

Preface to the Witt Material that follows

This is a 2006 document provided to Korns.org by Neil Carter. Neil asked Merikay Mestad to provide an updated and corrected version to Korns.org. She hopes to be able to do that some day, but for now this preface provides the following comments and corrections she has provided:

Page 8 — Merikay does not understand the title “*Jacob Witt--not related to Herdlein family*” as page 1 shows this Jacob is a child of Hartlein (various spellings are used).

Pages 8, 9, and 11 — Page 8 includes a chart, and the left side is in yellow and discusses Jacob Witt b. 1754. Page 9 uses the chart again but has the right side in yellow to follow the line of George Witt, however the names of the wives switched around. As George’s son John Witt is the one who married Rebecca Margaret KORN—as discussed more completely and correctly in the right column beside the chart where it names Korns—her name should replace that of Christine Davis, who is the wife of Jacob Witt b. 1754. It looks like an attempt was made to correct the charts on page 8, but the correction didn’t get copied over onto pages 9 and 11, where Christine Davis instead of Rebecca Margaret Korns is again used.

Page 10 — Page 10 has the children of John and Rebecca Korns Witt.
Omitted from the list was Jacob b. 8 Oct 1815.
Sarah was b. ca. 1817 (not 1819) d. 6 Mar 1870
Mary Magdaline was born 14 Mar 1819
Carl/Charles d. 1 Jul 1831

Misc. — Jacob Witt b. 1754 also has a son John M. Witt. John M. married Catherine Davis. This is the man who is sometimes erroneously mixed up with John Witt, son of George, who married Rebecca KORNS.

The wife of Johann Michael Jacob was Anna Catharina Julia Drechsler (Dressler), daughter of Johann Christian Drechsler and wife Appolonia, of Burghaslach, Germany. Anna Catherina was born 04 Jul 1694, Burghaslach. The married couple lived in Weigenheim, Germany between 1726 and 1736, during which period they bore six children, of which three died during these ten years, and both of Johann Michael Jacob's parents died during this time. The children included:

- ❖ **Jacob Herdlein:** Born ~1725, Germany and died ~1727, Germany, at age of 1½ years.
- ❖ **Johann Jacob Herdlein:** Born ~1727, and died young in Germany.
- ❖ **Anna Margretha Hartlein:** Born 1729, Saxony, Germany, married 23 Apr 1750, Berks Co., PA to Johann Witt, Sr. in Montgomery Co., PA. Anna died 1791, Maxatawny Twp., Berks Co., PA, and is buried in the cemetery of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Krumsville, PA. John Witt, Sr. was born ~1725 in Saxony, Germany, and died 08 Feb 1797 in Berks Co., PA. The couple had eleven children – **Generation 5:**
 - **Johann Witt, Jr.:** Born 12 Mar 1750/51, Montgomery Co., PA, and died 1835, Greenwich Twp., Berks Co., PA. He married Margaretha ().
 - **Frederica Christine Witt:** Born about 1753 in Montgomery Co., PA
 - **Jacob Witt:** Born 17 Nov 1754 in Albany Twp., Berks Co., PA, and died 13 Nov 1835 in Southampton Twp., Somerset Co., PA. He married Christine M. Davis.
 - **Michael Witt:** Born ~1756 in Berks Co., PA
 - **Johann Heinrich Witt:** Born in 1758 and died before 1795, Berks Co.
 - **Elizabeth Witt:** Baptized ~1760 in Allemangel Church, Berks Co., PA
 - **Susanna Witt:** Born in 1763 in Dauphin Co., PA and died 1 Jan 1840, Smithville, Wayne Co., OH. She married Jacob Derr Flickinger.
 - **George Witt:** Born ~1764, PA and died Jul 1793 in Somerset Co., PA. He married Sarah (), who died ~1793. They had four children, including John Witt, who married Rebecca Margaret Korns about 1808. John and Rebecca (Korns) Witt had a daughter, Rachel Witt, who married Philip Wilhelm.
 - **Catherine:** Born about 1766, PA.
 - **John Nicholas:** Born 04 Aug 1768 in Berks Co., PA.
 - **Rosina:** Born in 1772 in Berks Co., and buried in 1841 at her mother's church
- ❖ **Johann George Herdlein, Sr.:** Born 21 Oct 1732, Weigenheim, and died 09 Feb 1794, Rowan Co., NC. He married **Maria Christina Boehm**, 09 Feb 1755, Berks Co., PA. She was born 25 Dec 1730, Fehfeld, Wurtemberg, Germany and died >1806, Rowen Co., NC
- ❖ **Anna Dorothea Herdlein:** Born in 1734 and died in 1736, in Weigenheim, Germany.
- ❖ **Nicholaus Herdlein:** Born in 1736 in Weigenheim, and died 1741 in Berks Co., PA

