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**Marriages and Marriage Evidence in
Pennsylvania German Churches**



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FOREWORD

This is primarily a collection of Pennsylvania German Reformed Church marriage records. Also included are some Lutheran Church records, a few Union Church records (combined Reformed and Lutheran), and records of the North and Southampton Dutch Reformed Church. The records cover eastern Pennsylvania from Philadelphia west to Cumberland County during the time period 1710 to 1895, though the majority of the entries fall between 1760 and 1860. The largest number of entries represent actual marriages, although evidence of marriage—taken from baptismal, confirmation, communion, burial, and tombstone records—is given where available.

These records were abstracted from copies of Pennsylvania German church records gathered by Dr. William J. Hinke and subsequently deposited at the Franklin and Marshall Library in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Microfilm copies of the Hinke collection were prepared by the Genealogical Society, Salt Lake City, in 1947. Records of the last three churches covered in this work—New Goshenhoppen Reformed, Old Goshenhoppen Reformed, and Great Swamp Reformed—were copied from Dr. Hinke's book *History of the Goshenhoppen Reformed Charge*, since only a few of his notes about these churches were microfilmed. The page numbers referring to the records of these three churches, given in the left margin of this present work, are in fact the page numbers of Dr. Hinke's *History*. All other page numbers in the left margin refer to numbers written by Dr. Hinke on his own copy of the various records.

In using this volume the researcher should consider some background information. First, until about 1820 most of the ministers who made these records were German or Swiss born. Most of the church members were also of German or Swiss extraction, although some were of English, Irish, Dutch, and French origin. The churches themselves often ran a school in which instruction was given in the German language. Thus the records themselves reflect the German spelling and pronunciation of names which may *not* themselves be German. However, there was a serious shortage of ministers of all denominations during the time period covered by these records. Reverend Michael Schlatter estimated that in 1750, in Pennsylvania

