

Ancestors of Bernhardt Zimmerman

Generation 1

1. **Bernhardt Zimmerman**, son of Peter Zimmerman and Anna Bricker was born on 01 Jan 1743 in Rehrersburg, Berks, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 18 Jan 1818 in Pine Grove Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. He married **Maria Eva Gebhardt**. She was born on 12 Nov 1747 in Womelsdorf, Lancaster, now Berks County, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 03 Nov 1818 in Pine Grove Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

Bernhardt Zimmerman was buried in Gunkels, St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Cemetery # 1 Of 3, Pine Grove, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania..

Notes for Bernhardt Zimmerman:

Most reserchers have Bernhardt born in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Rehrersburg was part of Lancaster County before becomming Berks County in July of 1752.

When Bernhard Zimmerman was 17 years old he was either confirmed or baptized at Christ Lutheran Church, located then in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. His wife was Eva Gebhardt. In 1768 Bernhardt was taxed one shilling as a laborer in Tulpehocken Township. His named remained on those tax rolls until 1773, when he appeared on the Pinegrove roll. That year he had a warrant for fifty acres of land in Berks County, Pennsylvania. The 1779 tax record credited him with 240 acres, two horses, and 3 cattle. He and his brother John had extensive timber holdings in Pinegrove Township. His homestead can be reached by going one mile toward Outwood on Route 53002 which goes west from State Route 125 on the northern outskirts of Pine Grove. The buildings are on the south side of the road. Four children of Bernhard and Eva were baptized at Altalaha Lutheran Church at Rehrersburg. They were Anna Margareta born January 30,1769, Johannes born April 03,1771, Bernhard born September 18,1773, and Maria Eva born July 04,1776. With the organization of the nearer Jacob's Church in 1780, the Zimmerman family joined that congregation and took a prominent part in its affairs. Bernhard was a member of the Building Committee, and later became a deacon, and participated in the services for the rest of his life.

According to the Register of Wills in Schuylkill Couny Couthouse, Will Book # 1, Page # 21, dated December 18,1817, filed January 31,1818- burial " new church in Pine Grove" Witness by Johan Adam Lingel and Jacob Christ. The following children listed: 1=Margaretta, wife of John Hahn, 2= Johannes married to Catherine Biegler/Bugler, 3= Bernhard married to Elizabeth Maria Hohn, 4= Maria married to Philip Keiser, 5= Magdalena married to Jacob Hubler, 6= Henry married to Eva Brenner, 7= Peter married to Catherine Zerbe, 8=Catherine married to Jacob Zerbe, 9=Eva no spouse, 10=Jacob, 11=Philip married to Elizabeth Ulrich.

Although no hot-blooded Adames preached revolution to the Pennsylvania Germans, they were just as willing to defend their freedom as the people of Massachusetts. As soon as the news of the British attack on Lexington reached Pinegrove Township, a three-man delegation, including Bernhard, met with similar delegations from Bethel, Tulpehocken and Heidelberg Townships at Gottfried Rehrer's public house to form a committee of Associators. Its purpose was to astablish militia units for defense against the arrogant British. A Pinegrove Company was commanded by Captain Michael Bretz; Bernhard Zimmerman was his First Lieutenant. Michael Bretz/Bretzius son, Michael Jr., who later married Barbara Beichler, niece of Johannes and Catherine (Biechler) Zimmerman. Johannes was the son of Bernhard and Eva (Gebhard) Zimmerman.

The Company'sfirst federal assignment, from November 9,1777 to January 5,1778, was to help protect the fatigued regular troops who were preparing winter quarters at Valley Forge. A preserved letter to Bernhard from Eva, written in German, shows that transferring of rank and personnel had taken place. It is addressed to Bernhard Zimmerman, Second Lieutenant under Colonel Speicher in Captain Henry Weber's Company. The letter was dated December 19,1777. First the letter written in German and then translated in English by Johannes

Schwalm.