RECORD OF JOHANNES (JOHN) WITT, SR IN AMERICA

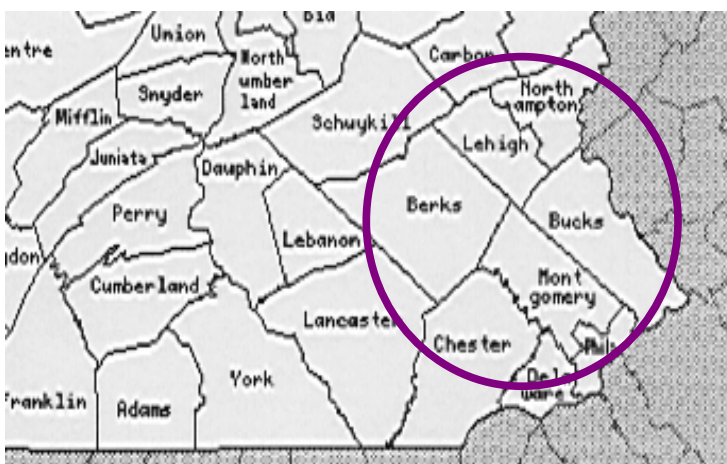
The birth of Johannes Witt was ~1725, possibly Saxony, near the home of his wife. He came to America before 1750, since the earliest record of Johannes (John) Witt is the record of his marriage on 23 Apr 1750 to Margretha Hartlein (called Maria Margaretha in son Henry's baptism in 1758, and called Margaret in husband John's will in 1798). She was the daughter of John Michael and Julia (Dressler) Herdlein/Hartlein. Their marriage was recorded in the Lutheran Church of New Hanover, Montgomery Co., PA. John, Sr. is listed as a Juror living in Greenwich Twp., Berks Co., PA on 3 Oct 1765 (found in Immigration Records: German and Swiss Settlers in America, 1700s – 1800s). He took the Oath of Allegiance at Northampton, PA before Jacob Horner, on 21 Feb 1778, which demonstrates that he immigrated to PA. He was a member of the New Bethel Zion Church (Evangelical Lutheran), Grimville, Greenwich Twp., Berks Co., PA, where he took communion on 6 Nov 1791, was a deacon in 1796 and a builder of the schoolhouse. John, Sr. He is head of a family in the 1790 Census for Maxatawny Twp., Berks Co., PA. He died 8 Feb 1797, Maxatawny Twp., Berks Co., PA. Johannes and his wife Margaret were buried at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Krumsville, PA.

John Witt is listed in PA Archive Series 3, Volume 18-Berks Co., Maxatawny Twp., as follows:

- 1779 John Witt, 100 acres 2 horses 3 cows (p. 251)
- 1780 Jno Witt, 125 acres 2 horses 3 cows (p. 383)
- 1781 Jno Witt, 125 acres 3 horses 4 cows (p. 511)
- 1784 John Witt 100 acres 3 horses 3 cows 3 sheep (p. 638)
- 1785 John Witt (p. 770 or 767).

John's wife, Anna Margaretha Herdlein, was born in 1729, in Bavaria, Germany, the daughter of John Jacob and Julia (Dressler) Hartlein. She died about 1791 in Maxatawny Twp., Berks Co., PA, and is buried with her husband at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Krumsville, Berks Co., PA.

Eastern Counties of Pennsylvania in Year 2000



Johannes, Margaret and children located in three primary counties of PA, i.e., Montgomery, Berks, and Northampton - now Lehigh Cos. Dominant areas within these counties are: New Hanover Twp., Montgomery Co.; Greenwich Twp. and Maxatawny Twp in Berks Co.; and the city of Krumsville, Berks Co. Carl and Margaretha Uhl also attended New Bethel Zion Church in Grimville, Berks Co. during the early 1790s, when the Witt's were also in attendance at this church.

Note: Maxatawny Twp. was formed in 1742, while part of Philadelphia, PA; Berks Co. was formed in 1752; Greenwich Twp. was formed from Albany Twp. in 1755, and Albany Twp. was formed in 1752. Montgomery Co. was formed from Philadelphia Co. in 1784.