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- 40 Neitzer, Bernhard, Ref., Anna Catharine Kayser, Luth.,
-- Jan 1772.
- " Weber, John George, s Geo. Ref., Margaret Neissner, dau
Melchior, Luth., 21 Apr 1772.
- " Betz, Urban, s Ludwig, Dorothea Becker, dau William,
21 Apr 1772, both Ref.
- " Bollinger, Peter, Magdalene Carl 5 May 1772, both widowed.
- " Tiller, John, Luth., Mary Magdalene Scherck, dau David,
Ref., 8 Dec 1772.
- " Uhland, John Michael, Maria Dorothy Kaffroth, dau Gerhardt,
2 Mar 1773, both Ref.
- " Krammer, Thomas, wid'r liv on Pequa, Elizabeth Kuehn, sing.,
31 May 1773.
- " Krill, John, Ref., Maria Elizabeth Art, Luth., 7 Nov 1773,
both sing.
- " Roth, John, s Philip, Ref., Anna Maria Sauer, dau Henry, Luth.,
30 Nov 1773, both sing.
- " Rabensberger, Martin, s Peter, Ref., Catharine Berger, dau
John, Luth., 21 Dec 1773.
- " Lorschbach, Frederick, s John no rel., Rosina Martzinger, Luth.,
4 Jan 1774.
- " Schoerck, David, s David, Ref., Susanna Schaefer, dau Philip,
Luth., 21 Jun 1774.
- " Roth, Jacob, s Philip, Maria Barbara Riehm, dau Matthias,
16 Aug 1774, both Ref.
- 41 Matthei, John Christopher, Ref., Maria Marg. Philippina Nun,
Luth., 10 Jan 1775, both sing.
- " Schaffner, Ludwig, Elizabeth Conrad 10 Jan 1775, both sing. &
with no rel.
- " Riehm, Abraham, wid'r, Rosina Hehn, dau Christian, 6 Mar 1775.
- " Steffen, Peter, Ref., Maria Elizabeth Scheleberger, dau
Michael, Luth., 21 Mar 1775.
- " Schills, William, sing., Maerschin Glass 4 Jan 1776, both
from Ireland.
- " Stahl, Peter, Ref., Barbara Lorschbach, Luth., 4 Feb 1776,
both widowed.
- " Danner, Christian, Ref., Catharine Neher, Luth., 16 Apr 1776.
- " Oberlin, Jacob, s Adam, Luth., Margaret Weber, dau George, Ref.,
30 Apr 1776.
- " Steffen, George of Brecknock tw., Catharine Motz, dau Jacob
of Coca. tw., 4 Jun 1776, both sing.
- " Tuschan, John, Ref., Catharine Martin, dau John, 3 Sep 1776.
- " Haensche, Henry, s Henry, Anna Barbara Eberle, dau Peter,
8 Oct 1776, both Menn.
- " Dock, George, Regina ----- 31 Dec 1776, both sing.
- " Studebecker, David, wid'r, Margaret Naegelin, sing.,
1 Feb 1777.
- " Ranck, John Philip, s Philip, Ref., Anna Barbara Haas,
dau Jacob 11 Feb 1777.
- " Goebel, Ludwig, sing., Ref., wid Anna Hawecker 10 Dec 1776 (*!).
- " Mueller, John, s Henry, Becky Borckert 17 Feb 1777.
- " Ludwig, Lorentz, s Lorentz, Anna Maria Raalf, Luth.,
12 Aug 1777.
- " Brauss, Michael, s Andrew, Luth., Elizabeth Dock, dau Philip,
12 Aug 1777.
- 42 Baymueller, Michael, no rel., Maria Kayser, Luth., 20 Oct 1777.
- " Guth, Peter, no rel., Christine Guth, dau Christian, Menn.,
15 Dec 1777.
- " Wuescht, Christian, Catharine Kackle 23 Dec 1777, both sing. &
no rel.
- " Wittman, George, Barbara Kerch 23 Dec 1777, both sing. & Luth.
- " Mecksel, Robert, Agnes Connel 24 Feb 1778, both sing.
- " Faerding, Charles, a soldier, wid Mary Bebre 15 Mar 1778.
- " O'Nele Finnick, sing. soldier, Elizabeth Clamens (Clements)
15 Mar 1778.

- 42 Penter (Bender), John, no rel., Catharine Raeder, Ref.,
24 Mar 1778, both widowed.
- " Senseman, John, Justina Kimmerlin 19 Jul 1778, both sing.
- " Schoerck, Jacob, Ref., Elizabeth Brenneisen, Luth.,
11 Aug 1778.
- " Schneyder, George, Catharine Amen, dau Philip, 29 Sep 1778,
both no rel.
- " Schwartzfelder, Christian, Luth., Barbara Schweigerd, dau
Valentine, 22 Oct 1778, both Luth.
- " Maurer, Henry, wid'r Luth., Christine Schuetz, sing. no rel.,
10 Nov 1778.
- " Rueff, Frederick, Luth., wid Catharine Schmeltz, Ref.,
8 Nov 1778.
- " Hartmann, Henry, Ref., Susanna Fanghauser, Luth., 17 Nov 1778.
- " Kaffroth, John Jacob, Ref., Elizabeth Gerber 29 Dec 1778.
- " Fehder, Bernhardt, sing., wid Juliana Renner 18 May 1779.
- " Gerber, Jacob, no rel., Christine Kaffroth, Ref., 1 Jun 1779.
- " Stoll, John Frederick, wid Dorothea Welcker 18 Jul 1779,
both Luth.
- " Heimlich, Andrew, wid'r, Cath. Susanna Neu, sing. Ref.
5 Oct 1779.
- 43 Mellinger, Jacob, no rel., Barbara Arnt, Ref., 26 Oct 1779.
- " Huebner, Baltzer, Luth., Philippina -----, Ref., -- --- 1779.

