

Henry C. Gurtz, (York, Kansas) Descent; from Abraham Gurtz; who emigrated from Germany to America, arrived at Philadelphia, December 3rd 1729, on the ship, Robert, S. Alice, "Walter Goodman, Captain", from Rotterdam, last from "Corves, England, with 185 passengers, who were all Palatines! -

He first settled in Berks County, near New Shillington, South of Reading; by his first wife, had two sons, Christian and Jacob Gurtz; he purchased a farm for his oldest son Christian Gurtz, in Salisbury township, Lancaster County, one mile North East of Aquabon Lutheran Church, this son Christian, had three sons, John, Christian, and Jacob, John married Mary Shewalter, he lived and died on the farm in Salisbury township, for his sons, Christian and Jacob Gurtz, he purchased two farms, on the Peters road, in same township; from a one thousand acre tract of land first taken up, by David Cowan, prior to 1729. The same was bequeathed to David Cowan, by William Penn; David Cowan, had emigrated from England, with the Richardsons, Shiles, who had taken up large tracts, of land, East and West, adjoining, David Cowan, David Cowan died on the farm, which Christian Gurtz, had purchased, for his son Christian August 3rd 1757, leaving a "Inceperative Will" (a copy of same, with Inventory of his personal estate in my possession) leaving the Homestead to his son David Cowan, Junior, from his heirs Christian Gurtz, purchased, prior to 1766, in the Inventory, of David Cowan's personal estate 1757, is mentioned a "Wolf, Grapp" showing at that date Wolves, were, yet in that part of Lancaster County, this son acre tract, taken up, by David Cowan, son, is now divided, into eleven farms also some smaller tracts; Abraham Gurtz (1740) purchased for his second son -

Jacob Gurtz, (by first wife) in Salisbury township, one mile, South East of Dequa Church, on this farm, the original Gurtz, burial ground is located, where Abraham Gurtz, (1740) with his two oldest sons, Christian, and Jacob Gurtz, with many of their Descendants, are awaiting the "Resurrection Morning"; Jacob Gurtz, had three sons, John, who married Mary Poley, (he was known as Poley, Johannes Gurtz, and then the sons were, Jacob, and Abraham Gurtz, the latter was gentleman David Gurtz,) his sister Catharine Gurtz married John Gurtz son of John Gurtz and Mary Shewalter; (her sister Martha, was his second wife) These farms of the three brothers, were purchased from the Richardson, Estate, William Richardson came from England, and settled, in Salisbury township, with (David Cowan) he took up a large tract of land, which extended, from the old Philadelphia road, to the Welsh Mountain; William Richardson, died, at the Homestead, 1748, copy of his Will in my possession) This farm is now known, as the Thomas M. Healy farm; his son Isaac Richardson, died on the farm, 1769, (now owned by John A. Gurtz) his son John Richardson, died on this farm, 1792, (his will, as well as his fathers, in my possession) he leaves his Gold shoe buckles, to his brother, William. The Richardsons, Cowans, and Shiles, belonged to the Church of England, known now as the "Episcopal Church", they organized "Saint Johns Church, Compassville; 1729,

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This son of Henry Kurtz & Barbara Kurtz, was the Ancestor of Samuel Kurtz
 Ealy. Jason Kurtz, Ealy, whose Mother, was a Daughter of Christian Kurtz, Junr.
 Henry Kurtz. Died, Feb. 21st 1826, whilst on a Visit to his Brother Abraham Kurtz,
 who was married to Maria Kurtz, Sister, of Henry Kurtz's wife, Abraham Kurtz his
 on a farm on the Conestoga Creek, near "Eden", East of Lancaster, Henry Kurtz was
 first buried in a family burial ground on his Brothers farm, several years
 ago. His remains were removed to Lancaster Cemetery, with others of his Brothers
 family. Some of his descendants, yet living in Chester County are the Families
 Huigs, Thomas; and Mitchell; and others; The second son of Abraham Kurtz by
 second wife, was John Kurtz; married Barbara Garver; he settled on a farm in
 Perry County, North West of Harrisburg; (Jacob Eelmafer, who went to Perry County,
 1789, settled in same neighbourhood) William Kurtz Quiggley Jackson County
 Illinois claim's descent, from John Kurtz, and Barbara Garver,
 The, 4th Child, by second marriage, 1749, was a son, Peter Kurtz, married Esther Larr,