**RECORD OF JOHN WITT BEING IN BERKS CO. IN 1765
(Recorded in PA Vital Records, Volume 1700s-1800s)**

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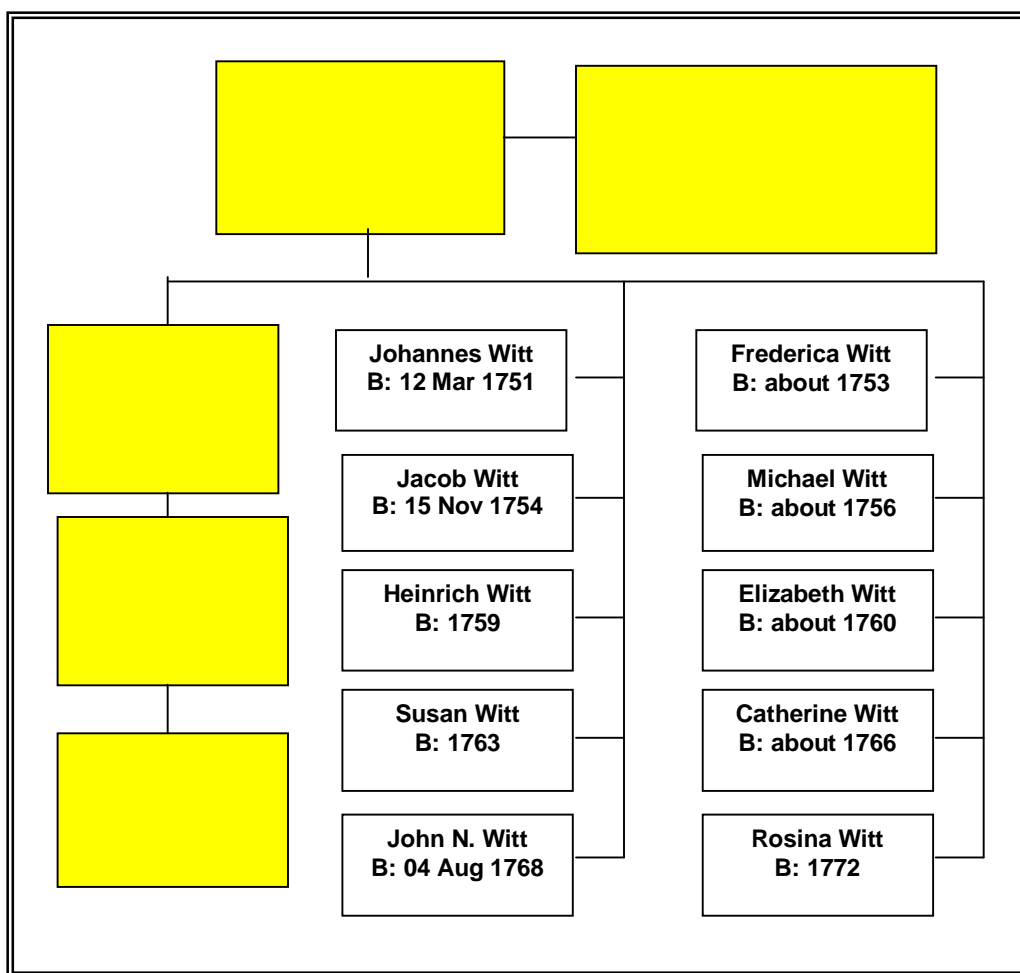
Jurors' Names.	Township.	County.	Sacrament when taken.
HENRY PETERS.	Lebanon.	Lancaster.	July 21, 1765.
CHRISTOPHER BECK.	Philadelphia.	Philadelphia.	Sept. 22, 1765.
ANDREW GRUBEL.	Philadelphia.	Philadelphia.	Sept. 22, 1765.
ELIJAH ETTING.	York.	York.	[A Jew].
ERHART GRIM.	Philadelphia.	Philadelphia.	Sept. 22, 1765.
FREDERICK WOLBER.	Northern Liberties.	Philadelphia.	Oct. 3, 1765.
PHILIP SOMMER.	Northern Liberties.	Philadelphia.	Oct. 3, 1765.
ANDREW BECK, Junr.	Philadelphia.	Philadelphia.	Oct. 3, 1765.
MICHAEL GUTTS.	Philadelphia.	Philadelphia.	Oct. 3, 1765.
AND. BECK, Senr.	Philadelphia.	Philadelphia.	Sept. 22, 1765.
JOHN SLYERWALD.	Albany.	Berks.	Oct. 3, 1765.
GEORGE BREINER.	Albany.	Berks.	Oct. 3, 1765.
JACOB GORTNER.	Albany.	Berks.	Oct. 3, 1765.
CHRISTR. BRAUCKER.	Albany.	Berks.	Oct. 3, 1765.
GEORGE SAUSELE.	Linon.	Northampton.	Oct. 3, 1765.
LEWIS GRAAS.	Northern Liberties.	Philadelphia.	Oct. 3, 1765.
LUDWICK SNYDER.	Northern Liberties.	Philadelphia.	Oct. 3, 1765.
JOHN STROHM.	Northern Liberties.	Philadelphia.	Oct. 3, 1765.
CHRISTR. WHITNER.	Northern Liberties.	Philadelphia.	Oct. 3, 1765.
NICH. KLEIN.	Northern Liberties.	Philadelphia.	Oct. 3, 1765.
GEORGE TERNIS.	Northern Liberties.	Philadelphia.	Oct. 3, 1765.
ADAM FRITCHMAN.	Bethlehem.	Northampton.	Sept. 22, 1765.
LUDWICK LYNBERGER.	Bethlehem.	Northampton.	Sept. 26, 1765.
PHILIP FOX.	Bethlehem.	Northampton.	Sept. 28, 1765.
CHRISTOPHER DAVID COTZ.	Bethlehem.	Northampton.	Sept. 26, 1765.
JACOB FREY.	District in	Berks.	Oct. 1, 1765.
FRANTZ MOSER.	Oley.	Berks.	Aug. 4, 1765.
JOHN ALBRECHT.	Rachlin.	Berks.	Sept. 8, 1765.
NICHOLAS KUNTZ.	Oley.	Berks.	Sept. 27, 1765.
GOTLEP DORNBLASER.	Bethlehem.	Northampton.	Sept. 22, 1765.
JOHN HUMMEL.	Greenwich.	Berks.	Oct. 1, 1765.
JACOB WIBLE.	Lebanon.	Lancaster.	July 21, 1765.
NICHOLAS WEISS.	Lebanon.	Lancaster.	July 21, 1765.
GEORGE HAERING.	Greenwich.	Berks.	Sept. 28, 1765.
JOHN HAERING.	Greenwich.	Berks.	Sept. 28, 1765.
HENRY MINICH.	Greenwich.	Berks.	Oct. 3, 1765.
ANDREAS BOLCH.	Greenwich.	Berks.	Oct. 3, 1765.
JOHN WITT.	Greenwich.	Berks.	Oct. 3, 1765.
PETER HAAL.	Greenwich.	Berks.	Oct. 3, 1765.
MARTIN LINDHOOF.	Lebanon.	Lancaster.	July 21, 1765.
CONRAD SEINMAN.	Lebanon.	Lancaster.	Sept. 22, 1765.
MICHAEL FISHER.	Ruscom Manor.	Berks.	Sept. 8, 1765.
GEO. MICHAEL STERN.	Greenwich.	Berks.	Sept. 28, 1765.
PHILIP MEYER.	Maxatawny.	Berks.	Sept. 28, 1765.
LEONARD SAUL.	Weisenberg.	Northampton.	Sept. 28, 1765.
ANTHONY ALTMAN.	Maxatawny.	Berks.	Sept. 28, 1765.
SEBASTIAN GERINGER.	Weisenberg.	Northampton.	Sept. 18, 1765.
PETER GARTNER.	Albany.	Berks.	Aug. 25, 1765.
LEWIS WINCKLER.	Bethlehem.	Northampton.	Sept. 22, 1765.
CHRISTIAN CONRAD.	Rockland.	Berks.	Sept. 22, 1765.
MELCHIOR WEBER.	Hartford.	Berks.	Oct. 1, 1765.
ADAM HUTTER.	Hartford.	Berks.	Oct. 1, 1765.
PETER MILLER.	Maxatawny.	Berks.	Sept. 2, 1765.
PHILIP HEN.	Maxatawny.	Berks.	Sept. 2, 1765.