Golt zum Gruss und mir viel Tausend mahl gegrusset Herz viel geliebter Mann; Es ist mir alle eine Herzliche Freude das Du mir geschrieben hast von Deiner Gesundheit bel welcher Dich der barumherzige Golt gesegnet hatt. Dann der (ich schreiben) wass mich und unsere lieben Kinder anlangt. So sind wir Gott sci dank noch all wohl. Aber lieber Gott erbarme sich in grosser betrubniss wegen Deiner Abwesenheit. Allein lieber Mann wir wollen gem alles mit der grasten Gedult ertragen wan wir nun von Gott erbitten können das er Dich uns wider Glücklich schenken wird. Allein wir stechen jetzt eben in dem aller grosten Sorgen weil wir gehort dass ihr schon zwei Tagen nach dem Du Deinen Breif geschrieben in Gefecht gewesen und wir nun doch nicht wissen ob Du-noch beim leben bist weil Deinen Breif im Tag vor den fechten geschrieben worden. Nun leeber Mann Gott wolle Dich und alle die bei und mit Dirsind, aus aller Gefahr erretten und wieder zu den Deinigen bringen; wo fur wir alle Gott von Herze Lob und Dunk abstatten wollen Lieber Mann was unser Freundschaft im gemeinen anlanget, als Vater, Mutter, Gerschwister und Schwager , so sind wir alle noch wohl und lassen Dich von Herzen gussen, sonderlich der Jorg welcher Deiner Brief heruber gebracht, wire auch der Schwager Wolfarth, und sich mir wegen Deines guten Glucks und bestundiger Gesundheit von Herzen frueen. Was den Jacob Stein anlangt so ist Gruss frueen sich seiner Gesundheit und lassen ihn von Herzen grussen. Was die andem anlangt als Christian Stutzman, Peter Bugler, so entfresen sich ihrer lieben Freunde auch ihrer guten Gesundheit und wunschen ihnen emst Hertzlicher begrussung Gottes vatterlichenbeistand. Nun lieber Mann weider weiss ich fur dies Mahl nichts zu schein. Ich befehle Dich unter viel Seufsten und Tranen in den Schutz des almachtigen Gottes, und bleib Deine treue Frau bis in den Tod.

Eva Zimmerman

English version

Greetings in God and from me, thousands of heartfelt greetings dearly beloved husband. I t is a sincere pleasure to us all that you have written to me of your good health with which merciful God has blessed you. So I want to write what concerns me and our beloved children. We too, thanks God, are all well. But dear God pity us in our great anxiety on account of your absence. However we will willingly endure everything eith patience if our prayers to God bring you safety to us again. Presently we are greatly concerned having heard that two days after you had written this letter you were in battle and we do not know whether you are still among the living because your letter was written the day before the fighting. Now dear husband may God deliver you and all who are with you out of danger and bring you back again to your family for which we all want to thank and praise God. Dear husband concerning our relatives father, mother sister and brother-in-law, they are all well and send you their best regards, especially George, who brought your letter over, and also brother-in-law Wolfarth, who sends heartfelt wishes for your good luck and preserved health. Concerning Jacob Stein, heartfelt greetings and wishes for good health. Also concerning Christian Stutzman, Peter Bugler, and Johannes Bugler, their dear friends send heartfelt greetings wishing them good health and God's fatherly care. Now dear husband, I know of nothing further to write. With much sighing and weeping I commend you to the protection of almighty God and remain your true wife unto death.

Eva Zimmerman

The letter was written at Tulpehocken, evidently by a scribe for the whole neighborhood.

Since Maria Eva did not have a sister married to a George, the brother-in-law referred to in this letter had to be married to a sister of Bernard. This would be Elizabeth Zimmerman, the daughter of Peter and Anna Zimmerman from Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, who married Georg Wolfarth, son of Martin Johann and Anna Magatha (Zimmerman) Wolfarth, who were the original land owners of the land on which the town of Rehrersburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania, is built on today. This establishes that Bernard/Bernhard Zimmerman is also the son of Peter and Anna Zimmerman. Johannes Wolfarth and Peter Zimmerman arrived in Phildelphia, Pennsylvania aboard the ship Friendship on September 03,1739. George and Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Wolfarth lived in Tulpehocken Township til about 1767, when Peter and Anna Zimmerman deeded 179 acres of land to George and Elizabeth in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and

they moved there for the rest of their lives. George was the executor of Peter's will written in 1785 and probated in 1790.

The Pinegrove Militia was shifted at times to other battalions. Until 1792 Bernhard served as 1st Lieutenant, then he was elected Captain and commanded a company for three years.

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Haas states that new officers were elected in 1792. Officers in 1792 included

Captain: Bernhard Zimmerman

First Lieutenant: Peter Bressler

Second Lieutenant: Jacob Stein

Ensign: Henry Stein

In 1795, Captain Bernhard Zimmerman was succeeded by Lieutenant Peter Bressler, the other officers advanced, and John Bonawitz was made Ensign.