BAPTISMS

	Parents	Child	Sponsors
13	Jacob Senseman wf a Sabbatarian	Rachel Palmer wf of John b 18 Apr 1758, bp 28 Apr 1776	Deacons present; Henry Kaffroth, George Rack, Christian Hermann

SCHWARTZWALD REFORMED CHURCH, 1781-1811

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Abbreviations

Alb. --	Albany	L. --	Lancaster Co.
B. --	Berks Co.	Lanc. --	Lancaster
Brec. --	Brecknock	Lim. --	Limerick tw. Mont. Co.
Car. --	Caernarvon	L.S. --	Longswamp
Coca. --	Cocalico	Max. --	Maxatawny
Cole. --	Colebrookdale	M.C. --	Maidencreek
Cov. --	Coventry	N. H. --	New Hanover, Mont. Co.
Dist. --	District	Nant. --	Nantmeal, Chester Co.
Doug. --	Douglass	Read. --	Reading
Ex. --	Exeter	Rich. --	Richmond
Fred. --	Frederick Mont. Co.	R.M. --	Ruscomb Manor
Green. --	Greenwich	Rob. --	Robeson
Han. --	Hanover	Rock. --	Rockland
Heid. --	Heidelberg, Berks Co.	Tul. --	Tulpehocken, Berks Co.
Her. --	Hereford	Win. --	Windsor

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208 Bicksler, Philip, Barbara Horningsett, Rob., 5 Jun 1781.

