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## **NICHOLAS 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 — Nicholas is N — 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: N2a4b1 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 Nicholas (N).

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 N1 follow N and come before N2. All persons whose designation is or starts with N2 come before N3. And so forth.

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**Name:** **Nicholas Mertz (N)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: bef 8 Sep 1715 Alsace, Germany  
Birth Memo: (Age 18 upon 1733 arrival in America, baptized 8 Sep 1815)  
Death: abt Nov 1760 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA<sup>3</sup>  
Death Memo: (May 1762 Orphans Court petition says he died 18 months ago)  
Father: 6G GF John David Mertz (~1690-<1752)  
Mother: 6G GM Veronica Schneider (~1693-~1750)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Hans Niclaus, son of David and Verena Mertz, was baptized 8 Sep 1715 in Alsace. He arrived America in 1733, at age 18, on the same ship as his parents, sister Christina and brother Peter. He was later listed with David and Peter as a founder of the Longswamp Church.

I consider David Mertz to be my immigrant Mertz ancestor. When I was developing my system of using a hierarchical designation code to structurally link every Mertz or Martz back to their "original American Mærtz ancestor", I initially thought I would start this line with David who I would designate "D" and then his sons would be numbered D1 and D2 and I would build out from there.

But to be sure, his teenage sons Nicholas and Peter, his only sons who survived to adulthood, came with him, and were also immigrants. So I have chosen instead to denote Nicholas with the single letter code "N" and Peter with the single letter code "P". It is justified since the sons were also immigrants but it is justified also because it better aligns their descendants — those with three character or four character designations — by the timeframe in which they lived. Therefore, Nicholas is designated N. (The "D" code is not necessary and is not used.)

We don't know a lot about Nicholas, but we know all the key facts, from his baptism to his arrival in Philadelphia which confirmed his age. He did not leave a will but several Orphans Court petitions exist from which we learn the name of his widow and all of his children and a little more about many of them.

The naming of all of his children is key because the records for his younger brother Peter are not nearly so complete. However, I am relying on this simple logic -- any Mertz named in the earliest Longswamp Reformed Church records were descendants of either Nicholas or Peter and if they were of the right age to be of the next generation, then if they were not a child of Nicholas, they must have been a child of Peter.

It seems simple now when I lay out all the pertinent facts, but they came together piece by piece over a time period of several years. But the simple truth that I recognize now is that the Longswamp church records can be used to identify generation three Mertzes (John David being generation one in America and his sons Nicholas and Peter being generation two). These Gen III children were all born from the late 1730's to the mid 1750's and they had their children in the 1760's and 1770's. It's the timing that tells the story.

The sons of Nicholas were Jacob, Henry, Conrad and Nicholas. John, Peter and yet another Nicholas were known sons of Peter and it seems totally conclusive that Philip was one of their brothers. David, the other Jacob and Abraham must also have been sons of Peter.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Nicholas died before any Pennsylvania Septennial Census was taken and well before the first U. S. Census. He was listed as a land-holder in Longswamp on all tax lists 1754-1760 and then in 1765 and thereafter it was his widow Margaret.

### **Discrepancies**

Joseph A Meiser in Northumberland County Pioneers lists all the children of Nicholas Mertz and purports to have approximate birth dates for each of them. But I believe all he did was list them in the order they were named in Orphans Court records and give them birth years two years apart, paying attention also to who was said to be a minor at the time of Nicholas' death.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

The Berks County Orphans Court dealt with the estate of Nicholas Mertz over a period of several years.

The earliest petition was 15 May 1761, when Margaret Mertz, widow and administratrix and Jacob Mertz, administrator of Nicholas Mertz, late of Berks County, deceased, requested that guardians be appointed for the minor children. Guardians then were appointed dividing the children into three groups from which I think I can sense their respective ages.

- Henry Krist was appointed for both Elizabeth and Henry. I think they were the two oldest of the minor children nearing the age of 18.
- Peter Mertz was appointed for Conrad, I think he may have been over 14.
- And two guardians were appointed for the four remaining children: Maria Elizabeth, Magdalena, Maria and Nicholas. I believe they were all under the age of 14.

Then, on 11 May 1762 in a petition filed by Jacob Mertz, eldest son of Nicholas Mertz, it was stated that his father died intestate eighteen months ago leaving a widow and ten children which he then named and requested that the court determine how to divide Nicholas' land in Longswamp. The named children were: the petitioner, Margareta (since married to Nicholas Jacobi), Eve (wife of Frederick Braun) -- all of whom were of age -- and Elizabeth, Conrad, Henry, Maria Elizabeth, Magdalena, Maria and Nicholas -- all minors. He also mentioned Bernard Kline, son of Nicholas' deceased daughter Catherine who had married Lorentz Kline.

Finally, when the estate accounting was approved on 13 Aug 1763, the same eleven children were named but by then Elizabeth had married Lawrence Schollenberger.

Nicholas is not on find-a-grave. He no doubt was buried at Longswamp Reformed or on his own farm.

### **Known Daughters**

We know the names of his daughters from the various Orphans Court petitions after his death.

Catherine. Catherine either pre-deceased her father or died no later than the 1762 Orphans Court filing. Whether Catherine was older than Jacob is not clear, but I believe they were the two oldest. If Nicholas married in, say, 1735, then his first child may have been born in about 1736. So I have made Catherine the oldest, born in 1736.

Catherine married Lorentz Kline and they had a son Bernard Kline who died in Union County, PA in 1837.

Margaret. She married Nicholas Jacobi apparently at a time after the 1761 and before the 1762 petition.

Maria Eve. She married Frederick Braun of Longswamp and they had a daughter Susanna who many people believe is Susanna, wife of Peter Mertz (Maria Eve's cousin) and they call her, therefore, Susanna Braun. But there is no real evidence that Peter's wife, who was definitely Susanna, was nee Braun. And there is no evidence that Peter's wife was Frederick's daughter. So I have come to have a lot of doubt on this issue, but it seems impossible to absolutely prove one way or the other.

Elizabeth. She married Lawrence Schollenberger apparently after the 1762 petition and before the 1763 estate accounting.

Maria Magdalena. She married Conrad Siebert.

Maria Elizabetha. Since the daughters were named in several petitions, it seems clear that four of them had similar names: Elizabeth, Maria Elizabetha, Maria Eve and Maria. Maria Elizabetha married her cousin Nicholas Klein, son of Hans Theobald Klein and Anna Christina Mertz.

Maria. She died young, unmarried, in 1776, and left an interesting will which suggested some things that otherwise might not be knowable. She was single and made specific bequests to: her mother Margaret, elder brother Jacob [Jacob may well have seemed to her like her surrogate father], David Klein her nephew (son of Nicholas Klein deceased) and the poor of Longswamp Township. She made no mention at all of her other six older brothers and sisters, the residue of her estate to go to her sisters Maria Elizabeth Klein (Nicholas) and Maria Magdalena Seybert (Conrad) and her brother John Nicholas. These three, together with her being the four youngest children.

Then there is this. When the will was recorded it said "Letters of Administration .....granted to Philip Fenstermacher...Guardian heretofore appointed by the Orphans Court of the said County during the minority of Nicholas Mertz *only brother and next of kin* to the said Maria Mertz deceased of the personal and estate of the said Maria Mertz." (Philip Fenstermacher was indeed one of the two guardians originally appointed in 1761 for the four minor children including Maria and Nicholas.)

The part that I have italicized was squeezed into the recording on a form which didn't really allow room to write that phrase in, but I believe it was supposed to read as I've laid it out. At issue is the phrase "only brother". What's that about? Her father had four sons, how can she have just one brother? My theory is that it suggests that her father Nicholas may have had two wives and had his youngest four children by his second wife. But I have no other evidence to support this idea.

Another very important conclusion we can draw from that court order is that her brother Nicholas seems still to have been a minor in 1776. He must have been born about the time of his father's death or just after. There was a Nicholas who died in Northumberland County in 1801 and we know he was born in 1748. Clearly the Nicholas who died in Northumberland County was not the son of Nicholas.

### **Known Sons**

From the Orphans Court petitions, I know that Nicholas had four sons:

N1 John Jacob. He moved to Northumberland County by about 1785 and then on to western New York State by 1800.

N2 Henry. I think Henry too did not move to Northumberland County but like Conrad maybe wandered elsewhere in Berks County. In Henry's case I think he went to Manheim township which later was made part of Schuylkill County when it was created.

N3 Conrad. I'm not 100% certain what happened to Conrad. I do not think he moved to Northumberland County and I think he stayed in Berks County at least until 1800 and then he either died or moved somewhere I have yet to discover.

N4 Nicholas. I don't know what happened to Nicholas.

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**Spouse:**                **Margaret<sup>4</sup>**

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Marriage:            abt 1734                Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA  
Death:                bef 4 Dec 1767<sup>5</sup>  
Death Memo:        (On 1765 tax list, deceased by 1767 when Jacob sold Nicholas' land)

### **Parent-Proof**

I do not know her maiden name let alone the names of her parents. I really know very little about her.

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**Name:** **John Jacob Mertz (N1)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>

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Birth: abt 1738 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA  
Birth Memo: (of age when his father, Nicholas, died in 1760)  
Death: aft 1810 Ontario Co, NY  
Death Memo: (present in 1810 Census, not present in 1820)  
Father: Nicholas Mertz (N) (<1715-~1760)  
Mother: Margaret (-<1767)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Orphans Court filings after the death of Nicholas state that John Jacob was his oldest son. He is designated N1.

There was a baptism recorded in 1764 at the Longswamp Church of Johannes Litweiler born 10 Dec 1752 son of Heinrich and Sara. But whether the baptism occurred nearer his 1752 birth or nearer the 1764 date when many early baptisms were recorded in the church book is not clear. Cristina Klein and Jacob Mertz were sponsors. If the baptism were closer to 1752, then I think this record would help to date Jacob's birth as probably closer to 1735 than 1738.

In 1761, prominent citizens of Longswamp petitioned to have Longswamp officially recognized as a township in Berks County. Among the 26 signers were Jacob and Peter Mertz. That had to have been Hans Peter and his nephew John Jacob. Jacob was quite young to be considered a prominent citizen but I think the explanation may be that he was, in a way, representing his father Nicholas, recently deceased.

**TOO MANY MEN NAMED JACOB MERTZ.** There were quite a number of men named Jacob Mertz born between 1735 and 1800 whose names appear in the records of Berks and Northumberland County. There were three of them born between 1735 and 1755 or so. And at least eight more born in the 1770's or later.

John Jacob was one of the three older ones. Another was the son of John Henry Mertz of Rockland Township born in 1741. Many secondary sources say he was the Jacob who appeared in the 1790 Census in Northumberland County and many sources say that Jacob of Northumberland County was born in 1741 -- making it seem obvious he must be one and the same as Jacob, son of John Henry. But I believe there is no basis whatsoever for knowing the exact birth year of the earliest Jacobs of Northumberland County.

I believe that John Jacob, son of John Henry Mertz, stayed in Berks County, was only associated with Mertz Church and may be the only Mertz buried in that graveyard. His tombstone says 1741-1811. He baptized daughter Ester there in 1789 and daughter Hanna in 1792. I believe he was the Jacob Mertz living in Rockland Township in the 1790, 1800 and 1810 Census. He did not move to Northumberland County before 1790 and he did not go back and forth.

The third, and youngest, of the three older Jacobs was John Jacob's cousin Jacob, son of Hans Peter. The two Jacobs of Longswamp can be distinguished partly by their age (Peter's son was probably at least 15 years younger than John Jacob) and also by the name of their wives. John Jacob married Magdalena and Jacob married Margaretha.

So it all seems simple to me now to tell the three apart and not confuse them in any way. But when I was just starting to research this family I received an email from Gerard Karcher who brought to my attention that Jacob Martz, Conrad Martz and Jacob Welch were listed in

the 1853 History of the Settlement of Steuben County, NY by Guy McMaster as early settlers of that county. Certain statements in the book indicated some previous connection to Northumberland County. Gerard also cited a different source which seemed to imply that Conrad was Jacob's son. It of course begged the question: which Jacob was it who moved?

But, with analysis, the answer to that question became apparent. The Jacob in Steuben County in the 1800 Census was 45+ while the Jacob who stayed in Northumberland County and was listed in the 1800 Census there was 26-45. A Jacob Mertz died in Northumberland County in 1803 and his wife was named Margaretha. It was the younger Jacob whose wife was named Margaretha. And perhaps most importantly, Jacob and wife Magdalena baptized daughter Anna Catharine at Longswamp Reformed in 1763 and she must have been the Anna Catharina who with husband Jacob Welsh baptized a daughter in that church in 1784.

Gerard in fact stated that Jacob Welch was married to Anna Catharine Martz, John Jacob's daughter and their son Conrad Welch reminisced that his grandfather had a farm in Sunbury. So I believe the early settlers of Steuben County were John Jacob, his son Conrad and his son-in-law Jacob Welsh.

Like other puzzles I have had to solve to understand these early Mertzes, after much analysis and gathering of facts and following theories until they either seemed to prove out or led to a contradiction -- it all became clear. John Jacob, son of Nicholas, lived briefly in Northumberland County then moved a second time to New York State -- and his whole family went with him. Left in Northumberland County were only Peter's sons.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

**THE SPARTA, NY MERTZES.** John Jacob moved from Berks County to Augusta Township in the mid-1780's and then moved again, this time to New York State before 1800. His family made both moves with him including his adult son Conrad, adult daughter Anna Catherine (and her husband Jacob Welch) and his other younger children. The family lived in western NY in places named Sparta and Dansville in Steuben, Livingston and Ontario counties and then some of his descendants moved on to Erie County, PA which was actually not distant at all from their New York home.

It is interesting that Jacob does not appear to have been listed in the 1779 Pennsylvania Septennial Census, nor 1786 nor 1793.

In Berks deed book B1 page 457, on 4 Dec 1767 Jacob Mertz son of Nicholas sold three lots, one of which belonged to Nicholas' widow, deceased. The other two were assigned to Jacob by the Orphans Court with him to pay the younger children.