Peter Hubler vs. Henry Zimmerman and Philip Zimmerman, executors of the estate of Bernhardt Zimmerman. In January, 1820, accounting filed by Henry and Philip Zimmerman executors of the estate valued it at \$3,279.03 less expenses of \$248.80 leaving a \$3,030.23 balance in favor of the estate.

March 26, 1823 a second account filed by Henry and Philip Zimmerman value the estate at \$3279.03 less expenses of \$2,639.81 leaving a \$639.22 in favor of the estate. Peter Hubler filed a suit on behalf of the Hubler children heirs named in Bernhardt Zimmerman will.

Bernhardt Zimmerman's probate went on for twenty years after his death. It was settled in 1838. His grandchildren Peter Hubler and John Hubler had gone to court disputing the settlement.

It is possible that Bernhardt had a brother John Zimmerman born between 1740-50 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. John died April 03, 1809 in Pine Grove, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. John and Bernhardt owned a lot of timber land.

John Zimmerman

1798 Federal House and Land Tax

Pine Grove Township, Berks now Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

John had a son John Zimmerman Jr.

Bernhardt Zimmerman and Christoffel Wohlfardt/Wolfart also owned a lot of timber land in Pine Grove Township, Berks now Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Bernhardt and Christoffel were brother-in-laws being married to Gebhart sisters from Rehrersburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

There is a possibility they may have also been cousins. Christoffel's parents were Johannes Wolfart and Anna Agatha (Zimmerman) Wolfart. They were the original land owners of the land on which the town of Rehrersburg, Tulpehocken Township, Berks County is built on today.

Early (Colonial/Revolutionary) Tax and Census for Pine Grove Township, then Berks County, Pennsylvania (now Schuylkill County)

Tax lists include: 1754, 1772-75, 1777, 1779-82, 1784-85.

Census list for 1779

1773 Pine Grove Township John Bichler Collector

ZIMMERMAN, Bernart

1774 Pine Grove Township John Stein Collector

December, 1774

ZIMMERMAN, Brnd

1775 Pine Grove Township George Shetterly Collector

ZIMMERMAN, Bernhard
1777 Pine Grove Township
ZIMMERMAN, Bernhard
1779 Pine Grove Township Enoch Webber Collector
ZIMMERMAN, John
ZIMMERMAN, Barnet

1779 Pennsylvania Septennial CENSUS of Taxable Inhabitants Pine Grove Township

{Extract Transcribed from Microfilm-PA Archives, Harrisburg}

ZIMMERMAN, John
ZIMMERMAN, Bernard

1780 Tax Assesments and Returns

Pine Grove Township
ZIMMERMAN, Bernard
ZIMMERMAN, John
1781 & 1782 Pine Grove Township
ZIMMERMAN, Jac
ZIMMERMAN, Bernard
1784 Pine Grove Township
ZIMMERMAN, John & Bernardt
1785 Pine Grove Township
ZIMMERMAN, Michael
ZIMMERMAN, Bernard

Tax List:1798 House and Land Tax, Pine Grove Township, Berks now Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania

Zimmerman, Bern'd In all probability, this was the two brothers Bernhardt Zimmerman, John and John, including Bernhardt or John's son. John Zimmerman Jr.

There is a letter stating that Lt. Berhardt Zimmerman's death was recorded in St. Jacob's (died January 11,1818)

Bernhardt was a member of the building committee for Saint Jacob's Church in 1780. Also Clint Fidler

May 10,1780 -2nd Battalion, 5th Co., 1st Lt. for Captian Philip Hedrich (Pa. Archives page 182,228) Military Service May 17,1777, 6th Battalion, 5th Co., 1st Lt. in Captian Michael Bretz's Co., under Col. Henry Spycher. Research by Judi Gharst.

FIND A GRAVE

Birth: January 01-1743 Death: January 31,1818
Rehrersburg Pine Grove
Berks County Schuylkill County
Pennsylvania, USA Pennsylvania

Bernhardt / Bernhart Zimmerman was the son of Johannes Peter and Ann (Bricker) Zimmerman. Siblings were Elizabeth, Peter, and Margaretha. Bernhardt was wed to Maria Eva Gebhardt about 1768 inRehrersburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania. She was born November 03,1748 to Philip Gebhardt and wife in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

They were the parents of Anna Margaretha (Johannes / John Hahn/Hand), Johannes (Catherine Biegler / Buchler), Bernhardt, (Elizabeth Maria Hahn), Maria Eva (Philip Keiser), Heinrich (Eva Brenner), Magdalena Elizabeth (Johannes Jacob Hubler), Peter (Catherine Zerby/Zerbe), Catherine (Jacob Zerbe), Eva, died young, Jacob (Barbara Struphar), George Philip (Elizabeth Ulrich).

