day of Week	Fullboard Memorial Tour and Local History Research Opportunities, plus Open Time	Registration, 8:00-9:00am	Michlans Messenette Relief Sale Exhibit Fairground 7am to 3pm	You Are Invited to Attend Area Churches Safe Travels
9am	Monophrasea Flea Market 8am to 1pm		Open Time		
10am			Anabaptist History & Alsatian Yoders by Joe Springer EC 1: 1pm	Steffisburg, Switzerland by Hans Jakob & Andreas Joder EC 2: 2-4pm	
11am	Breakfast Registration 8:00-9:00am	Blue Gate Theater Option (1)	The Anabaptist Come to Northern Indiana by Floyd Miller EC	American Yoder Family Overview & Yoder DNA Study by YNL EC 3: 5pm	
12pm			Open Time	50th Annual Michlans Messenette Relief Sale Exhibit Fairground 4pm to 8pm	
1pm	Working Reception - No Cream Social 8:00-9:00am	Alsatian Home Owners 7 to 9:00			
2pm					
3pm					
4pm					
5pm					
6pm					
7pm					
8pm					
9pm					
10pm					
DRAFT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS as of Feb 2017					
Open Time: Shopping, Buggy Rides, Museums and Heritage Museum 9 to 5; Indiana Car Museum 10 to 4; Theater Options 1: Messenette Relief Sale Exhibit and 2: Home Home					
ALSO OTHER GATE BOSS EC 4: 8:00-9:00am					

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In Memoriam

The House of Yoder Notes the passing of Evamae (Barton) Crist

“Long time House of Yoder enthusiast and financial contributor, Evamae B. Crist passed from this life to the next on July 15, 2016. She was in excellent health until the morning of her death, Her husband Dale and a son Jeffry preceded her in death.

As a conscientious objector to the war, Dale E. Crist was assigned to various farms in Maryland to test cows for disease. It was on the Washington Bottom farm of Harry Barton that Dale met his bride to be: Evamae Barton. She was the youngest daughter of the late Harry J. and Eva (Yoder) Barton. Following their wedding at Pinto Mennonite church in 1947. Dale and Evamae moved to York PA where he was employed in the family business, Rutter's Dairy.

Evamae was a strong supporter of all things family! In addition to loving her three children their and spouses, 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, Evamae loved Yoder reunions and The House of Yoder. Because of the distance, she never served on the board of directors of the House of Yoder. But she gave generously to support the work and vision of The House of Yoder.”



Evamae Barton Crist

March 3, 1929– July 11, 2016

Evamae's Obituary

On Monday, July 11, 2016, Evamae (Barton) Crist, at 87 year of age, stepped out of this world and into the next. Her son, the Rev. Jonny D. Crist officiated the funeral service. Evamae will be laid to rest at the Barton Family Cemetery, Pinto, MD.

Active in both her church and community, she embraced life with joy and incredible enthusiasm.

For more than six decades, Evamae and her late husband, Dale E. Crist, enjoyed life together at their Hallam homestead. Their three married children granted

them with 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Daughter Kendra Cross and husband, Bob, (Goshen, Ind.) sons, the late Jeffery Crist and wife, Edith (Lapp) of York, PA and Jonny and wife, Anne (Lilburn, GA.)

Yoder House Groundbreaking Draws a Crowd



Burr!!! Looks Cold Out!

Those in attendance at the ground breaking. Evamae, second from the right. Eva May Barton is third from the right.

The Ground Breaking Ceremony for The House of Yoder was held Saturday, October 21, 1995 at the Spruce Artisan Village/Penn Alps, Grantsville, MD. A goodly crowd from several states assembled for this event. The opening ceremony was moderated by Lowell Bender, and remarks were made by Jack Dueck and Kenneth Yoder. Pastor Jonny Crist –a 12th generation (descendent) Yoder from Atlanta, GA, gave the Ground Breaking message. Singing was led by Doris Ours.

This was followed by the actual ground breaking, in which representatives of three different Yoder families jointly performed the honors: Ray Yount from the Conrad Yoder line of NC: Carl Yoders of “the Yoders” family of SW Pa(YNL24), and Doris Ours of the Amish line which settled in the Somerset County, PA-Grantsville, MD area (YR261 Line) They used a “Rutter Spade” made for the occasion by 10th generation Yoder descendent, Dwight Yoder

Reports were given on the progress, vision and financial status of The House of Yoder. An added report was furnished on the Yoder Reunion held in Hickory, North Carolina last August. The “Widow Barbara Yoder Bible”, a Yoder rocker and coverlet, and a hinge and stone from the Joderhubel (Yoder Hill) in Switzerland were on display along with other Yoder memorabilia.”