1790. Two cousins named Jacob Mertz, one the son of Nicholas, one the son of Hans Peter, had moved to Northumberland County and both were listed in the 1790 Census there. One as Jacob Mertz Sr. and the other as Jacob Martz. Jacob Sr. was reported immediately adjacent to David, Conrad and Peter. So the question is which is which. Both of the Jacobs had a teenage son named Jacob. Did that warrant one of them being called Sr. or was he called Sr. to differentiate him from the other? It is known that Jacob, son of Hans Peter, the younger of the two settled on land immediately adjacent to David. It is also known that Conrad was the son of the older one. I cannot distinguish one from the other using the counts of other people in the household. So I could argue this either way and it really doesn't matter, both were present, but I have guessed that Jacob Sr. was indeed the older of the two and report it that way here.

1800. Jacob Marts lived in Sparta, Ontario County, NY

1810. There was a man listed as Jacob Mar?? by Ancestry.com in Avon, Ontario Co, NY age 45+. I can make out that the next letter is "t" and then it is smudged. I think it is none other than Jacob Marts. I wish I had brought it to the attention of Mary Lou Kueker and had her comment on it. The rest of the family is in Genesee County.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

I have looked for a will of Jacob Mertz of Ontario County in the 1794-1834 period with no luck. We don't know when exactly he died but I think it was between the time of the 1810 and 1820 Census.

John Jacob is not on find-a-grave.

### **Known Daughters**

I know of four daughters for Jacob and Magdalena.

Elizabeth. She was one of at least four women named Elizabeth Mertz living in Longswamp Township by about 1765. I believe this one married Peter Fegely and I think they stayed on in nearby Lehigh County when the rest of her family moved to Northumberland County.

Anna Catherine. This is the daughter who married Jacob Welch and they moved with her father first to Northumberland County and then on to NY State where they remained. Both Jacob and Anna Catherine are on find-a-grave.

Mary Magdalena. I know her from her baptism but I know nothing more about her.

Maria Eva. She too moved with her father first to Northumberland County and then to NY State. She married Christian Fritts and sometime before the 1840 Census they moved to Venango Township, Erie County, PA (near Eva's brother Jacob who moved to Wayne Township). She and Christian are buried in the Lowville Cemetery where others of her family are also buried.

### **Known Sons**

John Jacob had three sons:

N1a Conrad

N1b David

N1c Jacob

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**Spouse:**               **Magdalena Emmerich<sup>7</sup>**

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### **Parent-Proof**

John Jacob married Magdalena Emmerich or possibly Hamrig.

I have in very old handwritten notes this from Butz: Jacob and Magdalena Hamrig baptized children from 1760-1774. I don't remember if this is where I got the idea originally that Magdalena was nee Hamrig or whether I saw it somewhere else too. But the appearance of an Elizabeth Hamrig as sponsor at the baptism of John Jacob and Magdalena's first child supports this notion.



Mary Lou Kueker, though, says the last name was probably Emmerich, since Hamrig was not a real name.

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5. 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Jacob Marts, Sparta Twp, Ontario Co, NY, 0/0, 1/0, 2/1, 0/0, 1/1.
6. 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Jacob Mar??, Avon Ontario NY, 0/0, 1/0, 2/1, 0/0, 1/1.
7. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 29 Jan 1760. Conrad Mertz and Elizabeth Hammerig sponsor the baptism of Conrad Mertz s/o Jacob and Magdalena.

**Name:** Conrad Marts (N1a)<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

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Birth: 29 Jan 1760 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA<sup>6</sup>

Birth Memo: (baptism record)

Father: John Jacob Mertz (N1) (~1738->1810)

Mother: Magdalena Emmerich

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Two citations from Longswamp records are of note:

On 29 Jan 1760, Conrad Mertz sponsored the baptism of Conrad Mertz son of Jacob and Magdalena. Conrad, the sponsor was the uncle of Conrad, the child.

Then on 17 Apr 1784, Conrad Mertz sponsored the baptism of Maria Catharina Welsch daughter of Jacob and Catrina. It was Jacob Mertz, Conrad Mertz and Jacob Welch who were pioneer settlers of Steuben County, NY after they moved first to Northumberland County, PA. I believe Conrad born 1760 was the sponsor in 1784, the child was his niece and he was the Conrad who moved, with his father, to Northumberland then on to NY State.

Conrad is designated N1a.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

1790. Conrad Mertz, Northumberland, PA

1800. Lived in Canisteo Township, Steuben County, NY indexed by the name "Cunrod Martin". It does look like Martin as written but according to Mary Lou Kueker, people closely associated with Conrad like George Shirey, Frederick Barnhart and Jacob Welch were in the same place and Conrad is otherwise unaccounted for. Jacob Welch, in fact, lived right next door.

1810. Lived in Caledonia Township, Genesee County. A neighbor was David Marts.

But then I lost track of Conrad. I could no longer find him in western New York State nor in Erie County, PA where the families of his two brothers had gone. I had noticed a Konrad Marts in Indiana but did not connect the dots until Gerard Karcher contacted me.

Gerard wrote *"Conrad Mertz, born 1760, to Jacob and Magdelana, disappeared after the 1810 census. However, I believe I found him in Henry County, Indiana, on the 1830 census, age 60-69. His neighbor was George Marts age 30-39. Other neighbors are the Kizers (Kiger, Kiser etc.)."*

*George Martz is written up in a Henry County history as an early settler of Knightstown, his wife giving birth to their first child in Knightstown and him building the third house in town.*

*So, interestingly, then in 1840, there was a Joseph Marts in Knightstown, age 20-29 and a female 70-79 (has Conrad likely died and this was his widow living with Joseph?). I traced this Joseph through further Censuses and he seems to have been born in Ohio around 1816.*

*In Ohio, Joseph Marts married Elizabeth Voorhees on April 16, 1837, in Butler County and George S Marts married Margaret Kizer on January 2, 1823, in Clark County. Clark County*

*is not too far from the Indiana/Ohio state line, Butler County is on the line and Henry County Indiana not too far on the other side of the state line.*

*There were several Martz marriages in Henry County Indiana. Margaret Marts married William Kizer on 2 Mar 1830, and I followed her through later Censuses and the 1850 Census states that she was born 1807 in New York State, a very important clue. John Marts married Nancy Piatt 21 Jul 1831. I can't seem to locate them.*

*To sum it all up, Conrad Marts/Martz/Mertz left New York State after 1810, went to Ohio, his son Joseph was born there in about 1816 and they were probably there in 1820, in or near Clark County (there was several Kizer families there too), and by 1830, the Marts and Kizers were in Henry County Indiana.*

*I know Conrad had about 6 sons and about 2-3 daughters. Hopefully more will show up."*

Gerard had not yet found one final very important piece of this puzzle but it emerged in our follow-up discussions. In 1820, there was a Conrad Marks and a younger Christian Marks in Madison Township, Butler County, OH. That spelling — Marks — was also the way the last name of Abraham Martz (P2c) was spelled in 1820 in that very same township.

So everything here paints a complete and consistent picture and thanks to Gerard's analysis my coverage of Conrad and his sons is much more complete than it would have been.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

We don't know when Conrad died, probably between the 1830 and 1840 Census. He is not on find-a-grave.

### **Known Daughters**

Subsequently, Gerard informed me that he could identify three daughters of Conrad's:

*"Betsey born around 1795, married Moses Cunningham in Clinton Co. Ohio in 1819, neighbor to Conrad Marts in 1830, her husband died by 1840, she lived out her life in Indiana with her children.*

*Margaret born around 1807, married March 2, 1830 to William Kiger, in Henry Co. IN, died in 1880 in Illinois.*

*Elizabeth? born around 1811. I never saw her on the census for 1820 or 1830, but she married John Kyger on August 15, 1830, in Rush County, near Henry County (so she could have missed the 1830 census). They had 3 children, husband died before 1840 and she married George Levic. (His son Andrew married a Sarah Jane Marts, born 1830, father born NY, so Sarah is possibly a daughter of George S). John Levic, son of George, married Elizabeth Kiger, stepsister. (There was also a Levic-Cunningham marriage)."*

### **Known Sons**

So, from the information Gerard Karcher has compiled, Conrad's sons include Christian (or Christopher?) (N1a1), George (N1a2) and Joseph (N1a3).

And there was one more identified by Gerard: *"John born around 1805. John married on July 16, 1831, to Nancy Piatt, in Henry County. I can't find them after that except he was in the estate papers for his brother George Marts. John wasn't on the census for 1830."* Since John never appeared on Census and we know nothing more about him, he is not given a designation code.

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**Name:** **Christian Marts (N1a1)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>

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Birth: abt 1794  
Birth Memo: (age 56 in 1850)  
Death: abt 1865  
Death Memo: (present in 1860, not in 1870)  
Father: Conrad Marts (N1a) (1760-)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We believe that Christian (aka Christopher) was the son of Conrad since he was listed in the 1820 Census immediately next door to Conrad. They both at the time lived in Butler County, OH. Conrad then moved on before 1830 but Christian stayed on in Butler County.

His name was given as Christian in four Census listings and Christopher in two. I suspect it was Christian, named perhaps for Conrad's uncle Christian Fritts,

Christian is designated N1a1.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Christian gave the conflicting answers in Census of NY or PA as to his birthplace, but he lived almost all of his life in Butler County, OH.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

I do not see Christian on find-a-grave.

### **Known Sons**

From Census, Christian may have had as many as five sons. But the only one I know of for sure is Abraham. There is an unidentified Jacob Marts in Butler County of the right age but I can't be sure who his father was.

### **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), Christopher Marks, Madison, Butler, OH, 1/0, 0/1, 0/0, 1/1, 0/1.
2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Christian Marks, Madison, Butler, OH, <5M (2), 5-9M (2), 10-15M, 30-39M, 10-15F, 40-49F.
3. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Christian Martz, Madison, Butler, OH, 10-14M (2), 15-19M (2), 40-49M, 30-39F.
4. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Christian Maits, 56, b. NY, Madison, Bulter, OH, Abram Marts 21, Rebecca Marte 9, Margaret Dickey 64, Margaret Dine 24.
5. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Christopher Marts, 68, b. PA, Madison, Butler, OH.
6. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Christian Marts, 75, b. NY, Madison, Butler, OH.

**Name:** **Abraham C Marts (N1a1a)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 22 Aug 1830  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 3 Jul 1870  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, Butler Co, OH  
Father: Christian Marts (N1a1) (~1794-~1865)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Abraham as the son of Christian from his presence in his father's household in 1850. He is designated N1a1a.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Abraham and his wife are on find-a-grave.

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**Spouse:** **Clara Schenck**

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Birth: 19 Mar 1841  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 16 Oct 1861  
Marr Memo: (find-a-grave memorial)  
Death: 10 Jun 1875  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, Butler Co, OH

### **Parent-Proof**

It says on find-a-grave that she was the daughter of Aaron L and Maria Schenck.

### **Sources**

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Abraham Marts, 35, Madison, Butler, OH, Rebecca Dickey 70.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Abram C Marts, 40, Hamilton, Butler, OH, Clara A 29, Edward 6, Henry R 2, Margaret Lebehart 15, Jane Layman 29.

**Name:** **George S Marts (N1a2):**

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Birth: abt 1799  
Birth Memo: (Gerard Karcher estimate based on Census tick marks)  
Death: 1833  
Death Memo: (date of probate)  
Father: Conrad Marts (N1a) (1760-)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

The fact that he was a neighbor of Konrad in the 1830 Census is the basis for the theory he was Conrad's son. His marriage to a Kizer reinforces that conclusion.

He is designated N1a2.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

1830. He lived in Henry County, IN, a neighbor of Conrad's.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

He is not on find-a-grave.

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**Spouse:** **Margaret Kizer**

Marriage: 2 Jan 1823 Clark Co, OH  
Marr Memo: (Gerard Karcher)

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### **Sources**

1. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), George Marts, Henry Co, IN, <5M, 30-39M, <5F, 5-9F, 20-29F.

**Name:** **Joseph Marts (N1a3)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

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Birth: 20 Mar 1813  
 Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Death: 2 Sep 1884  
 Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Burial: Fountaintown Cemetery, Shelby Co, IN  
 Father: Conrad Marts (N1a) (1760-)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

It is the fact that he lived in Henry County, IN in 1840 where Conrad was last seen in 1830 and his age that makes it seem like he was Conrad's son.

Moreover, his marriage, in Butler County, OH, strengthens that conclusion as well as reinforces the idea that we have correctly tracked this family as they moved from place to place.

He is designated N1a3.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

1840. He first appeared in Census in Henry County, IN and was still there in 1850.

And then he moved by 1860 to Hancock County, IN and then by 1870 to Shelby County.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

After tracking him to Shelby County and confirming it was the same Joseph by the carry-through of other names in his household from Census to Census, I was able to find him on find-a-grave.

### **Known Daughters**

Joseph and Elizabeth are linked on find-a-grave to their daughter Filena, buried in the same cemetery, born, according to her tombstone, in Mar 1850. Filena was a new-born in the 1850 Census in Henry County, with her parents in 1860 in Hancock County and then buried in the same cemetery in Shelby County — she is a totally compelling carry-through.

### **Known Sons**

From Census, he had at least five sons of which three were born prior to the 1850 Census and therefore have been assigned a designation code and tracked further by me:

N1a3a George W born 1844  
 N1a3b William J born 1845  
 N1a3c John W born 1847

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**Spouse:** **Elizabeth Voorhees**

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Birth: 4 Feb 1819  
 Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Marriage: 16 Apr 1837 Butler Co, OH  
 Marr Memo: (Gerard Karcher)  
 Death: 31 Jul 1898



Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Fountaintown Cemetery, Shelby Co, IN

### **Sources**

- 1.** 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Joseph Marts, Knights Town, Henry, IN, 5-9M, 20-29M, <5F (2), 20-29F.
- 2.** 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Joseph Marts, Wayne, Henry, IN, 33, Elizabeth 32, Elizabeth J 12, Catherine 10, Mary 9, George 7, William 5, John 2, Filena new born.
- 3.** 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Joseph Marts, Center, Hancock, IN, 44, Elizabeth 43, Elizabeth J 22, Mary 17, George W 16, William J 12, John W 10, Philina 7, Charles M 5, James E 4.
- 4.** 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Joseph Martz, 55, Van Buren, Shelby, IN, Elizabeth 54, Elizabeth 32, John 22, Charles 18, James 15, Alvaretta 7, Clementine 3.
- 5.** 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Joseph Marts, 65, Fountaintown, Shelby, IN, Elizabeth 63, James E 26.