In 1783 Bernhardt was a member of the building committee of the Saint Jacob's White Church - one of the oldest in the state of Pennsylvania. His son-in-law Philip Keiser was the first burial in the graveyard.

Find A Grave:

Lists a Peter Zimmerman born about 1710 and died 1790, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and is buried in Cocalico Church of the Brethren, 225 South Cocalico Road, Denver, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Buried in this same location is Elizabeth Zimmerman and George Wohlfarth (1725-1794) according to church records.

The word Altalaha is of Indian origin and has been translated as meaning sitting on a hill. As early as 1733 there is evidence of a Lutheran congregation in the area of what is now Rehrersburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The first actual church building was temporary log structure built in 1757. The present brick structure was erected in 1808 and was enlarged and remodeled in 1886. The church is home to one of only a handful Christian Dieffenbach pipe organs in the county. It was purchased in 1816 and is still used today. Existing before our country itself, Altalaha has witnessed many events of local and national importance. May it continue to serve God and the community for many years to come.

The Altalaha church (also known as Altohoe and the Beaver Creek Church) is located on the north side of Main Street on the west side of Rehrersburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Directly on the south side of the church is the Rehrer Homestead. This is where the as soon as the news of the British attack on Lexington reached Pine Grove a three-man delegation, including Bernhardt Zimmerman, met with similar delegations from Bethel, Tulpehocken and Heidelberg Townships to form a committee of Associators. Bernhard and Eva (Gebhardt) Zimmerman were married in 1768 in the Altalaha Lutheran Church. Four of their children were baptized in this church, Anna Margareta, Johannes, Bernhard Jr., and Maria.

The name Altohoe was given to the region comprised in a tract of land that was laid out for Richard Penn on the northeast branch of the Swattatawo Creek (Little Swatara) and pertains particularly to the Lutheran congregation established in that region about 1746 to 1750, now known as the Altalaha Lutheran Church. There was given to the congregation a tract of four acres out of the northwestern portion of Johannes and Maria Agatha (Zimmerman) Wolfarth tract of 166 acres. This is the Johannes Wolfarth who arrived in Philadelphia along with Peter Zimmerman on the ship Friendship on September 03, 1739. According to the manor, the Lutheran Church at Rehrersburg was about two and a half miles from the northern boundary of the manor, almost one and three quarter miles from the eastern boundary, two miles from the southern boundary, and one and a half miles from the western boundary. It is quite likely the church was organized for in the private records of Paster John Casper Stoeber. There is found credited to Altohoe between the years of 1746-1763 the following ministerial acts: marriages 41, and baptisms 106.

A church book for the purpose of recording there in the baptisms by the pastors of what is now the Altalaha Lutheran congregation was purchased and records and began in 1757. In this book are the baptisms of four of Bernhard and Maria Zimmerman: Anna Margareta, Johannes, Bernhard Jr., and Maria Eva Zimmerman. In 1765 Henry Holtzman granted trustees: Christian Moyer, Ulrich Fisher, Jacob Reed, and Thomas Kurr, two and one half acres for school purposes. Sebastian Brosius added sixty rods and Gottfried Rehrer thirty eight rods in 1786. In 1786 four more acres and later still more land was added until there was about thirteen acres. In 1765, a two story meeting house of logs, which stood ten feet west of the present building was completed for worship. The old church was demolished in 1810 and the material was used for the building of a rear residence near the center of the town. The building committee of the new church were Daniel Hoffman, Thomas Kurr, Jacob Artz, John Emerick, Gottfried Riehl, Martin Walborn, and Henry Walborn. George Malsberger had the charge of the stone masons and John Weber of the carpenters.

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The grove of pines from which Pine Grove Township derived its name was located some twenty miles away in the valley on the south side of the Mahantongo Mountain east of Klinger's Gap. The lands that now comprise Pine Grove Township, belonged to Lancaster County until 1752, at which Berks County was organized. Up to that time, these lands along

the northern side of the Blue Mountain were known as Blue Mountain Hollow. It was organized as Pine Grove Township in 1771. In 1811, when Schuylkill County was organized, the township was one of the original ones.

