



## LICENSE AGREEMENT (Download):

Copyright © 2010 Archive CD Books Canada inc.

**By clicking on the “+” or “▶” symbol beside the bookmark “LICENSE” to the left, to expand the bookmark, you are signifying that you have read, accept and agree with the conditions of this license. If you do not accept these conditions then you must immediately close this file and delete it from your computer’s storage.**

These images are supplied for information and personal research only.

You may not publish or sell any of the data contained on this CD in printed, electronic or any other format without prior written consent. You may not advertise to, or provide, a look-ups service of the contents of this product for personal gain or reward. A non-commercial, free, single lookup may be performed to assist a friend of acquaintance in their historical research but a period of at least six months must pass before providing that same individual with a further single non-commercial free look-up service from this recorded data.

If you wish to copy this file for your own purposes or to freely pass on to another you must copy the entire file as it came to you without any omissions or alteration. If you copy this product to a third party you must do so with this license intact and included.

By downloading this file you have not acquired title or ownership of the software materials or data contained in it. This license grants you a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the software only. This license permits only a single user on a single site to access the file at any given time. (For multi-user licensing or for library use please contact Archive CD Books Canada Inc. at the address given below.) If you wish to copy the contents of the file to a CD-ROM or other permanent storage medium for data backup purposes the CD-ROM must be stored under your personal supervision and you shall prevent it from being used by anyone else.

You are prohibited from translating, disassembling, recompiling or reverse engineering any part or the whole of the software.

The software may not be loaned, rented or leased or be used for any form of remunerated gain.

There is no warranty of any kind expressed or implied on the quality or content of this freely downloadable file. By downloading the file you agree that Archive CD Books Canada Inc. will not be held responsible for any malfunction, incorrect operation or damage, directly or indirectly caused by the downloading, storage or use of this software.

If you do not agree with the terms of this license you will take steps to delete or otherwise remove the file from your computer system and its storage system immediately without further use. All conditions of this license agreement apply to each copy of the file no matter how they were acquired.

This license agreement is governed by the laws of Canada.

Archive CD Books Canada Inc.  
P O Box 11  
Manotick  
Ontario, K4M 1A2  
CANADA

The Archive CD Books Project exists to make reproductions of old books, documents and maps available on CD to genealogists and historians, to cooperate with libraries, museums and record offices to scan and digitize their collections for free, and to provide money to renovate old books in their collection.

## A Biographical History of Waterloo Township and other Townships of the County. 1895 CA0320

To view the contents of this CD we recommend the use of Adobe® Acrobat Reader™. You can use a Bookmark & the “forward” and “back” buttons, or the scroll bar, to browse through the pages. You may also select a page number by typing it into the page number box, provided the box is displayed on your screen. It should be noted that the Index of Names in each volume references the index number of biographies NOT the page numbers. The Family names are (mostly) in alphabetical order across the two volumes.



*(ALL the human readable content in this book is accessible from this entry point. Some of the accompanying files on this CD contain computer code only.)*

We have also formatted the text of this book for computer text searches using Acrobat Reader™ and enabled our FastFind technology to speed up searches. While the process we have used to generate the searchable index for this book achieves accuracies in the high 90% area it should be assumed that errors remain.

**Remember, there is no substitute for human reading -  
do not rely on search results alone.**

For more books on CD from Archive CD Books, see the web pages at:

<http://www.archivecdbooks.ca/>

[For more books on Ontario click anywhere in this line](#)

## About this CD.

A Biographical History of Waterloo Township and other Townships of the County. 1895

The title continues: *"Being a History of the early settlers and their Descendants mostly all of Pennsylvania Dutch Origin. Also much other Unpublished Historical Information, chiefly of a local character by Ezra E. Eby."*

This enormous, two volume work is a treasure trove of genealogical information for the families who, after being twice displaced - once from Europe by religious intolerance and secondly from Pennsylvania for remaining loyal to the British Crown through the Independence revolution - finally settled in this area of what is now Ontario around the opening of the 17th century.

The first volume opens with a very brief history of the area. This amounts to only a little over 40 pages but is nevertheless separated into; Geographical, Growth and Development and Historical sections.

From this point on the remainder of the two volumes is a collection of compact, individual biographical descriptions, each identifying - at least - the individual's parents, their spouse(s) and their children. In many cases there are also notes about their life and achievements.

