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JOHANNES MERTZ AND HIS DESCENDANTS

This is one of eight “original ancestor” books that comprise the Mærtz Hierarchical Project. Mærtz is used to encompass persons named Mertz and Martz (and occasional other spelling variations).

Hierarchical Project describes a designation system wherein immigrants of this name are given one letter designations — Johannes is J and each male descendant of up to possibly six generations is given a 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 character designation code which indicates the exact way in which that descendant relates back to the original ancestor.

For example: J2a4b1 would be the first son (1) of the second son (b) of the fourth son (4) of the first son (a) of the second son (2) of Johannes (J).

A project like this needs to have some limits and the general limits in this project are it covers males born before 1850 who then appeared by 1880 as head of household in their own right in Census.

The persons so designated are covered in this book sequentially — that is to say all persons whose designation is or starts with J1 follow J and come before J2. All persons whose designation is or starts with J2 come before J3. And so forth.

For more information on the Mærtz Hierarchical Project or to learn more about the other seven original ancestors, go to:

mertzgenealogy.com/mertz_mhp.html

Please feel free to build on anything you learn from my work. Please do not cut and paste my full narrative on individuals covered herein.

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Name: **Johannes Mertz (J)**¹

Birth: bef 1730
Birth Memo: (at least 18 upon 1749 arrival)
Death: bef 13 May 1773³
Death Memo: (will proved)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

The records of Moselem Church note the 1756 marriage of Johannes Mertz and Rosina Haffa and say that Johannes, a wheelwright, was the son of Johannes "*aus dem Wurtenburgishem Stochenhausen*" (from Stockhausen in Wurttemberg, Germany). That record was written by the minister who married this couple and I have seen other similar citations for immigrants which named the father back in Germany and I have no reason to think it wrong.

Now there are some people who state in their family trees that John Henry Mertz, founder of Mertz Church, was from Stockhausen. For example, my father's cousin who did his genealogy in about 1970 told me, mistakenly, that I was descended from John Henry and he also told me, mistakenly, that John Henry came from Stockhausen. (When I later went to Germany and asked German friends where Stockhausen was, they said it just means "a village" as opposed the name of a particular village.)

But the truth is the record says that about Johannes and only Johannes. So either people totally misunderstood that fact or they *assumed* that John Henry was a brother to Johannes. But that can be ruled out since we now know the name of John Henry's father (it was not Johannes) and the names of his brothers (there was no Johannes) and where John Henry was from (it was not Stockhausen).

It is a fact that Johannes, John Henry and Jost all worshipped at Mertz Church at some time and that seems to be where they all started out in the new world. Later, they and some of their descendants migrated from there. So, they may have been related, for example cousins of some sort. If we could ever find a known descendant of Johannes, then his DNA could prove whether or not John Henry and Johannes were related or not. Until then, I just don't know.

Johannes gets the single letter designation J. He is one of the five Mertz "original American ancestors" who settled in Berks County. The other three "original American ancestors" settled elsewhere.

Johannes and Rosina were named twice in the records of Oley Reformed too, as sponsors, in one case for a son of Christoph Gerhard in 1764 and the other for the son of Johannes Friederich and wife Eva in 1766. It is curious their associations at times with Mertz Church, at times Moselem and at other times with Oley and also interesting that their marriage was recorded at both Moselem and Mertz Church.

Relocated and Census Tracking

The thing I don't know for certain is whether Johannes was the immigrant of that name who came in 1749 or was instead the immigrant listed as Hans Martz who came in 1751. I had always thought Johannes was the 1749 immigrant as that is what Morton Montgomery said but then I read a published family history that mentioned Johannes (the one associated with Mertz Church) as the other guy -- Hans in 1751. I consider neither source authoritative and will simply say I don't know which was Johannes (though I still lean to the 1749 guy) but it really doesn't matter. We're discussing here the Johannes associated with Mertz Church. I think he arrived 28 Sep 1749 on the ship Ann.

In the Annals of Berks County, Montgomery tells the story of Johannes Mertz. He was the son of Johannes of Stockhausen, Wurttemberg. He emigrated in 1749 and married Rosina Hase daughter of Melchior in 1756. Their children were Johannes 1757, Anna Maria 1760, Maria Salome 1763, Melchior 1765 and Peter 1769.

Discrepant Facts

Several of the early sources many people have relied on when researching their Mertz ancestry clearly imply that Johannes is the "key immigrant" of the Mertz family in America.

J L Floyd called him "the founder of this family in America" while Joseph A Meiser amended that description and said Johannes' father, who did not emigrate was "the progenitor of several of the Martz (Mertz) families in America" (i.e. several of the other immigrants were thought to be brothers of Johannes) and both of those sources said "the church located near his home was named Mertz Church in his honor".

All those statements are wrong!

- Johannes was only one of the eight early immigrants I have identified. In terms of known descendants, he has about the fewest of these eight immigrants.
- I can absolutely declare that two of the other immigrants were not related to him in any way, two others were definitely not his brothers (though may have had a more distant relationship to him) and I think it unlikely the other three were related to him in any way. I think his father was the progenitor of just Johannes and his descendants, no one else.
- Mertz Church was named for a different immigrant, John Henry Mertz. Johannes came to America after the church was founded — on land donated by John Henry. Johannes did baptize several children in that church but his family was not nearly so prominent in their early records as John Henry's.
- A Berks County deed clearly records the fact that John Henry Mertz donated the land for Mertz Church. The recording of baptisms at that church began in 1749 but the first page of the register lists all of John Henry's children baptized prior to 1749. He was the only church member for whom there was such a "catch-up" list. He was clearly considered the founder and that church was clearly named in honor of him.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

The estate of John Mertz, wheelwright of Maxatawny, entered administration 13 May 1773 with Rosina the widow as administrator. (Her sureties were from Maxatawny Township, Oley Township and Reading). I have examined his estate file, unfortunately there are no clues as to the names of his children.

Known Daughters

We know his two daughters from their baptisms:

Anna Maria was born on 2 Dec 1760. Maria Salome was born on 24 May 1763.

[As an aside, in the records of Rev Stoeber, there is record of the birth of Maria Barbara Mertz in 1751 daughter of Johannes of (or at) Northkill. It is not at all clear who this Johannes was -- another immigrant or this Johannes with a first wife prior to Rosina?]

Known Sons

We know for sure two sons of Johannes from their baptisms:

J1 Johannes was born on 17 Jul 1757 and baptized at Moselem.

J2 Melchior was born 11 Apr 1765 and baptized at Mertz Church. His is a unique name in the Mertz families, he was named after his wife's father.

Many sources -- including Morton Montgomery and Charles A Fisher -- that were often accurate, though sometimes had errors -- add a third son:

J3 Peter, born, supposedly, 9 Mar 1769. There does seem to have been such a man, I know something about him and otherwise I do not know who he was but I have never seen the absolute proof that he was the son of Johannes. There was no record of Peter's baptism that I have found. However, I include him here as his third son.

Of the five Berks County Mertz immigrants, Johannes is the only one that I worry may have had a son I haven't yet identified. I think he had just those three sons but I'm not 100% certain. If I totally believed Morton Montgomery, I would conclude that these were his only three sons, I just have to leave open the possibility that maybe there was another one no one knows about.

Spouse:	Rosina Haffa
Birth:	Dec 1735
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	25 Dec 1825
DeathMemo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	24 May 1756 Moselem Church, Berks Co, PA ^{2,4}
Father:	Melchior Haffa

Find-a-Grave

Rosina Mertz is on find-a-grave, buried in Alsace Manor. I don't know who else it could be other than this Rosina.

Sources

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Name: **Johannes Mertz (J1)**^{1,2,3,4}

 Birth: 17 Jul 1757 Berks Co, PA^{5,6}
 Birth Memo: (Mertz Church)
 Father: Johannes Mertz (J) (<1730-<1773)
 Mother: Rosina Haffa

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Here are some facts pertaining to one or more men named John Mertz who had some association with Maxatawny Township, Berks County.

A. Johannes Mertz son of Johannes and Rosina Mertz was born 17 Jul 1757 and baptized at Mertz Church 31 Jul 1757. I have no idea what happened to John, the infant. There is no way to exactly find another later record of a John Mertz and say, absolutely, that's him. Johannes, the father, died in 1773 and his estate file said he was of Maxatawny Township.

B. The only John Mertz or Martz listed in the 1790 Census — anywhere — was John Mertz who lived in Maxatawny Township, Berks County. The household consisted of one male over 16 and one female. In 1800, John Mertz was again listed in Maxatawny Township, now age 26-44 as was his presumed wife and they had 4 sons under the age of 10. In the 1800 Census there was only one other John Mertz anywhere and he lived in Longswamp Township. John of Longswamp was a known member of the Longswamp Mertz family.

C. There must have been a John Mertz living in or near Kutztown in 1791 whose wife was Margaret because a John Martz died in 1853 in Union County, PA in that brief period when death certificates were being filed and he said he had been born in Kutztown, PA in 1791 and his parents were John and Margaret Martz. Kutztown is in Maxatawny Township.

The obvious question is: are A, B and C the same man? I believe they are. I believe it most certainly must be that B and C were the same person, so the question really pertains to A.

Was A still alive in 1790? I don't know. There is no record of his death but there is nothing known about B or C that would prove they were A.

Was there any other candidate John who could have been B, the man reported in the 1790 Census? The answer is there is one slim possibility that has to at least be considered.

A pattern I have observed is that even as the Mertz families of Berks County slowly began to expand geographically in the late 1700's and thereafter, one thing is clear — as they spread to different townships in and beyond Berks County, they still tended to stay in clusters of closely related people. When you find multiple people named Mertz or Martz in one specific township in 1790 and even up to the 1840 or 1850 Census, it was either father and son(s) or brothers or perhaps first cousins. This family went to this township, this other family went to a different township but if you tell me the township, I can tell you the family. There are a very few exceptions but not many.

The sons and grandsons of Jost Mertz, for example, moved to Macungie Township, (now) Lehigh County and all the Mertzes of that place well into the early 1800's were that line. The sons and grandsons of Hans Peter Mertz moved to several different townships in Northumberland County before 1800 and up until 1830, all the Mertzes of Northumberland (including Union and Snyder) counties were of the Hans Peter line.