Settlement on the north side of the Blue Mountain began in 1753, when Fredeick Schnoke bought land for two bushels of wheat. Over the next twenty years, settlers occasionally crossed over the mountain to the south to evade the marauding Indians. By 1770 George Felty settled near Mifflin, or Suedberg, as it is spelled for many years until the Lebanon and Tremont Railroad designed its station as Suedberg.

In 1770-71, Jacob Gunkle purchased a large tract from the sons of William Penn and built a powder mill at the entrance to present day Swopes Valley. Although it exploded two or three times, it operated for over a century. The powder made at this mill was used at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Revolutionary War.

The first surveys of land in this township were in the case of warrants granted to John and William Penn, proprietaries. The tracts surveyed were contiguous and extended across the southern part of the township into the township of Washington, and included the site of Pine Grove Borough.

The first settlers probably came between 1750 and 1760. They were Germans and came mostly from Berks County(actually this area was Berks County and later became Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania) and they located near the base of the Blue Mountain in the south part of the township. They were first disturbed by the Indians, and a block house or fort was built on the mountain for a refuge in times of danger.

Among the families who are known to have become residents of the township previous to the Revolution were those of Schnoke, Gunkel, Hetrick, Swope, Schaeffer, Bressler, Boyer, Zimmerman and Stine (Zimmerman and Stein were brother-in-laws) and Felty. Some of these families foresook their new homes for a time during the Revolutionary War, to return after the restoration of peace.

Among those who were living here soon after the Revolution, some of whom had undoubtedly settled several years previously, were families named Minnich, Gebert, Beichler, and the families of August Brossius, John Weiss, Henry Souder, Jacob Haberling, Valentine Haberline/Haberling, Jacob Smythe, Adam Kalbach, George Pressler/Bressler, John Adams, George Berger, Baltzer Houpt, and Baltszer Smith. Frederick Schnoke was one of the first settlers. He came from Berks County and built a cabin in the southeast corner of the town.

Aman named Gistwite settled in the west part of town, near Mifflin(Suedberg) about 1756. While at work on his log cabin he was murdered by Indians.

George Fetty/Felty settled near Mifflin(Suedberg) as early as 1770. His descendants are numerous in the township and some of them reside on the land which he first located.

Jacob Gunkel, the first settler at Pine Grove, was for several years the only resident within the present borough limits. He located on the site of the American Eagle Hotel in 1771. Here he laid claim to a large tract of land, which he subsequently purchased from John and Richard Penn, and which included the site of the present day borough. He kept a house of entertainment for travelers and teamsters passing over the route of the old Indian trail, and in 1795 opened a store in a part of his house, which he kept till 1810, when he moved to a farm one mile south from the borough, where in 1813 he died. He is buried on St. Peter's (Gunkel's Cemetery). Also buried on this cemetery is Frederick Schnoke, and Bernard Zimmerman.

Michael Bretzius arrived in Philadelphia from Wolfersweiler, Germany in 1748 aboard the ship Two Brothers. He first settled in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County and was naturalized in 1765. By 1772, Michael was living in Pine Grove Township. In 1778, he purchased the 700 acre plantation he had been living on from Christian Lauer. Michael was one of Pine Grove's leading citizens who played a prominent role in the affairs of the

county. He was listed as Captain in the fifth battalion under Colonel George Miller. Bernard Zimmerman was his 1st Lieutenant. Before the war Michael built a grist mill on the Little Swatara Creek, which was later used to grind meal for the Continental Army while it was encamped at Valley Forge. He continued to occupy the original structure until about 1799, when it was torn down and replaced with a modern frame building. He conducted a milling and grain business in the new building. After the war, Michael also built and operated a carding mill (where wood fibers are spun into slivers before weaving) and cloth dressing establishment. It was located on the Bretzius farm about three quarters of a mile northeast of the grist mill. Michael passed away in 1803, and the properties passed to his son Michael Jr., who continued to operate both mills until 1823. Michael Jr. was married to Barbara Biechler/Biegler. She was the niece to Catherine (Biegler) and Johannes Zimmerman, son of Bernhard Zimmerman.

John Stine settled about two miles west from the borough around 1760. His descendants are numerous in the township and the original homestead is still in the family.