**Name:** **George W Marts (N1a2a)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1844  
Birth Memo: (age 16 in 1860)  
Father: Joseph Marts (N1a2) (1813-1884)  
Mother: Elizabeth Voorhees (1819-1898)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know George W as the son of Joseph from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860. He is designated N1a2a.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

In 1870 and 1880, he was in Hancock County, IN — served by the Fountaintown Post Office — so very close to Shelby County. I notice also he was in Indianapolis in 1910.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

He is not on find-a-grave at least not in Indiana where I checked. I cannot find him in the Indiana Death Certificates database though he should be there, I think.

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**Spouse:** **Martha A Bennett**

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Marriage: 20 Aug 1867 Hancock Co, IN  
Marr Memo: (Indiana Marriage Index @ Ancestry.com)

### **Parent-Proof**

Her maiden name comes from the marriage record of George W Marts and Martha A Bennett in Hancock County in 1867.

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), George W Marts, 25, Brandywine, Hancock, IN, Martha 21 live with Joshua Duncan.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), George Marts, 36, Brandywine, Hancock, IN, Martha 30, Francis 9, Laura J 7, James 6, George 1.

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**Name:** **William J Marts (N1a3b)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 6 Aug 1845  
Birth Memo: (age at death per IN Death Certificate)  
Death: 9 Oct 1924  
Death Memo: (IN Death Certificate)  
Burial: Park Cemetery, Greenfield, IN  
Father: Joseph Marts (N1a3) (1813-1884)  
Mother: Elizabeth Voorhees (1819-1898)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know William J as the son of Joseph from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860. This is confirmed by his death certificate. He is designated N1a3b.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Starting in 1870 and continuing to 1920, he was always in Greenfield, Hancock County, IN.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

William J Marts is on find-a-grave, buried in Greenfield. His death certificate says he was born 6 Aug 1850 but his age at death and his date of death on that same certificate indicates 6 Aug 1845 — a date that is much more consistent with his listings in Census.

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**Spouse:** **Mary A Dobbins**

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Birth: 1848  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 28 Aug 1866 Hancock Co, IN  
Marr Memo: (Indiana Marriage Index @ Ancestry.com)  
Death: 1928  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Park Cemetery, Greenfield, IN

### **Parent-Proof**

Her maiden name comes from the marriage record of William J Marts and Mary A Dobbins in Hancock County in 1866.

She too is on find-a-grave.

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), William Marts, 24, Greenfield, Hancock, IN, Mary A 22, Luna E 1.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), William Mark, 35, Greenfield, Hancock, IN, Mary 33, Luna 11, Jane 9, Charles 6, Della 4, Eva 2.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>John W Marts (N1a3c)<sup>1</sup></b>
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Birth:	1847
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	1902
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Park Cemetery, Greenfield, IN
Father:	Joseph Marts (N1a2) (1813-1884)
Mother:	Elizabeth Voorhees (1819-1898)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know John W as the son of Joseph from his presence in his father's household in 1850, 1860 and 1870. He is designated N1a3c.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

He seems to have lived his life in or near Hancock County.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

John W is on find-a-grave.

<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Serilda J Roberts</b>
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Birth:	1852
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	4 Oct 1871 Hancock Co, IN
Marr Memo:	(Indiana Marriage Index @ Ancestry.com)
Death:	1926
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Park Cemetery, Greenfield, IN

### **Parent-Proof**

Her maiden name comes from the marriage record of John W Marts and Serilda J Roberts in Hancock County in 1871. She was Jane in the 1880 Census, Srida J in 1900 and then Jane C on her tombstone.

She too is on find-a-grave.

### **Sources**

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Marts, 31, Greenfield, Hancock, IN, Jane 26, Mary B 7, Minnie S 5, Sarah A 4, William A 2.

**Name:** **David Martz (N1b)<sup>1</sup>**

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Birth: abt 1765 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA  
Death: 1817 NY State  
Father: John Jacob Mertz (N1) (~1738->1810)  
Mother: Magdalena Emmerich

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

For a long time, I thought that David Mertz, who married Barbara Miller, and died in Northumberland County in 1822 was the son of John Jacob. But once I learned that he was born in 1745, John Jacob was ruled out as his father. I now know that David who was born in 1745 was the son of Peter.

Nonetheless, I think it is possible that John Jacob did have a son David as a certain David appeared in the 1810 Census in NY State where John Jacob had moved. NY State David was age 45+ in 1810, so I have estimated his birth year as about 1765.

In about 2007, I was contacted by yet another group of researchers interested in the Sparta, Livingston -- upstate NY -- branch of the family. The person taking the most thorough approach was Mary Lou Kueker. She and the others descend from Samuel Mertz, son of David Mertz.

I spent well over a year working with Mary Lou and she has been by far the most helpful Mertz researcher I have ever been in contact with. She very carefully studied my theories stating that it was the Longswamp Mertzses who became the Northumberland County Mertzses and that John Jacob then moved on to NY State. Based on her own very exhaustive research, she has concluded that I am right. She has also added many things to my base of knowledge including that Nicholas of Middleburg was the son of Peter and she has found several key documents that have been very helpful to me.

She now believes, as I do, that David of NY State was indeed the son of John Jacob, son of Nicholas. He is designated N1b.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

1810. I have three David's to sort out in the 1810 Census and I think this is the obvious candidate to have removed to New York State where his father and brother (Conrad) had gone previously. David Marts lived near Conrod Marts in Caledonia Township, Genesee County, NY. He was 45+.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

The will of David Martz of Caledonia Township proved 21 Nov 1817. It mentioned wife Elizabeth and only son Samuel, a minor, but a deed recorded in 1818 named the other children as Polly, Sally, Magdalen, Betsey, and Daniel.

David is not on find-a-grave.

### **Known Daughters**

From the deed cited above, we know of the four named daughters.

### **Known Sons**

From the deed cited above, we know of sons Samuel (N1b1) and Daniel (N1b2).

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**Spouse:**            **Elizabeth**  
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Birth:                4 Jan 1783  
Birth Memo:        (age on tombstone 69y, 9m, 28d)  
Death:               1 Nov 1852  
Death Memo:        (find-a-grave)

### **My Comments**

She married David Bowen after the early death of Samuel Marts and then John Underwood after David. She is buried in the Marts family plot as Elizabeth wife of John Underwood.

### **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), David Marts, Caledonia Twp, Genesee Co, NY, 1/3, 1/0, 0/1, 1/0, 1/1.

**Name:** **Samuel Marts (N1b1)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: 2 Apr 1810  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 6 Apr 1878  
Death Memo: (History of Erie County)  
Burial: Lowville Cemetery, Wattsburg, Erie Co, PA  
Father: David Martz (N1b) (~1765-1817)  
Mother: Elizabeth

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Samuel was mentioned in his father's will, he was a minor. He is designated N1b1.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

In both 1840 and 1850, Samuel lived in Venango Township, Erie County, PA.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Samuel and Paulina are on find-a-grave. As of now, until I get it fixed, his date of death is shown erroneously for her.

### **Known Daughters**

From the 1850 Census, we know Martha 3 and Mary Ann 1.

### **Known Sons**

From the 1850 Census, we know:

Nelson born 1833. He disappears after the 1850 Census.

N1b1a Wilson T born 1836  
N1b1b David born 1837  
N1b1c James G born 1842  
N1b1d William born 1845

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**Spouse:** **Pauline Gregory**<sup>5</sup>

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Birth: 10 Apr 1810  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Lowville Cemetery, Wattsburg, Erie Co, PA

### **Parent-Proof**

Her maiden name comes from the death certificate of her son Wilson T.

### **Sources**

1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Samuel Mart, Venango Two, Erie Co, PA, <5M (2), 5-9M, 30-39M, <5F, 5-9F, 30-39F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Mertz, 40, Venango, Erie, PA, Paulina 43, Jane 19, Nelson 17, Wilson 14, David 12, James 8, William 5, Martha 3, Mary Ann 1.

- 3.** 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuil (sic) Warts, 50, Venango, Erie, PA, Perlina 52, Jane 28, Wilson 25, James 18, William 15, Martha 13, Mary 11.
- 4.** 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Marts, 56, Venango, Erie, PA, Perlina 60, James (but it's Jane) 38, Mary 21.
- 5.** 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Pauline Marts 73, Venango, Erie, PA, Jane 48.



**Name:** **Wilson T Marts (N1b1a)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 4 Feb 1836  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave, death certificate erroneously says 8 Feb 1846)  
Death: 1 Dec 1922  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave and death certificate)  
Burial: Lowville Cemetery, Wattsburg, Erie Co, PA  
Father: Samuel Marts (N1b1) (1810-1878)  
Mother: Pauline Gregory (1810-)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

His death certificate says he was the son of Samuel Marts and Paulina Gregory. He is designated N1b1a.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

He lived his life in Erie County.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

He and his wife are on find-a-grave.

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**Spouse:** **Margaret Elizabeth Fritts**

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Birth: 6 Feb 1834  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 15 Jul 1906  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Lowville Cemetery, Wattsburg, Erie Co, PA

### **Parent-Proof**

It says on her find-a-grave memorial that she was the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Frazier Fritts, both born in NY.

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Wilson Marts, 34, Venango, Erie, PA, Margrett 36 + Rosa Wirts 15, Georg Wirts 25.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Wilson Marts, 44, Venango, Erie, PA, Margaret 46, Cora E 6.

**Name:** **David Marts (N1b1b)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 5 Jan 1837  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 15 Aug 1924  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Wattsburg Cemetery, Wattsburg, Erie Co, PA  
Father: Samuel Marts (N1b1) (1810-1878)  
Mother: Pauline Gregory (1810-)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

His death certificate says he was the son of Samuel Marts and Pauline Gregory. He is designated N1b1b.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

He lived his life in Erie County.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

He and his wife are on find-a-grave.

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**Spouse:** **Mary Ann Henderson**

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Birth: 4 May 1840  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 9 Feb 1864  
Marr Memo: (History of Erie County)  
Death: 11 Nov 1929  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Wattsburg Cemetery, Wattsburg, Erie Co, PA

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), David Marts, 33, Wayne, Erie, PA, Mary A 30, Loran 5, Jesse 3, Della 1.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), David Marts, 42, Wayne, Erie, PA, Mary A 40, Loran 15, Jessie 13, Della 11, Jenney 2.

**Name:** **James G Martz (N1b1c)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

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Birth: 1842  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 1928  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, CA  
Father: Samuel Marts (N1b1) (1810-1878)  
Mother: Pauline Gregory (1810-)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know James as the son of Samuel from his presence in his 1850 and 1860 household. He is designated N1b1c.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

He starts out as an adult in Erie County but then moves by 1900 to Missouri and then by 1910 to Los Angeles. His and his wife's name and age are the carry-throughs that convince me it is him as well and their birthplaces.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

He and his wife are on find-a-grave.

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**Spouse:** **Ann Morgan**

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Birth: 1842  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 1926  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, CA

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), James Marts, 39, Greenfield, Erie, PA, Anna 31, Warren 9.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), James Marts, 38, Greenfield, Erie, PA, Ann 38, Warren H 15, Charles S 5.
3. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), James G Martz, 58, Marion, Jasper, MO, Ann 58, Eva Graham 17.
4. 1910 Census, (HOH, Place, Age, Occ, Yrs Married, Female (# Children/# Living), Birthplace of Self/Father/Mother, Additional Persons, Marital Status), James G Martz, 68, Ass Dist #70, Los Angeles, CA, Ann M 68.
5. 1920 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Birthplaces, Additional Persons), James G Martz, 77, Ass Dist #63, Los Angeles, CA, Anne 77.

**Name:** **William F Marts (N1b1d)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 22 Feb 1845  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 12 Dec 1927  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Lowville Cemetery, Wattsburg, Erie Co, PA  
Father: Samuel Marts (N1b1) (1810-1878)  
Mother: Pauline Gregory (1810-)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

His death certificate says he was the son of Samuel Marts and Parlene Frazier (confusing his mother's maiden name with her mother's maiden name). He is designated N1b1d.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

He lived his life in Erie County.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

He and his wife are on find-a-grave.

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**Spouse:** **Sarah Eades**

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Birth: 23 Jun 1843  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 18 Sep 1900  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Lowville Cemetery, Wattsburg, Erie Co, PA

### **Parent-Proof**

Her maiden name comes from her husband's death certificate.

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), William Marts, 25, Venango, Erie, PA, Sarah 26.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Wm Marts, 35, Venango, Erie, PA, Sarah 36, Lulu 9, Hilton 5.

**Name:** Daniel Marts (N1b2)<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

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Birth: 8 May 1816  
Birth Memo: (age 78, 8, 25 at death per find-a-grave)  
Death: 2 Feb 1895  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave says Feb 1895, there is a 2 as part of the date)  
Burial: Wayland Village Cemetery, Steuben Co, NY  
Father: David Martz (N1b) (~1765-1817)  
Mother: Elizabeth

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Daniel was not mentioned in his father's will but a later deed named all of David's heirs, including Daniel. He is designated N1b2.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Daniel lived his life in or near Livingston or Steuben County, NY.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Daniel is on find-a-grave. There is a bio there, links to his three wives and links to numerous children.

### **Known Daughters**

Only one daughter, Elizabeth (1847-1901) appears to have had a full life and married.

### **Known Sons**

From the 1850 Census, we know Geo W age 12 and Daniel 1. Daniel died at about the age of 10. Only George W appears to have married and lived to adulthood.

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**Spouse:** Martha Wilson

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Birth: 24 May 1819  
Birth Memo: (bio on find-a-grave)  
Death: 30 Aug 1859  
Death Memo: (tombstone photo on find-a-grave)  
Burial: Wayland Village Cemetery, Steuben Co, NY

### **Parent-Proof**

Martha was Daniel's first wife and mother of George W. After she died, he married second Sarah and third Lovina Post (her married name, I think).