So it is in Maxatawny Township. Except possibly for John (B) in 1790 and 1800, all the other Mertzses of Maxatawny to at least 1850 were sons or grandsons of John Philip Mertz (H1). Philip himself is the only other Mertz in Maxatawny in 1790 and 1800, and then was joined by his son Daniel in 1810. There were no Mertzses in that place in 1820 and 1830 and then several of Philip's grandsons showed up in 1840 and 1850.

So it has to be considered that Maxatawny was Philip's township and John of the 1790 Census was Philip's son. Philip had two sons whose baptisms were recorded at Mertz Church and two more who I have concluded were his sons even though no baptisms were recorded.

The main argument in favor of John being Philip's son is geography, Maxatawny. There is though a problem of timing. Philip married in 1764, had Catharina in 1765, Maria Elisabeth in 1766, William in 1767, Anna Maria in 1769, Jacob in 1770, Philip in 1772, Christina and Ester in about 1776, Daniel in 1779 and Hana in 1783. If he had a son John who was age 45+ in 1810 and who had his own son in 1791, he must have been born in that one gap year 1768. Even so he would only have been 42 in 1810 but that is a possible discrepancy that sometimes happened in Census.

The counter argument — to support the proposition that A=B=C — is that Johannes the immigrant was at least at times associated with Maxatawny Township too. Yes, he was named at times in the records of the Moselem Church, at times Oley and at times at Mertz Church. (The Moselem Church is quite near Kutztown.) When Johannes died, though, it was explicitly said he was of Maxatawny Township. His wife's sureties were from Maxatawny in one case, Oley in one case and Reading.

Johannes may have had interests in both Oley and Maxatawny. Johannes's son Melchior, who with such a unique name can be easily tracked, was reported in Oley Township in 1790 and then he died and his sons later showed up in Ruscombmanor then Maidencreek Townships. So it is not a slam dunk to say Johannes was of Maxatawny, but it is one place he was associated with and the one statement in the estate document is a key indicator.

But there is one additional point. Clearly, John born 1757 existed. I can't say for sure he survived but he was born so he existed. John, possible son of John Philip, is merely postulated. There may have been such a man but his existence is only suggested by the fact that a John Mertz lived near Philip in 1790 and 1800.

My best guess is that Johannes born 1757, son of Johannes the immigrant, did survive and was reported in Maxatawny Township in 1790 and 1800 and married a Margaret and had a son John in 1791 in Kutztown.

Johannes born 1757 is designated J1.

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Relocated and Census Tracking

So it is my contention that John Mertz of Maxatawny Township in the 1790, 1800 and 1810 Census was John (J1). But then what happened to him? Let's take a more comprehensive look at all the John Mertz or Martz, decade by decade.

There was only one John Mertz (all spellings) in all of America in 1790. Well, I'm not counting a man indexed as John Morits in Whitehall Township, Northampton County that someone has annotated to say he was John Martz. The name really does look like Morits and, in fact, there were four other men of that name in Northampton County. But that name appeared

nowhere else and then even disappeared from Northampton in 1800. But I think it was not Mertz.

In 1790, John's household had just one male (himself) and 1 female, probably his recent bride.

In 1800, there was another John Mertz (P3a) in Census in Longswamp but I am totally clear on who he was. John and his wife in Maxatawny were 26-45 and they had four sons under 10 and one daughter.

In 1810, the number of John Mertz and Martz in Census explodes. There was this one in Maxatawny plus:

- In Shamokin Township, David's son John, P2a.
- In Salisberry Township, a John Mertz I'm not sure of but perhaps was George Heinrich's son H6b.
- In Allen Township, Heinrich's son John. H4c.
- In Macungie Township, a man indexed as John Martz but it is very hard to read and clearly sorted together with names beginning with W.
- In Bern Township, there was John Merts Sr. and John Merts Jr. in Bern Township. I have no idea who these two were but I've studied their names as written and I believe the name was Werts. You have to examine the way the Census taker wrote his M's in, for example, Michael, versus how he wrote his W's in, for example, William.
- Finally, in Upper Mahanoy Township, there was a John Marle. He was actually John Martz, P3a, who had moved from Longswamp to Mahanoy in the early 1800's.

But this John, whoever he was, was still in Maxatawny and then he and any remnant family of his seem to just disappear from Census.

In 1820, there were 11 men named John Mertz or Martz. For the most part I can identify them except there are two I can't identify who greatly pique my curiosity: John Sr. and John Jr. in Derry Township, Columbia County. When I was studying these Census listings, I formed a theory that John Sr. and Jr. of Derry were none other than this John and now his son John (the one born 1791) — but that's all it was then, a theory with no corroborating evidence.

That all changed in 2019 when I was studying land records of Columbia County. In 1813, John Mertz of Derry Township (recently removed from Northumberland County and made part of the newly formed Columbia County) bought land in Derry Township which he then, in 1819, sold — with wife Margaret. Margaret is the corroborating evidence. It was John (J1) and his son John (J1a) who were present in Derry Township in the 1820 Census.

Death and Find-a-Grave

I don't know where John last lived, I do not know where he died.

Known Sons

I have done a little bit of guessing here. I have guessed that John of Maxatawny Township in Census was the son of Johannes born in 1757 and moreover that he, with wife Margaret, had a son John in Kutztown in 1791. I believe that both John II and John III then moved to Derry Township by 1820. And then John III — meaning John born 1791 in Kutztown moved to Hartley Township, Union County. I pick up his story next.

Spouse: Margaret

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- 2.** 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), John Martz, Maxatawny Twp, Berks Co, PA 4/1, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0.
- 3.** 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), John Martz, Maxatawny Twp, Berks Co, PA 4/0, 0/1, 3/0, 0/1, 1/0.
- 4.** 1820 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-18 M, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), John Martz Jr. (8 people), Derry Twp, Columbia Co, PA, 1/2, 1/0, 1/0, 0, 0/0, 1/1.
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Name: **John Martz (J1a)**^{1,2,3,4}

Birth: 19 Nov 1791 Kutztown, Berks Co, PA
Birth Memo: (death certificate)
Death: 5 Feb 1853 Hartley Twp, Union Co, PA
Death Memo: (death certificate)
Burial: Laurelton Union, Laurelton, Union Co, PA
Father: Johannes Mertz (J1) (1757-)
Mother: Margaret

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

I've been aware of this John for a long time, but never before had any idea where to place him. I call him my mystery John. This John is important to me because he may well be the very first non-Longswamp Mertz to arrive in Northumberland, Union or Snyder county. I think he first appeared there in time for the 1830 Census. This mystery John was born 19 Nov 1791 and we know from his death certificate that he was born in Kutztown, Berks County and that his parents were John and Margaret. Kutztown is in Maxatawny Township. John died 5 Feb 1853 in Hartley Township, Union County. His wife was Elizabeth.

A daughter of theirs was Catherine and she married Peter Bingaman. A genealogy friend who descends from this same Bingaman family -- though not from Peter and Catherine -- is the one who first brought John to my attention.

So who was this John? To start to answer this question I think one thing is clear. His father was the John Mertz, age 26-44, reported in Maxatawny Township in 1790 with a presumed wife the same age and no children yet and then in 1800 lived in the same place now with four males age 0-9.

After much consideration, I think the John in the 1790 and 1800 Census was the John who I know existed from his 1757 birth. To believe anything else would be to believe in someone I would be inventing and giving the name John, but 1757 John is known. I don't know he survived but I also don't know what happened to him if he did. So the immigrant Johannes (J) was John I, his known son John (J1) born in 1757 John II and I believe he then had this son John III born in 1791. John III is designated J1a.

Relocated and Census Tracking

I might be able to better solve this whole mystery if I could find this John in 1820 and know it was him. His father was last seen in 1810 in Maxatawny, then where does this family go?

Consider this. In the Briar Creek Church in Columbia County, where we find mention of William (H1a) and Elizabeth, typically spelled Marz, there is this citation: Johannes Merz and Maria baptized Sarah born 24 Jan 1814. Who was this John? William did have a son named John -- but he was born in 1796 so I doubt he would have been baptizing a daughter in 1814. Could the John found in Maxatawny in the 1790-1810 Census be this mystery John (or maybe his father?) mentioned in the Briar Creek Church records? Was he William's brother? But wasn't the wife of John of Maxatawny named Margaret? And wasn't his son John married to Elizabeth? Did one or the other have two wives? When I have this many questions, it definitely means more information needs to be found. And I'm still looking.

But now consider this. In 1820 there was a John Jr. (age 26-45) and John Sr. (age 45+) in Derry Township, Columbia County. Who were they? Could they have been this John and his father now moved to Derry Township?

In fact, I think it was them and I can make the case that John Jr. was the John who then would move to Hartley Township in 1830.

1. John Jr. in 1820 in Derry Township has two sons 0-9 and two daughters 0-9.
2. John who died in Hartley Township in 1853 had one known daughter born before 1820 and two sons. [It should be noted that the Sarah mentioned above baptized at Briar Creek would be a second daughter born before 1820.]
3. I have checked as many death certificates as I could find for grandchildren of John who died in 1853. The key field I was interested in was the birthplace of the parent of the deceased grandchild — the parent that was John's son or daughter. The question was could I document any of John's children who had been born in Derry Township? The most typical answer for the birthplace of the parent of interest was Pennsylvania. [No help.] The second most popular answer was Union County, PA but I consider that the throw-away answer.
4. But one grandchild, Margaret Walter daughter of Peter and Catherine (Martz) Bingaman, said Catherine was born in Montour County. That's really quite interesting since Derry Township became part of Montour County when it was carved from Columbia County in 1850. It would have been Columbia County when Catharine was born but it was Montour County during almost all of Margaret's lifetime.
5. And one more point I'm adding in 2019. I now know that the wife of John Sr. of Derry Township was named Margaret.

So in 1830, I also have to explain where and who I think John was because the man I think was him was indexed by Ancestry as Ino Monty. I think what was transcribed Ino was clearly Jno, an oft-used abbreviation of John. And I sure can see that what was transcribed Monty looks a lot like Martz if you know that is likely who you're looking at. The key is this: We know for sure of nine children for John, two sons and seven daughters and Ino in 1830 had two sons and seven daughters.

After that, John clearly lived in Hartley Township in 1840 and 1850.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

On 30 Nov 1869, in Union County, Pennsylvania, the children of John Mertz — and, in the case of his daughters, their spouses — were listed in a document at the end of the probate of John's estate:

Lydia Mertz release to Abraham Mertz: Know all men by these presents that we, Lydia Mertz, Peter Bingman intermarried with Catharine Mertz, Harrison Bingman intermarried with Sarah Mertz, Daniel Horner intermarried with Elizabeth Mertz, Samuel Wolf intermarried with Margaret Mertz, John Dennis intermarried with Julyan Mertz, Michael Boob intermarried with Mary Ann Mertz, daughters, heirs and legal representatives of John Mertz, late of Hartley Township...