Every such entry is indexed and this indicates there are 8473 individual biographies, but - in truth - besides a few unnumbered biographies, there are frequently spouses named who do not get their own numbered entry. Frequently, the parentage and origin of these spouses is also provided meaning even more unindexed names. Perhaps most significantly the latest (and consequently most numerous) generation of a Family's tree frequently have no individual biographical entry. Overall this means that far more people are identified and named within the text than the indexing of the individual data sets would lead you to believe. Our guess is that there may be as many as an additional 10,000 related individuals identified in the two volumes.

It will be realized then that our presentation format of providing you with pictorial page images accompanied by a hidden, but still searchable, abstracted text of the pages provides the ideal key to unlock all the wonderful details locked within the four covers of this fantastic, two volume, work.

A passion for truth and accuracy will never allow us to claim 100% accuracy for our OCR'ed text but we do "go the extra mile" by hand checking the raw OCR result and correcting any errors we find. Plus our format offers you the "in location" copy of the text as printed so you can make up your own mind if our transcription is in error, if the original printing was erroneous, or if the author was passing along a pre-existing error.

In scanning our copy of this book we found, slipped in between the pages, a newspaper clipping reporting the funeral of Simeon Brubacher. There is a pencil written date of 1915 on the back of the clipping so this updates his entry in the book. We have included a copy of this clipping on the CD.

## ABOUT NAVIGATING THE PAGES IN THIS DIGITAL EDITION:

Both the volumes of the original printing of this book start at page one (1). However the content of the book, and it's numerical sequencing, is continuous across the separation between the volumes. To be less intrusive to your research we are providing you with this digital edition as one contiguous sequence of pages, the only remaining evidence of the printed version's physical separation , (other than the repeating page numbers) being the presence of the second volumes title pages and Index.

Our CDs always reproduce the original edition's page numbering for uniformity of bibliographical citations, but so you can order your computer to display a specific page in the book without ambiguity we have prefixed the page numbers with V1- and V2- according to their original volume.

The book's indices (to volume 1 and volume 2 respectively) are approximately\* alphabetical but reference the Index Numbers given to each (most) individual name entries, not the page on which they occur. To make navigation within the book a little easier we have provided you with "Bookmarks" to certain Family names and also given the relevant index numbers of the group.

Thus you will have the choice of navigating by: alphabetical name (approximate\*), by Index Number, or by volume-page number.

*\* Some names are out of sequence.*

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

**We have noticed that the book's two printed Indices show only about 25% of the total number of names expected from the extent of the Index Numbers. We believe that this is because the Indices ONLY contain names of the spelling variant of the Family name shown in the Index. The names of other individuals, i.e., those whose family name is of a different variant, are not listed, even though they are index numbered.**

A  
BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY  
— OF —  
WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

And other Townships of the County,

BEING A HISTORY OF THE

Early Settlers and Their Descendants,

MOSTLY ALL OF PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH ORIGIN,

AS ALSO MUCH OTHER

UNPUBLISHED HISTORICAL INFORMATION

CHIEFLY OF A LOCAL CHARACTER,

BY

EZRA E. EBY.

BERLIN

:-:

ONTARIO

:-:

CANADA

1895.

## PREFACE.



IN bringing before the public a History of the early settlers of the township of Waterloo and adjoining townships, it becomes necessary to give a brief sketch of the antecedents of the people who bear the most conspicuous part.

These early pioneers belonged to a Sect too well known to have a detailed narration of their founder, faith, method of living, etc. given here.

The main point of distinction from other Protestant bodies was the objection to military service and abhorrence of warfare and military life, the taking of Judicial Oaths, and Baptism of Infants.

This Sect (Mennonites) being persecuted by the different state parties of Europe, found a refuge in America. The first of their doctrine, after being requested by the ever-to-be-renowned William Penn to settle within his colony, came in 1683 and settled in Germantown, where they proved to be a religious, law-abiding and prosperous people.

Here the name "Pennsylvania Dutch" was first given them, a term applied as a distinction rather than one of disrespect.

These people branched out over various counties of Pennsylvania, and other colonies but they retained their peculiar theories as stated above and their exclusiveness from all worldly society.

The outbreak of the American revolution caused a somewhat lack of harmony among these people. Some sympathized with the British and for conscience's sake could not justify the doings of the colonial party, while others (American born) were strongly advocating in favor of the independence of the thirteen colonies.

This struggle was probably the cause of the migration to Canada of the first representatives of this class (Pennsylvania Dutch), especially so if we take in consideration the side of politics to which the early settlers leaned. They were all strong United Empire Loyalists and consequently Tories.