Bernhardt Zimmerman settled in the southeast part of the township and later built his homestead on Oak Grove Road approximately one and a quarter miles northwest of Pine Grove, and many of his descendants reside in the township. Johannes Biechler homestead was about three miles west northwest of the Bernhardt Zimmerman homestead, which still stands today. Johannes Biechler's daughter, Catherine married Johannes Zimmerman, son of Bernhardt and Maria (Gebhardt) Zimmerman.

John Moyer in 1790, Isaac Harvey about 1830, and Michael Wenerick still earlier. The names of many of the pioneers are irretrievably lost.

Lumbering was the main business in this area from 1780 till a comparatively recent time. Of course many saw-mills have been built, the first one about 1780, on a branch of the Swatara, about one mile south of Pine Grove. Very little lumbering has been done since 1850.

Arude grist mill was built about 1782 on Swopes Creek at the south end of the Brookside Farm, this area was located west of Bernhardt Zimmerman's first homestead in the township. The mill was patronized by people thirty miles away. Another was soon built by John Schaeffer on the Swatara Creek near Mifflin, and soon afterward another on the site of Z. Baldorf's (Batdorf) mill, near Pine Grove, by a man named Uhler.

Adistillery was built about 1790 at North Pine Grove by Mr. Swalm/Schwalm, who was scalded to death while working on it. About 1800 another was built by Peter Leher on a farm later owned by John Feltz. Baltzar Hautz, John Zimmerman, and Jacob Stine also erected and operated distilleries.

A tavern, known as the Red Tavern was opened as early as 1790 at North Pine Grove, by John and Solomon Albright, who were early settlers there. They were succeeded by Henry W. Conrad and Henry Zimmerman. It became a dwelling about 1858 and later it was burned. The Albrights also kept a store in a part of the building. Frederick Rudi kept a tavern in a log building which stood on the Brookside Farm, near the present bridge, as early as 1785. He was succeeded by a Mr. Woods, who converted it into a store and it was afterward burned.

A forge was built by Daniel Rondebach about two miles east of Pine Grove, and in 1844 it was converted into the Stanhope furnace by Adam Brown. It continued in blast till about 1875, and has been idle ever since.

Until 1819, Pine Grove was designated a post office with John Barr as the first postmaster. Until then the closest post office was in Reading. Barr built the Eagle Hotel in the area that was to become the borough of Pine Grove in 1832.

In other areas of the township, villages and settlements developing as well as post offices began to spring up, in 1873, in Mifflin, about 1880, in Ellwood, now Outwood and Ravine.

The roads initially followed the old Indian trails that were traveled in the county. These roads

were difficult to travel being blocked by boulders and tree stumps. The major road was the Sunbury Road that crossed the mountain from Bethel, then passing by Stanhope to Pleasant Hill, on the east side of the Swatara Creek, along Lover's Lane (American Legion Boulevard) to Ravine, passing through Lorberry and Joliett, until it connected to the Sunbury Trail west of Ashland. In 1908, the state over a portion of road, then part of the township, known later as the Annex, in what is today North Pine Grove. The road was constructed of Telford Bottom and was the first improved road in this part of the county.

Saint Jacob's Evangelical Lutheran Church is located about two miles west of Pine Grove on South Tulpehocken Street (State Route 443) near what was Exmore Station on the railroad leading to Lebanon. It stands on the southern slope of the hills on the Swatara Valley on the north. The congregation was organized in the year 1780, and the Oxford or Lutheran Confession of faith was adopted, and the same year a church building of Hewed logs was erected, which were cut on the congregations own property, the tract of land containing twenty seven acres, obtained from the government. The building committee was John Stein, Bernhard Zimmerman (John Stein's brother-in-law), Balthaser Bohr, George Felty, Lenhart Minnich, and John Brenner (whose daughter Eva Brenner married Heinrich Zimmerman, son of Bernhardt Zimmerman). The ministers who were present and dedicated the church were Frederick V. Meisheimer and William Kurtz.

The first burial record is that of Philip Keiser born February 17,1771 in Pine Grove Township and died March 18,1804. He was one of the pioneer settlers in Williams Valley, located on the present site of Tower City. As there was no church in the vicinity at the time of his death, he was taken back across the mountains and buried by the little white church overlooking the residing Swatara. Philip was married to Maria Eva Zimmerman, daughter of Bernhardt and Eva Maria (Gebhardt) Zimmerman. The second church was dedicated May 19,1833. The building committee was John Stein, and George Stein. The master carpenter was John Kuhns, brother to Christiana Kuntz who married Peter Zimmerman, grandson to Bernhardt and Eva Zimmerman.