John and Elizabeth are on find-a-grave in Laurelton.

Known Daughters

There were seven daughters named in his estate document: Lydia who never married, Catherine, Sarah, Elizabeth, Margaret, Julyan and Mary Ann.

Catherine was the one of interest to me because of her Bingaman connection. Plus she had a son Samuel I Bingaman who married Harriet Alice Klose and she descended from Mary

Magdalena Mertz of Nicholas' line. So there are any number of these kind of connections I have with my friend Richard Aurand Sherer, with whom I correspond from time to time, but so far we have not established any common ancestor -- so we are not cousins in any way, so far as we know.

There were several marriages in Union and Snyder Counties of an Aurand to a Mertz (including Mary Magdalena's brother, for example) which is one way we find ourselves tracking the same families. And Richard has Yost (of York County) ancestors and Yost is a name you will find in my Mother's family tree. Then there is this line. Richard is descended from an ancestor of Peter Bingaman. He has been asking me about this Mertz line ever since I have known him. Catherine's father was John Mertz. But we have not been able to prove absolutely from which of the early Mertz lines of Berks County this John descends.

A note on Sarah. The Sarah, daughter of John, named in the release was born in about 1824. She was far too young to be the Sarah mentioned earlier, the daughter of Johannes and Maria, baptized at Briar Creek Church in Columbia County in 1814.

But I do not think it can be ruled out that Johannes of that church record was in fact this John, with first wife Maria, and whose daughter Sarah died and then he named a later daughter Sarah. I don't know it for a fact but I can't rule it out.

Known Sons

John had two sons, known from Census and/or the release. One was John, age 34 and said to be an "idiot" in the 1850 Census. He is obviously the Johann Martz, died 1 Feb 1852, aged 35 years, 6 mos, 12 days, son of J. & C., buried in Laurelton, the same cemetery as John Sr. and Elizabeth. It seems apparent that John the younger didn't reproduce.

The other son was Abraham — J1a1 — and I have tried to track him.

Spouse:	Elizabeth:
Birth:	25 Apr 1791
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	23 Jun 1868
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Laurelton Union, Laurelton, Union Co, PA

Sources

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2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Ino Monty, Hartley Twp, Union Co, PA, 10-14M, 15-19M, 30-39M, <5F (2), 5-9F (2), 10-14F (3), 30-39F.
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5. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Elizabeth Martz, 69, Hartley, Union, PA, Lydia 40.

Name: **Abraham Martz (J1a1)**^{1,2,3,4}

Birth: 20 Nov 1814
Birth Memo: (church death record says age 73y, 7m, 13d)
Death: 3 Jul 1888
Death Memo: (United Church Christ, Boalsburg death record d.3 Jul 1888)
Burial: Zion Lutheran, Boalsburg, PA
Father: John Martz (J1a) (1791-1853)
Mother: Elizabeth (1791-1868)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know that John had a son Abraham since it was Abraham who settled John's estate and his siblings gave him their release in 1869. Since he was not living with his parents in 1850, he must have been already out on his own. The question is where was he living in the 1850-1870 time period? From Census, using a guess as to his approximate age and assuming some proximity to Union County, there are two candidates: one in Milton and one in Centre County.

I think Abraham of Centre County is the right guy. His wife was Mary Boob. There are death certificates for several children of Abraham Martz and Mary Boob and most say he and Mary born in PA which is not helpful but two say they both were born in Union County. In Abraham's case, that may or may not be true but I think it for sure places him there earlier in his life. Also Abraham's sister, Mary Ann, married Michael Boob. I think Abraham and his sister Mary Ann married Mary Boob and her brother Michael, respectively.

Abraham is designated J1a1.

Relocated and Census Tracking

I have found Abraham in Centre County in 1850-1880.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

He and Mary are on find-a-grave. I also found a church death record for him.

Known Daughters

Two daughters are linked to him on find-a-grave.

One was always named Nancy in Census but he tombstone, which she shares with her brother Samuel, identifies her as Nannie. She never married apparently.

The other was Mary Ellen who shares a tombstone with her parents, she also apparently never married.

From Census, there was also a daughter Margaret and from her death certificate we learn she was the wife of Edward Moore.

Known Sons

Six sons are linked to Abraham on find-a-grave: John, George, Samuel E, William H, Isaac and Daniel C. Five of the six are buried in Centre County, Isaac, buried in Adams County, the exception. From Census, there was one additional son, Jacob.

I have only concerned myself, generally, with tracking sons who: a.) were born before 1850 and b.) were listed as head of household in at least one Census. Using that criteria, the only sons designated are:

J1a1-1 John born 1841 and J1a1-2 George born 1843.

Samuel E and William H were also born before the 1850 Census but always lived with their father through 1880. The remaining sons were younger.

Spouse:	Mary Boob
Birth:	21 Mar 1820
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	4 Feb 1889
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Zion Lutheran, Boalsburg, PA

Sources

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Abraham Marty, 36, Harris, Centre, PA, Mary 29, John 8, George 6, Nancy 4, Samuel 2, William new born.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Abraham Martz, 46, Harris, Centre, PA, Mary 46, John 19, George 17, Nancy 15, Samuel 13, William 11, Jacob 9, Isaac 7, Margaret 5.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Abram Martz 55, Ferguson, Centre, PA, Mary 49, Nancy 25, Saml 22, Wm 21, Jacob 19, Isaac 17, Margaret 15, Dane 13, Elle 11.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Abram Marts, 65, Harris, Centre, PA, Mary E 60, Nancy E 34, Samuel 32, William 30, Isaac 26, Margret E 24, Daniel C 19, Mary E 16.

Name: **John Martz (J1a1a)**^{1,2}

Birth: 23 Sep 1841
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 26 Feb 1914
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Reformed and Lutheran, Centre Hall, PA
Father: Abraham Martz (J1a1) (1814-1888)
Mother: Mary Boob (1820-1889)

Death and Find-a-Grave

John is on find-a-grave. He is linked there to his wife, said to be Alice Lavina (Bubb) Martz. His wife was named Catherine in the 1870 and 1880 Census. Then in 1900, his wife was Lavina, they had been married 33 years and she had had two children, both still alive. Two children lived with this couple, John A 30 and Mary E 16. There is very little that is consistent between John's 1880 household and 1900, it is a little confusing.

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Spouse: **Alice Lavina Bubb**

Birth: 14 Jul 1848
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 19 Jun 1937
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Reformed and Lutheran, Centre Hall, PA

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Martz, 26, Potter, Centre, PA, Levina 21, John 8 months lives with Andrew Keller.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Marts, 38, Harris, Centre, PA, Elvina 31, John A 11.

Name: **George Martz (J1a1b)**^{1,2}

Birth: 1843
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 1928
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Boalsburg Cemetery, Boalsburg, PA
Father: Abraham Martz (J1a1) (1814-1888)
Mother: Mary Boob (1820-1889)

Relocated and Census Tracking

George is in the 1870 and 1880 Census living with wife Elmira. As of 1880, they had no children. Elmira is linked to him as his wife on find-a-grave.

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Spouse: **Elmira Litey**

Birth: 27 Feb 1846
Birth Memo: (PA death certificate)
Death: 5 Apr 1928
Death Memo: (PA death certificate)
Burial: Boalsburg Cemetery, Boalsburg, PA
Father: Leonard Litey
Mother: Betsy Axe

Parent-Proof

Her maiden name and the name of her parents comes from her death certificate.

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Geo Martz, 35, Harris, Centre, PA, Elmira 32, Laura Leighty 30.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), George Mark, 36, College, Centre, PA, Elmira 34.

Name:	Melchior Mertz (J2)¹

Birth:	11 Apr 1765 ²
Birth Memo:	(Mertz Church)
Death:	bef 6 Oct 1792 ³
Death Memo:	(will proved)
Father:	Johannes Mertz (J) (<1730-<1773)
Mother:	Rosina Haffa

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Melchior is one of those few Mertzes who has a totally unique name so we can always be sure any record about him is indeed about him. We know when he was born and the names of his parents. His baptism was recorded at Mertz Church. He is designated J2.

Relocated and Census Tracking

He was listed only once in Census, in 1790 in Oley Township.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Melchior died young and left a will dated 23 Aug 1792, proved 6 Oct 1792. It named wife Mary and son Abraham. [A witness was Joseph Hoch].

He is not on find-a-grave.

Known Sons

Melchior married in 1789, had son Abraham in 1791 and died in 1792. I believe his only child was Abraham.

Spouse:	Anna Maria Keller

Birth:	20 Feb 1765
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	14 Apr 1789
Marr Memo:	(Rev Boos record on LDS film 20346)
Death:	5 Mar 1849
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	St Paul's Church, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA
Father:	Hans George Keller (~1771)

Parent-Proof

Melchior Mertz married 14 Apr 1789 Anna Maria Keller both of Oley Township.

The 1771 Berks County estate file of Hans George Keller names his children as Abraham, Maria, Catherine and Isaac. Later events link Maria Mertz, wife of Melchior, and Abraham Keller (her brother) -- such as he was a sponsor at the baptism of Maria's son Abraham Mertz.

Find-a-Grave

Maria Mertz (1765-1849) is buried at Fleetwood according to find-a-grave. Her son Abraham and his wife Eva are also buried there.

Sources

1. 1790 Census, (HOH, Place, M > 15, M < 16, F), Melchior Mertz, Oley Twp, Berks Co, PA, 2,2,4.
2. Church Records: "Mertz Church," Rockland Twp, Berks Co, PA, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, Repository: Summary Printout from Church Archives, Melchior Merz s/o Johannes & Rosina b. 11 Apr 1765 bp. 26 May.
3. Probate Records Berks County, PA, 1700's to current, Wills, Estate Files, Repository: LDS On-line Images, Also now on Ancestry.com, Melchior Mertz estate file is on LDS on-line, image 1769 in the appropriate Berks Estate files tranche.

Name: **Abraham Mertz (J2a)**^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}

Birth: 11 Feb 1791⁹
Birth Memo: (tombstone per find-a-grave matches baptism at Oley)
Death: 15 Apr 1882
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Paul's Church, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA
Father: Melchior Mertz (J2) (1765-<1792)
Mother: Anna Maria Keller (1765-1849)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

At Oley: Abraham Mertz son of Melchior and wife born 11 Feb (1791 assumed) baptized 13 Jun 1791 sponsor Abr Keller.