We find that in 1798 the pioneers crossed the border and formed settlements near the Niagara while others passed on to York County, along Yonge Street, north of Toronto. But the first to come to Waterloo township were Joseph Sherk and Samuel Betzner, who came here in 1800 from Franklin County, Penna. In the following year came the Bechtels, Beans, Kinseys, Clemens, Shupes, Livergoods, and Sararas. In 1807 came the Baumanns, Ebys, Erbs, Snyders, Webers, and later the Martins, Hallmans, Groffs, Detweilers, Shoemakers, Kolbs, Clemens, etc.

The names of the families coming to this county will be given in an alphabetical order together with the dates, places of settlement, occupation, names of children, etc.

As regards the History of the early settlers their descendants must truly take an interest in reading the biographies of those renowned and ever-to-be-remembered pioneers of this township and county.

The undersigned now takes occasion to sincerely thank all parties who have so ably assisted him in getting out the work. Special thanks to P. E. W. Moyer, Editor *Daily News*, Berlin; Rev. J. N. Brubacher, Salunga, Pennsylvania; Simon P. Bowman, California; Samuel S. Moyer, Berlin; and others.

In conclusion the undersigned commits his work to the judgment of the readers of our County, simply as a contribution to the local history, claiming nothing but a mere collection of Manuscripts and sketches that may prove from the facts recorded, interesting to the reader.

With these remarks the work is now submitted to the public.

EZRA E. EBY.

Berlin, Ont., August 9th 1895.



## INTRODUCTION.



THIS work, issued in two volumes, gives a brief sketch of the many families who came from Pennsylvania to this county nearly a hundred years ago. To it is added a short history of the forefathers those early settlers, giving their Nationality, Religion, cause of coming to America, time of their arrival, in which county they settled in Pennsylvania, etc.

These pioneers were all of one faith and spoke the same dialect, known as the Pennsylvania Dutch.

The information and facts given in this work have been diligently sought after by the undersigned for years and much time and labor has been bestowed upon the work. Events and facts have been obtained from the descendants of the early settlers and from parties in Pennsylvania, from the manuscripts of the late Rev. Benjamin Eby, Bishop of the Mennonites, as also from P. E. W. Moyer, editor *Daily News*, Berlin; Samuel S. Moyer, Berlin; Simon P. Bowman, and others, in order to make this an interesting work for the present and future generations.

It is now submitted to the public in the belief it will prove to their interest and approval.

Wo sin jetzt die Alte Doddy's  
Von der gute Alte Zeit?  
Wo sin die gute Alte Mommy's  
Die Schoene gute Alte Leit?

M'a sehnt sie nimme bei uns do,  
Die Schoene gute Alte Leit;  
Im Himmel sin sie jetzt so fro,  
Un frehen sich in Ewigkeit.

— EZRA E. EBY.



# CONTENTS.



## VOLUME 1.

### I. HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERLOO.

(I Geographical. II Growth and Development. III Historical.)

II. I A biographical history of our Ancestors and early founders of the Mennonite Colony in Canada, now Waterloo Township. II Sketches of the leading citizens of Pennsylvanian origin and descendants of the early founders, including the following families:—

Albright, Baumann, Bear, Bearinger, Bechtel, Bergey, Betzner, Biehn, Bingeman, Bliehm, Block, Bock, Bowers, Brech, Bretz, Bricker, Brower, Brubacher, Burkhard, Burkholder, Cassel, Christner, Clemens, Clemmer, Cober, Cowan, Cress, Cressman, Detweiler, Devitt, Eby, Erb, Ernst, Eshelman, Fordney, Freed, Gehman, Geiger, Gingerich, Gole, Good, Goudie, Grody, Groff, Groh, Haas, Hagey, Hallman, Hammacher, Heckedon, Hembling, Herner, Hilborn, Histan, Hoffman, Holm, Honsberger, Horst, Hostetler, Huber, Janzen, Jones, Kaufman, Keller, Kinsey, Kinzinger, Koch, Kolb, Kraft, Latschaw, Levan, Lichty, Livergood, Lutz.

