

THE
PRIVATE RECORDS
OF
REV. GEORGE JACOB MARTZ
1869 - 1878

Comprising
Deaths, Marriages, and Baptisms
during his Ministerium
at
Womelsdorf Lutheran Church, Berks County,
and
Lutheran Churches of the southeastern area of
Lebanon County and the extreme northern area
of Lancaster County, PA.

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INTRODUCTION

George Jacob Martz was born on August 27, 1822, near Frederick, Maryland. His early years were spent here with his family, until he entered Gettysburg College(PA), where he received his A.B. in 1846. Upon graduation from the college, Martz entered Gettysburg Seminary and graduated from here in 1848. During the same year, he was ordained in the Maryland Synod of the Lutheran Church of America.

Rev. Martz choose to begin his ministry by first doing missionary work in India(1849-52). When his missionary tour was completed he returned to his native state and served as pastor of the Lutheran Church in Sharpsburg, MD(1852-56).

In 1855/56 he moved to Dauphin County, PA, where he served as pastor to churches in the charge comprising Sheep's, Swatara, Dauphin, Sandy Hollow and Wenrich's. He married during his pastorate here, to Caroline Nunemaker, on December 3, 1857.

Rev. Martz left Dauphin County in 1867/68 and moved to Womelsdorf, PA, where he became pastor of the local Lutheran Church. Womelsdorf is situated on the western edge of Berks County, midway between the cities of Lebanon and Reading. During his pastorate here, the Lutheran Church in PA was going through some organizational and theological changes. The south eastern section of Lebanon County(Womelsdorf is directly east) including Myerstown, Richland, Schaefferstown, Kleinfeltersville, and a small area of northern Lancaster County were caught up in the sometimes heated controversies going on at the time. While various new church charges were being organized, dissolved and reorganized and numerous ministers coming into and leaving the area, Rev. Martz, from his resident church in Womelsdorf, ministered to the needs of many in the Lebanon/Lancaster areas mentioned above. It is the record of his service here(1869-1878) that are presented in this Special Publication.

In 1878, Rev. Martz left Womelsdorf and accepted a call in Tremont, Schuylkill County, PA, where he remained until 1880. He then "retired" from the ministry for a short time and was engaged in business at Lebanon, PA. While in "retirement" he served as temporary pastor(1882-83) to churches in eastern Dauphin County, PA, at Union Deposit, Sandy Hollow and Sand Hill.

From here he moved to Piedmont, West Virginia, where he served as pastor from 1885-1888. Rev. Martz then came back to Lebanon for a short time. He then moved to Northampton County, PA, in 1891/92, to minister to churches in Lyons, Macungie, Salem, Pleasantville and Mohrsville. He again returned to Lebanon until 1893/94, when he accepted a call in Walhalla, South Carolina. He died in South Carolina in 1898.

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Womelsdorf, Lutheran

DEATHS

Miller, Mary Ann	d. Oct. 25, 1869	age 24/1/6
Fessler, Barbara	Nov. 21, 1869	73/9/6
Bickel, Anna Elisabeth	Feb. 20, 1870	1/10/20
Bocks, George Milton	Mar. 14, 1870	2/4/26
Christ, Helena Mary	Feb. 26, 1870	2/0/29
Strickler, Jonathan Edmund	Apr. 13, 1870	12/0/21
Plantz, Charles Wallace	Apr. 17, 1870	1/9/5
Krepp, Miss	Apr. 17, 1870	5/7/17
Dissinger, Maria	June 1, 1870	73/7/24
Backenstose, Henry	June 14, 1870	30/4/29
Hickernielly, Cyrus L.	June 19, 1870	17/0/27
Mohr, Phillip	June 21, 1870	79/8/21
Carl, Peter	Jun3 23, 1870	64 yrs.
Wunderlich, John	July 14, 1870	70/7/25
White, Moyer, John Henry	July 16, 1870	19/3/0
Spayd, Milton	Aug. 19, 1870	3/8/15
Bennitch, Sarah Alice	Sept. 2, 1870	29 days
Mays, Bertha Charlotta	Sept. 1, 1870	3/10/8
Garrett, Henry	Sept. 26, 1870	65/8/4
Garrett, Henry Martin	Oct. 18, 1870	27/1/16
Schaum, Thomas	Oct. 21, 1870	51/2/2
Bowman?, Lydia	Oct. 23, 1870	62/0/2
Smith, Hary	Oct. 29, 1870	1/2/4
Becker, Henry Monroe	Nov. 19, 1870	30/0/10