Abraham is designated J2a.

Relocated and Census Tracking

Abraham is clearly the Abraham Mertz who lived in Maiden Creek Township, Berks County in 1840-1880. The question is where was he in the years prior to that? And how to not confuse him with other Abrahams? A good candidate is the Abraham Martz that lived in Ruscombmanor 1800-1830 though there seem to be some extraneous (older) people living with him, one of course being probably his mother.

But the key to the puzzle is knowing that Maria's brother was Abraham Keller and I think he looked out for her and her infant son after her husband died and then, in a way, the tables later reversed and the uncle lived with the nephew.

1800. Abraham Keller was in Ruscombmanor with a young male 0-9 (Abraham Mertz?), himself 26-45 and a female 26-45 (his sister Maria?).

1810. Abraham Keller was in Ruscombmanor. He was no doubt the male 45+. There was a female present age 26-44. Maria Mertz was exactly 45 so let's say that was her. There was a younger male present, possibly Abraham Mertz but if so his age was totally misreported as 26-45 when in fact he was 19. And there was a female 10-15 present. I have no idea who that would be but I still would bet that Maria and Abraham Mertz are present in his household.

1820. I cannot find Abraham Keller. Abraham Martz was now present in Ruscombmanor with 2 males under 10, 1 16-26, 1 26-44 and 1 45+. And females 1 under 10, 1 26-44 and 1 45+. I believe Abraham and Eva, his wife, were 29 and 27 respectively so the older folks might have been Maria Mertz and Abraham Keller. The very young children might be Abraham's children, leaving the extra male 16-26 unexplained.

1830. Abm Mertz lived in Ruscombmanor. There was a male 5-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-29 and 50-59. Then 2 females under 5, 1 5-9, 1 10-14, 1 20-29 and 1 40-49. Abraham and Eva should be 39 and 37 so is this really bad reporting? Abraham Keller lived adjacent, age 60-69. Maria was still alive age 65, where was she? The male 20-29 seems out of place too.

1840. Abraham Mots (Motz?) was in Maiden Creek. He and his wife were 40-49, which is right. The ages of the younger people are reasonable, but again Maria seems to have gone elsewhere to live.

I have scanned all men with given name Abraham in Berks County in 1840, no other name looks like a corrupted version of Mertz.

1850 Census. I would not have found him in Census had I not known where to look (from his 1860 Census listing) and not known the full details of who I was looking for. He and his family were indexed by Ancestry.com as Martin. But Abraham Martin (Martz really), age 59, lived in Maidencreek Township with Eve 57, Daniel 30, Amos 27, Isaac 26, Mary 21 and Abraham 12.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Abraham is buried in Fleetwood Cemetery in Berks County with his mother Maria, wife Eve and son Amos and maybe other children too. Fleetwood is just east of the point where Maidencreek Township and Ruscombmanor Township abut. I think all the evidence, despite a few little tick mark issues, is that I have found Abraham in every Census.

His tombstone as listed on find-a-grave in Fleetwood has a birth date matching his known birth date. The names of other Mertzses buried at Fleetwood fit well with what is known about the names of Abraham's mother and wife.

It is the sum of the individual pieces of evidence that make the case here, the birth at Oley, the burials at Fleetwood, the connection to Abraham Keller, the death certificate of a daughter which names his wife and the 1850 Census. Everything I posit is in a way unproven but each piece of evidence strengthens the theory.

Known Daughters

From Abraham's will and a land partition after he died, we know the names of all of his (surviving) children: Daniel H, Isaac H, Amos H, Abraham H (of Boon, IA), Susanna wife of John Merkel (dec'd), Maria wife of Jacob Buskirk and heirs of John H -- Joel, John S, Franklin, Ellen Koller and Sarah Hoch.

Note the pattern I have commented on elsewhere. His wife was Eva Hoch, most of his children have middle initial H. A new naming convention had arrived by the early 1800's.

Known Sons

From Abraham's will and a land partition after he died, we know the names of five sons and I have tracked them all to 1880.

J2a1 Johannes born 1816
J2a2 Daniel born 1820
J2a3 Amos born 1823
J2a4 Isaac born 1826
J2a5 Abraham born 1837

Spouse:	Eva Hoch
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Birth:	10 May 1793
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	5 Oct 1850
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	St Paul's Church, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA

Parent-Proof

Eva Mertz is buried in the same cemetery as Abraham. The Pennsylvania death certificate of Maria Van Buskirk (1829-1916) says she was the daughter of Abraham Mertz and Eva Hoch. I believe she was the Mary age 21 living in Abraham and Eva's household in 1850 and gives us the evidence for Eva's maiden name.

Sources

1. 1820 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-18 M, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Abraham Mertz, Ruscombmanor Twp, Berks Co, PA, 2/1, 0/0, 1/0, 0, 1/1, 1/2.
2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Abm Mertz, Ruscombmanor Twp, Berks Co, PA, 5-9M, 10-14M, 15-19M, 20-29M, 50-59M, <5F (2), 5-9F, 10-14F, 20-29F, 40-49F .
3. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Abraham Merts, Maidencreek Twp, Berks Co, PA, <5M, 10-14M, 15-19M, 40-49M, 10-14F, 40-49F.
4. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Abraham Martin, age 59, Maidencreek Twp, Berks Co, PA, lives with Eve 57, Daniel 30, Amos 27, Isaac 24, Abraham 12 and others.
5. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Abraham Marts, age 69, Maidencreek Twp, Berks Co, PA, lives with Ames 36 and his family.
6. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Abraham Mart, age 79, Maidencreek Twp, Berks Co, PA, lives with Amos 48 and family.
7. Probate Records Berks County, PA, 1700's to current, Wills, Estate Files, Repository: LDS On-line Images, Also now on Ancestry.com, Will and partition of land. Heirs: Daniel H, Isaac H, Amos H, Abraham H (of Boon, IA), Susanna w/o John Merkel (dec'd), Maria w/o Jacob Buskirk and heirs of John H -- Joel, John S, Franklin, Ellen Koller & Sarah Hoch.
8. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Abraham Mertz, age 89, Maidencreek Twp, Berks Co, PA, lives with Amos 57 and younger males James 26, Amos 21 and Hiram 16.
9. Church Records: Oley Reformed, Oley Twp, Berks Co, PA, Baptisms, Repository: LDS Film 20352, Abraham Mertz s/o Melchior & wife b.11 Feb (1791 assumed) bp.13 Jun 1791 sp Abr Keller.

Name: **Johannes H Mertz (J2a1)**^{1,2}

Birth: 12 Sep 1816
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 23 May 1866
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Paul's Church, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA
Father: Abraham Mertz (J2a) (1791-1882)
Mother: Eva Hoch (1793-1850)
Other spouses: Sarah Sailor

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know there was a deceased son John from his father's land partition, he pre-deceased his father. He is designated J2a1.

Relocated and Census Tracking

John lived in Alsace Township, then Richmond, his remnant family then in Maxatawny in 1870 and 1880.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

There is a Johannes H Mertz buried at Fleetwood with birth and death dates shown. It is my theory that everyone named Mertz buried at Fleetwood is the family of Melchior and there is a lot of evidence for most of them linking them together in various ways. I believe Johannes H is the deceased son John.

Known Sons

From the 1850 Census, John's two oldest sons were William and Joel. I believe William must be the William (1842-1851) buried in the same cemetery as his parents. So the only son to track further is:

J2a1-1 Joel born 1843

Spouse: **Anna Wanner**

Birth: 4 Feb 1813
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 4 Mar 1846
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Paul's Church, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA

Parent-Proof

Anna was John's first wife, she died in 1846, after the birth of two sons. He then married Sarah Sailor.

Sources

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John H Martz, 33, Alsace, Berks, PA, Sarah 27, William 7, Joel 5, Jacob Keller 24, Elizabeth Boyer 23, George Hains 14.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John H Martz, 43, Richmond, Berks, PA, Sarah 38, Joel 16, Ann 14, John 8, Franklin 5, Ellen 3, Sarah 1.

Name: **Joel Mertz (J2a1a)**^{1,2}

Birth: 23 Oct 1843
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 8 Aug 1923
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Paul's Church, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA
Father: Johannes H Mertz (J2a1) (1816-1866)
Mother: Anna Wanner (1813-1846)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Joel as the son of Johannes from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860. He is designated J2a2-2.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

He is on find-a-grave.

Spouse: **Catherine Lovina Hoch**

Birth: 16 Jan 1842
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 21 Nov 1899
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Paul's Church, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Joel Mertz, 26, Rockland, Berks, PA, Lovina 28, Annie 6, Mary 3, Franklin 1, Ellen 5m .
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Joel Mertz, 36, Richmond, Berks, PA, Lovina 38, Annie A 15, Mary R 13, Franklin A 11, Ellen Catherine 10, Peter J 7, George W 5, Emma L 5m.

Name: **Daniel Mertz (J2a2)**^{1,2,3}

Birth: 2 Apr 1820
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 29 Mar 1892
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Peters, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA
Father: Abraham Mertz (J2a) (1791-1882)
Mother: Eva Hoch (1793-1850)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Daniel from the land partition. I believe he is the Daniel listed with wife Mary in the 1860-1880 Census in Richmond Township and is the Daniel buried at St. Peter's in Fleetwood as listed on find-a-grave.

He is designated J2a2.

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Known Sons

I found the death certificate of his son Daniel K (12 Dec 1856-3 Dec 1924), son of Daniel Mertz and Mary Koller.

Spouse: **Mary (Maria) Koller**

Birth: 18 Jul 1815
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 21 Mar 1892
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Peters, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA

Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Daniel Martz, 40, Richmond, Berks, PA, Polly 45, Daniel 3, Mary 1, Solomon Disher 18, Aaron Keller 17, John Keller 12.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Daniel Mertz, 50, Richmond, Berks, PA, Mary 53, Daniel 14, Mary 11.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Daniel Mertz, 60, Richmond, Berks, PA, Mary 62, Mary 21, Daniel K 23.

Name: **Amos Mertz (J2a3)**^{1,2,3}

Birth: 31 Jan 1823
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 16 Jan 1901
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Paul's Church, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA
Father: Abraham Mertz (J2a) (1791-1882)
Mother: Eva Hoch (1793-1850)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know him as Abraham's son from Census and the land partition. He is designated J2a3.