### III. INDEX.



Catholic Church, of which body he was a priest. Soon after his separation from that body he was met by a number of persons whom he describes as being of one heart and soul with himself, and these (Non-Conformists) earnestly besought Menno to take upon himself the ministry of the Gospel. He became a powerful instrument in the hands of God to spread the true teachings of the Bible. Later on all Non-Conformists of Holland, Germany and Denmark were called Mennonites. These people were continually persecuted and harassed by the various governments, but in the midst of all their trials and sufferings they prospered. Before the end of the century these Mennonites numbered their adherents by thousands, in various Countries on the Continent of Europe. But the persecutions became so great that these unoffending people were forced to emigrate to places where religious toleration prevailed. Thus we find that in 1700 the first of the Mennonites came from Holland and settled in Germantown, near Philadelphia, and were soon followed by others of their faith, from Germany, Switzerland, etc. \*These settled in Lancaster, Berks, Franklin, Bucks, and Montgomery Counties, where at present great numbers of their descendants are still living. In the year 1709 several families came from "Pfaltz," originally from Switzerland, and settled in Lancaster County, and were followed by many others in eight or ten years afterwards. Most of these people were poor and had to endure many hardships in their new homes. In the midst of all this they had firm reliance upon their Heavenly Father who comforted and sustained them in all their trials. Here they enjoyed all the religious liberty and privileges for which they had longed so many years, and soon by their great perseverance and industry, they made for

\*From the valuable notes of P. E. W. Moyer, Editor *Daily News*, Berlin.

seventeen years of age. He arrived at Philadelphia in 1755 and settled in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. It is said that he made the journey from Philadelphia to Franklin County on foot and that he slept in barns or on straw in the fields wherever night overtook him. Mr Betzner was subjected to many and severe trials, partly arising from the military operations then harassing the country and partly from his former co-religionists in forsaking the German Reformed Church and joining that of the River Brethren (Dunkards), but all these trials were endured with patience. He was of a cheerful disposition and engaging manners. In social conversation he was pleasingly instructive. His only aim in this life seems to have been to prepare to meet his God in the world to come. This good old man was married to Maria Detweiler who was born in 1744, and died near Blair, Ontario, in 1806. In 1800 he and his wife, in company with John and Christian Reichart, moved to Canada. Old Mr. Betzner settled on the Grand River, opposite Doon, his farm adjoining that of old Joseph Shörg. Here he resided until his death which took place in 1813. They had quite a family. We know of five children, viz:

- 911 II BETZNER, JACOB, the eldest in the family, was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1769, where he died before his parents moved to Canada.
- 912 II BETZNER, SAMUEL D., the second son, was born probably in 1770, and was married to Elizabeth Brech.† In 1799 he and his family in company with Joseph Schörg\* and family, moved to Canada, and in spring of 1800 he settled on the farm now known

† Now spelled Break. \* Now spelled Shirk and Sherk. See notes pages 20, 21.

A  
BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY  
— OF —  
WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

And other Townships of the County,

BEING A HISTORY OF THE

Early Settlers and Their Descendants,

MOSTLY ALL OF PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH ORIGIN,

AS ALSO MUCH OTHER

UNPUBLISHED HISTORICAL INFORMATION

CHIEFLY OF A LOCAL CHARACTER

BY

EZRA E. EBY.

BERLIN

—

ONTARIO

—

CANADA

1896

(VOL. II.)

# CONTENTS.



## VOLUME II.

I. Sketches of the leading citizens of Pennsylvanian origin, and descendants of the early founders, including the following families:

Martin, Master, McNally, Meyer, Miller, Mohr, Moyer, Mosser, Musselman, Myers, Nahrgang, Oberholtzer, Pannebecker, Quickfall, Reichert, Reist, Reitzel, Rife, Ringler, Roat, Rosenberger, Rudell, Rudy, Saltzberger, Sararas, Sauers, Scheifle, Scheirich, Sherk, Schiedel, Schlichter, Schmidt, Schneider, Schroder, Shuh, Schwartz, Seibert, Shantz, Shelly, Shoemaker, Shupe, Sitler, Souder, Springer, Stauffer, Stoeckle, Strickler, Strome, Thomas, Tohman, Tyson, Unger, Urmey, Wanner, Weber, Winger, Wideman, Wile, Wildfong, Wing, Wismer, Wissler, Witmer, Woolner, Yost, Zeller, Ziegler, Adolph, and Benner  
—pages 17 to 706.