Baptisms of children of John and Anna Margaretha (Herdlein) Witt are found in:

- **Johannes** in 1751 in the New Hanover Lutheran Church, Montgomery Co., PA.
- **Frederica** in 1753, Montgomery Co., PA
- **Jacob** in 1754, Albany Twp., Berks Co., PA
- **Michael** in 1756, Berks Co., PA
- **Heinrich (Henry)** in 1758 at the Allemangle Church, Berks Co., PA
- **Elizabeth** about 1760 in Allemangle Church, Berks Co., PA
- **John** in 1768 at the New Bethel Zion Church, Greenwich Twp., Berks Co., PA
- **Rosina** in 1772 in Greenwich Twp., Berks Co., PA

Grandchildren, born to their oldest child, Johannes, are recorded in the New Bethel Zion Church at Greenwich Twp. in Berks Co. from 1774 to 1784. Finally, in his will dated 9 Jan 1795, filed 2 Feb 1798, and proven 8 Feb 1798, John lists the following family members: wife, Margaret; eldest son, John; John Nicholas; Jacob, Michael; George; Frederica (w/Michael Schaffer); Susanna Flickinger; Elizabeth Knob/Kroh; Catharine Kamp; Rosina Zimmer.

TEN CHILDREN OF JOHANNES WITT, SR & ANNA MARGRETHA HERDLEIN – BORN IN PA



CHILDREN OF JOHANNES (JOHN) AND MARGRETHA (HERDLEIN) WITT

- **Johannes Witt:** Born 12 Mar 1751, Philadelphia Co. (Montgomery Co.), PA; Baptized 14 Apr 1751, New Hanover (Falkner Swamp) Lutheran Church, Montgomery Co., PA. He married **Margaretha**, born 1755, Berks Co. John died 1835 in Greenwich Twp., Berks Co.; Children: Catharine, Roberta, Magdalena, Johannes, Gertrude, and Regina/Rosina. These were members recorded by the New Bethel Zion Church, Greenwich Twp., Berks Co., PA as taking communion 6 Nov 1791. They resided in Berks Co., PA. Church baptism records include: Johannes Witt s/o Johannes and Margaretha Witt, born 17 Feb 1784, baptized 20 May 1784, New Bethel Zion Church, Greenwich Twp., Berks Co., PA, and Gertrude Witt, d/o Johannes and Margaretha Witt, born 9 Jan 1791, and baptized 15 May 1791, New Bethel Zion Church, Greenwich Twp., Berks Co., PA.
- **Frederica Christine Witt:** Born ~1753, Montgomery Co., PA; married **Michael Shaffer**.
- **Jacob Witt:** Born on 15 Nov 1754, Albany Twp., Berks Co., PA, and died on 13 Nov 1835, Southampton Twp., Somerset Co., PA. He was buried at Wellersburg, Somerset Co., PA. He married (1): 22 Sep 1783 to **Christine M. Davis**, born ca 1754, died ca 1815, Somerset Co., PA. Children: John M., Jacob, Samuel D. He married (2): ca 1815 to Elizabeth Probst, widow in Somerset Co., born ca 1754, died 22 Mar 1852. Children: Elizabeth.

Jacob enlisted 1776 in the Revolutionary War, while living in Maxatawny Twp., and served periodically during the war. He was at Battle of Monmouth. Jacob received 400 acres of land for his Revolutionary War service. He was allowed pension on his application, executed 19 Oct 1832, while living in Southampton Twp., Somerset Co., PA. He received a pension of \$30 per month, starting in April 1834 and continuing to his death in 1835. He is listed in 1810 census of Londonderry Twp., and found in tax list of 1805 in Southampton Twp. He had land in Allegany Co., MD, and was a farmer, distillery man, and coal miner.