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Saturday, October 21, 1995 The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the House of Yoder. Left to right: Doris Ours, Eva M. Barton, doing the honors with the “Rutter Spade”, Kenneth Yoder, Ruth Yoder (hidden), Evamae (Barton) Crist.

Pictured above is The Rev. Jonny Crist, with his Mother, Evamae (Barton) Crist, standing in front of the door that was in the home of Evamae’s Grandparents, Norman S. (YR2611915) and Annie (Yoder) (YR121736) Yoder on Posey Road Grantsville, MD. The door was purchased at the 2011 Amish Benefit Auction and donated to The House of Yoder by Evamae. Thank you for your generous donation. To read more about the Norman and Annie Yoder family, see the October 2011 House of Yoder Newsletter.

Evamae wrote of her Grandfather, Norman S. Yoder:

My Grandpa...Norman S. Yoder

By Evamae (Barton) Crist

“Totally unaware of what was happening, I was in the process of discovering what love, comfort and safety really meant.

As a very young child, I remember spending much time sitting on Grandpa’s lap. Really it was more like sitting on his legs, for he was heavy and there was not much lap room for an adoring little granddaughter! But it was there that I felt love, comfort, and belonging.

It seemed like Grandpa Yoder was always there..whether it be in church, in his home, at his farm, or best of all, at our house. It always turned out to be a special occasion when Grandpa and Grandma Yoder came to our home to join us for a delicious meal and good visits. Usually it was the other way..we would go to his home. But those special times occurred frequently as I recall my father (Harry J. Barton) “talking business” with Grandpa Yoder

What a family man he was! Devoting his time and energy to organizing family events was a passion for him. The Stevanus Reunion, held at Springs, PA every year was a high light for me because I got to ride up and back with Grandpa and Grandma in their car. It was one of those reunions that Grandpa lifted me up on top of a picnic table in front of what appeared

to be an enormous crowd. He announced to the audience that I was going to sing. And sing I did! As my nervousness disappeared, I gained confidence and the applause encouraged me. What a priceless lesson to learn at such a young age. I am so grateful for Grandpa’s encouragement.

I hold precious and endearing memories of him. How I praise the Lord for my Godly heritage as I remember Grandpa, Norman Solomon Yoder.”

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Editor’s story:

Now it’s my turn to share: During the construction of the House of Yoder, my husband Mark and I often helped when he did stone work. At the time, we were building the front steps and porch of The House. It was a rainy, chilly Saturday, we had stretched tarps over the work area to protect us, the cement and stone work. During this time, Evamae and Dale, who were on their way to their Grandson’s graduation in Indiana, stopped to see the House. I think Evamae felt sorry for me, seeing me dragging in the stones and mixing the cement....as she handed me some money, and said “Go out for lunch on us” Well, thinking the money was a \$10.00 bill, I put it in my pocket and didn’t really think much of it until later, when I looked at the money...and it was a \$100.00 dollar bill.....what a surprise!!! And what is even more of a surprise, I still have that \$100.00 dollar bill!!!



## Dr. Don Yoder

August 27, 1921-August 11, 2015

Dr. Don Yoder, 93, of Devon, Pennsylvania, passed away at his home of natural causes on Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

He was born on August 27th, 1921 in Altoona, Blair County, to the late Jacob H. and Ora M. (Cronister) Yoder, and spent his summer as a youth in the Hegins Valley with his grandparents. Dr. Yoder was the co-owner of the Roughwood Collection with Dr. William Woy Waver in Devon. He is predeceased by a sister Mary (Yoder) Miller.