### **Sources**

1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Daniel Marts, Dansville, Steuben Co, NY, <5M, 20-29M, 20-29F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Daniel Marts, 34, North Dansville, Livingston, NY, Martha 31, Geo W 12, Mary C 4, Daniel 1.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Daniel Marts, 44, Wayland, Steuben, NY, Martha 40, George 21, Elisabeth 13, Daniel 10, Samuel 8, Conrad 5, James 2, Sarah 22 .

**4.** 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Daniel Markes, 54, Wayland, Steuben, NY, Sarah 32, George W 31, Elisabeth 22, Samuel 17, Conrad 15, Irda 4.

**5.** 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Daniel Marts, 64, Wayland, Steuben, NY, Lavina 41, Lois Post 18.

**Name:** **George W Marts (N1b2a)**<sup>1</sup>

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Birth: 1836  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 1911  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Wayland Village Cemetery, Steuben Co, NY  
Father: Daniel Marts (N1b2) (1816-1895)  
Mother: Martha Wilson (1819-1859)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know George as Daniel's son from his presence in his father's household 1850-1870. He is designated N1b2a.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

George is on find-a-grave. A bio is given that says he married Fannie Fox, daughter of Jesse. George and Fannie apparently had no children.

### **Sources**

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), George W Martz, 40, Cohocton, Steuben, NY, Fannie 30.

**Name:** **Jacob Mertz (N1c)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: 15 May 1777 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA  
Birth Memo: (Family Bible 15 May 1777, find-a-grave 15 May 1778)  
Death: 28 Sep 1844 Erie Co, PA  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Wheelock Cemetery, Erie Co, PA  
Father: John Jacob Mertz (N1) (~1738->1810)  
Mother: Magdalena Emmerich

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

One of the reasons for me to make the effort to make everything I know -- and even more importantly suspect -- available for all to peruse and study on my website is to encourage others to contact me with what they know or suspect.

And indeed, one day Gregory Mertz of Lincoln, NE and his brother Walt (Skip) of Omaha made contact with me to share what they know. They sent me the obituary of Joseph W Mertz who died in 1903 in Iowa and who was born, according to his obituary, in 1817 in Sparta, NY then lived for awhile in Erie County, PA and later moved to Iowa. They also sent images of pages from Joseph's bible indicating he was the son of Jacob Mertz Sr. who had been born 15 May 1777 -- based on this bible.

I immediately concluded that there had to be a connection to John Jacob who had moved from Berks to Northumberland to Sparta because of the so very few Mertzses that ever lived in Sparta and that two were named Jacob. The first question was whether Jacob born 1777 was the son of John Jacob or perhaps a grandson. I believe he was a son. For one thing, I think John Jacob's other sons were too young to have had a son in 1777. To believe that John Jacob, though, had a son in 1777, may suggest I should re-assess my thinking on his birth year. It suggests a somewhat later birth, perhaps early 1740's. But note, 1738 is certainly not ruled out.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

**THE ERIE COUNTY AND IOWA MERTZES.** I have tracked this Jacob through Census listings from Sparta, NY in 1820 and 1830 to Wayne Township, Erie County in 1840. This move is well documented since on 12 Jan 1832, Jacob and Sophia of Wayne Township sold 55 acres of land in Sparta, NY.

Not only did Jacob have a son Joseph W -- the one who started my inquiry into the Erie County Mertzses -- but by studying Census listings of Erie County in the relevant timeframe, there is evidence I believe that he also had sons Jacob H and Martin as well as daughters Julia and Susan. There may have been other children too of course.

1820. He is indexed as Jacob Steets living in Sparta, Ontario County, NY by Ancestry.com and I would never have found him except for the Heritage Quest index. But it is him.

1830. Jacob Marts lived in Sparta, Livingston County.

1840. Jacob Marks lived in Wayne Township, Erie County, PA. A neighbor was Jacob H Marks. Since this man is the right age, his wife the right age and in the right places, I am certain it is in fact Jacob Mertz or Martz/Marts.



### Death and Find-a-Grave

Jacob is on find-a-grave with a one year discrepancy on his date of birth which was computed from his age as given on his tombstone. Once again, a discrepancy with no obvious way to explain it, the tombstone simply does not agree with the family bible.

### Known Daughters

I'm not sure how many daughters he had but I know of Julia and Susan.

### Known Sons

I know Joseph W (N1c3) from the family bible and then from their residence in Wayne Township and their age, I also believe Jacob H (N1c1) and Martin (N1c2) were additional sons.

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**Spouse:**                **Sophia Karcher<sup>5,6</sup>**

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Birth:                    14 Dec 1786

Death:                   11 Sep 1878

### Parent-Proof

I discovered the given name of this woman as part of my discussions with Greg Mertz. But her surname seems to be common knowledge among other researchers of this line. The curious thing is I never got that detail from my earlier discussions with Gerard Karcher about this family. I assume he knew it which may be why his interest in this family in the first place, it just never came up.

### Census History

Sophia survived her husband and was listed as age 63 in Wayne Township in 1850 in the household of A D Moffitt and wife Julia Ann, age 26 — she being Sophia's daughter. She was also with that family in 1870, maybe they forgot to report her in 1860.

### Sources

1. E-mail Author: Walt and Greg Mertz, "NY State, Erie, Iowa Mertzes," Walt and Greg Mertz have sent me images from the family bible of Joseph W Mertz listing his parents as Jacob Mertz (15 May 1777-28 Sep 1844) & Sophia (14 Dec 1786-11 Sep 1878).
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), Jacob Steets, Sparta, Ontario Co, NY, 3/2, 0/1, 0/0, 0, 1/1, 0/0.
3. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Jacob Marts, Sparta, Livingston, NY, 5-9M, 10-14M, 10-19M (2), 50-59M, 5-9F, 10-14F (2), 40-49F.
4. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Jacob Marks, Wayne Twp, Erie Co, PA, 15-19M, 20-29M (2), 60-69M, 20-29F, 30-39F, 50-59F.
5. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Sophia Martz, 63, Wayne, Erie, PA, lives with A D Moffitt and wife Julia Ann.
6. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Sophia Mertz, 83, Wayne, Erie, PA, Susan 55, lives with Julia and Amos Moffett.

**Name:** **Jacob H Mertz (N1c1)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

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Birth: 28 Nov 1810 Ontario Co, NY  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 6 Feb 1855  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Wheelock Cemetery, Erie Co, PA  
Father: Jacob Mertz (N1c) (1777-1844)  
Mother: Sophia Karcher (1786-1878)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

The fact that he is the immediate next door neighbor of Jacob Marks in Wayne Township, Erie County in 1840 and the fact that in Joseph's bible, Jacob is denoted Jacob Sr. makes me think this is Jacob Jr. He is designated N1c1.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

He was Jacob H Marks in 1840 in Wayne Township and then I find a Jacob Mertz age 40 living in Crawford County, PA in 1850 who was born in New York. His wife is Hannah -- and daughter Fidelia age 18 and son Jacob 13 are among their children. Then in 1860 there was a Jacob H Mertz age 49 present back in Wayne Township who was born in New York -- now with a wife name Sylva and the only child present was James age 10.

The question is whether this is all the same guy. But the links on find-a-grave I think tie it all together.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

He is on find-a-grave in Erie County with wife Syble and linked to him are daughter Fidelia born 1834 and Jacob C born 1838. So we have the Crawford County family bread in Erie County and that I think ties it all together.

### **Known Daughters**

From Census, we know Fidelia and Rachel.

### **Known Sons**

From Census we know Jacob and James. I have not designated them as I have tracked them no further.

### **Sources**

1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Jacob H Marks, Wayne Twp, Erie Co, PA, <5M, 20-29M, <5F, 20-29F .
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jacob Mertz, 40, Fairfield, Crawford, PA, Hannah 40, Fidelia 18, Rachel 16, Jacob 13.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jacob H Mertz, 49, Wayne, Erie, PA, Sylva 49, James 10.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Jacob Mertz, 59 (transcribed 39), Wayne, Erie, PA, Sybil 57, Samuel Downing.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jacob Mertz, 69, Wayne, Erie, PA, Sybil 67.

**Name:** **Martin Mertz (N1c2)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: abt 1813  
Birth Memo: (age 37 in 1850)  
Death: abt 1890  
Death Memo: (present in 1880 Census, not present in 1900)  
Burial: Pine Grove, Erie Co, PA  
Father: Jacob Mertz (N1c) (1777-1844)  
Mother: Sophia Karcher (1786-1878)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

The fact that he was first listed in Census was 1850 in Wayne Township where others of Jacob's family were living and his age leads me to believe he was Jacob's son. The fact that his middle initial was "K" (I would guess for Karcher) adds evidence I think. Martin is designated N1c2.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

He was born in New York State (as he said on the 1850 Census) and no doubt came with the rest of his family to Erie County in the 1830's. He was first listed on his own in the 1850 Census with wife Marsha. They were both there also in 1860-1880.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

A Martin K Mertz is on find-a-grave in Erie County with no dates and no tombstone photo. His wife Marcia Baker is there too and her life span was 1822-1903. The two children linked to them were born in 1853 and 1856.

### **Known Daughters**

From find-a-grave, we know M Ellen. From Census, we also know Lillie [1856] and Carrie [1864].

### **Known Sons**

Martin had two sons born before the 1850 Census. One was called Martin S in 1850 and then Leroy thereafter. No mater, I am unable to find him in 1880 or thereafter. The other was David born about 1848. He is no doubt the David living on his own, age 34, in 1880 in Venango Township but after that I lose all track of him.

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**Spouse:** **Marcia Baker**

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Birth: 1822  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 20 Feb 1903  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Pine Grove, Erie Co, PA

### **Parent-Proof**

She is present on find-a-grave linked to Martin as her husband.

### **Sources**

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Malin K Mertz, 37, Wayne, Erie, PA, Marsha 28, Martin S 6, David 2.

- 2.** 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Martin Mertz, 46, Wayne, Erie, PA, Marshia 37, Leroy 16, David 12, Ellen 7, Lillie 4, Cassus M 1.
- 3.** 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Martin K Mertz, 57, Wayne, Erie, PA, Marcia 48, Leroy 26, David 22, Ellen 17, Leslie 14, Cassius 11, Carrie 6, Polly Barker 89.
- 4.** 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Martin Mertz 67, Wayne, Erie, PA, Marsha 58, Ella N 27, Cashus C 20.

**Name:** **Joseph W Mertz (N1c3)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: 10 May 1817 Sparta, NY  
 Birth Memo: (family bible, find-a-grave)  
 Death: 22 Sep 1903  
 Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Burial: Odebolt Cemetery, Sac Co, IA  
 Father: Jacob Mertz (N1c) (1777-1844)  
 Mother: Sophia Karcher (1786-1878)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

I have a copy of a page from Joseph's family bible -- sent to me by one of his descendants -- showing the births of he and wife Elizabeth and of his children and also of Jacob Mertz and Sophia, presumably his parents. Joseph W is designated N1c3.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

In 1850, J W Mertz lived in Wayne Township but then by 1860 had moved to Warren County, PA and then in 1870 and 1880 he was in Linn County, Iowa.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Joseph W Mertz is on find-a-grave. He is buried in Sac County, Iowa.

I also have a copy of his obituary which says he was born in Sparta, NY. This family migrated from Sparta, NY to Erie County, PA in the 1830's and then Joseph later moved to Iowa where he married again.

### **Known Daughters**

From his family bible, there was Rhoda [1842], Alice [1844], Adla [1847], Avilla [1849], Marian [1853] and Josephine [1855].

### **Known Sons**

From his family bible, there was Julius F [1845], Joseph B [1851] and Fred W [1857].

I have only designated Julius F, N1c3a, since he was the only one born before 1850. Julius F was the ancestor of Greg and Skip Mertz who now live in Nebraska.

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**Spouse:** **Elizabeth More**

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### **Sources**

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), J W Mertz, 33, farmer, Wayne, Erie, PA, Elizabeth 26, Rhoad 8, Alice 6, Julius 4. The parents were born in NY, the children in PA.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), J W Mertz, 43 farmer, born NY, Freehold, Warren, PA, Rhoda 18, Alice 16, Julius F 14, Ada 12, Orville 10, Bradner (?) 8, Marian 6, Josephine 4.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Joseph Mertz (indexed by Ancestry as Mentz), 53 farmer born NY, Clinton, Linn, Iowa, Arvilla or Orvilla 24, Bradner 18, Marian 16, Josephine 14. His next door neighbor is Julius F.

**4.** 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), W Mertz, 63, Stockholm, Crawford, IA, Lucy A 55 neighbor is J W.

**Name:** **Julius F Mertz (N1c3a)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 2 Oct 1845 Erie Co, PA  
Birth Memo: (family bible)  
Death: 1929  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, CO  
Father: Joseph W Mertz (N1c3) (1817-1903)  
Mother: Elizabeth More

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Julius as Joseph's son from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860 and the fact that they lived as next door neighbors in 1870 and 1880. He is designated N1c3a.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

He is on find-a-grave, wife Emma shares his tombstone.

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Julius F Mertz, indexed as Mentz, lives next door to his father in Clinton, IO. He is 24 a farmer and lives with Emma 21 and Harvey C 9 months.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), J W Mertz, 35, Stockholm, Crawford, IA, Emmie 32, Harry 10, Clarence 6 a neighbor is W.

**Name:** Conrad H Mertz (N1c4)<sup>1,2</sup>  
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Birth: 1823  
Birth Memo: (age 27 in 1850)  
Father: Jacob Mertz (N1c) (1777-1844)  
Mother: Sophia Karcher (1786-1878)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

The fact that he was first listed in Census was 1850 in Wayne Township where others of Jacob's family were living and his age leads me to believe he was Jacob's son. Conrad H is designated N1c2.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

He was C H in 1850 and then Conrad in 1860. He had a son Jefferson born about 1847. But this whole family simply disappears after 1860.

### **Sources**

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), C H Mertz, 27, Wayne, Erie, PA, Maria 23, Jefferson 3.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Conrad Mertz, 38, North East, Erie, PA, Mariah 33, Jefferson 13, William 6, Effie N 4m, Mary E 4m.



**Name:**                    **Henry Mertz (N2)<sup>1</sup>**

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Birth:                    27 Jul 1743                    Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA  
Death:                    17 Jul 1821                    Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA  
Father:                    Nicholas Mertz (N) (<1715-~1760)  
Mother:                    Margaret (-<1767)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Henry as the son of Nicholas from his mention in the various petitions filed after Nicholas' death. He is designated N2.