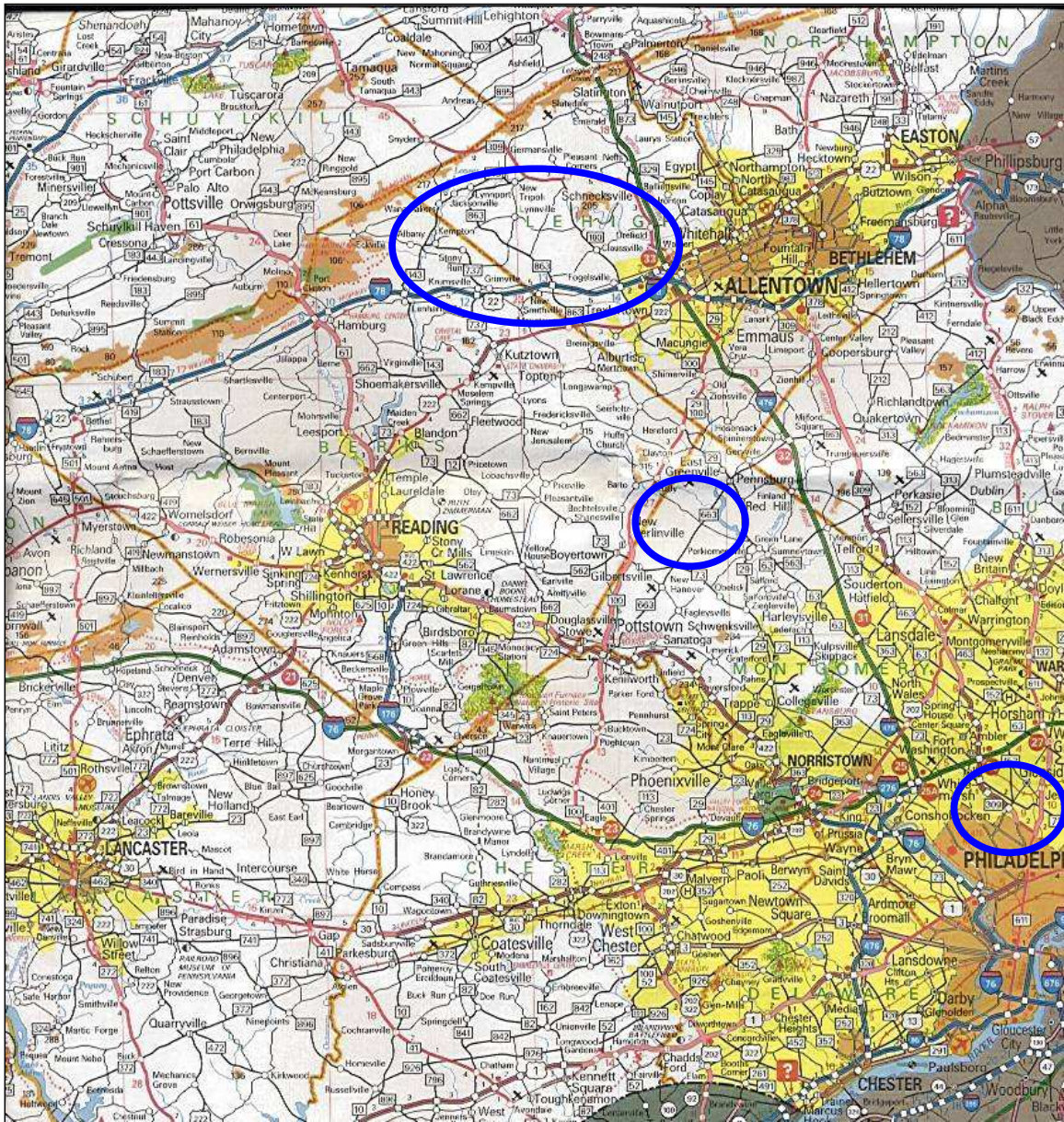
- ◆ **John M. Witt**, s/o Jacob Witt and Christina Davis
Born 1 Apr 1784, Albany Twp., Northampton (now Lehigh) Co., PA
Died 19 Mar 1859, Somerset Co., PA
Married ca. 1812 to **Catherine Davis**
Born 1784; Died 11 Feb 1869
Buried at Union Cemetery, Somerset Co., PA
Children: Samuel Davis (1813), John Landis (1816), Caroline Rebecca (1820), Cornelius Heyer (1823), Lydia M. E. (1825), Luther Heister (1828)
Resided: John came to Somerset Co., PA in 1812. He lived in Somerset and had land in Southampton Twp. John was a county surveyor and a commissioner for the Somerset and Conemaugh Turnpike which was to begin in Somerset borough and extend to the Canal Basin in Johnstown. He was also elected Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills, Clerk of Orphans Court (1821), Justice of Peace for District #1, and Sheriff of Somerset Co. (1831).
- ◆ **Jacob Witt, Jr.**, s/o Jacob Witt, Sr. and Christina Davis
Born 20 May 1787, Weissenburg Twp, Northampton (now Lehigh Co.) PA
Baptized 24 Jan 1788, Lutheran and Reformed Church, Weissenburg Twp., Lehigh Co., PA
Died 7 Mar 1842 Somerset Co., PA; Buried at Wellersburg Reformed Lutheran Cemetery.
Married (1) ca. 1811 to **Eva Shultz**, who died by 1818
Children: Daniel (1812), Jacob (1813), Jesse (1816), [Does William George fit here?]
Married (2) 16 Jul 1821 to "**Katie**" **Catherine Sturtz**, d/o Christian Sturtz Jr. / Margaret Strein
Born 28 Aug 1789, Southampton Twp., Somerset Co., PA
Died 11 Mar 1849, Southampton Twp., Somerset Co., PA; buried Wellersburg Cemetery
Children: William George (1818?), John J. (1824), Jonathan Theodore (1825), Samuel (1825), Margaret Rebecca (1829), Susanna (1831)
Jacob Witt was a mason who resided in Southampton Twp., Somerset Co., PA. Wellersburg Reformed Church records show a Jacob Witt and a Catherine Witt taking communion on 8 Oct 1826, 20 Jun 1830. Perhaps they moved there at this time.