Maria Eva Gebhardt was buried in Gunkels, St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Cemetery # 1 Of 3, Pine Grove, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania..

Generation 2

2. **Peter Zimmerman**, son of Hans Zimmerman and Catherine Spring / Springer was born on 06 Apr 1708 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland. He died in 1790 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA. He married **Anna Bricker**, daughter of Peter Bricker and Anna Deppen about 1739.
3. **Anna Bricker**.

Peter Zimmerman immigrated to Arrived in Philadelphia aboard the ship Friendship on 03 Sep 1739.

Notes for Peter Zimmerman:

The original will of
Peter Zimmerman

East Settlers & Copy

Be it remembered that on the seventh day of October in the year of our Lord. One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety, the Last Will and Testament of Peter Zimmerman, late of Cocalico Township in the County of Lancaster, Husband deceased was in Form of Law, and letters Testament were ganted to George Wohlfarth, and Christopher Heinrich Reinhold the executors there in named, they having first to administer the Estate of the said deceased and especially to each a true and perfect inventory there of into the Registrors Office at Lancaster on or before the Seventh day of November, next and to render a just and true account of their Executorship on the said Estate within one year, or when there lawfully required. Given unto the Seal of the said office by me. James Faeck Reg.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Peter Zimmerman of the township of Cocalico in the county of Lancaster and Province of Pennsylvania husbandman being aged and weak and sickly in body, but of sound memory and understanding. Thanks be to God for the same and considering the mentality of mankind. Do hereby make my last will and testament in manner following to wit, I recommend my soul to the great and merciful God who gave it to me, and my body to the earth from where the same was taken to be buried in a christian like manner, and concerning my estate after all my just debts are paid threrout by my executors here after named, I give the same in the following manner to wit. It is my will that my wife Ann Zimmerman of the second marriage shall have for her portion one child's share and her residence in the house which I have reserved on my old plantation, and also all the articles mentioned and reserved in the mortgage made between Jacob Bear and Peter Zimmerman which is recorded in the Recorder's Office at Lancaster. But the above mentioned child's share shall be hers as long as she remans a widow. It is my will that my said wife Ann Zimmerman shall have on bed and for her property to do there with what she pleases. And also all everthing what my said wife Ann Zimmerman has brought to me she shall take away forehand to wit, one pound for the sum of fifty pounds money besides the interest mentioned in the same bond, which she now has to demand and receive of her brother John Bricker, which was her fatherly portion of inheritance. concerning my children of the first marriage, also Ann Zimmerman it is my will that they shall have beforehand for their motherly portion of inheritence my plantation where on Peter Geis actually lives, and wherein Jacob Zimmerman hath built, bounded on the one side by Joseph Flickingers land and on the other side by my old plantation whereon I have or resided situated in Cocalico Township in the county of Lancaster and province afore said, which land shall be divided in equal shares amongst my first children of the first marriage as to one of them as to the other. the children of my first wife Elizabeth, Ann, Barbara, and Mary

Stating in the above will (which I have a copy) saying Peter Zimmerman's 2nd wife Anna Zimmerman brother of John Bricker: this means Anna was a Bricker, would be the mother to Peter Zimmerman/Carpenter born abt 1739 and Bernhardt Zimmerman. Also stating in the above Will 4 daughters of the first marriage, Elizabeth Zimmerman married to George Wohlfart, Ann Zimmerman married to Heinrich Martin, Barbara Zimmerman married to Hans George Keller, and Mary Zimmerman married to Christian Wenger.

Stating in a will of the Book Kindred Family: Jacob Zimmerman/Carpenter was a son of Peter Zimmerman's 1st wife Anna Weaver. Jacob refered to Peter Carpenter (abt 1739) as being a half brother. So this would make Bernhardt Zimmerman a brother to Peter Zimmerman/Carpenter and half brother to Jacob Zimmerman/Carpenter. Bernhardt left the family before the age of 18, relocating in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, just on the other side of Cocalico Township, Lancaster County. Being under 18, Bernhardt was not reconized in the Mennonite faith and most likely was left out of his father Peter Zimmerman's Will. Bernhardt was confirmed in 1761 at the age of 17 at Christ Lutheran Church in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. It is my theory that Bernhardt during this time lived with the Wohlfart's. Christophell Wohlfart and Bernhardt married Gebhardt sisters from the Rehrersburg area, located in Tulpehocken Township. Both Christophell and Bernhardt were married in Altalaha Lutheran Church located in Rehrersburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

