

The Baer family traces its ancestors to Zweibrucken on River Rhine in Germany at a place known as "Baren Hutte" (Bruin's Rest). Tradition has it that Peter von Baer in the distant past married a daughter of Count Palatine and thus acquired rank and a coat of arms for descendants.

Christopher Baer born Zweibrucken 1700 died Easton Pennsylvania 1786 his Will proven Easton 15 Aug 1786 his wife is Catherine Wingert of Zweibrucken children-
Henry (Heinrich)
Melchoir born 6 Jan 1726 died 28 Feb 1793 wife Eve Elizabeth Christman
Johannes (John)
Salome
Appollonia
Jacob

Melchoir 28 -
Melchoir 28 1726-1793 -

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Melchoir Baer 1726-1793 wife Eve Elizabeth Christman had children including-
Ludwig Baer born Lebanon Pennsylvania ca 1745 died Somerset County 4 Sep 1820

Barbara 13 Nov 1760 - Sum 1762 - Eve Elizabeth Christman - Melchoir 28 1726-1793 - / Melchoir 28 Daniel 19 Nov 1740 - July 1820

The first county fair in Somerset County was held in 1808 at Berlin. Among the main attractions was scheduled a foot race by Valentine Lout and Ludwig Baer, both weighing 250 pounds and being over 70 years of age. The contest was declared a draw when Baer tripped Lout and they both fell to the ground in a huge heap. This story is found in Somerset County History (1906) by Welfley. It gives a clue to the birth date of Ludwig Baer.

Ludwig Baer 1745-1820 1st wife Maria Elizabeth 8 children, 2d wife Catherine Shaulis born 7 Sep 1773 3 Mar 1854 age 81 years 21 Days, interment Greenville daughter of Sebastian and Catherine Shaulis, 2d marriage 10 Jan 1797 9 children Ludwig Baer family enumerated in 1784 census Somerset (then Bedford) County. Dates and names of children taken from family bible register in possession of Ada Schramm of Salisbury, Pennsylvania in 1931. Fritz and Pine Hill church registers contain baptism dates of these children-

ELIZABETH born 6 Apr 1783 died infancy
BARBARA born 11 Dec 1785 wife of Andrew Klink
ANNA ELIZABETH born 2 Apr 1788 died infancy
LUDWIG bpt 6 Mar 1791 wife Isabel Hutzell, interment White Oak churchyard
MICHAEL born 27 Mar 1794
ABSOLOM date blank died 1864 married 1805-10 Keller interment H D Saylor Cemt
JOHN date blank married 30 June 1816 Annie Mast Greenville township
JEREMIAH no other information
The following children of Ludwig Baer and 2d wife Catherine Shaulis-
CATHERINE born 7 Dec 1797 wife of John Bittner
JACOB born 25 Apr 1799 married 29 Oct 1826 Elizabeth Wiltrott
DANIEL born 18 Feb 1801 married 23 Jan 1840 Eliza Deal daughter of Peter Deal
ELIZABETH born 14 Jan 1803 married 2 Oct 1827 Henry Bittner (1827) by Michael
MARGRETHA born 12 Apr 1805 wife of George Bittner, Greenville township
JOHN born 12 Nov 1806 married 7 Jan 1830 Susan Hutzell, Meyersdale Union Cemty
ROSINA born 21 Dec 1809 wife of John Zufall
WILLIAM born 30 Mar 1813 married 6 Oct 1833 Sally Deal daughter of Jacob Deal
SUSAN born 11 Apr 1819 wife of Jonathan Bowman

WILLIAM BAER 1813-1877 wife Sally Deal 1816-1903 had children-

MARGARET born 23 Jan 1835
ELIZA born 3 Dec 1837
SAMUEL born 29 Nov 1838
CATHERINE born 20 Nov 1840
SUSANNA born 24 Aug 1842 died 30 Apr 1846
DANIEL born 8 Apr 1844 died 3 Oct 1851

HENRY BAER and JACOB BAER (sons of Christopher,) families located in Somerset and Westmoreland, Penn. *1846*

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