Dr. Don Yoder was Emeritus Professor of Folklife Studies, Religious Studs, and American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where he taught for forty years (1956-1996) and directed sixty PhD dissertation. Dr. Yoder was responsible for the introduction of the term "Folklife" to its present academic use in the United States, and he helped to found the Center for American Folklife at the Library of Congress. In 1947, he received his PhD from the University of Chicago in religious Studies, and in his early career he taught at Franklin and Marshal College, and later at Muhlenberg College. In 1949, Dr. Yoder co-founded the Pennsylvania Folklife Center with Dr. Alfred L. Shoemaker and J. William Frey, and together they established the Kutztown Folk Festival in 1950, the first time ethnic festivals of its kind. Dr. Yoder has published seventeen books, and countless articles on Pennsylvania Dutch folk culture. He was widely known in Europe and his work was influential to the German composer Hindemith, and the compositions of H. L. Mencken. He was considered the dean of German-American genealogy. A self-described "incurable Pennsylvanian," Dr. Yoder devoted his life to the study and cultural preservation of the folkways of his native people, and has inspired new generations in reviving and maintaining the spirit of the Pennsylvania Dutch.



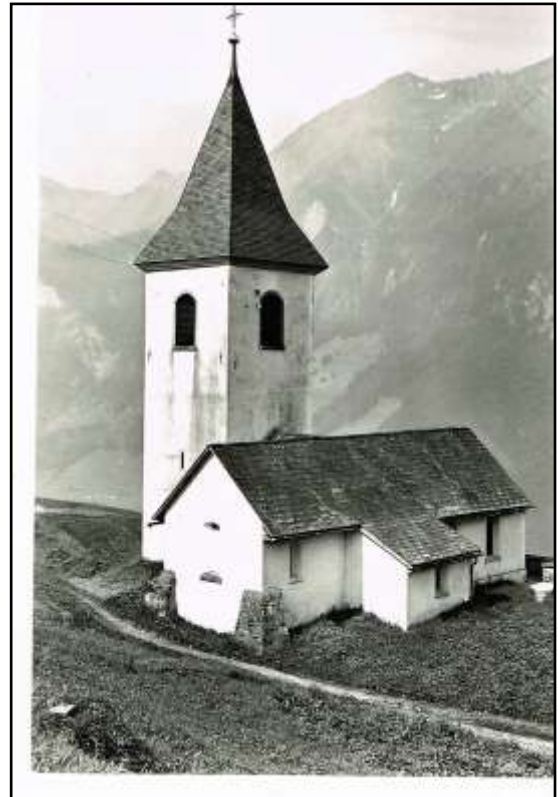
### THE HOUSE OF YODER RECEIVES DONATIONS FROM DR. DON YODER ESTATE

Red ware dish with the name Yoder on it. This was made by Don Yoder's friend, the late PA potter Lester Breninger, of Robesonia, PA. It was birthday gift for Don's birthday in 1983

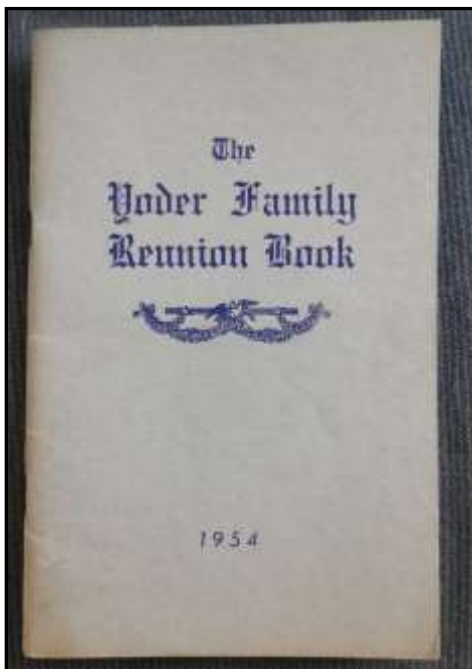




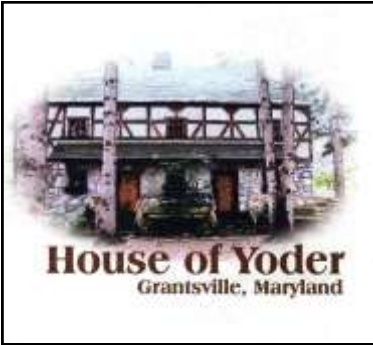
An antique flag from Steffisburg, Switzerland. This shows the coat of arms of the town, the place where the Yoder' originated. This is quite rare and was gifted to Don Yoder by the Mayor



Post card of Yoder Chapel in Switzerland



A pamphlet from the Yoder Family Reunion in 1954



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