Heinrich Mertz and wife Catharina appeared as sponsors at a 1779 baptism and Henry was mentioned four more times in the records of Longswamp, always a sponsor, never a father and always with wife Catharina. The additional mentions were 1782, 1788, 1790 and finally 1806. Thus, after the mass exodus of Longswamp Mertz to Northumberland County, Henry was one of the few Mertz males left in Longswamp. He was in fact the only Mertz listed in Longswamp in the 1790 Census.

M L Kueker found on LDS film 1294878 (Butz) this information: Heinrich Mertz born 27 Jul (?) 1743 died 17 Jul 1821 son of Nicholas and Magdalena (is that a typo or is it an indication Nicholas had two wives?). He married Maria Catharina Heckman 28 Jan 1766. She was born 6 Dec 1746 died 3 Dec (?) 1821 and was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Heckman.

The Butz notes more or less fit with what I already knew about Henry. I knew his wife was Catharina and I knew he died before 7 Aug 1822. I didn't think he had been born as early as 1743 but it does not contradict anything I know for sure.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Henry Mertz was listed in Longswamp Township in the 1779 Pennsylvania Septennial Census.

He was listed in Longswamp Township in the 1790 Census and he was listed among the taxables in 1801 in Longswamp.

I know this Henry lived to 1821, every mention of him always placed him in Longswamp Township, so the question is why can't I account for him in Census after 1790? I have read the 1800, 1810 and 1820 Census listing of Longswamp line-by-line considering every possible mis-spelling; he is simply not there.

I have considered that he was the Henry Mertz in Manheim Township in 1800, 1810 and 1820 but the problem is in 1800, Manheim Henry was only 26-44 and this Henry presumably 57. I have guessed that Manheim Henry was this Henry's nephew, N3a — but then what did happen to this Henry? And isn't it quite a coincidence that Manheim Henry disappeared after the 1820 Census? On the other hand, I am certain that Manheim Henry's wife was Maria Blatner and this Henry's wife Maria Catharina Heckman.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Letters of Administration were issued on the estate of Henry Mertz of Longswamp Township to friend John Albrecht 7 Aug 1822.

### Known Sons

I have never seen any evidence that Henry and Catharina had any children.

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<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Maria Catharina Heckman</b>
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Birth:	6 Dec 1746
Marriage:	28 Jan 1766
Death:	3 Dec 1821
Father:	Peter Heckman
Mother:	Elizabeth

### Parent-Proof

In 1765, Heinrich and Catharina Hetman sponsored the baptism of Heinrich Mertz son of Conrath and Margaret.

### Sources

1. 1790 Census, (HOH, Place, M > 15, M < 16, F), Henry Mertz, Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA, 2,2,4.

**Name:** Conrad Mertz (N3)<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: abt 1746 Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA  
Father: Nicholas Mertz (N) (<1715-~1760)  
Mother: Margaret (-<1767)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Conrad as the son of Nicholas from his mention in the various petitions filed after Nicholas' death. He is designated N3.

On 29 Jan 1760, Conrad Mertz and Elizabeth Hammerig sponsored the baptism of Conrad Mertz son of Jacob and Magdalena. I am certain the sponsor was this Conrad born approximately 1746 standing up for his brother John Jacob. Elizabeth, the other sponsor, might well have been Magdalena's sister, the basis for the theory that Magdalena may have been maiden name Hammerig — or Emmerich. Sometimes baptismal records like this provide a clue to a future marriage of the sponsors, but in this case, that is not who Conrad married.

I firmly believe that Conrad did not move to Northumberland County with his brother and cousins. The Conrad who did appear there and then moved to NY State I believe was his nephew, the Conrad born in 1760.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

It's hard to find Conrad in early Census and know it is him and be sure it is not any of the other two Berks County Conrad Mertz I know about — N1a, this Conrad's nephew, and Y2 of the Mertz Church Mertz family, both of those other two born in 1760.

Conrad Mertz was listed in Bern Township in the 1779 Pennsylvania Septennial Census, this one I would think the only one old enough to be listed.

1790. By process of elimination this Conrad, N3, must be the one in Windsor Township, Berks County. Conrad Y2 is in Rockland, Conrad N1a in Northumberland.

1800. By process of elimination this Conrad, N2, must be the one in Berks County, no township stated. Conrad Y2 had sold his Rockland land and moved to Macungie Township where he will die in 1822, Conrad N1a was in NY State. Note however that Conrad in Berks County had no family living with him, that makes no sense whatsoever.

1810. Conrad N1a was still in NY State but there were two Conrads in Northampton County, one in Macungie Township and one in nearby Upper Milford. The tick marks all fit that the one in Macungie was Conrad Y2 (although I must point out when he died he also owned a little land in Upper Milford in addition to his main holdings in Macungie.)

So who was the Conrad in Upper Milford? He was said to be only 26-45 which is not right for any of the Conrads I know and curiously, for a man born about 1746, there are quite a number of young males in his household. I have seen in other cases when an older man has young sons, the explanation is his first wife died and he married a second younger wife. Perhaps she really was 26-45 years old, and Conrad mistakenly put into that bracket too.

In any event, by 1820, I think this Conrad, N3, has certainly died, Conrad Y2 is in Macungie where he will die in 1822 and Conrad, N1a, has moved to Ohio.

## Known Sons

There are documented birth/baptisms of two sons of Conrad and Margaret: Heinrich designated N3a and Johannes who I know nothing more about and is not designated.

Heinrich was baptized at Oley Reformed in 1765 with Heinrich Mertz (Conrad's brother) and Cath Hetman (likely Margaret's sister) as sponsors.

The 9 Apr 1772 baptism of Johannes is reported by John Humphrey in his Berks County Births 1781-1800 book, he lists the parents as Conrad and wife — this Conrad (N3) being the only one old enough to have had a son in 1772. However, I have found this same baptism, dated 19 April 1772, listed in the records of Rev. Daniel Schumacher and am a little confused by two aspects of that listing. For one thing, Schumacher was a Lutheran minister, wouldn't Conrad have chosen a Reformed minister? And Schumacher only lists Conrad as the father, no wife. Doesn't that imply that the wife was absent, did she die?

As I know nothing more about this Johannes, one explanation is perhaps the infant was struggling for life not long after his birth and maybe Conrad found any minister he could and the wife was not yet recovered from child birth to attend. But that is total speculation on my part.

As to Heinrich, there were several Heinrich Mertz of Berks County and I have worked hard to be certain who was who. And while I think there is some evidence for the way I have sorted them out, it is not clear cut. In any event, I believe Heinrich (N3a) ended up in Mannheim Township, Schuylkill County by 1820 and that is exactly where David Martz born about 1795 later shows up.

To be sure, there was an entirely different Mertz family who also ended up in Schuylkill County, that of Peter Mertz (J3). But I have compiled enough information about that family to be able to rule out, I believe, that this David fits in with them in any way. (And the name David of course, is an important name in the Longswamp Mertz family.)

Now I have also considered the possibility that David was Heinrich's son. At some point Heinrich married Maria Blatner and when her father died in 1808, his estate file named Heinrich and Maria's eight children — no David among them.

The question I have pondered is whether it's possible Heinrich had a first wife by whom he had David and then married Maria and had eight more children. If so, he married Maria in, say 1796 or so and had those eight children in about twelve years. That of course is possible but perhaps a little too many children in too short a time.

So my next theory was, since the earliest evidence about David was his appearance in Census in Mannheim Township in 1840, that perhaps he was Heinrich's brother and followed him there when he reached adulthood. If this theory is correct it means Conrad had Heinrich in 1765 and David about thirty years later (if true an indication Conrad married a second, younger wife). But if I have correctly identified Conrad in the 1810 Census (thinking his age was mis-reported), he did have several young sons including two in the 10-15 year old age bracket where David would fit in.

Yet another theory would be that Conrad's son Johannes lived to be old enough to have a son David and then died as a young man (leaving no real imprint on history) and Johannes' sons came to live with Conrad.

I should also add that my work involves knowing every Eastern Pennsylvania Mertz family and I cannot think where else David could possibly fit in. So I believe, one way or another, he was a son or grandson of Conrad's and I am, for now, making his Conrad's son which at least keeps him around and gives me a place to put everything I know about him until more information emerges.

Heinrich is designated N3a and David N3b.

### **Known Daughters**

I'm not aware of any daughters Conrad may have had, no baptism records of any and unfortunately he didn't leave a will so we couldn't learn of any that way. But my analysis of my DNA results has led me to believe it's possible that Conrad may have had two daughters:

Elizabeth who married Andreas Schadt, and  
Magdalena who married Carl Shreffler.

I believe there is sufficient evidence for both of these women to conclude they were a Mertz. In both cases, I have a "DNA cousin" who descends from each of these two women and by inspecting the trees of these two cousins I can see no other way we are related and I also cannot think who else might be the father of these two women and at least in the case of Magdalena, my cousin thinks Conrad may have been her father.

I'm always on the lookout for more information.

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<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Anna Margaretha Heckman</b>
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Marriage:	24 Feb 1765
Marr Memo:	by Rev Johann Andrew Krug
Father:	Peter Heckman
Mother:	Elizabeth

### **Parent-Proof**

"Conrad Mertz, 2nd son of Nickel of Longswamp to Anna Margareth Heckman, oldest d/o Peter of Ruscombmanor Twp, Feb 24, 1765"

### **Sources**

1. Church Records: IBID. Longswamp Reformed. 29 Jan 1760. Conrad Mertz and Elizabeth Hammerig sponsor the baptism of Conrad Mertz s/o Jacob and Magdalena.
2. 1790 Census, (HOH, Place, M > 15, M < 16, F), Cond Mertz, Windsor Twp, Berks Co, PA, 3,2,1.
3. 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Conrad Martz, (no township listed), Berks Co, PA 0/0, 0/0, 0/0, 0/0, 1/0.
42. 1810 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Conrad Mertz, Upper Milford, Northampton Co, PA, 1/1, 2/2, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Heinrich Mertz (N3a)</b> <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>
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Birth:	5 Sep 1765 <sup>s</sup>
Birth Memo:	(church record)
Death:	abt 1821
Death Memo:	(son Joseph petition 1 Jan 1822)
Father:	Conrad Mertz (N3) (~1746-)
Mother:	Anna Margaretha Heckman

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Heinrich Mertz, son of Conrath and Margaret, was baptized at Oley Reformed Church 29 Sep 1765 with Heinrich Mertz and Cath Hetman as sponsors. The infant had been born 5 Sep 1765. The sponsor Heinrich was his uncle. Heinrich (the infant) is designated N3a. The question is where does he end up as an adult.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

I have studied all the Heinrich Mertz of Berks County, here in birth order:

The oldest one was born I think in about 1745 or 1746, son of Nicholas (N) and known as one of the older of Nicholas's minor children when Nicholas died in 1760. I believe he is the Henry in Longswamp in the 1790 Census and the Henry "of Longswamp Township" who died in 1822. (I am unable to find him in 1800 or 1810, probably due to a corrupted spelling of his name).

Another Henry was born in 1749 and baptized at Mertz Church, son of John Henry Mertz (H). I believe he was the Henry of Allen Township, Northampton County, age 45+ in 1800. His wife died in 1826 and the church record reporting her death said she was born in 1752 which fits quite well with the idea her husband was born in 1749.

Jost (Y) had a son Heinrich, born sometime between 1755 and 1763. We know this Henry as he was involved in the handling of his brother, Richard's, estate. I know he was in Salisbury Township, Northampton County in 1800 because his brother Richard was in that same place and then we find them both in 1810 in Whitehall Township and Henry and wife Mara Elizabeth sponsored a baptism at a Salisbury church in 1790 and again in 1818.

So now we come to this Henry, born 1765. He's the youngest of the four, but still could well have been reported as age 45+ in 1800. But I actually believe he was the one reported as age 26-45 in Manheim Township (still Berks County) in 1800, then age 45+ in the same place in 1810 and finally the Henry Mertz age 45+ in Manheim Township in 1820 which by then had become part of the newly formed Schuylkill County.

And he is also the Henry Mertz known as the husband of John Blatner's daughter when John died in Manheim Township in 1808. Knowing of this connection, I was able to find Henry in 1790, I believe, as the Henry Marx (as transcribed by Ancestry.com) in what was then called Branswick (sic) and Manheim Township, Berks County.

There were five or six other Heinrichs born between 1781 and 1795, too young to be confused with any of the above.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

I believe his last mention was the 1820 Census and that he died not too long after that. The Schuylkill County petition of his son Joseph dated 1 Jan 1822 said both his mother Maria and father Henry were now deceased.

### **Known Sons**

From the estate file of John Blatner in 1808, we know that Henry and Maria had John, Jacob, Henry, Philip, Samuel and Joseph.

Joseph filed a petition in 1822 saying he was over the age of 14, but a minor. He was baptized in Dec 1805, so I believe he was born in 1805, was 17 when he filed his petition in 1822 and I also believe since he was listed last among the children and the only one of the family who filed a petition that he was the youngest child. So I believe all those other sons were born in 1804 or before.

It is basically impossible to identify any of these sons when they reached adulthood and know with certainty they were the named sons of Heinrich and Maria. So everything I say here about these sons is total speculation on my part. It is really a case of finding men of those names, generally with some Schuylkill County connections (except possibly John), and about whom I otherwise I have no idea who else they might be, and saying well maybe they were sons of Heinrich.

As of now, I have no idea what happened to Jacob or Henry or Philip. I will always keep looking but there is no Jacob or Henry who I don't think I know their parents so maybe they died young. And for awhile I thought I had found Philip but I now believe the Philip I found (in Brunswick Township in 1820 and 1830) was a different Philip — P3b. Here are, possibly, the others. Note again, I am guessing in every case.

I think Joseph was listed just in the 1840 Census in Schuylkill County. He was age 30-39. And then he disappeared.

I think Samuel was listed first in the 1820 Census in Manheim Township where Henry also lived, he was age 16-26, so likely born in the 1790's. And then Samuel seemed to go missing in 1830 and then reappeared in West Brunswick Township in 1840 and was thereafter in Barry Township in 1850 at age 56 [1794]. (Curiously there was no one named Mertz or Martz in the 1830 Census of Schuylkill County, nor can I find several persons of this name who I know were there using any trick to find them with a corrupted spelling. Something was wrong with that Census in that place.)