Relocated and Census Tracking

In 1850, Amos, age 27, lived in Maiden Creek Township, Berks County in the household of his father, Abraham. From 1860-1880, it was more like the household of Amos and his wife Sarah and their children and Abraham lived with them.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Amos is yet another person buried at Fleetwood consistent with my theory that most, if not all, of the Mertz families buried there were family. His birth and death dates come from his find-a-grave listing.

Known Sons

From the 1880 Census, there were several sons, but none born before 1850.

Spouse: **Sarah Yoder**

Birth: 30 May 1826
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 14 Apr 1900
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Paul's Church, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA

Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Ames Marts, 36, Maiden Creek, Berks, PA, Sarah 32, Henry 8, James 7, Sarah 4, Ames 3, Carolina 9 months, 3 Burleys, Abraham Marts 69 .
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Amos Mart, 48, Maiden Creek, Berks, PA, Sarah 44, James 16, Sarah 14, Amos 10, Caroline 8, Hiram 6, Washington Sohmael 17.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Amos Mertz, 57, Maiden Creek, Berks, PA, Sarah 54, James, 26, Sarah 23, Amos 21, Caroline 20, Hiram, 16, Abraham 89.

Name: **Isaac Mertz (J2a4)**^{1,2}

Birth: 12 Feb 1826
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 18 Sep 1902
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Paul's Church, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA
Father: Abraham Mertz (J2a) (1791-1882)
Mother: Eva Hoch (1793-1850)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know him as Abraham's son from Census and the land partition. He is designated J2a4.

Relocated and Census Tracking

He was in Richmond Township in 1860-1880.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Isaac too is buried at Fleetwood and his birth and death dates come from his find-a-grave listings.

Known Sons

None of his sons were born before 1850, but I did find the death certificate of Elias Y Mertz (2 May 1858-12 Feb 1951) son of Isaac and Florenda (Yoder) Mertz.

Spouse: **Florenda Yoder**

Birth: 20 Oct 1827
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 27 May 1919
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: St Paul's Church, Fleetwood, Berks Co, PA

Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Issac H Martz, 34, Richmond, Berks, PA, Floranda 34, Jonathan 3, Ely 2, Mariah 1, Simon Schlegel 20, Ester Yotter 23, Moses Wolf 10, Margrette Wolf 54.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Isaac Mertz, 44, Richmond, Berks, PA, Floranda 41, Jonathan 13, Eli 11, Maria 10, Clara 2, Magdalena Yoder 60.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Isaac Mertz 54, Richmond, Berks, PA, Florintina 53, Elisas 22, Clara 12, Maria Schlegel 20, Sal-lie Schlegel 3 months.

Name:	Abraham H Mertz (J2a5)¹

Birth:	11 Oct 1837
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	5 Mar 1929
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Glenwood Cemetery, Ogden, Iowa
Father:	Abraham Mertz (J2a) (1791-1882)
Mother:	Eva Hoch (1793-1850)

Parent-Proof

We know Abraham from the land partition, which noted he was of Boone County, Iowa. Indeed, he was listed there by the time of the 1870 Census and is buried there. He is designated J2a5.

Relocated and Census Tracking

By examination of the birthplaces of his children in the 1870 Census, Uriah age 5 and all his older children were born in Pennsylvania, Mary M age 1 in Iowa. So he moved to Iowa in about 1867 or 1868. I cannot find Abraham, probably single, in the 1860 Census.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Abraham is on find-a-grave. The Mertz spelling was retained. His wife Susanna and son Orlando are buried in the same cemetery, so I linked them all together. Orlando died as a young man in a train accident.

Known Daughters

The Boone County, IA marriage record of Catherine A Mertz, born in Fleetwood, PA, gave her parents names as Abraham Mertz and Susanna Hoch. She married Henry C W Verseck.

Spouse:	Susanna Hoch

Birth:	13 Nov 1839
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	24 Dec 1881
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Glenwood Cemetery, Ogden, Iowa

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Abraham H Instz, 32, Yell, Boone, Iowa, Susannah M 30, Orlando 7, Catherine A 6, Uriah H 5, Mary M 1.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Abraham H Mertz, 42, Ogden, Boone, Iowa, Susanna 40, Orlando 17, Catherine A 16, Irving 14, Mary M 10, Israel F 7.

Name: **Peter Mertz (J3)**^{1,2}

 Birth: 9 Mar 1769
 Birth Memo: (Early PA Births by Charles A Fisher)
 Death: 14 Jun 1833³
 Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
 Burial: St John's, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co, PA
 Father: Johannes Mertz (J) (<1730-<1773)
 Mother: Rosina Haffa

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

I've always been aware of the fact that many people believe that Johannes had a son Peter and that he married Catherine Philips. In the Annals of Berks County by Morton Montgomery, it says that Peter, son of Johannes, was born in Oley and died in Orwigsburg and in 1793 married Catharina Phillips of Bern and their children were: Christina, John, Peter, Samuel, Kate, Rosina and Elizabeth. The problem is that I have learned from experience not to trust everything that was written in these old county histories, in many cases there were major errors in what was said.

But in this case, the information about Peter is confirmed by a different county history. In The History of Dauphin County, PA, there is a biography of Daniel Martz and his son Jacob Rogers Martz of that place. It reads like many other county history books. It simply names Daniel's ancestors, who it says were of Berks County, without citing any but the most basic facts and/or source references. I read it and at first totally dismissed it as possible myth.

But the more I studied it, I have come to ascribe some credibility to it. It says Daniel was the son of John who was the son of Peter who was the son of Johannes. It lists the same children for Peter as Morton Montgomery did but adds a little bit of additional biography to several that actually checks out.

And about John, it says: *"John Mertz, son of Peter and Catherine (Phillips) Mertz, was born in 1801, in Berks County, and followed the calling of a miller. He was a man of education and refinement, as shown in the papers in the possession of his grandson, Jacob Rogers Martz. His position in the community was one of some prominence....He was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. He married Sarah Powell, and their family consisted of the following children: Catherine, Daniel, Priscilla, John, William, and Charles. The death of John Mertz, the father, occurred in 1880."*

I was especially intrigued by the reference to the papers in the possession of his grandson and I have tried to see if somehow they could be found in some Internet archive (with no luck) but it's possible those papers include some "family bible" kind of records perhaps tracing the family back to Johannes, the immigrant.

In addition, Charles A Fisher who wrote a book titled Early Pennsylvania Births 1675-1785 lists Peter born 9 Mar 1769 as a son of Johannes and Rosina as if he had found an actual birth record. Now I know this Fisher source quite well. He most definitely used church records, which typically give a birth date and the name of the parents, as one basis for his statements.

But Fisher also used tombstones as another basis. If Fisher found a tombstone of a person and it gave either his birth date or his age at death (from which a birth date could be computed), Fisher used that as a basis to include them in his book. Yeah, I agree, a tombstone is proof that such a person existed and when he was born — but how does Fisher then infer who the guy's parents were?

So I have always had a little skepticism about whether to believe that Johannes had a son Peter and whether I could trust these sources as to the names of his children. I have learned over the years to not trust something just because someone, I don't care who, says it is so. I wanted at least some evidence.

But then as part of my Mærtz Hierarchical Project, an attempt to identify every male of this name born in America before 1850 and link them back to their immigrant ancestor, I became aware of some things I had never known before:

1. There was a Peter Mertz buried in Orwigsburg and whose tombstone indicates an 1833 date of death. He's listed on find-a-grave.
2. His wife was named Catherine. She is not on find-a-grave, but an Orwigsburg church record of her death says she was the wife of Peter.
3. Christina Mertz Zimmerman (1799-1884) is also buried in Orwigsburg and a pastoral note recording her death says she was the daughter of Peter & Catherine Philip Mertz.
4. And then it dawned on me that the 1793 marriage I had long been aware of said to be of Peter Mertz and Catherine Filbs was actually Peter Mertz and Catherine Phillips (her name corrupted to Filbs) and moreover that marriage was documented by the same pastor who had married Melchior Mertz (Peter's presumed brother) to Anna Maria Keller.

This all gave real credibility to the statements made by Morton Montgomery about Peter and I take the connection with Melchior to be compelling. Peter is designated J3.

[As an aside, on the Internet, I found a book detailing the story of Susanna Cox who was hung in Berks County sometime in the late 1790's (as I recall) for the crime, I think, of killing her baby — which baby was apparently the result of Susanna being raped. The book alleges that there is some evidence that the rapist was Peter Mertz and they surmise he was this Peter, son of Johannes.]

Relocated and Census Tracking

Peter is hard to find in Census. He may be the Peter Mertz listed in Cumru Township, Berks County in 1810 and then Pine Grove Township, Schuylkill County in 1820. He should also be in Schuylkill County in 1830 since he died there in 1833, but I can't find him.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Peter is on find-a-grave.

Discrepancies

His memorial on find-a-grave cites his tombstone as to his age at death and it says 17y, 5m, 7d with a comment there too that says "hard to read." Clearly the 17y part is wrong so arguably maybe it was, for example, 67y. But if Charles Fisher is right about Peter's date of birth, the tombstone should say 64y, 3m, 5d. and in fact I had always assumed Fisher got Peter's birth date from his tombstone so in any event that is how he must have read it. I have no explanation of how these two apparent readings of the same age on a tombstone are so wildly different.

Known Daughters

According to the county histories, his daughters were Christina, Kate, Rosina and Elizabeth. On one list I have seen Christina was called Christian but I'm pretty confident she was Christina, clearly the Christina Zimmerman (1799-1884) about which the pastoral note said

daughter of Peter & Catherine Philip Mertz. Christina is buried in Orwigsburg in the same cemetery where her brother Samuel is buried and she is linked to her parents on find-a-grave.

The Dauphin county history adds that Kate married Jacob Bock, Rosina married Jacob Deibert and Elizabeth married Jacob Runkel (so Peter had three sons-in-law named Jacob).

Elizabeth, too, is on find-a-grave and linked to her parents.

Known Sons

According to the county histories, his sons were John, Peter and Samuel. Both histories list his children in the same order: Christina, John, Peter, Samuel, Kate, Rosina, Elizabeth. I am assuming that is their birth order.

Complicating the search for Peter's sons is that Schuylkill County seems to be a place that does not confirm to a pattern that is fairly dependable in other places — that all of the Mertzes or Martzes of the place had a common original American ancestor. Not so Schuylkill County and even not so south central Schuylkill County (Cressona, Schuylkill Haven, Orwigsburg, and Brunswick and Manheim — North and South — Townships).