Abraham Kurtz, purchased a farm for this son, in Earl township; on the Peters
 road, on the line of Earl & Leacock township, which was owned in partnership
 with his youngest brother Samuel Kurtz, this farm was first settled by
 Anthony Bretler, who died there March 1747, It was sold to Burkart who sold
 it to Abraham Kurtz, prior to 1767, Anthony Bretler, had 300 acres in said
 tract, Leonard Eelmafer, purchased the eastern part for his son, Anthony Eelmafer
 Peter Kurtz, had one child, a daughter Hannah Kurtz, who married John Binkley
 John Binkley had one daughter, Mary Binkley, who at the age of 13 years, married Levi Parter,

The, 5th Child, of Abraham Kurtz, by his second wife, was a son, Joseph Kurtz who married,
 Fanny Miller, he lived and died near Reading, they had 19 children; his descendants
 became prominent as "Physicians, Ministers, of the Gospel," and other walks in life,

Abraham Kurtz's 6th Child, was a daughter, Maria Kurtz, married, Abraham Kurtz, he
 lived and died on a farm, on the Conestoga Creek, near Eden, East of Lancaster,
 his descent, - are to be found in Lancaster, Morris Kurtz; "Leather Merchant, in York,"
 whose father was a grandson, Noah Kurtz, and his brother, were killed by the "Kouglucks",
 in Mississippi, after the Civil war, many of his descendants, are yet of the "Amish Faith"

The 7th Child by second marriage, was David Kurtz, married Barbara Larr, he lived and
 died on a farm, between "Sunset Horse & Churchtown"; many of their descendants can be
 found, in "Cerenawiss township, Morgantown, Jefferson County, and are of the "Amish Faith"

The 8th Child of Abraham Kurtz, 1746, by his second wife, Barbara Breisinger, 1748; was
 Samuel Kurtz, (who was his youngest son) he married Barbara Shewalter; he lived
 and died on the farm, in Earl township, that was purchased for Peter Kurtz, who
 with his brother Samuel, were joint owners of same, when at Peter Kurtz death he
 became in possession, of the whole tract, It is the supposition, Abraham Kurtz, died on this farm,
 Samuel Kurtz's and Barbara Shewalters Family, all born in Earl township,

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| Mary
Kurtz,
married | Leah
Kurtz,
married | Abraham
Kurtz, | Susan
Kurtz,
married | Joseph
Kurtz,
married | Samuel
Kurtz,
married |
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Mary Kurtz & Henry Trost, Family, born in Salisbury Township,

Barbara Trost, married John Harner,	Samuel K., Trost, married Mary Kurtz,	Peter Trost, married Maria Gord,	Mary, Trost, married Joseph Zair,	Elizabeth Trost, Died Single	Elias Trost, married Susanna Grable,	Susanna Trost, married Daniel Kurtz,	Henry Trost, married Susan Fralic	Catherine Trost, Died Single aged 127
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Susan Kurtz & Martin Weavers, Family, Cummans Twp,

Samuel Kurtz,
Weavers,
married

Elizabeth
Sweigart

Infant,

Infant,

Leah
Trost,
died

died at
the time of
mother's death

at the
age of 11 years
Leah Jen

Leah Kurtz & Isaac Groff, Family, born in West Carl township,

Samuel Kurtz
Groff,
married

Martha
Groff,
married

Susanna
Groff,
married

Mary
Groff,
married

Elizabeth
Smader

John
Ingers

Isaac
Evans,

Christian
Schmeyer

Joseph Kurtz, and Martha Groff, Family, East Carl township,

Maria
Kurtz,
married

Leah
Kurtz
wedged to

John S.
Kurtz,
married

John
Zimmerman,

with Gypndfuer,
same week her
mother died
same.