That leaves John as totally unaccounted for and for a long time I had no clue what happened to him. However in 2020, I became aware of a Daniel Martz who lived as an adult in Monroe County who seemed to have a sister named Ebesina. Ebesina was baptized in Easton, PA by her parents Samuel and Catherine in 1826 and a Samuel Martz actually was listed in Easton in the 1830 Census.

As to Daniel, more research determined there was an older John Martz, born 1804, in Monroe County and geography suggested as possibly the father of Daniel. But I think I have ruled that out, plus Daniel's relationship to Ebesina, if correct, suggests Samuel as his father.

Suddenly, a wild theory emerged. What if John of Monroe County was the missing John, son of Heinrich and what if Samuel of Easton was the Samuel from Schuylkill County who seemed to go missing for that brief period of time?

Please note, this, as I say, is totally wild speculation on my part. I'm not sure I even believe it, but it gives me a way to tell the story of John, Ebesina and Daniel of Monroe County and keep them handy in my database until more information emerges.

Note that all of Henry's sons may have had sons of their own who are somewhere in, say, 1850 and after. It would be nice to get a better handle on this whole family. And also note that Henry may well have had one or two more sons after 1808 — born too late to be named in John Blatner's estate file.

But for now, thinking maybe I have identified three of his sons, they are designated N3a1, N3a2 and N3a3. Also note, while I might think Heinrich's sons were named in birth order in his father-in-law's estate file, the ages I think I know for these three do not line up with that stated order.

The Mærtzes of Schuylkill County, PA are quite a tough bunch to sort out. I have observed that in most locations I have studied, for example even a place as big as Northumberland County, PA, that there was very little "mixing of the lines" — that all of the Mærtzes of that 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.

I think all (well almost all) of the many Schuylkill County Mærtzes descend from either Conrad Mertz, who have I designated N3, or Peter Mertz, who I have designated J3. However, Philip Mertz P3b is definitely an exception to that as he lived in Schuylkill in 1820 and 1830.

Henry had sons named John, Jacob, Henry, Philip, Samuel and Joseph. Peter had sons named John, Peter and Samuel. Plus there was a David Martz (Henry's brother, I think) who died in Schuylkill County in the 1840's and he had sons named David (but I think it was really Daniel), John, Joshua and Samuel. You can see the overlap of names and you can understand the possibility of mixing up two men of the same name. I have tried my best to sort out who was who but I am the first to admit there is really not enough information to go on and in some cases, I admit to guessing.

For now, with the exception of P3b, I am operating on the belief that any Martz born in Schuylkill County before 1850 was a descendant of Henry, Peter or David.

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**Spouse:**                    **Maria Blatner**  
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Father:                    John Blatner

#### **Parent-Proof**

Her father's name was spelled Blatner in both the petition of her son Joseph and in the estate file of John Blatner himself. But I have seen it also spelled Klattner in the 1790 Census and then Plattner in 1880.



**Sources**

1. 1790 Census, (HOH, Place, M > 15, M < 16, F), Henry Marx, Branswick and Manheim Twp, Berks, 1, 2, 2
2. 1800 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), Henry Mertz, Manheim Twp, Berks Co, PA, 3/1, 2/1, 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), Henry Mertz, Manheim Twp, Berks Co, PA, 2/1, 0/0, 2/0, 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), Henry Mertz, Manheim Twp, Schuylkill Co, PA, 2/0, 1/0, 0/0, 0, 0/1, 1/1.
5. Church Records: Oley Reformed, Oley Twp, Berks Co, PA, Baptisms, Repository: LDS Film 20352, Heinrich Mertz son of Conrath and Margaret b.5 Sep 1765 bp. 29 Sep 1765 sp. Heinrich Mertz and Cath Hetman.

**Name:** **Samuel Mertz (N3a1)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6,7</sup>

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Birth: abt 1794  
Memo: (age 56 in 1850 Census)  
Father: Heinrich Mertz (N3a) (1765-~1821)  
Mother: Maria Blatner

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

I know that Heinrich had a son Samuel. If his sons were named in order, Samuel was the second youngest and I know the youngest son was Joseph who was born in 1805. So for a while, I figured I was looking for a Samuel Martz born, say, in the early 1800's. But I never found such a man. Instead I found one in the 1850 Census living in Barry Township, Schuylkill County born in about 1794. I have convinced myself this very likely was Henry's son of that name. I believe he was also listed in 1820 in Manheim Township where I might have expected to find him and then in 1840 in West Brunswick Township, consistent perhaps with his brother Joseph being in the same place and his brother Philip being there the decade previous. Samuel is designated N3a1.

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### **Known Sons**

From the 1850 Census, Samuel had sons Reuben born 1832, Solomon born 1836 and Samuel born 1838. Samuel, the father, was a blacksmith and all these three sons at one time or another reported their occupation as blacksmith.

But there also was a John Martz listed in Barry Township, where only Samuel had previously lived, in 1850. He was age 35, a blacksmith. I am quite comfortable believing that John was Samuel's oldest son and he is designated N3a1a.

The question is whether the other sons deserve to be designated. Reuben, I don't think, ever married and was also with his father in 1850 through 1880, no need for me to designate him. Solomon too lived at home through the 1870 Census and then disappears so no need for me to designate him.

And as to the younger Samuel, there is a find-a-grave memorial for Private Samuel Martz (1838-1864) who was killed at the Wilderness in the Civil War and that memorial tells his life story — he was a blacksmith when he enlisted in Company C, 50th Infantry at age 26 in 1864 (so born about 1838). He was no doubt the Samuel who registered for the draft in 1863 from Schuylkill Haven, age 26, a blacksmith. He was said then to have been married and I believe I have found the remnants of his family thereafter. So Samuel is also designated, in his case, N3a1c.

So who is N3a1b? There is a birth record for Ebesina Mertz baptized by her parents Samuel and Sarah in Easton, PA in 1826. I don't know that Samuel. That baptism and his presence in the 1830 Census in Easton are the only two mentions of him I have found. It is nothing but a totally wild guess that Samuel, son of Heinrich, who is unaccounted for in 1830 — is Samuel briefly of Easton. There is no evidence whatsoever for this assertion. It is simply the coincidence that Samuel of Easton was only there in 1826-1830 while Samuel of Schuylkill went missing from 1820 to 1840.

Ebesina ends up in Monroe County, PA where she seems connected in various ways to Daniel Martz of that place. I don't know Daniel. So I am making the, in this case, educated guess, that he was Samuel's son. That he was Ebesina's brother seems a safe guess, that

she was Samuel's father seems known, the guessing part is again that the Samuel in question is this Samuel of Schuylkill County. Daniel is designated N3a1b.

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**Spouse: Catherine**  
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#### **Parent-Proof**

Samuel's wife was Catherine from 1850 on. On the Easton baptism record, his wife was Sarah. Two marriages?

#### **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), Samuel Mertz, Manheim Twp, Schuylkill Co, PA, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0, 0/0, 0/0.
2. 1830 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Samuel Martz, Easton, Northampton, PA, 15-19M(2), 20-29M, 30-39M, <5F, 20-29F.
3. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Jacob H Marks, Wayne Twp, Erie Co, PA, <5M, 20-29M, <5F, 20-29F. Samuel Martz, West Brunswick, Schuylkill, PA, 3M (20-29), 1 F (20-29).
4. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 56, Barry, Schuylkill, PA, Catharine 56, Carline 26, Lavina 23, Reuben 18, Solomon 14, Samuel 12, Emanuel Zimmerman.
5. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Saml Martz, 64, Barry, Schuylkill, PA, Catherine 64, Lavina 30, Reuben 26, Solomon 25, Frederick Struff 9.
6. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 74, Barry, Schuylkill, PA, Catharine 74, Reuben 30, Solomon 28, Lavina Stauff 36, Frederick Stauf 16, Saml Martz 7.
7. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 80, Barry, Schuylkill, PA, Reuben 45.

**Name:** **John Mertz (N3a1a)**<sup>1,2</sup>  
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Birth: abt 1815  
Memo: (age in Census)  
Father: Samuel Mertz (N3a1) (~1794-)  
Mother: Catherine

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

I don't know if John's father was Samuel, I don't know if Samuel had a son John. But in 1850, John Martz appeared in Barry Township where only Samuel had lived previously and Samuel was old enough to have had a son of John's age and I have no better idea who John's father might be.

But I think I can add some more evidence to this theory: both Samuel and John said they were blacksmiths.

John is designated N3a1a.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

The Census record tells a very confusing story.

In 1850, John lived with his wife Catharina and children named Harriett, Maria, George, Emeline, Rebecca, Carolus and Francis.

In 1860, everyone is about 10 years older, Harriett and Maria have either married, died or are working in someone else's household and Fieta and Edward have been added to the household.

A neighbor in 1860 was Daniel Derr age 27 with wife Rebecca 25 and several children.

In 1870, it would appear John has died and we find Catherine living with just Frank, Emeline and Edward. Daniel Derr 37 and Rebecca 35 and children are still a neighbor.

In 1880, Kate Martz lives with Daniel Derr and his children. His wife seems to have died and Kate is said to be his mother-in-law.

The problem is Rebecca. How can she be Daniel's wife in 1860 age 25 and John's daughter in 1860 age 14. Is Daniel's wife Rebecca actually Harriett who liked her sister's name so began using it? I call this a problem for another day.

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**Spouse:** **Catharine**<sup>3,4</sup>  
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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Catharine Martz of Barry Township wrote her will 26 Dec 1882 and it proved 1 Feb 1883.

She mentioned four children: George, Maria Dunkelberger, Charles and Emeline. Her Executor was Daniel Derr.

**Sources**

- 1.** 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 35, Barry, Schuylkill, PA, Catharina 37, Harriett 12, Maria 8, George 6, Emeline 4, Rebecca 3, Carolus 2, Francis 10m.
- 2.** 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 45, Barry, Schuylkill, PA, Catherine 45, George 17, Emeline 15, Rebecca 14, Charles 12, Francis 11, Fieta 8, Edward 6.
- 3.** 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Catherine Martz, 54, Barry, Schuylkill, PA, Frank 18, Emeline 20, Edward 16.
- 4.** 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Kate Martz, 67, Barry, Schuylkill, PA lives with Daniel Derr and family as his mother-in-law.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Daniel Mertz (N3a1b)<sup>1,2,3</sup></b>
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Birth:	12 Sep 1833
Memo:	(PA Death Certificate)
Death:	8 Feb 1922
Memo:	(PA Death Certificate)
Burial:	Dotters Corners, Monroe Co, PA
Father:	Samuel Mertz (N3a1) (~1794-)
Mother:	Catherine

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

I would like to believe his death certificate that says his father was named John. I know a John Martz who would make a perfect candidate. Daniel Martz, as an adult, lived in Monroe County until his death. He married a woman from Monroe County. There weren't a lot of Martzes in Monroe County, but one of them was named John, exactly of the right age to be Daniel's father.

Here's what I know about John.

1850. John Martze, 44, b.PA, Smithfield, Monroe, PA, Elizabeth 34 and children ranging in age from 1 to 14 including son John 7 and daughters Louisa age 3 and Ann Mariah age 1. Also present in the household was Christian Snider age 43.

1860. John Martz, 55, b.Germany, Stroud, Monroe, PA, Elizabeth 44, Loza 14, Charls J 8, Sarah J 7.

1870. John Martz 66, b.PA, Stroud, Monroe, PA, Elizabeth 53.

1880. John Martz, 75, b.PA (as were both parents), lives with Jerome and Louisa Slutter, she age 33.

John and his wife Elizabeth (Foust) Martz are buried in the Stroudsburg Cemetery, he died 11 Oct 1888 at age (I think it says) 83 years. Elizabeth died in Feb 1880 at age 73. Linked to them on find-a-grave are daughters Louisa Slutter, Anna Maria Marsh, and son Charles J Martz.

The obituary of John Martz (Jr.) was published in the Scranton Republican 24 Dec 1902. It said John was born in 1843 in Smithfield, Monroe County. Survived by his wife and daughters, also two brothers and four sisters: Edward of Leadville, CO; C J of Stroudsburg; Mrs. Louise Slatter on Monroe County; Mrs. Anna Marsh of East Stroudsburg and Mrs. Sarah J Webster of "this city."

So to believe that Daniel was the son of the elder John, one has to believe he was omitted in the 1850 Census (or was not living with his own family) and he was also omitted from his brother's obituary (he was still alive in 1902).

One other point on John (Sr.): several dozen AWT list him with the exactly right wife and children as named here and show his parents as Peter Mertz and Catherine Motz. They are my ancestors, they were not having children in the 1840's, they did have a son John but he is well accounted for.

Back to Daniel. He named a daughter Ebesina and seems to have been close to Ebesina (Martz) Searfoss. A message board post claims that Daniel and Julia were sponsors for the

baptism of a child of William and Ebesina Searfoss. William and Ebesina lived in Polk, Monroe County; they were there before Daniel got there. Several children of William and Ebesina's are buried in the same cemetery as Daniel and Julia. The coincidences surely do suggest Daniel and Ebesina may have been siblings. And here is a unique name, so it is quite interesting that an Ebesina Mertz was baptized in Easton in 1826 by Samuel and Sarah Mertz. Ebesina had been born 10 Jul 1825.

Who was Samuel? It is just a guess that Samuel of Easton is none other than Samuel Martz of Schuylkill County who disappeared from Schuylkill after the 1820 Census and reappeared there by 1840.

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### Death and Find-a-Grave

His death certificate says he was the son of John Martz and Julian but it is suspect because Daniel's wife was Julian. The informant was Robert Martz of Palmerton. Robert's (1881-1948) own death certificate says he was the son of Daniel and Julia (Dotter) Martz.

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#### Spouse:

**Julian Dotter**

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Birth:	26 May 1836
Memo:	(PA Death Certificate, find-a-grave says 25 May 1836)
Death:	27 Sep 1910
Memo:	(PA Death Certificate)
Burial:	Dotters Corners, Monroe Co, PA

### Parent-Proof

Her parents were Daniel and Margaret (Searfoss) Dotter according to her death certificate.

### Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Daniel Martz, 27, Penn Forest, Carbon, PA, Julia A 25, Ephesina 6, Mary 4, Matilda 2, Sarah 6m, David Snider 23, Peter Cann 25, William Snider 17, Charles Fields 18, Sarah Smith 21.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Daniel Martz, 34, Polk, Monroe, PA, Julia A 34, Abauaa 16, Mary 14, Catharine 12, Sarah A 9, Sabilla 8, Margaret 6, Oliver 4, Jerome 5m.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Daniel Martz, 46, Polk, Monroe, PA, Juiann 44, Margaret 17, Oliver 15, Nathan 6, Matta Helen 2.

**Name:** Samuel Mertz (N3a1c)<sup>1</sup>

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Birth: 1838  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 6 May 1864  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Fredericksburg National Cemetery, Fredericksburg, PA  
Father: Samuel Mertz (N3a1) (~1794-)  
Mother: Catherine

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

There's a find-a-grave memorial for Samuel Martz (1838-1964) who died at the Wilderness Civil War battle. It says: "Samuel Martz was a twenty six year old blacksmith when he enlisted in Company C. 50th PA Volunteer Infantry on 19 February 1864 in Pottsville, PA. He was mustered into federal service at the same time. He stood 5'8", had brown hair, gray eyes and a medium complexion. Samuel was Killed in Action at Battle of Wilderness 6 May 1864."

I certainly believe that records are sufficient to know that a Samuel Martz of the 50th Infantry Regiment died at Wilderness in 1864. But whether his body was recovered and removed there for burial, I don't know. And I think had his remains actually been identified as him, he would have been given a tombstone.

The 50th was recruited in Schuylkill County, PA and I think the rest of the information as he is profiled on his memorial is taken from Schuylkill County draft and enlistment records by someone who's making the assumption that there was only one Samuel Martz in Schuylkill County of about that age or in any event, in that regiment. I'm not sure there was only one.

Nonetheless, I do think we can identify which Samuel died at Wilderness and know something about him. An obituary of Annie Reichart says she was the daughter of Samuel Martz (who died in the Civil War) and Isabella and had a sister Mary and a brother Samuel. It further says that her mother now (1901) was Mrs. John Mengel.

Indeed, in 1870, we find Isabella (apparently recently married to Mr. Oswalt) living with daughter Annie and Mary.

So where was Samuel and Isabella's son Samuel, who we know from the 1870 Census was born about 1864? I think he was living with his grandfather, age 7. And it his presence in that household that ties everyone together, in my opinion. The oldest Samuel had a son Samuel who must be the Samuel who died in the Civil War leaving a son Samuel, a son who was living apart from his mother and sisters in 1870.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

In 1850, he lived with his parents.

In 1860, I am quite sure he was living with John Rupe in Schuylkill Haven, a blacksmith. Samuel's occupation was also given as blacksmith, likely an apprentice situation I would think. His name in 1860 was Smertz but since I am unable to find any other Smertz in any Census, ever, in Schuylkill County, I think it was him.



Then he must have married in early 1860's, had three children fairly quickly and went off to war in February 1864 and died just a few months later.

### Known Daughters

His daughter Mary E (1863-1936) said her parents were Samuel Mertz and Isabell Decoff (as transcribed by Ancestry, looks more like Deerooff to me).

The Call, a newspaper of Schuylkill Haven, dated 6 Sep 1901 gives us the salient facts to put this whole family together. It is the obituary of Annie Reichart, wife of George, who died a week previous. She was a daughter of the late Samuel and Isabella Martz of "this place". Isabella is now Mrs. John Mengel. Mr. Martz was killed in the /civil War. Survived by her husband, a sister Mary Martz of this place and a brother Samuel Martz of Philadelphia.

### Known Sons

Samuel L Martz (1864-1919) is known as Samuel's son from his death certificate and he is linked to Isabella as his mother on find-a-grave. His death certificate says hew as the son of Samuel Martz and Isabella Deardoff.

<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Isabella Dearolf<sup>2,3</sup></b>
Birth:	1835
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	4 May 1911
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	St John's, Auburn, Schuylkill County, PA

### Parent-Proof

Her find-a-grave memorial gives her name as Isabella Dierolf and says she was the daughter of Daniel. It also says she was the wife of Samuel Martz and second wife of John F Mengel.

Linked to her on find-a-grave are her husband John, daughter Mary E Martz (1863-1936), son Samuel L Martz (1864-1919) and Hannah Mengle.

### Census History

1860. Isabella Oswald, age 35, lives with Sallie Oswald age 3 and Anna Mertz 8 and Mary Mertz 7. This is the widow Isabella Martz (widow of Samuel) living with her two daughters. She apparently had married Mr. Oswald after her husband died in 1864.

### Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Smertz, 21, blacksmith, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill, PA l/w Jno Rupe 42, blacksmith.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Isabella Oswald, 35, North Manheim, Schuylkill, PA, Anna 8, Mary 7.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Mengel, 56, North Manheim, Schuylkill, PA, Isabella 45, Mengel children and Annie Martz 18, Mary Martz 17 and Samuel Martz 16.

**Name:** **John Martz (N3a2)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: 28 Jul 1804  
Memo: (find-a-grave, if I read 83y, 11m, 15d on tombstone correctly)  
Death: 11 Oct 1888  
Memo: (find-a-grave  
Burial: Stroudsburg Cemetery, Stroudsburg, PA  
Father: Heinrich Mertz (N3a) (1765~1821)  
Mother: Maria Blatner

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

I would like to believe the death certificate of Daniel Martz that says his father was named John. If that were true, I am fairly certain it would be this John Martz who I profile here. He would make a perfect candidate. Daniel Martz, as an adult, lived in Monroe County until his death. He married a woman from Monroe County. There weren't a lot of Martzes in Monroe County, but one of them was named John, exactly of the right age to be Daniel's father.

Here's what I know about John.

1850. John Martze, 44, b.PA, Smithfield, Monroe, PA, Elizabeth 34 and children ranging in age from 1 to 14 including sons Edward 14, Samuel 10, John 7 and daughters Louisa age 3 and Ann Mariah age 1. Also present in the household was Christian Snider age 43.

1860. John Martz, 55, b.Germany, Stroud, Monroe, PA, Elizabeth 44, Loza 14, Charls J 8, Sarah J 7.

1870. John Martz 66, b.PA, Stroud, Monroe, PA, Elizabeth 53.

1880. John Martz, 75, b.PA (as were both parents), lives with Jerome and Louisa Slutter, she age 33.

John and his wife Elizabeth (Foust) Martz are buried in the Stroudsburg Cemetery, he died 11 Oct 1888 at age (I think it says) 83 years. Elizabeth died in Feb 1880 at age 73. Linked to them on find-a-grave are daughters Louisa Slutter, Anna Maria Marsh, and son Charles J Martz.

Finally, the obituary of John Martz (Jr.) was published in the Scranton Republican 24 Dec 1902. It said John was born in 1843 in Smithfield, Monroe County. Survived by his wife and daughters, also two brothers and four sisters: Edward of Leadville, CO; C J of Stroudsburg; Mrs. Louise Slatter on Monroe County; Mrs. Anna Marsh of East Stroudsburg and Mrs. Sarah J Webster of "this city."

So to believe that Daniel was the son of the elder John, one has to believe he was omitted in the 1850 Census (or was not living with his own family) and he was also omitted from his brother's obituary (he was still alive in 1902).

On other point on John: several dozen AWT list him with the exactly right wife and children as named here and show his parents as Peter Mertz and Catherine Motz. They are my ancestors, they were not having children in the 1840's, they did have a son John but he is well accounted for and never lived in Monroe County.

So, John was not the father of Daniel who I was trying to learn about when I stumbled upon John, never having known of him before.

There is that one lone instance (1860) when the record says he was born in Germany, but otherwise he always said Pennsylvania as did his children in later Census about their father. If he was born in Germany, then I'm not as concerned with knowing about him, as my main interest is Mertzes descended from what I call an original immigrant. But since it seems more likely he was born in Pennsylvania, I do need to keep him around and try to learn more about him.

He did name a son Samuel, obviously not a unique name, but named for his brother?

So I know a lot about John, except for this: who was his father? It turns out that there was a Heinrich Mertz who died about 1821 leaving sons John, Samuel and others. I never could find anything out about that son John. And while I thought I knew Samuel, there was a strange gap in the record, he disappeared in the late 1820's into the 1830's. Did Samuel move to Easton? Was this John who may well be the brother of Samuel of Easton, the missing son of Heinrich. That is the way I have now put it together — but understand, it is all just guesswork. Waiting for more information.

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<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Elizabeth Foust</b>
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Birth:	30 Apr 1806
Memo:	(find-a-grave, if I read 73y, 9m, 25d on tombstone correctly)
Death:	13 Feb 1880
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Stroudsburg Cemetery, Stroudsburg, PA

### Sources

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martze, 44, Smithfield, Monroe, PA, Elizabeth 34, Mary Ann 16, Edward H 14, Samuel 10, John 7, Catharine 5, Luisa F 3, Ann Mariah 1, Christian Snider 43 .
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 55, Stroud, Monroe, PA, Elizabeth 44, Loiza 14, Charls J 8, Sarah J 7.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Martz, 66, Stroud, Monroe, PA, Elizabeth 53.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Martz, 75, Hamilton, Monroe, PA, I/w Jerome and Louisa Slutter.

**Name:** **Samuel Martz (N3a2a)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1840  
 Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Death: 1878  
 Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Burial: St Johns, Bartonsville, Monroe Co, PA  
 Father: John Martz (N3a2) (1804-1888)  
 Mother: Elizabeth Foust (1806-1880)

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**Spouse:** **Margaret Custard**

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Birth: 2 Dec 1843<sup>3</sup>  
 Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Death: 15 Oct 1910  
 Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Burial: St Johns, Bartonsville, Monroe Co, PA

#### Parent-Proof

Her name as Samuel's wife comes from the death certificate of daughter Carrie Halterman. After Samuel died young, she married Abraham Setzer. She is linked to her parents on find-a-grave, Henry and Caroline Custard.

#### Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samul Martz, 21, Hamilton, Monroe, PA, I/w Charles and Sally Miller.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 30, Hamilton, Monroe, PA, Margaret 26, Edwin 7, Henry W 6, Caroline 4, John I 3, Nora.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Margaret C Setzer, 35, Hamilton, Monroe, PA, I/w husband Abraham Setzer, 40, various Setzer children and Henry W Martz 16, Elnora 11 and Georgana 3.

**Name:** **John Martz (N3a2b)<sup>1,2</sup>**

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Birth: 10 Jun 1843  
Memo: (PA Veteran's Burial Card)  
Death: 24 Dec 1902  
Memo: (PA Veteran's Burial Card)  
Burial: Dunmore Cemetery, Lackawanna Co, PA  
Father: John Martz (N3a2) (1804-1888)  
Mother: Elizabeth Foust (1806-1880)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know John as the son of John from the 1850 Census and then his obituary which did not name his parents but named his surviving siblings. His Veteran's Burial Card said he served in the Spanish-American War. John is designated N3a2b.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

His obituary said he was to be buried in Dunmore Cemetery and there is a Veteran's Burial Card for him with all his vitals and it too says Dunmore but there is no sign of him on find-a-grave.

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**Spouse:** **Caroline Kautz**

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### **Parent-Proof**

In 1860, at age 14, she was living in Stroudsburg with her presumed parents, John and Lavina Kautz.

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Martz, 25, Scranton Ward 2, Luzerne, PA, Caroline 23, Idella 4, Emma 2, Medna Kautz 11.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Marts, 38, Scranton, Lackawanna, PA, Caroline 34, Idella 13, Emma 12.

**Name:**                    **Joseph Mertz (N3a3):**

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Birth:                    5 Dec 1805  
Birth Memo:            (may be baptism date, Zion Red Church baptism)  
Father:                Heinrich Mertz (N3a) (1765-~1821)  
Mother:                Maria Blatner

**Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

There is a Schuylkill County Estate File for "Mertz Minor" that contains the 1 Jan 1822 petition of Joseph Mertz, son of Henry Mertz and grandson of John Blatner. The petition said that an unnamed daughter of John had married Henry, now all deceased. The petitioner also referred to his, also unnamed, brothers and sisters. Joseph was above the age of 14.

A family tree I found seems to cite the baptism of Joseph at Zion's Red Church 5 Dec 1805 son of Henrich and Maria.

I believe his last mention was the 1840 Census and that he died not too long after that. He is designated N3a3.

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**Sources**

1. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), Joseph Marty, West Brunswick Twp, Schuylkill Co, PA, <5M (2), 10-14M, 30-39M, 5-9F (2), 10-14F, 20-29F.

**Name:** **David Mertz (N3b)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: abt 1795  
Birth Memo: (age 40-49 in 1840 Census)  
Father: Conrad Mertz (N3) (~1746-)  
Mother: Anna Margaretha Heckman

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

There is a David Mertz in the 1810 Census in Longswamp Township and a David Mertz who “popped up” in Manheim Township in 1840 after Henry disappeared from that same place after the 1820 Census. In 1810, he was age 16-25 and there was a female 45+ living with him. In 1840, he was age 40-49.

I really can think of three different ways he may fit into Conrad’s family and I really don’t know which of these theories may be the most reasonable. But I should say that I believe David was of the Longswamp family — (based on his presence in Longswamp Township in 1810 and based on the fact that David is such an important name in the Longswamp family) — and there are very few Mertzes who remained in Longswamp past 1790. So I believe David was either a son or grandson of Conrad.

I have considered the he may be Henry’s son, but since he wasn’t named as such in the estate file of Henry’s father-in-law which named his grandchildren, I have explain things by giving Henry a first wife, prior to Maria Blatner, by whom he had David.

A second guess is that David was a son of Conrad’s son Johannes, who other than his 1772 baptism I know nothing more about. Maybe Johannes lived only long enough to marry and have a son in 1795 and then died but never made any other imprint on history. And maybe David then went to live with Conrad and was reported as age 10-15 in Conrad’s 1810 household.

