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Lannie,

I seem to recall that there is some confusion between John Peter Troutman and Wilhelm Troutman as to where the Troutman's of Southampton Township get their start in Berks County. I find Wilhelm Troutman's will to be convincing evidence that he is the father of Peter Troutman and William Troutman of Somerset County. One contribution to this confusion may be that Peter Troutman is sometimes referred to as Peter Troutman, Jr. or is it that Peter Troutman, Jr. the son of William that I say is wrongly attributed to being a son of the elder Peter? In short that reference in the records to Peter Troutman, Jr. remains a puzzle.

So there is the FGS #33031 on microfiche from Everton Publishers as compiled by Helen Robertson of Akron, OH 1982:

JOHANN PETER VON TROUTMAN born 1727 Zweibrucken, Germany, married 1747
Came to US on ship Neptune 24 Sept 1751 at Philadelphia. Took oath of
allegiance, Lancaster Co., PA 1751. Mil Serv: Capt. Rev. War

Wife's name: Elizabeth b. 1728 d. 1808 Southampton Twp., Somerest Co., PA

Children:

- 1) Catherine Barbara b. 1748 Germany m. 1769 d. 1825 Salisbury, Somerset Co., PA spouse: Marin Weiner
- 2) Barbara Elizabeth
- 3) Benjamin
- 4) Peter Troutman b. 18 Dec 1754 Berks Co. PA
d. 6 Mar 1846 Southampton Twp, buried Comp Cemetery
spouse: Mary Barbara
- 5) William Troutman b. 9 Mar 1758 Berks Co., PA
d. 27 Mar 1833 buried Wellersburg Cem.
spouse: Catherine Uhl b. 3-7-1759 d. 3-29-1833
daughter of Carl Uhl and Margaretha

Then there is the later FGS, also compiled by Helen Robertson that starts with Wilhelm Troutman b. 1730 Germany. I believe you have this so I won't repeat it entirely. It lists Catharina b. 1748, spouse: Jacob Klosz; and then Peter, John, William, Philip, and Joseph as children. Jacob Klosz is mentioned in Wilhelm's will so I think that is the correct spouse for his eldest daughter.

As I said I am taking Wilhelm as my ancestor as everything I have come across conforms to that. I don't know whether there is a Catherine Barbara Troutman Weiner/Weiner to account for this line you give. I did correspond with Helen Robertson, but she did not seem able to provide further clarification. Perhaps I should write another letter.

I will have to check old notes, but I think there was a John Peter Troutman as described. I suspect that he just got mixed up with the Wilhelm Troutman lineage at some point. I would say that a reexamination of the Weiner/Weimer lineage may needed to help clear this up.

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