CHILDREN OF JOHANNES (JOHN) AND MARGARETHA (HERDLEIN) WITT

- **Michael Witt:** Born about 1756, Berks Co.
- **Johann Heinrich Witt:** Born 1758; Christening at Allemangle Church, PA; Died before 1795
- **Elizabeth:** Born about 1760, Allemangle Church, PA
- **Susan Witt:** Born 1763, Dauphin Co., PA, and died 1 Jan 1840, Smithville, Wayne Co., PA. Buried Smithville, Daulphin Co. Married 1782 in Daulphin, PA, to **Jacob Derr Flickinger**, born 1758 in PA; Children: 5 daughters and 7 sons, born 1783 – 1809 in Daulphin, PA, Washington Co., MD, Allegany Co., MD, and Somerset Co., PA
- **George Witt:** Born ~1764, PA; Died Jul 1793, Somerset, PA; Buried Comps Cemetery, in Kennell's Mill, Somerset Co., PA. Married **Sarah Schrock** of Lehigh Co., PA. She died 1793, PA and was buried with George in Comps Cemetery, Somerset Co., PA. Children: John Witt, born 1786, Northampton, now Lehigh Co., PA; George, Jonathan; and Elizabeth.
 - ◆ **John Witt** was born 15 Apr 1786, Lehigh (then Northampton) Co., and died 15 Jul 1836, Allegany Co., MD. He married ~1808, MD/PA to **Rebecca Margaret Korn**s, d/o Michael Korn and Susanna Baker (Boucher / Bauscher). She was born 1791, PA and died 26 Nov 1833, Allegany Co., MD. Both were buried Wellersburg Cemetery, Somerset, PA. Children: Catherine (1808) (Reiber), Rachel (1810) (Wilhelm), Susanna (1812) (Trimble), George (1813), [Jacob (1815)], Mary Magdalene (1818)(Houx), Sarah (1819) (Clark), John G. (1821), female [Elizabeth?] (1825), Jonathan (1826), Carl (1830)
They lived on 50 acres in Allegany County, Maryland, on the border of Pennsylvania at Wellersburg on the east side of the road. Although it was a military lot there is no record of John having served in military. He was a blacksmith. John and Rebecca Korn Witt belonged to the Zion Lutheran and Reformed Church, Wellersburg, Somerset Co., PA. They moved from Somerset Co., PA to Allegany Co., MD about 1813.
 - ◆ **George Witt** was born 29 Aug 1788, Berks Co., PA and married unknown. He resided in Allegany Co., MD and had children: male (1816-20)[Horatio], male (1816-20) [Ross], female (1821-25) [Caroline], male (1826-30), female (1826-30) [Mary Ann]
 - ◆ **Jonathan Witt** was born 18 Jan 1789, PA and died 16 Sep 1847, PA. He was married 17 Feb 1815, PA to **Catherine Comp**, born 8 May 1790 and died 28 May 1847. Resided in Allegany Co., MD. Children: Levi (1813), William (1815) and Mary E. (ca 1837).
 - ◆ **Elizabeth Witt** was born ca. 1790; died 1792; and buried at Comps Cemetery, Kennell's Mill, Southampton Twp., Somerset Co., PA.
- **Catherine Witt:** Born about 1766, PA.
- **John Nicholas Witt:** Born 4 Aug 1768, Berks Co., PA; Christened 28 Aug 1768, New Bethel Zion Church, Greenwich Twp., Berks Co.; Died 1822, Maxatawny Twp., Berks Co., PA; Married **Catherina Schucker**, born ~1773 in Berks Co.; Children: Son christened New Bethel Zion Church
- **Rosina Witt:** Born 1772, Greenwich Twp., Berks Co.; Died 1841, Grimville, Greenwich Twp., Berks Co.; Buried Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Grimville, Berks Co.; Married 25 May 1792 to **Johannes Zimmer**, born in 1764 in Greenwich Twp., Berks Co., PA. Children: 5 sons born near New Bethel Zion Church, 1793-1809.



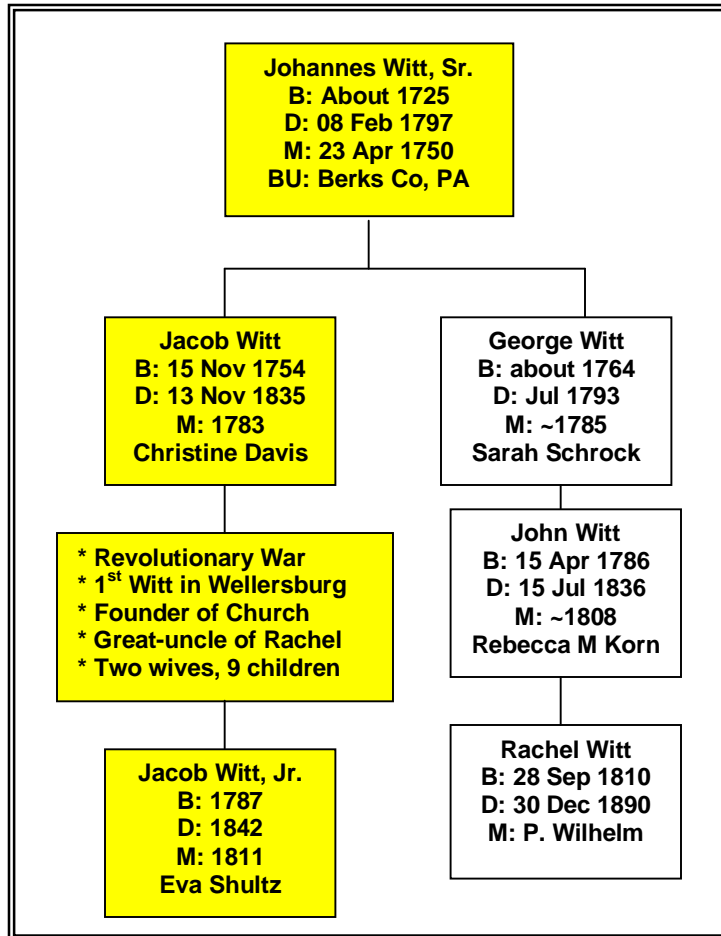
Picture of a drawing of the New Bethel Zion Church, located in Greenwich Twp., city of Grimville, in Berks County. This first church was built about 1762 and has been replaced with modern churches over time. Many children of John Witt and his grandchildren were baptized here.



CURRENT MAP OF PA THAT SHOWS LOCATION OF CITIES SETTLED BY WITT'S

Information found on the activities of Johannes (John) and his wife and children indicate that the parents, and many children, settled in Berks County from about 1780+ and died there in 1790+ to 1820+. However, some children, including our direct line ancestor, George Witt, moved west to Somerset County, near the Wellersburg area, and attend the Wellersburg Reformed Lutheran church from 1790+ to 1840+. Johannes' son, Jacob, served in the Revolutionary War as early as 1776, and was living in Berks Co., PA at that time. Johannes' son, George, was buried in Wellersburg in 1793, so the family arrived in Berks Co., PA in the mid-1750s, based upon Jacob's birth date, and some children moved to Somerset Co. in the 1790's.

2ND GENERATION WITT FAMILY TREE JACOB WITT – NOT RELATED TO HERDLEIN FAMILY



Jacob Witt, 2nd son of Johannes and Margaret Witt, was born in Albany Twp., Berks Co., and enlisted in the Revolutionary War in 1776. He left Berks Co. just after the Revolutionary War, becoming the first of the Witt line to arrive in Somerset County, where he married twice and fathered four children.