270 Geyer, Johannes, Elisabetha Hoffman, Rock., 6 Jun 1808.
 " Mohr, Thomas, Esther Heckmann, Read., 9 Jun 1808.
 " Weit, Johannes, Sarah Hermann, B., 19 Jun 1808.
 " Rollmann, Georg, Barbara Crick, -----, 28 Jun 1808.
 " Jastons, John, Sarah Schallet, Rob., 30 Jun 1808.
 " Schenck, Georg, Maria Meyer, Oley, 3 Jul 1808.
 271 Jung, Philip, Catharina Röser, L., 5 Jul 1808.
 " Götz, Georg, Susanna Steff, L., 5 Jul 1808.
 " Maurer, Paul, Eva Spatz., Read., 9 Jul 1808.
 " Bayer, Peter, Elisabetha Binckel, Read., 10 Jul 1808.
 " DeDürck, Abraham, Esther Levan, Oley, 17 Jul 1808.
 " Saufried, Johannes, Elisabetha Lepo, Cumru, 25 Jul 1808.
 " Nies, Wilhelm, Sarah Müller, Alsace, 29 Jul 1808.
 " Rau, Jacob, Maria Kehly, Ex., 6 Aug 1808.
 " Marx, Friderich, Elisabetha Freymeyer, Bern, 7 Aug 1808.
 " Kreider, Jacob, Hannah Wumelsdorff, Bern, 7 Aug 1808.
 " Hassler, Johannes, Catharina Foltz, Heid., no co., 12 Aug 1808.
 " Jellman, Bitter (*!), Elisabetha Filbs, Ex., 14 Aug 1808.
 " Hart, Bernd, Elisabetha Zwyer, Oley, 16 Aug 1808.
 " Juny, James, Catharina Metz, Heid., no co., 27 Aug 1808.
 " Fian (*?), Martin, Maria Messerschmitt, R.M., 28 Aug 1808.
 " Cörper, Johannes, Maria Hofman, Ex., 28 Aug 1808.
 " Reichert, Friedrich, Mary Mess, R.M., 6 Sep 1808.
 " Gutman, Samuel, Maria Hill, Oley, 6 Sep 1808.
 " Koch, Stephanus, Elisabetha Schneider, M.C., 18 Sep 1808.
 " Schmitt, Philip, Juliana Hartdins, L., 20 Sep 1808.
 " Schmitt, Leonhard, Susanna Levan, "came 100 miles",
 20 Sep 1808.
 " Bayer, Samuel, Magdalena Gerber, Amity, 27 Sep 1808.
 " Lang, Jonathan, Catharina Endy, Oley, 4 Oct 1808.
 " Drumheller, Jacob, Maria Weser, Earl, 6 Oct 1808.
 " Bauscher, Jacob, Maria Elis. Köstler, Win., 27 Oct 1808.
 " May, Johannes, Catharina Althaus, Bern, 27 Oct 1808.
 " Spohn, Adam, Rachel Rieser, Heid., no co., 27 Oct 1808.
 " Freymeyer, Daniel, Judith Leinbach, Alsace, 27 Oct 1808.
 " Rau, Johannes, Sarah Nagel, Read., 27 Oct 1808.
 " Herrman, Henrich, Pally Stein, Alsace, 31 Oct 1808.
 272 Jotter, Samuel, Esther Robert, Oley, 6 Nov 1808.
 " Baumann, Henrich, Elisabetha Bayer, Ex., 17 Nov 1808.
 " Staud, Jacob, Susanna Maurer, Heid., no co., 4 Dec 1808.
 " Hahn, Wilhelm, Anna Hahn, Heid., no co., 15 Dec 1808.
 " Steiger, Jacob, Susanna Dieter, Ex., 16 Dec 1808.
 " Dock, Johannes, Catharina Betzer, Earl, 22 Dec 1808.
 " Hoffert, Henrich, Susanna Hofmann, Cumru, 26 Dec 1808.
 " Gilbert, Georg, Elisabetha Reifschneider 1 Jan 1809.
 " Killy, Jacob, Susanna Himmelreich 2 Jan 1809.
 " Howerling, Rudolf, Susanna Hart 10 Jan 1809.
 " Kern, Henrich, Barbara Weitzel 10 Jan 1809.
 " Faust, Henrich, Elisabetha Haf 11 Jan 1809.
 " Reisch, Johannes, Elisabetha Hoffert 17 Jan 1809.
 " Fischer, Adam, Elisabetha Zimmermann 24 Jan 1809.
 " Michael, Johannes, Susanna Guthmann 29 Jan 1809.
 " Honig, Henrich, Pety (Becky) Lies 31 Jan 1809.
 " Kleinginne, Adam, Magdalena Seiler 9 Feb 1809.
 " Egold, Jacob, Hannah Boned (*?) 12 Feb 1809.
 " Moser, Georg, Elisabetha Mathias 14 Feb 1809.
 " Stoffelbeiner, Johannes, Magdalena Schmehl 21 Feb 1809.
 " Seitzinger, Michael, Rosina Spengler 28 Feb 1809.
 " Wamscher, Jacob, Magdalena Wamscher 1 Mar 1809.
 " Endy, Jacob, Catharina Morris 2 Mar 1809.
 " Hill, Jacob, Maria Häfer, Oley, 7 Mar 1809.
 " Reinhart, Abraham, Maria Jung 7 Mar 1809.
 " Ullrich, Peter, Pally Hottenstein 13 Mar 1809.
 " Ferglinck (*?), Frantz, Maria Reigel 14 Mar 1809.