Maybe this is because Schuylkill County adjoins eight other counties — Lebanon, Dauphin, Northumberland, Columbia, Luzerne, Carbon, Lehigh and Berks — and Mærtzes were early residents in most of those. And the south central part of the county specifically adjoins Berks County where I have enumerated five different original American ancestors.

In any event, there was a least one other unrelated Mertz line in Schuylkill County in addition to Peter's. The other was that of Henry who I have designated N3a. His sons, known from his wife's father's estate file included: John, Jacob, Henry, Philip, Samuel and Joseph. Obviously, there is a little overlap in those names with the names of Peter's sons.

And to further complicate matters, there was a Samuel Martz and a David Martz, both born in the mid-1790's, who both showed up first in Manheim Township (where Henry lived). My best guess is they were Henry's brothers. Both of them had sons named John and Samuel (and other more unique names like Joshua, Reuben, Solomon).

Nonetheless, I believe I have been able to track Peter's sons and not confuse John and Samuel with all the others of those two names.

J3a John born 1801. He may be the easiest to identify since we learn so much about him from the Dauphin county history, that he married Sarah Powell and that he, for the most part, never lived in Schuylkill County. I'm fairly certain therefore I have found John, first in Bern or Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, later Marion Township (Stouchsburg area). His family then ends up in either Stouchsburg or the nearby Myerstown area of Lebanon County. Remember, Catherine Philips was said to have been of Bern in the county history.

So we know John was born in about 1801, I assume Peter's sons were named in birth order and I observe that, assuming I have correctly identified Peter in 1820, he had two sons age 0-9 in that decade — these three "facts" taken together indicates that Peter and Samuel were born later than 1801 maybe even after 1810.

J3b Peter born 1812. I first became aware of Peter when a woman named Sue Angelo wrote me about her husband's ancestor Daniel Mertz who she referred to as David (those two names often get read as the other in old handwritten manuscripts):

"There were two people around the same age in Schuylkill County in the late 1800s per Censuses named David Mertz. I believe, by process of elimination and burial location that the David in my husband's line (his GGG Grandfather), is the David listed on the 1850 and 1860 Census as the eldest son of Peter and Eliza Mertz. I have located Peter and Eliza's graves in Schuylkill Haven Union Cemetery, Peter was born in 1812. They are located in North Mannheim Township in 1850. I am unable to go back any further in this line and was wondering if you could be of any help. I did read your writings on your website and I am guessing that Peter could be a son/grandson of your possible N3a Henry (son of Conrad, grandson of Nicholas) based off the location. I would love to find some concrete proof of this."

At the time Sue visited my website, I had not learned the names of Henry's children which we now know did not include a Peter and I had not focused on the list of supposed children of Peter's which does. I think the better candidate to be Peter's father is Peter.

J3c Samuel born 1817. There were several Samuels listed in various pre-1850 Censuses in Schuylkill County and the aforementioned Henry had a son Samuel too complicating matters. Further, there is a Samuel born in the mid-1790's who lived in Barry Township in 1850, so who was who? But one Samuel stayed close to Orwigsburg and is buried there. I have gone with him as Peter's son.

Spouse:	Catherine Phillips⁴
Birth:	6 Mar 1770
Birth Memo:	(US Genweb file on St John's)
Marr:	9 Apr 1793
Marr Memo:	(RMR note from Schwarzwald Reformed, bride Catherine Filbs)
Death:	23 Jul 1853 ⁵
Death Memo:	(US Genweb file on St John's)
Burial:	St John's, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co, PA

Census History

I think the woman indexed as Catherine Meet in 1850 is her, age 78, living with Diana Zimmerman age 40 and other Zimmermans. Whether Diana was really Christina, Catherine's daughter, with her age mis-reported or whether there is some other explanation, I don't know.

Sources

1. 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Peter Martz, Cumru Twp, Berks Co, PA, 2/2, 0/2, 1/0, 1/1, 0/0.
2. 1820 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-18 M, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Peter Mertz, Pine Grove, Schuylkill, PA, 2/0, 1/2, 0/1, 0/0, 1/1.
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4. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Catherine Meet, 78, North Mannheim, Schuylkill, PA, lives with Diana Zimmerman 40.
5. Church Records: St Johns UCC, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, PA, Burials, Marriages, Baptisms, Repository: Schuylkill County Genweb, Transcription from church registers started 1831, Catharina Mertz buried 6 Mar 1770-23 Jul 1853 w/o Peter. Peter and Mary Elizabeth (1848-1849) also listed.

Name: **John Mertz (J3a)**^{1,2,3,4,5}

Birth: 1801
Birth Memo: (Dauphin County history says 1801, Census indicates 1802-1804)
Death: 1880
Death Memo: (Dauphin county history book)
Father: Peter Mertz (J3) (1769-1833)
Mother: Catherine Phillips (1770-1853)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

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Then as I was fleshing out what I knew about Daniel of Dauphin County (who I thought was the son of Jacob of the same place based on J L Floyd's statement that Jacob had a son Daniel — I now think he did but it was a different Daniel) and found John age 66 living with Daniel in 1870, I realized that must be his father and I remembered this was what the county history said.

It all fit and I now basically buy into the whole family history as stated in that book. The idea that Peter had a son John is stated in several places, it's just I never knew which adult John — or even whether he survived to adulthood — it was. Now, knowing who I was looking for and that he did live to at least 1870, and knowing a little bit about his family as told in the county history book, I think I have found glimpses of John over the years.

John is designated J3a.

This is what the county history book says about John: *"John Mertz, son of Peter and Catherine (Phillips) Mertz, was born in 1801, in Berks County, and followed the calling of a miller. He was a man of education and refinement, as shown in the papers in the possession of his grandson, Jacob Rogers Martz. His position in the community was one of some prominence....He was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. He married Sarah Powell, and their family consisted of the following children: Catherine, Daniel, Priscilla, John, William, and Charles. The death of John Mertz, the father, occurred in 1880.*

The statement about the *"papers in the hands of Jacob Rogers Martz"* is especially intriguing. It makes me wonder if some of the whole family history back to Johannes the immigrant was given there. I wish it explained further. I'd love to see those papers.

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Relocated and Census Tracking

For someone who achieved some level of prominence (according to the county history), it is hard in Census to be certain I have the right John (there were too many).

I have a few clues. A daughter is buried in Stouchsburg which is in Marion Township and a son is said to have been born in Bern Township, both Berks County places. Marion was formed from Tulpehocken and Heidelberg Townships in 1844. Two sons (and a daughter I think) later lived in Myerstown and/or Jackson Township, Lebanon County — which borders Marion Township.

There are several candidates in the 1840 Census in Bern and/or Tulpehocken Township, but none look exactly right. I seriously considered maybe he was the John in 1840 in Norwegian Township, Schuylkill County but that doesn't seem right either.

I did though find him in 1850 in Tulpehocken Township and then in 1860, I'm sure he is John in Marion Township. The ages of everyone and the presence of Sarah, William and Charles in the household and a younger John nearby adds credibility to my assertion that this is him. It would have been nice had his occupation been miller.

In 1870, he lived with his son Daniel in Millersburg. In 1880, there was a John Mertz living in Myerstown, Lebanon County, the father of Kate Kunkleman. I would bet she was the daughter Catherine mentioned in the county history.

So John and his family were associated with Stouchsburg and later Myerstown, some are buried in each place and there are multiple Census listings of the family in both places.

Known Daughters

The PA death certificate of Mrs. Priscilla Brown, born 10 Dec 1827 died 23 Sep 1908, says she was the daughter of John Martz and Sarah Paulis. No specificity for any of their birth places was given, all said just Pennsylvania. But it is interesting that Priscilla was to be buried in Stouchsburg.

Known Sons

According to the county history his sons were Daniel, John, William and Charles. I have found them all.

J3a1 Daniel born 1826

J3a2 John born 1833

J3a3 William born 1837

J3a4 Charles born 1843

Spouse: **Sarah Powell**

Parent-Proof

The county history biography of her son Daniel gives her name as Sarah Powell, consistent with her name in the 1850 and 1860 Census. It is also consistent with the death certificate of her daughter Priscilla born in 1827 which gives her name as Sarah Paulis (close enough to Powell, I think, to not raise any questions).

So why does the death certificate of her son William say his parents were John Mertz and Catherine Stack? Had Priscilla been born later than William, I might think Catherine had been a first wife for John, but she was born before William.

I think it is just an error. I also note that the informant was William's attending physician and I'm not really sure it says Catherine Stack, I maybe could read it more like Catherine Haak and William's own wife was Mary Haak, possibly a source of the informant's confusion.

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2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jno Mertz, 46, Tulpehocken, Berks, PA, Sarah 44, Cath Ann 23, Jno 16, Wm 14, Chs 6.
- 3 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Mertz, farmer, 57, Marion, Berks, PA, Sarah 53, William (carpenter) 22, Charles 17.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Martz, 66, Millersburg, Dauphin, PA, with Daniel Martz and family.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Mertz, 78, Myerstown, Lebanon, PA, lives with his daughter Kate Kunkleman 54 and her family.

Name: Daniel Martz (J3a1)^{1,2,3,4,5}

Birth: 13 Aug 1826
Birth Memo: (died at age 68/5/9 per find-a-grave)
Death: 22 Jan 1895
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Oak Hill, Millersburg, PA
Father: John Mertz (J3a) (1804-1880)
Mother: Sarah Powell

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

The History of Dauphin County gives a biography of Daniel Martz and even though there were four Daniel Martz in the 1850 Census in Dauphin County, I am sure I have correctly identified the one the history book says was the son of John.

The biography says: *"Daniel Martz, son of John and Sarah (Powell) Mertz, was born in Berks County, where he received a common school education, and subsequently learned the business of butcher, in which he was engaged the greater part of his life. He came to Dauphin County and lived for a short time in Upper Paxton Township, removing in 1851 to Millersburg, where he was engaged in business for himself as a butcher until the latter part of his life, when he abandoned this calling and for a few years was the proprietor of a store. At the time of his death, he was the owner of two valuable properties. He was one of the founders of the Millersburg Lutheran Church.*

Mr. Martz married, 30 Dec 1849, Sarah Seibert, and their children were: Priscilla A married George D Albert, John married Mary Smith, Jacob Rogers and Malinda E E married Charles Stricken. The death of the father of this family occurred 22 Jan 1895, and that of the mother 20 Feb 1868. Both are buried at Millersburg, the spot being marked by a monument."