The Witt family had an historic influence in the new County, especially in the Wellersburg area, where Jacob Sr. helped found a Reformed and Lutheran Church, which was attended by many members of the Witt, Uhl, Wilhelm, and Close families, and by other families related to the Carter line.

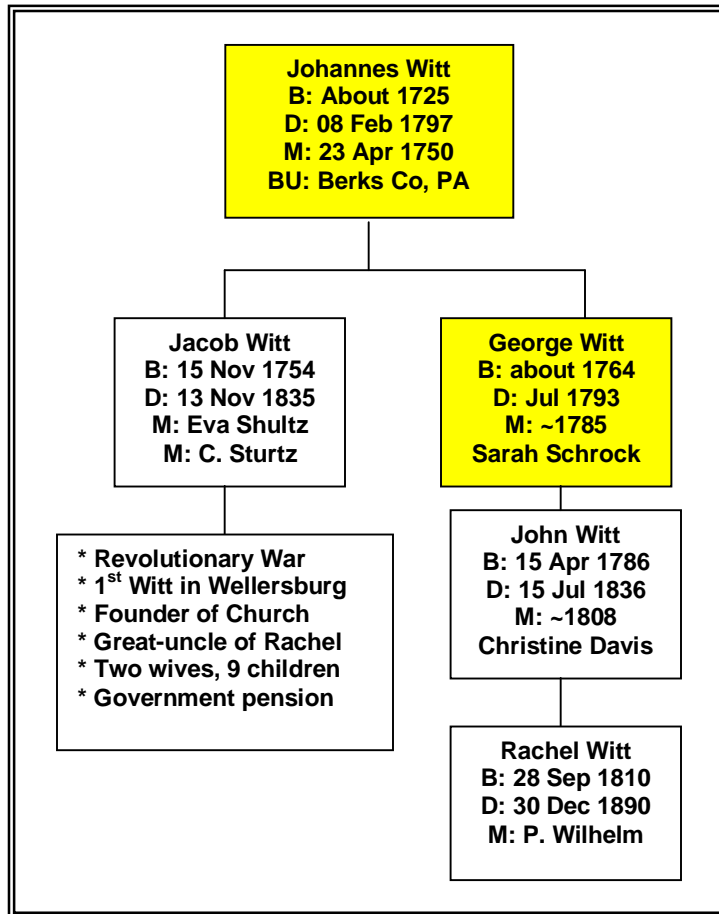


In the church cemetery is a monument that contains the history of Jacob Witt and graves of his family (Note: Plaque confuses Jacob Sr, with Jacob Jr).

“Jacob Witt – founder of the Wellersburg PA family of that name, was born in Albany Township, Berks County, PA on November 15, 1754 and he died November 13, 1835 in the Southampton Township, Somerset County, PA. While living in Maxatawny Twp., Berks Co., he enlisted and served between the summer of 1776 and close of Revolutionary War – at various times amounting to 8 months – Sargeant under Captains Crosseur, Maser, Sutter, Spangler, Emert, Deal and Schapell with PA troops. He was in Battle of Mammouth and was allowed a war pension in 19 Oct 1852, while living in Southampton Twp.



**2nd GENERATION WITT FAMILY TREE
GEORGE WITT – GRANDFATHER OF RACHEL WITT (WILHELM)**



George Witt, 8th child of Johannes and Margaret Witt, born in Berks Co., also went west and settled in Somerset County. He is the direct line ancestor of the Carter family tree.

The move of George Witt to Somerset County occurred late in his life, since he died in 1793, and his move likely was late in the 1780s. His son, John Witt, is father of Rachel Witt, our ancestor who married into the Wilhelm line in Wellersburg, PA.

Birthplace: PA, likely Berks Co.

Birth Date: about 1764

Parents: Johannes Witt and Anna Margaretha Hartlein

Death Date: Jul 1793

Death Place: Somerset Co., PA

Burial: Comps Cemetery, Kennell's Mill, Southampton Twp., Somerset Co., PA

Marriage Date: about 1785

Marriage Place:

Bride: Sarah (maybe Schrock)

Bride Parents:

Bride Birth Date: about 1764

Bride Birth Place: Northampton, now Lehigh Co., PA

Bride Death Date: about 1793

Bride Death Place:

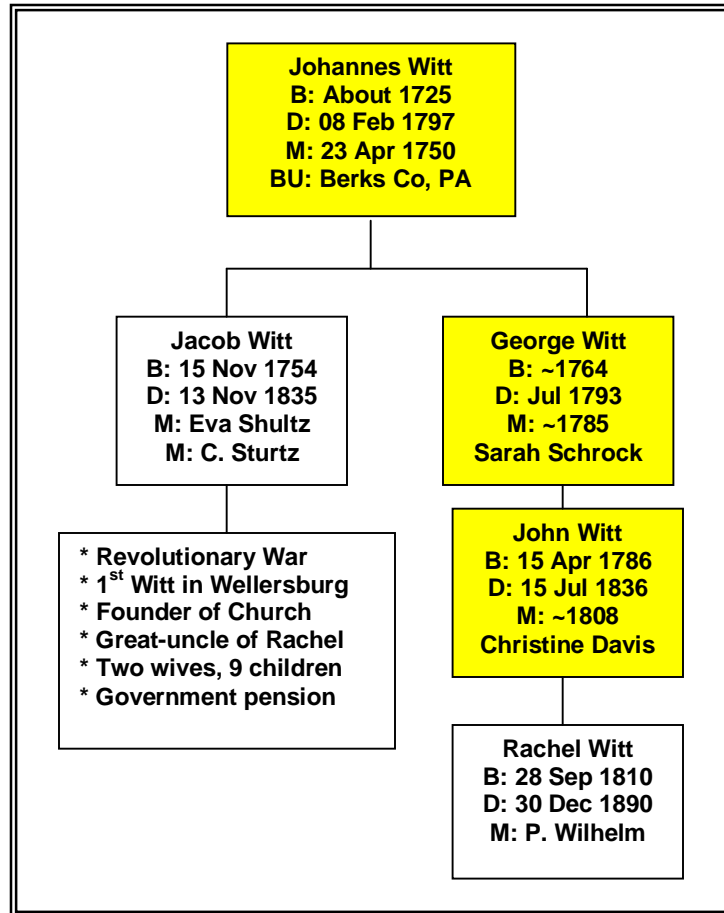
Bride Burial:

Resides: Evidence of his activity found in three counties:

- Likely lived with/near parents and attended New Bethel Zion church, Berks Co.
- Children born in Northampton (now Lehigh) Co.
- Likely attended Wellersburg Church-Allegany, MD

Children: 1st child, John, born 15 Apr 1786, Northampton Co., and died 15 Jul 1836 in Allegany, MD; 2nd child, George, born in 1788 in Berks Co., and died 6 Feb 1865 in Knox Co., OH; 3rd child, Jonathan, born 18 Jan 1789 in Berks Co.; 4th child, Elizabeth, born in 1790, and died in 1792, buried near parents in Comps Cemetery, Somerset Co.

**3RD GENERATION WITT FAMILY TREE
JOHN WITT - FATHER OF RACHEL WITT (WILHELM)**



John Witt was born in Northampton Co. before George, his father, moved to Somerset Co., but by the time he is married, he is living in Allegany Co., MD, just across the state line. He fathered 10 children, most baptized in the Wellersburg church.
Birthplace: Northampton, now Lehigh County, PA

- Birth Date:** 15 Apr 1786
Parents: George Witt and Sarah
Death Date/Place: 15 Jul 1836, Allegany Co., MD
Burial: Wellersburg Cemetery, Somerset, PA
Marriage Date: about 1808
Marriage Place: PA
Bride: Rebecca Margaret Korn
Bride Parents: Michael Korn and Susannah Baker
Bride Birth Date: 1791
Bride Birth Place: Berks Co., PA
Bride Death Date: 26 Jan 1833
Bride Death Place: Allegany, MD
Bride Burial: Wellersburg Cemetery, Somerset, PA
Resides: Born/lived as child in Lehigh Co.; Bore 10 children in Somerset Co.; Died in Allegany Co., MD, buried in Somerset, PA
- Children:**
- **Catherine:** B: 25 Jan 1808, Somerset Co., D: 23 Aug 1855
 - **Rachel:** B: 28 Sep 1810, Southampton Twp, Somerset, PA
 - **Susanna:** B: about 1812, Somerset, PA; D: 1836
 - **George:** B: 24 Dec 1813, Allegany, MD; D: 5 May 1852
 - **Mary Magdalene:** B: ~1818, Allegany, MD; D: 5 May 1905
 - **Sarah:** B: ca 1819, Allegany, MD; D: about 1877
 - **John G.:** B: 13 Jun 1821, Allegany, MD; D: 25 May 1906; BU: 26 May 1906, Wellersburg cemetery, Somerset Co.
 - **Female:** B: 9 Feb 1825, Allegany Co., MD; christened Wellersburg Reformed church; D: by 1836
 - **Jonathan:** B: 7 Dec 1826, Allegany, MD; christened Lutheran church in Wellersburg; D: before 1836
 - **Carl:** B: 19 Feb 1830, Allegany, MD; CH: Wellersburg; D: by 1836.

4TH GENERATION WITT FAMILY TREE – MERGES INTO WILHELM FAMILY

RACHEL WITT, WHO MARRIES PHILIP WILHELM

Philip Wilhelm was born on 2 Aug 1802 in Pennsylvania (in Somerset Co.) and was a farmer who lived on the John Witt (his father-in-law) farm, after marrying Rachel Witt in 1829 in Allegany Co., MD. At this point, the records of the Wellersburg Reformed Church, reinforced by the 1850-1860-1870 census records, tell much of how Philip's family grows and where they are living during the period 1802 – 1876. Rachel's great uncle, Jacob Witt, is credited with founding the church, but the Wilhelm families and Uhl families were also founding members. Records of the church report christenings of member children during the time period 1820-1840s.

Philip and Rachel bear 11 children in the PA/MD area before leaving in 1851, and going with their son, Levi, to Lee Co., IL. Here Philip and Rachel become part of the original growth of the city of Dixon, continue farming, and finally succumb in 1876 for Philip and in 1890 for Rachel. They also had land in Grundy Co., IA. Philip and Rachel are buried in Burkett's cemetery in Dixon, IL.

Philip Wilhelm was born 2 August 1802, the son of Peter Wilhelm and Salome Knauss. He was born and lived on the farm of his father in Somerset County. On 28 September 1810, he married Rachel Witt, the daughter of John Witt and Rebecca Korn's Witt. Records of the Somerset Co. Historical Society indicate that the marriage occurred in MD:

Marriage

Groom: Philip Wilhelm

Bride: Rachel Witt
MD: about 1829

Place: Allegheny, MD

The record indicates that the marriage of Philip and Rachel occurred in Maryland, but the 1850 census shows that the first children were born in PA. Their christening in the Wellersburg church followed each birth of Philip and Rachel's children. Philip Wilhelm's married and family life begins in 1830, with the recorded birth of his first child, Levi, as shown on the Wellersburg church records. The church birth records begin in 1823, but the 1830 christening of Levi, child of Philip and Rachel Wilhelm, is the first listing for Philip and Rachel. This indicates that they would have been married about 1829, and may have both been born in PA. The church records list births for this couple up to the year 1844, when the records end. After their marriage, Philip and Rachel lived and farmed on the farm of John Witt, and they attended church at the Reformed and Lutheran Church, which the Witt family founded.