Anna
Musser,

Barbara Schwalter Kurtz, the Mother, and Grandmother, of Her above, mentioned, deserves more than a passing notice. In this compiled; in this "Kurtz Genealogy" she was a woman, of much usefulness, when she came as a wife. Yet young in years, which continued, for many years, rendering her offices, to her family, and neighbors, when knowledge and judgment self reliance were superior importance, she was with my father's mother, when he was born June 19th 1802, was with mother, when all of her eleven children were born, in the years, 1825-1827-1829-1831-1832-1834-1836-1838-1840-1842-1844, was seventy two years of age at the last birth of the eleven children born, several years before the Revolutionary war; remembered when the sick and wounded soldiers, of Washington's Army; were taken passed, her father's house to Exharta, where many died, her ancestor Christian Schwalter, came to America, in the same "Ship, Phoenix", 1749, that Abraham Kurtz and his second wife, came across the ocean, also John and Jacob, Kapp, Christian Schwalter

These two neighbors, concluded to have, their burial ground, on the line, of their farms, the Kurtz plot, is on the west side, Elsmaker on East side

The following are the names of those who are resting there, west side

Samuel Kurtz Died 1837	Barbara Kurtz Died 1862	Abraham Kurtz Died	Samuel Kurtz Died 1860	Leah Kurtz wife of Samuel Kurtz	Susan Kurtz Single	Peter Kurtz son of Abraham & Barbara Zollinger	Esther Kurtz wife of Peter Kurtz	Hannah Binkley wife of John Binkley Died 1836	Cora Kurtz daughter of Abraham & Lydia Kim
		Son of Samuel & Barbara Kurtz	Youngest son of Samuel Kurtz		Daughter of Samuel & Leah Kurtz			Daughter of Peter & Esther Kurtz	Daughter of Isaac & Elizabeth Kurtz

The following are the names of those who are resting in Elsmaker, next on East side,

Catharine Elsmaker Died 1856 aged 97 Daughter of Anthony Elsmaker	Elizabeth Elsmaker Died 1870 aged 88 young Anthony Elsmaker Died from N.Y. Died 1855 aged 18 years	Samuel Elsmaker son of Anthony Elsmaker Died March 30 1817 aged 88	Anthony Elsmaker born 1729 Died	Elizabeth Elsmaker Died 1812 wife of Anthony Elsmaker	Leonard Elsmaker Died 1834 son of Anthony Elsmaker aged 65 years	George Elsmaker son of Anthony Elsmaker Died 1856 Mary Elsmaker wife of George Elsmaker Died 1855	Isaac H. Elsmaker son of George Elsmaker Died 1856 Clara Elsmaker daughter of George Elsmaker Died 1858	Mary Elsmaker Daughter of Anthony Elsmaker	Debbie Elsmaker Daughter of Anthony Elsmaker
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Abraham Kurtz, (pioneer 1740) Crossed the Ocean three times, first 1740 when he emigrated to America; second time, 1748 when he went to Germany for his second wife, Barbara Zollinger; third time 1755, when he went over to bring a colony of Amish emigrants who settled in Berks and Lancaster County, on his return to America the second time, he was accompanied by, John & Jacob Rupp and Christian Schwalter. Into these families his descendants intermarried, Henry C. Kurtz, descends from Abraham Kurtz, in two direct lines, thru his mother, Leah Rupp, Kurtz, the descent is thru, his oldest son, Christian Kurtz, thru, his father Samuel Kurtz, the descent is thru, his youngest son, Samuel Kurtz son,

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