Daniel is designated J3a1.

Relocated and Census Tracking

There are actually four men named Daniel Martz in Dauphin County in 1850, one of whom is my friend Louis Fackler's ancestor and another his son. Plus, I think Jacob Martz had a son Daniel.

Finally there is this one J3a1 and his Census history conforms to his biography as given in the county history. He first was in Upper Paxton and then always in Millersburg after that.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Daniel and Sarah are on find-a-grave.

Known Sons

In the 1850 Census, there was only one son, John, age 1. He continued to live with his parents through the 1870 Census. There are 107 John Martz (or similar) in the 1880 Census born in about 1849. Even when I restrict the search to just those born in Pennsylvania, I don't immediately recognize this John. He is not designated since I am unable to track him after 1870.

Normally, I would not concern myself with any sons born later but in this case, I do designate and track son Jacob Rogers who was born in 1851 but who, with his unique name, and "*papers in his possession*" is a key person of this family.

J3a1a Jacob Rogers born 1851

Spouse:	Sarah Ann Seibert
Birth:	29 Mar 1814
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	20 Feb 1868
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Oak Hill, Millersburg, PA

Parent-Proof

Her maiden name is given on the death certificate of her son Jacob Rogers Martz.

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4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Daniel Mertz, 45, Millersburg, Dauphin, PA, Catharine C 44, Pracilla 23, John, 21, Jacob 18, Malinda E 16, Aaron 12, John 66.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Daniel Martz, butcher, 52, Millersburg, Dauphin, PA, Catharine C 51, Linda E 26.

Name: **Jacob Rogers Martz (J3a1a)^{1,2}**

Birth: 23 Sep 1851
Birth Memo: (death certificate)
Death: 20 Sep 1928
Death Memo: (death certificate)
Burial: Hummelstown Cemetery, Dauphin Co, PA
Father: Daniel Martz (J3a1) (1826-1895)
Mother: Sarah Ann Seibert (1814-1868)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

The county history book gives this biography: "*Jacob Rogers Martz son of Daniel and Sarah (Powell) Martz, was born 21 Sep 1851 in Upper Paxton Township, and attended the schools of Millersburg. At the age of twelve years, with the consent of his parents, he went to live with Uriah Martz (no relation) on a farm in Upper Paxton where he attended school for two years. At the end of that time, he returned home, remaining until 1871. He then was a clerk in a general store. In the latter part of 1874 he went to Columbus, OH where he was a clerk in a general store, after which he went to Chicago, where for about three years, he was similarly employed. He then went to St. Louis.*

Later he returned home, and in partnership with his father established himself as a butcher, conducting the business for a number of years. In 1889, he accepted a position as clerk in the Brownstone stores in Walltonville. For over thirty years he was a member of the Millersburg Lutheran Church withdrawing to unite with the Lutheran church at Hummelstown.

Mr. Martz married, 2 Apr 1874, Mary Hannah Beistiel born 5 Oct 1849 in Halifax. Their children were: Charles Moses, Luther Farnsler and Fleeda Ethel Estelle. The death of the mother occurred 26 Aug 1900, she was buried at Oak Hill in Millersburg."

Jacob Rogers is designated J3a1-2.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

His death certificate says he was born in Upper Paxton and his parents were Daniel Martz and Sarah Seibert and both of them were born in Berks County.

Mary Hannah, as it says in the county history, was buried in Millersburg. There is a very nice monument there for her and it includes the names and dates of their two sons, both of whom died young. The monument has Jacob's name and his birth date on it — but it is not where he was buried. Jacob died in 1928 (his tombstone says 1929) and he was buried in Hummelstown.

Spouse: **Mary Hannah Beistiel**

Birth: 5 Oct 1845
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 26 Aug 1900
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Oak Hill, Millersburg, PA

Sources

1. Published Book. Author: Luther Reily Kelker, 1907, "History of Dauphin Co, PA w/ Genealogical Memoirs (Vol III)," Repository: Google books on-line, Has a biography of Daniel, his ancestry back to his immigrant 2G-grandfather two of his sons.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jacob Martez, 28, Upper Paxton, Dauphin, PA, Hannah 30, Luther F 5, Fleeda E E 2.

Name: **John Mertz (J3a2)**^{1,2,3}

Birth: 27 Mar 1833
 Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
 Death: 10 Sep 1908
 Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
 Burial: Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, PA
 Father: John Mertz (J3a) (1804-1880)
 Mother: Sarah Powell

Spouse: **Rebecca Schaeffer**

Birth: 21 Dec 1836
 Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
 Death: 9 May 1905
 Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
 Burial: Christ Lutheran, Stouchsburg, PA

Parent-Proof

Obituary of Mrs. John Mertz, Reading Times, 10 May 1905. She died at her home in Stouchburg "Tuesday", age 68y, 8m, 14d. She was d/o Mr./Mrs. George Schaeffer of Stouchburg. Survived by her husband and children: Emma, Mary, Florence and George all single residing at home and Martha married to George Heffner residing in NY.

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2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Mertz, innkeeper, 37, Stouchsburg, Berks, PA, Rebecca 34, Emma 15, Martha 12, George 6, Mary 2, Alice Kline 18.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Mertz, hotel keeper, 47, Stouchsburg, Berks, PA, Rebecca 43, Emma 25, George 16, Mary 12, Flora 1.

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Name: **William Mertz (J3a3)**^{1,2,3}

Birth: 15 Feb 1837
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 16 Jun 1907
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Union Cemetery, Myerstown, Lebanon Co, PA
Father: John Mertz (J3a) (1804-1880)
Mother: Sarah Powell

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know William as John's son from his presence in his father's 1850 and 1860 household. He is designated J3a3. His death certificate says he was the son of John Mertz and Catharine Stack or maybe Catherine Haak. I think that is an error.

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Spouse: **Mary Haak**

Birth: 29 Nov 1831
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 7 Sep 1905
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Union Cemetery, Myerstown, Lebanon Co, PA

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), William Mertz, house carpenter, 32, Jackson, Lebanon, PA, Mary 39, Emma 4, Sally 2.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William Mertz, carpenter, 38, Myerstown, Lebanon, PA, Mary 46, Emma 14, Sallie 12.
3. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), William Mertz, Feb 1837, Jackson, Lebanon, PA, Mary 69.

Name: **Charles Mertz (J3a4)**^{1,2}

Birth: 19 Sep 1843
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 5 Mar 1897
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Union Cemetery, Myerstown, Lebanon Co, PA
Father: John Mertz (J3a) (1804-1880)
Mother: Sarah Powell

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Charles as John's son from his presence in his father's 1850 and 1860 household. He is designated J3a4.

There is a death record for him posted on find-a-grave that says he was born in Bern Township, Berks County.

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Sources

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2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Charles Mertz, 38, Myerstown, Lebanon, PA, Sarah 40, John H 15.

Name: **Peter Mertz (J3b)**^{1,2,3,4}

 Birth: 4 Dec 1812
 Birth Memo: (Sue Angelo from his tombstone)
 Death: 23 Nov 1891
 Death Memo: (Sue Angelo from his tombstone)
 Burial: Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co, PA
 Father: Peter Mertz (J3) (1769-1833)
 Mother: Catherine Phillips (1770-1853)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Sue Angelo has speculated that Peter from the 1850 Census in Manheim Township who is buried at Schuylkill Haven might have been the grandson of Heinrich. Maybe. But since it is known (or said by many people) that Peter Mertz who died in Orwigsburg in 1833 did have a son Peter, I have guessed that Peter of Mannheim was the son of Peter of Orwigsburg. He is designated J3b.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Peter is on find-a-grave and linked to his wife, both buried at Schuylkill Haven.

Peter's will proved 27 Oct 1891. The will was not specifically dated, but when it was probated his sons said it had been written in 1874. He named wife Eliza and named his sons Daniel F and Samuel A his Executors. However, as part of the proving of the will, Samuel A Martz and his brother W J Martz certified that Daniel F was now deceased. And in fact, W J Martz was appointed the Executor.

Known Sons

His sons from the 1850 census were Daniel age 15, Samuel 10, James 6 and John 4 who are designated J3b1, J3b2, J3b3 and J3b4 respectively. All four sons were also present in Peter's 1860 household and then only John in 1870.

James is the easiest to find. He lived in Cressona in 1870 age 25 then Easton in 1880 age 34. He died in 1885 and his death notice in a Pottsville newspaper said he died at Easton at age 40, was formerly of Cressona, was the son of Peter Mertz of Panther Valley and was the brother of (Pottsville) Councilman William John Mertz. The reference to Panther Valley comes up again in the 1891 death notice of Eliza Mertz who died there. She was said to be the mother of Councilman Mertz and is survived by her husband, six married daughters and two sons: W J of Pottsville (i.e. the Councilman) and Samuel A of Lehigh.

From these two death notices, I think it becomes clear that son John in 1850 and 1860 was later known as William John and actually more often as William J or just W J. He lived out his life in Pottsville.

With the clue that Samuel by 1891 was of Lehigh, I can be sure that I have found him, first in Cressona in 1870 then Carbon County by 1880 and he was buried in Lehigh.

Which brings me to Daniel. Daniel signed as Daniel F when he witnessed his father's will and I strongly suspect he is the Daniel Francis Mertz (1834-1879) buried in the same cemetery as his father, it seems in the same plot. I believe too he registered for the Civil War draft as Danl F Martz age 35. So I think I have correctly identified him and know the basic facts of his life.

However there was another Daniel Martz (Mertz) buried in that same cemetery. This other Daniel lived to 1903 so couldn't have been Peter's son who clearly predeceased his father. I am not certain I know who he was but I believe I can make the case he was the son of David who died in the 1840's and his wife Christina and this other Daniel is designated N3c1.

Spouse:	Elizabeth Moyer
Birth:	1 Mar 1816
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	5 Apr 1891
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co, PA

Parent-Proof

She is linked to Daniel and Elizabeth (Drace) Moyer as her parents on find-a-grave.

The 1891 obituary of Eliza Mertz of Panther Valley said she was survived by her husband, sons Samuel A of Lehighton and W J of Pottsville and daughters: Mrs. Jacob Fisher of Panther Valley, Mrs. Frank Weaver of Birdsboro, Mrs Jacob Moyer of Tremont, Mrs. Charles Eiler and Mrs John A Weaver of Cressona and Mrs William Freece of Panther Valley.