II. Index.—pages 3 to 14.

III. Corrigenda.—page 15.

IV. Added List (deceased parties).—page 711

- 4299 VI MARTIN, HENRY S., was born September 18th, 1845. He is a farmer and resides three miles north of Elmira. He was married, March 3th, 1868, to Leah, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Martin) Good. She was born December 29th, 1846. They have no family.
- 4300 VI MARTIN, AMOS S., was born September 26th, 1849. On December 10th, 1872, he was married to Magdalena, daughter of Isaac and Magdalena (Groff) Musselman. She was born December 25th, 1853. They reside in Elmira and have a family of eight children, namely: VII Norman, VII Lydia Ann, VII Mary Ann (dead), VII Angeline, VII Isaac, VII Peter, VII Catharine, and VII Angus.
- 4301 VI MARTIN, MARY ANN, was born January 23rd, 1854. On September 23rd, 1873, she was married to David M., son of David and Nancy (Musselman) Baumann. See No. 475.
- 4302 VI MARTIN, ELLI, was born October 11th, 1857. He is a farmer and resides on his father's old homestead. On February 1st, 1881, he was married to Nancy M. Baumann. She was born December 23rd, 1862. They have seven children, namely: VII Daniel, VII Leah, VII Mary (dead), VII Susannah, VII Nancy, VII Eli, and VII David.
- 4303 VI MARTIN, CATHARINE, was born March 27th, 1861. She is married to Martin M. Brubacher. See No. 1407.
- 
- 4304 V MARTIN, MAGDALENA, the eldest daughter of Henry and Catharine (Miller) Martin, was born in Woolwich Township, Waterloo County, December 8th, 1822. On March 17th, 1840, she was mar-

## MOYER.

The Moyer family of eastern Pennsylvania is so large that it must be traced to numerous ancestors of the same name. We find the name, however, variously written in old manuscripts, as Moyer, Myer, Myers, Meyer, Meier, and Maier, which was originally all the same name. I Christian Moyer, the ancestor of some of the Moyers in Salford and other townships of Montgomery County and also of those of Bucks County, came to Pennsylvania at a very early date† and purchased his farm containing 150 acres in 1718 or 19. This farm was located in Lower Salford. His family consisted of the following children, namely: II Christian, II Jacob, II Samuel, II Elizabeth, II Anna, and II Barbara. The eldest son (II Christian) of named family, was born about the year 1705 and died about the year 1787. His family consisted of nine children, namely: III Christian, III Jacob, III Esther, III Samuel, III Anna, III Maria, III Veronica, III Esther, and III Barbara.

4809 **III MOYER, CHRISTIAN**, the first named of the last family, was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in 1728, and was married in 1748 to Susannah Detweiler. He received from his grandfather, I Christian, the old homestead with 100 acres and was the possessor of 232 acres of land at the time of his death which took place in 1783. To him and his wife was born a family of fourteen children, namely: IV Fannie, IV Jacob, IV Mary, IV Christian, IV Magdalena, IV Barbara, IV Sarah, IV Samuel, IV Abraham, IV John, IV Elizabeth, IV Susannah, IV Hannah, and IV Catharine.

4810 **IV MOYER, CHRISTIAN**, the second son of the last named family, was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in 1755, and was married to Mary Freed. He inherited the old homestead with buildings and improvements together with 100 acres of land. This he sold after possessing it for five

† Some have it that he came and settled in Montgomery County as early as 1700.

## DECEASED.



The following parties whose names appear on the pages of this work have died while the volumes were being published, namely:

- Albright, Hilda, daughter of No. 1, died November 7, 1895.  
Bachman, Mrs. Leopold, † died April 23, 1895.  
Baumann, Anna, wife of No. 7935, died May 19, 1895.  
Baumann, Abraham, No. 326, died in December, 1895.  
Bechtel, Joseph, No. 651, died October 4, 1895.  
Bechtel, Magdalena, No. 6301, died May 30, 1895.  
Bechtel, Sylvia, daughter of George, died August 14, 1895.  
Bergey, Susan, No. 896, died March 13, 1895.  
Bingeman, Alfred, son of No. 1052, died December 16th, 1895.  
Bowman, Mary (Polly), No. 259 (Mrs. John Unger), died Oct. 7, 1895.  
Bowman, Edgar L., No. 439, died October 12, 1895.  
Bowman, Leander, No. 245, died September 24, 1895.  
Bowman, Joshua S., No. 234, died April 8th, 1895.  
Bowman, Hannah U., No. 115, died in September, 1895.  
Bock, Mrs. Moses, died December 8th, 1895.  
Bricker, Mabel Florence, daughter of No. 1317, died Sept 9, 1895.  
Brubacher, Ida Laura, daughter of No. 1407, died September 12, 1895.  
Brubacher, Catharine, wife of No. 1442, died February 1st, 1895.  
Clemens, Walter Bowman, son of Dr. L. B. Clemens (No. 1822), was born September 15th, 1895, and died December 6th, 1895.  
Eby, Benjamin W., No. 2438, died January 9, 1896.  
Eby, Nellie Grace, daughter of No. 2425, died September 24, 1895.  
Erb, Allan, son of No. 2912, died March 28, 1895.  
Ernst, John, No. 2957, died August 24, 1895.

† Mr. L. Bachman is a son of No. 6428,