1ST MARRIAGE to Anna Weaver: children (5)

1 Elizabeth married George Wohlfart, 2 Jacob Zimmerman/Carpenter married Catharine Ramsaur, 3 Ann married unknown Martin, 4 Barbara married Hans George Keller, 5 Mary married Christian G. Wenger

2ND MARRIAGE to Anna Bricker, children (2)

1 Peter Zimmerman/Carpenter married to Barbara Deppen, 2 Bernhardt Zimmerman married to Maria Eva Gebhardt.

Anna Bricker and Peter Zimmerman had the following children:

- i. Peter Zimmerman / Carpenter. He married Barbara Deppen.
1. ii. Bernhardt Zimmerman, son of Peter Zimmerman and Anna Bricker was born on 01 Jan 1743 in Rehrersburg, Berks, Pennsylvania, USA. He died on 18 Jan 1818 in Pine Grove Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. He married Maria Eva Gebhardt. She was born on 12 Nov 1747 in Womelsdorf, Lancaster, now Berks County, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 03 Nov 1818 in Pine Grove Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

Generation 3

4. **Hans Zimmerman**, son of Hans Zimmerman and Madi Blanck was born on 08 Sep 1667 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland. He married **Catherine Spring / Springer** on 26 Nov 1698 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland.
5. **Catherine Spring / Springer** was born on 25 Apr 1669 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland.

Notes for Hans Zimmerman:

Baptismal sponsor for Hans Zimmerman were Lisbeth Leeman, Peter Blanck, and Babi Wyss

Notes for Catherine Spring / Springer:

Baptismal sponsors for Catharin Spring were; Daniel Eicher, Stini Russer, and Babi Russer

Catherine Spring / Springer and Hans Zimmerman had the following children:

- i. Verna Zimmerman, daughter of Hans Zimmerman and Catherine Spring / Springer was born on 17 Nov 1700 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland.
 - ii. Barbara Zimmerman, daughter of Hans Zimmerman and Catherine Spring / Springer was born on 03 Apr 1702 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland.
 - iii. Hans Zimmerman / Carpenter, son of Hans Zimmerman and Catherine Spring / Springer was born on 17 Nov 1703 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland. He died on 10 Jul 1794 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
 2. iv. Peter Zimmerman, son of Hans Zimmerman and Catherine Spring / Springer was born on 06 Apr 1708 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland. He died in 1790 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA. He married Anna Bricker, daughter of Peter Bricker and Anna Deppen about 1739. He married Anna Weaver before 1731.
6. **Peter Bricker**. He married **Anna Deppen**.
 7. **Anna Deppen**.

Anna Deppen and Peter Bricker had the following children:

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 - i. Anna Bricker. She married Peter Zimmerman, son of Hans Zimmerman and Catherine Spring / Springer about 1739. He was born on 06 Apr 1708 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland. He died in 1790 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA.
 - ii. John Bricker.

Generation 4

8. **Hans Zimmerman**, son of Johannes Zimmerman and Anna Zaug was born on 10 Jun 1633 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland. He married **Madi Blanck**.
9. **Madi Blanck** was born on 20 Feb 1639 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland.

Notes for Hans Zimmerman:

Baptismal sponsors for Hans Zimmerman were; Peter Berger, Lani Zug, and Christen Rutt

Notes for Madi Blanck:

Baptismal sponsors for Madi Blanck were; Jacob Forni, Madlen Wertmuller, and Christian Ruchti

Madi Blanck and Hans Zimmerman had the following children:

- i. Babi Zimmerman, daughter of Hans Zimmerman and Madi Blanck was born on 17 Dec 1655 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland.
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 - ii. Hans Zimmerman, son of Hans Zimmerman and Madi Blanck was born on 08 Sep 1667 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland. He married Catherine Spring / Springer on 26 Nov 1698 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland. She was born on 25 Apr 1669 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland.
 - iii. Niclaus Zimmerman, son of Hans Zimmerman and Madi Blanck was born on 19 Dec 1669 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland.
 - iv. Madlen Zimmerman, daughter of Hans Zimmerman and Madi Blanck was born on 23 Jul 1671 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland.
 - v. Magdalena Zimmerman, daughter of Hans Zimmerman and Madi Blanck was born on 25 Jan 1674 in Steffisburg, Bern, Switzerland.