272 Ludwig, Henrich, Pally Brücker 14 Mar 1809.
 " Ochs, Friedrich, Susanna Bossler 2 Apr 1809.
 273 Koch, Daniel, Hannah Wix 3 Apr 1809.
 " Dietz, Henrich, Elisabetha Wepp 16 Apr 1809.
 " Bixler, Christian, Rebecca Herrel 18 Apr 1809.
 " Müller, Friederich, Hannah Schrack 23 Apr 1809.
 " Weitener, Wilhelm, Susanna Jotter 23 Apr 1809.
 " Albert, Adam, Elisabetha Lutz 6 May 1809.
 " Schims, Johannes, Matte More 11 May 1809.
 " Bohn, Adam, Susanna Wachmer 13 May 1809.
 " Quinter, Peter, Susanna Ullerich, 14 May 1809.
 " Jotter, Abraham, Elisabetha Jörgen 21 May 1809.
 " Usener, Christian, Barbara Funck 1 Jun 1809.
 " Schäfer, Johannes, Catharina Fischer 5 Jun 1809.
 " Gramm, Jacob, Maria Wamscher 13 Jun 1809.
 " Ritschert, Samuel, Rebecca Mack 15 Jun 1809.
 " Gereth, Henrich, Susanna Wien 18 Jun 1809.
 " Hauck, Andreas, Catharina Fehr 20 Jun 1809.
 " Levan, Jacob, Barbara Boos 16 Jul 1809.
 " Hüter, Johannes, Elisabetha Mannmüller 16 Jul 1809.
 " Horner, Abraham, Maria Ems 25 Jul 1809.
 " Klas, Andreas, Catharina Heil 27 Jul 1809.
 " Wilhelm, Schesy (Jesse), Magdalena Faust 30 Jul 1809.
 " Brecht, Peter, Maria Jäger 30 Jul 1809.
 " Guth, Philip, Elisabetha Fleischer 30 Jul 1809.
 " Scharman, Johannes, Esther Gräf 6 Aug 1809.
 " Bohn, Johannes, Sarah Meyer 12 Aug 1809.
 " Ludwig, Abraham, Sarah Müller 1 Oct 1809.
 " Klein, Friedrich, Eva Meyer 13 Oct 1809.
 " Hofmann, Henrich, Susanna Ludwig 15 Oct 1809.
 " Lejater, Christopher, Elisabetha Barth 27 Oct 1809.
 " Zeiler, Friederich, Eva Hauser 27 Oct 1809.
 274 Genger, Johannes, Susanna Gereth 27 Oct 1809.
 " Feyering, Jost, Elisabetha Spies 27 Oct 1809.
 " Walleisen, Jacob, Margaretha Arnold 27 Oct 1809.
 " Glauser, Johannes, Catharina Feigel 4 Nov 1809.
 " Lemade, -----, Christina ----- 7 Nov 1809.
 " Ridy, Johann Jacob, Barbara Weiss 14 Nov 1809.
 " Kiefer, Dewald, Elisabetha Braun 28 Nov 1809.
 " Meyer, Ludwig, Catharina Bohn 2 Dec 1809.
 " Gehrling, Johannes, Elisabetha Ham 17 Dec 1809.
 " Weiss, Johannes, Maria Seyler 24 Dec 1809.
 " Fuchs, Jacob, Catharina Feyering 25 Dec 1809.
 " Fischer, Michael, Catharina Hahn 13 Jan 1810.
 " Hatt (*?), Michael, ----- Kredbanck (*?) 6 Feb 1810.
 " Hinsy, Adam, Maria Barkorn 6 Feb 1810.
 " Rapp, William, Anna Hall 11 Feb 1810.
 " Coleman, Georg, Elisabetha Gutmann 11 Feb 1810.
 " Epler, Georg, Eva Berling 6 Mar 1810.
 " Mohr, Georg, Susanna Radner 11 Mar 1810.
 " Wartbehr (*?), -----, Maria Klas 13 Mar 1810.
 " Salomon, Wilhelm, Susanna Levan 18 Mar 1810.
 " Reinhart, Peter, Catharina Stamm 23 Mar 1810.
 " Graf, Peter, Margaretha Weller 28 Mar 1810.
 " Wegerin, Wilhelm, Maria Bayer 6 Apr 1810.
 " Hart, Johannes, Susanna Wolf 22 Apr 1810.
 " Reiter, Johannes, Elisabetha Schlocker 22 Apr 1810.
 " Bruschy, Johannes, Sarah Bernheisel 15 May 1810.
 " Meyer, Georg, Magdalena Hinckel 3 Jun 1810.
 " Beyer, Adam, Eva Drist 4 Jun 1810.
 " Elles, Johannes, Sarah Ka----- 7 Jun 1810.
 275 -----, Benjamin, Elisabetha ----- 14 Jun 1810.
 " Buher(*?), -----, Elisabetha ----- 4 Jul 1810.