Moore, William, M.D.	May 23, 1872	61/9/26
Murdock, Maria Elisabeth	May 26, 1872	72/11/9
Hoffman, John Henry	June 11, 1872	33/7/11
Lengle, James	June 23, 1872	33/7/11
Newman, Leanna Elisabeth	July 4, 1872	1/7/9
Newman, Charles Adam	Aug. 12, 1872	6/3/10
Miller, Sarah Jane	Aug. 13, 1872	4/6/24
Fidler, Rebecca	Aug. 30, 1872	26/4/10
Miller, Christian	Sept. 7, 1872	63/8/6
Christ, Eva Alice	Oct. 7, 1872	2/11/10
Slaysman, Jonathan	Oct. 15, 1872	47/2/24
Bennetch, Henry	Nov. 2, 1872	2wks. 6 da.
Crouse, Minerva Mary	Dec. 12, 1872	0/11/5
Lightner, Catharine	Dec. 19, 1872	85/4/7
Schaeffer, Dr. Samuel	Dec. 29, 1872	49/4/30
Leidig, Anna Maria	Mar. 7, 1873	75/5/20
Bubb, Marriot	Mar. 14, 1873	72 yrs.
Sherb, Susanna	Apr. 12, 1873	78/2/10
Becker, Jeremiah	Apr. 14, 1873	44 yrs.
Missimer, Cassius Malanethon Clay	June 22, 1873	17/6/27
Fidler, Emma	Aug. 18, 1873	3/6/0
Sausser, Susanna	Aug. 23, 1873	79/7/2
Plesterer, Sarah	Aug. 29, 1873	0/11/6
Bennetch, Tilly Kate	Aug. 31, 1873	0/8/11
Corl?, Charles Daniel	Sept. 3, 1873	1/5/22
Spang, David	Sept. 9, 1873	0/7/24
Reist, Katie	Sept. 14, 1873	0/7/1
Harman, Katy Elisabeth	Oct. 8, 1873	2 yrs.

Martin s. of Solomon Eberly and w. Elisabeth, b. Jan. 11, 1873, bap. June 19, 1876, sp. the parents.

Catharine da. of Solomon Eberly and w. Elisabeth, b. Sep. 30, 1875, bap. June 19, 1876, sp. the parents.

Normon Rufus s. of Henry Miller and w. Maria, b. Nov. 29, 1875, bap. July 2, 1876, sp. the parents.

Carrie Jane da. of Henry Lee Hoffman and w Sarah, b. Mar. 22, 1876, bap. July 2, sp. the parents.

— Paul Walter s. of William G. Moore and w. Elmira, b. Mar. 5, 1876, bap. July 29, sp. the parents.

Susan Sallie da. of John Henry Hickernell and w. Amanda, b. Feb. 13, 1876, bap. Aug. 20, sp. the parents.

Levi Frederick s. of Wallace Oberly and w. Lilly, b. June 17, 1876, bap. Sep. 9, sp. Levi Frederick Oberly and w. Ida.

Annie Ida da. of John Wagner and w. Amanda, b. Dec. 9, 1874, bap. Oct. 22, 1876.

Clara da. of Peter Zeller and w. Harriet, b. Oct. 16, 1876, bap. Oct. 31, sp. Margaret Jackson.

Estella da. of Henry Werner and w. Emma, b. Oct. 7, 1876, bap. Oct. 31, sp. the mother.

Sabilla da. of Isaac Ulrich and w. Rosanna, b. Oct. 12, 1875, bap. Oct. 31, 1876, sp. parents.

Emma Susan da. of Samuel Urich and w. Amanda, b. July 1, 1876, bap. Nov. 4.

Isaac Clinton s. of Henry White and w. Hanah, b. Sep. 9, 1874, bap. Nov. 11, 1876, sp. Emma Strickler.

Mary Rebecca da. of Franklin Aumen and w. Rebecca, b. June 21, 1876, bap. Nov. 11.

Howard Valentine s. of Frederick Augustus Fidler and w. Lizzie Dunlap, b. May 10, 1876, bap. Dec. 10, sp. Elias Fidler and w. Eliza Matilda.

Mary Jane da. of Simon Trostle and w. Susan, b. Sep. 24, 1875, bap. Dec. 10, 1876.

Illa Martha da. of Samuel Evans and w. Martha, b. Oct. 10, 1876, bap. Jan. 6, 1877.

Walter Nathan s. of Nathaneal Yingst and w. Henrietta, b. Nov. 14, 1876, bap. Jan. 17, 1876(1877).

John Isaac s. of John Henry Reich and w. Emma, b. Sep. 27, 1876, bap. Jan. 25, 1877.