I was able to easily find three of these daughters all of whom were buried at Cressona Cemetery. I have submitted edits to link all three to Peter and Eliza.

The death certificate of Catharine E (Mertz) Fisher says she was the daughter of Peter and Eliza (Moyer) Mertz. She is buried in Cressona and linked on her find-a-grave memorial to her husband Jacob.

The death certificate of Emma R (Mertz) Eiler says she was the daughter of Peter and Eliza (Moyer) Mertz. She is buried in Cressona and linked on her find-a-grave memorial to her husband Charles.

The death certificate of Anna Cosiah (Mertz) Freeze says she was the daughter of Peter and Eliza (Moyer) Mertz. She is buried in Cressona and shares a tombstone with her husband William Freeze.

Sources

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter Martz, 37, North Mannheim, Schuylkill, PA, Eliza 34, Daniel 15, Catharine 14, Sarah 12, Samuel 10, Rebecca 8, James 6, John 4, Mary 2.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Peter Mintz, 50, North Manheim, Schuylkill, PA, Eliza 45, Daniel 25, Cathern 24, Sarah 22, Samuel 18, Rebecca 16, James 14, John 12, Mary 11, Jane 7, Ann 5.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Peter Martz, 57, North Mannheim, Schuylkill, PA, Eliza 53, Rebecca 26, John 22, Jennie 17, Annie 14, Harry Fessler 3.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Peter Martz, 67, North Mannheim, Schuylkill, PA, Eliza 64, Annie 24, Rebecca Fessler 37, Henry 13.

Name: Daniel F Mertz (J3b1)¹

Birth: 1834
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 11 Dec 1879
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co, PA
Father: Peter Mertz (J3b) (1812-1891)
Mother: Elizabeth Moyer (1816-1891)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Peter had a son Daniel from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860. He is designated J3b1.

He signed his name as Daniel F Martz when he witnessed his father's will and was called Daniel F Martz by his brothers who attested to his death at the time of proving their father's will. He registered for the Civil War draft as Danl F Martz.

Relocated and Census Tracking

There were two Daniels in Schuylkill Haven in the 1870 Census. One was age 36 and married to Levina, the other age 40 and lived alone. The latter one I am quite sure was this one, Daniel F.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Daniel Francis Mertz is on find-a-grave linked to his wife, Hannah E Schappell, who apparently married Elijah Boyer after Daniel died.

Daniel F wrote his will (Will Book 5, page 92) 10 Dec 1879 and it proved 2 Jan 1880. He said he was of Cressona and he named wife Hannah and two children: Cara Rebecca and Harvey John.

And in the 5 Jun 1894 issue of the Miners Journal (a Pottsville newspaper), it says Elijah Boyer was appointed guardian of Harvey Mertz a minor son of Daniel late of Cressona and Edward Fessler appointed guardian of Carrie Fessler, nee Mertz. This is 15 years late, isn't it?

Spouse: Hannah E Schappell²

Birth: 7 Mar 1847
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 4 May 1836
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co, PA

Parent-Proof

She is said to have been the daughter of John Schappell and Caroline Bowen on find-a-grave citing her death certificate.

In 1880, she lived in Cressona with daughter Carrie age 6 and son Harvey age 4.

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Daniel Martz, 40, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co, PA.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Hannah Mertz, 32, Cressona, Schuylkill, PA, Carrie 6, Harvey 4.

Name: **Samuel Mertz (J3b2)**^{1,2}

Birth: 11 Sep 1840
Birth Memo: (PA death certificate matches find-a-grave)
Death: 4 Dec 1925
Death Memo: (PA death certificate matches find-a-grave)
Burial: Lehighon Cemetery, Carbon County, PA
Father: Peter Mertz (J3b) (1812-1891)
Mother: Elizabeth Moyer (1816-1891)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

His death certificate says he was born in Berks County, the son of Peter Mertz and Eliza Moyer.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

He died in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County and was to be buried in Lehighon Cemetery per his death certificate. Indeed, he is there on find-a-grave.

Spouse: **Caroline Bartlett**

Birth: 17 Nov 1839
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 23 Sep 1915
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Lehighon Cemetery, Carbon County, PA

Parent-Proof

Samuel's death certificate says his wife was Caroline Bartlett.

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Mertz, 30, Cressona, Schuylkill, PA, Caroline 29.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Samuel Mertz, 39, Packer, Carbon, PA, Caroline 39, Charles 9.

Name: **James Polk Mertz (J3b3)**^{1,2}

Birth: 13 May 1845
Memo: (St Paul's Evangelical Church, Orwigsburg, baptism)
Death: bef 7 Jan 1885
Father: Peter Mertz (J3b) (1812-1891)
Mother: Elizabeth Moyer (1816-1891)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

Peter and Eliza baptized son James Polk Mertz on 16 Apr 1846 at St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Orwigsburg. He was born 13 May 1845. He lived with his parents in the 1850 and 1860 Census. His death notice called him James P Mertz, his wife's tombstone says "wife of James K Mertz" and his son's death certificate solves the problem by calling him James K P Mertz.

Relocated and Census Tracking

James started out in Cressona in 1870 and then can be found in Easton in 1880.

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Death and Find-a-Grave

Pottsville Republican 7 Jan 1885. James P Mertz formerly of Cressona died at Easton "recently" aged 40. A son of Peter Mertz of Panther Valley and a brother of Councilman William John Mertz.

Spouse: **Dora McMacken**

Birth: 13 Jan 1853
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Death: 14 Feb 1920
Memo: (find-a-grave)
Burial: Hays Cemetery, Easton, PA

Parent-Proof

Her tombstone says wife of James K Mertz.

The PA death certificate of James Abraham Garfield Mertz 1882-1928 says he was the son of James K P Mertz born Cressona and Dora McMacken.

Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), James Mertz, 25, Cressona, Schuylkill, PA, RR brakeman, Anna 24, Ada 1 and George 5m.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), James Mertz, 34, South Easton, Northampton, PA, RR Engineer, Dora 27, Adah 11, Eva 8, Anna 3.

Name: **William John Mertz (J3b4)**¹

Birth: 23 Aug 1847
Birth Memo: (PA death certificate)
Death: 1 Mar 1933
Death Memo: (PA death certificate)
Burial: Charles Baber Cemetery, Pottsville, PA
Father: Peter Mertz (J3b) (1812-1891)
Mother: Elizabeth Moyer (1816-1891)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Peter had a son John from the 1850-1870 Census but death notices of Peter's wife and son James make it clear that the boy known as John became known as William John, William J or W J as an adult. His name was given as W J on his death certificate and his find-a-grave memorial lists him as William J.

His death certificate also says he was born in Cressona and died in Pottsville and that his father, Peter, was also born in Cressona and his mother in North Manor, PA.

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Relocated and Census Tracking

By 1880, he was in Pottsville where he lived out his life.

Spouse: **Catharine Mardis**

Birth: 5 Nov 1850
Birth Memo: (PA death certificate)
Death: 11 Jan 1927
Death Memo: (PA death certificate)
Burial: Charles Baber Cemetery, Pottsville, PA

Parent-Proof

His wife is identified as Catherine Mardis on her husband's death certificate. Her name is given as Kate (Mardis) Mertz, wife of Wm J, and daughter of Wm Mardis and Margaret Lodgson. Her name is Kate E on her find-a-grave memorial.

Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), W J Mertz, 32, Pottsville, Schuylkill, PA, Kate 29, William 6.

Name: **Samuel Mertz (J3c)**^{1,2}

 Birth: 5 Sep 1817
 Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)
 Death: 29 Aug 1856
 Death Memo: (find-a-grave)
 Burial: Zions Red Church, Orwigsburg, PA
 Father: Peter Mertz (J3) (1769-1833)
 Mother: Catherine Phillips (1770-1853)

Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

It is said in any number of places that Peter had a son Samuel. This is proven by the fact that Samuel was both a witness and Executor of his father's will. He is designated J3c.

Whether I have for sure identified the correct Samuel is open for discussion. I picked this one because he too is buried in Orwigsburg. His 1817 birth date seems a little late to me, but Peter married in 1793 so there is not room for another generation.

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Relocated and Census Tracking

The Samuel buried in Orwigsburg is definitely the Samuel age 33 listed in North Manheim Township in 1850 with wife Ala (Abigail I assume) and daughter Catharine age 9. Also present in the household is Jacob Deibert age 18. The Dauphin County history says Samuel's sister Rosina married Jacob Deibert - I have found them in the 1850 Census living in Orwigsburg, Jacob age 42, his wife Rosina 41 — so the 18-year old Jacob living with Samuel was no doubt their son).

This little fact, Jacob Deibert living with this particular Samuel in 1850, gives credibility to the Dauphin County history and is very strong evidence that I have correctly identified this particular Samuel as Peter's son.

Death and Find-a-Grave

His find-a-grave memorial says he was the husband of Abigail Ketner, they had been married 17 years and he was the father of two daughters.

Known Daughters

Both of those daughters are buried in Orwigsburg: Mary Elisabeth (1848-1849) whose tombstone says daughter of Samuel and Abigail Mertz and Catherine (Mertz) Deibert (1841-1881) whose tombstone also says she was the daughter of Samuel and Abigail Mertz. We know Catherine too from her presence in her mother's household in 1860.

In 2020, I realized that there appeared to be two find-a-grave memorials for Samuel's daughter Catherine who married Daniel D Deibert — though the dates of birth and death were different on the two memorials. It took me awhile to sort it out. I believe Daniel married first Catharine Mertz and she died in 1881 and then in 1887, Daniel married Catherine Kepner.

The correct memorial for Catherine (Mertz) Deibert has her buried at Zions Red Church where her father is buried. But there is no sign of her husband, Daniel D Deibert in that cemetery. Instead he is at St John's in Auburn with second wife Catherine (Kepner) Deibert. So I believe there is only one Daniel D Deibert and I will try to get this sorted out on find-a-grave.

Spouse: **Abigail Ketner³**

Sources

- 1.** 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Samuel Martz, West Brunswick, Schuylkill, PA 20-29 (3) M, 20-29 F.
- 2.** 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 33, North Mannheim, Schuylkill, PA, Ala 33, Catharine 9, Mary Weist 22, Ala Kitner 14, Jacob Deibert 18.
- 3.** 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Abigail Martz, 42, North Mannheim, Schuylkill, PA, Catherine, 19, Albert Delbut 16, William Kline 28.