Or maybe he was Conrad’s son. It might be considered strange that Conrad had sons in 1765 and 1772 and then another in 1795 and if he did, I suspect it was by a second, younger, wife.

So each of these theories requires me to believe some additional fact which there is no evidence for. In the end, it is basically a coin toss (a three-sided coin) and for now I am going with the theory he was Conrad’s son. David is designated N3b.

Well I should add there is one other possibility. I know little about Conrad’s brother Henry other than he was listed in the 1790 Census in Longswamp, that he married Maria Catharina Heckman (the sister of Conrad’s wife) and died in 1822. I have always believed he had no children.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

There was a David Matz in the 1830 Census in Cumru Township, Berks County. It’s possible it was this David, I suppose. Other than that I believe he was the David Mertz in Longswamp Township in 1810 and David Mertz in Manheim Township in 1840.

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### **Known Sons**

There is an 1847 estate file for Christina Mertz of Schuylkill Haven, widow of David. It seems an obvious guess that, since David was in Manheim Township in 1840 and then disappeared that maybe he died in the early 1840’s and then Christina not too long after.

The estate file named their children, all minors: David, John, Joshua, Samuel, Lydia and Mary Jane. It is very hard to find evidence of these children in the 1850 Census. There was a Joshua Mark, age 12, in Wayne Township with the Allenbach family and a John Martz, age 18, lived with the Boyer family in Pottsville age.

But then in the decades following I think there is evidence of males of the right age to be David's and Christina's sons.

The most interesting evidence is records detailing either registration for or service in the Civil War. Consider, there was a volunteer unit formed named Company I, 39th Regiment and on its roster we find Corporal Joshua Martz and privates: Samuel G W Martz and John B Martz. After this unit disbanded, another unit was formed, Company C, 50th Pennsylvania Infantry and among its members were Daniel Martz, Samuel Martz and John B Martz. One other tidbit is that Samuel and Daniel Mertz were purchasers of small items at Christina's estate sale.

So I've found evidence of Daniel, John (John B), Joshua and Samuel (Samuel GW). Who's Daniel and what happened to David? I have seen many instances over the years where the name handwritten name David was mis-read as Daniel and vice versa and I am posting the theory here that that is what happened. As I look at Christina's estate file, I think the name written was indeed David but what if whoever wrote that into the official record copied it from some other handwritten document and mis-read it?

I think David's sons were: Daniel, Joshua, Samuel G W, and John B.

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<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Christina</b>
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Death:	1847 <sup>3</sup>
Death Memo:	(date of estate file)

### Parent-Proof

I found her maiden name, Dress, on the death certificate of her son Joshua. When I inspected her estate file, I noticed that her town lot in Schuylkill Haven had been sold to Susanna Dress and I also noticed any number of buyers of her property named Dress and so I searched for any Dress who died in Schuylkill County and Jacob Dress who died there in 1843 seemed, perhaps, to be in the right timeframe.

A look at Jacob's estate file produced a petition by John Dress, to wit: "that your petitioner's said father died intestate on or about the 24th of May last (1843) leaving a widow named Catherine and eight children, namely Christina, intermarried with David Mertz now deceased, Jacob, Elizabeth intermarried with David (??), your petitioner, Maria intermarried with Samuel Heebner, Catherine intermarried with Samuel Fenstermacher, Daniel and Susannah who is still in her minority".

### 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), David Mertz, Longswamp Twp, Berks Co, PA, 16-25M, 45+F.
2. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), David Mertz, Manheim, Schuylkill, PA, <5M, 5-9M (2), 10-14M, 40-49M, 5-9F, 40-49F .



**3.** Probate Records Berks County, PA, 1700's to current, Wills, Estate Files, Repository: LDS On-line Images, Also now on Ancestry.com, Image 902. Estate file for Christina Mertz of Schuylkill Haven widow of David. Ch: David, John, Joshua, Samuel, Lydia, Mary Jane.

**Name:** **Samuel G W Martz (N3b1)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 19 Jul 1827  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 16 Feb 1877  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: St Johns UCC, Ashland, PA  
Father: David Mertz (N3b) (~1795-)  
Mother: Christina Dress (-1847)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

There is a Samuel G. K. Martz (I think it was G. W.) buried in Ashland, Schuylkill County and known from the 1860 Census as Samuel Marts of Schuylkill Haven, age 31, a brakeman. We also know him as SGW Martz from his Civil War Draft Registration — he was age 35 in 1863 [1828] and was a brakesman from Schuylkill Haven.

Turning to the 1870 Census, there was a Samuel Mertz age 30 in Cressona, Schuylkill County, a locomotive fireman whose wife was Caroline and a Samuel, age 40, a RR Engineer, in Butler Township, Schuylkill County with a wife and children matching the names of Samuel Martz of Schuylkill Haven in 1860.

A very solid case could be made that the younger Samuel must have been the known son of David and Christina, the problem is I know from his death certificate who Samuel of Cressona was — the son of Peter Mertz and Elizabeth Moyer.

And just a note in passing, there were three other Samuel Martz in Schuylkill County but I think I know who they were. One was born in 1794 and I believe he was the son of Heinrich (N3a), one was born in 1817 (married to Abigail Ketner) and I think was the son of Peter (J3) since he is buried in Orwigsburg (where his parents are also buried) and one was born in 1838 and died in 1864 in the Civil War and I'm quite sure he was the son of the Samuel born in 1794.

So it's almost a process of elimination that says that Samuel GW must have been David and Christina's son but there are two major problems with this assignment: if he was born in 1827, he would not have been a minor when Christina died nor, if Christina's sons were named in birth order Samuel was the youngest, but in fact, based on what I believe are the birth dates of Christina's other sons, was the oldest.

Nonetheless, for now, Samuel G W is designated N3b1.

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**Spouse:** **Mary Coup**<sup>3</sup>

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Birth: 7 Jan 1835  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 20 Mar 1897  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: St Johns UCC, Ashland, PA

### **Parent-Proof**

We know her maiden named from her find-a-grave memorial as well as death certificates of several of her children.

**Sources**

- 1.** 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Marts, 31, brakeman, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill, PA, Mary 25, Clara 3, George 1, Samuel Eagley 19.
- 2.** 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 40, Engineer RR, Butler, Schuylkill, PA, Mary 36, Clara 14, George 10, Winfield 8, Ida 5, Augusta 3, Wyllyssa S 1.
- 3.** 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Mary Martz, 45, Butler, Schuylkill, PA, George 21, Scott 19, Ida 17, Katie 14, Grant 11, Willie 8.

**Name:** Daniel Martz (N3b2)<sup>1,2,3</sup>  
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 Birth: 1834  
 Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Death: 23 Dec 1903  
 Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Burial: Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co, PA  
 Father: David Mertz (N3b) (abt 1795-abt 1845)  
 Mother: Christina Dress (-1847)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

There is a Pvt Daniel Martz on find-a-grave buried in Schuylkill Haven. His tombstone says Martz, his memorial gives his surname as Martz (Mertz). He was born in 1834 and died in 1903. His memorial says he was a Civil War soldier and served in Company C, 50th Pennsylvania Infantry. He is linked on find-a-grave to his wife Lavina (Deibler) Martz.

It would be easy to make the case that he was the son of Peter Mertz (J3b) and his wife Eliza who are buried in the same cemetery. From Census, they had a son Daniel age 15 in 1850 and age 25 in 1860. There were three privates in the 50th Infantry named Martz: Daniel Martz born 1834, Samuel Martz born 1838 and John B Martz born 1842 and Peter had sons of those three names, with ages per the 1850 Census: Daniel 15, Samuel 10 and John 4. The ages aren't exactly right but errors like that happen often in genealogy and so everything seems to fit together into a nice package.

Here's the problem. Peter wrote his will in 1874 naming his son Daniel F as one of his Executors. But when Peter died in 1891 and his will was to be proven, Daniel's brothers testified that their brother Daniel F had predeceased their father. Indeed, Daniel Francis Mertz (1834-1879) is also buried in that same cemetery, in his case in the same Section A-1 as his parents.

The next obvious thought is that maybe this Daniel was Peter's nephew. Peter had two brothers, John and Samuel. John never actually lived in Schuylkill County though he did have a son Daniel — but that Daniel is accounted for and he is buried in Dauphin County. And Peter's brother Samuel had no sons.

So who was Pvt Daniel Martz? I can't really say I know for sure but I have a theory. A David Mertz appeared in Manheim Township in 1840. I can't say I know for sure who he was either but I believe he was the son of Conrad Mertz (N3) and I have designated David (N3b). David's wife Christina died in 1847 and the estate file of Christina Martz of Schuylkill Haven said she had sons named David, John, Joshua and Samuel — all minors.

My theory is that son David was this Daniel. I could argue maybe he was David Daniel (or Daniel David) — genealogists do that all the time, they make up names to solve problems like this. But that is not the argument I would make. I have observed in many instances where the handwritten name David was misread as Daniel and vice versa. Now I have looked at the estate file and I would be hard pressed to say it says Daniel and not David. But who wrote that? Did somebody write what we find now in her estate file from some other piece of paper and made that mistake? That's what I think.

Note that this Daniel, it seems, can be linked in certain ways to brothers (?) named Samuel, Joshua and John. Note that in Christina's case her name had come to be spelled Martz by the time she died and she was then of Schuylkill Haven. Note the I cannot find anyone anywhere that I think could be Christina's missing son David.

There is a brief profile of Daniel on the Dauphin County Civil War blog. "Daniel Martz, 50th Pennsylvania Infantry, Company C, Private (MI 10 Feb 1864 – MO by General Order 16 May 1865 or Surgeon's Certificate of Disability?). NARA M554-R75. Enrolled: Reading. MI: Reading. Possibly discharged on Surgeon's Certificate of Disability (SCD). From Pension List: Gunshot wound of right foot. From Schuylkill Haven Web Site: Right arm bleeding in 15 places. Married: Lavina ? Buried: Union Cemetery, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County. Occupation: Laborer. Residence: Berks Co. AKA: Mertz.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

He was in Schuylkill Haven with wife Levina in 1860-1880.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Daniel and Lavina are on find-a-grave.

<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Lavina Deibler</b>
Birth:	May 1837
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	9 Nov 1908
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co, PA

### **Parent-Proof**

She is said to have been the daughter of Henry and Eliza (Rease) Deibler on find-a-grave.

### **Sources**

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Danel Martz, 25, laborer, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill, PA, Lovina 26 l/w Margaret Reamer 64 and Warren Lugan 54.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Daniel Martz, 36, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill, PA, Levina 33, William Barth 6.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Daniel Hartz, 46, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co, PA, Levina 42.

**Name:** **Joshua Martz (N3b3)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1 Apr 1838  
Memo: (find-a-grave and PA death certificate)  
Death: 2 Apr 1914  
Memo: (find-a-grave and PA death certificate)  
Burial: First United Methdoist, Minersville, PA  
Father: David Mertz (N3b) (~1795-)  
Mother: Christina Dress (-1847)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

The Pennsylvania Death Certificate of Joshua Martz who was born 1 Apr 1838 and died 2 Apr 1914 says he was born in Schuylkill Haven and his parents were David Martz and his wife, maiden name Dress.

There are two Civil War draft registrations of men named Joshua Martz, one age 34 (1829) a boatman, single from Schuylkill Haven and the other Joshua Martz, age 24 (1839) an engineer, married, from Annville.

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**Spouse:** **Harriett Umstead**

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### **Parent-Proof**

Her name is known from her find-a-grave memorial as well the death certificate of Irvin Walter Mertz, her son.

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Joshua Martz, 32, Branch, Schuylkill, PA, outside laborer, Omstead 30, Barbara 4, William 3, Rosanna 3m.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Joshua Martz, 42, Minersville, Schuylkill, PA, Harriett 40, Rosie 9, Joshua F 8, Harrison S 6, Irvin W 5 .

**Name:** **John B Martz (N3b4)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1842  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 27 Feb 1881  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Woodlands Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA  
Father: David Mertz (N3b) (~1795-)  
Mother: Christina Dress (-1847)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

There is a John B Martz buried in Philadelphia, born, it says on find-a-grave, in 1842. David and Christina Mertz of Schuylkill County had a son John, a minor when Christina died in 1847. In the Civil War unit in which Daniel Martz (believed to be David's son) served, we find a John B Martz born 1842 in the same unit.

Then there's this. I found a history of Schuylkill County which consisted of several different thematic articles written by older citizens of the county and one of the articles was the story of the different ways county citizens supported and participated in the Civil War.

One of those told the story of Company I, 39th regiment. And he specifically mentioned Johnnie Martz (who must have been quite a character) who served in that unit and later moved to Philadelphia and died at a young age.

Rarely in genealogy do you find as consistent a set of facts allowing us to say Christina's son John was Johnnie in Company I and is buried in Philadelphia. John B is designated N3b3.

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**Spouse:** **Katherine L Fritz**

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Birth: 26 Jul 1845  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 4 Dec 1910  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Woodlands Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA

### **Parent-Proof**

Her PA Death Certificate says she was the daughter of John and Luise (Saylor) Fritz and she was born in Schuylkill Haven. From find-a-grave, we also learn that she remarried Edwin Suppler after John died.

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John B Martz, 28, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill, PA, Catherine 26, Patrick Brown 3, Kate Hoffman 3.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John B Martz, 38, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, Kate L 36, Harry 12, Hattie 13, Susan Lewis 28.

**Name:**                    **Nicholas Mertz (N4)**

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Birth:                    abt 1761  
Birth Memo:            (was a minor in 1776, his father died in 1760)  
Father:                  Nicholas Mertz (N) (<1715-~1760)  
Mother:                  Margaret (-<1767)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know that Nicholas -- the one who immigrated as a teenager -- had a son Nicholas. Orphans Court filings upon his death make that clear.

The question for me always was whether the Nicholas named as an Executor by Peter who died in 1787 was his nephew Nicholas or his own son and I wasn't sure for a long time. But M L Kueker found definitive proof in the form of deeds filed in conjunction with Peter's estate that clearly state that Nicholas was his son.

Once we knew there were two cousins named Nicholas, we were able to determine from birth dates that the Nicholas who settled in Middleburg before 1790 was Peter's son. And so the question then is, what ever happened to Nicholas son of Nicholas? I do not know.

He is designated N4.

I do not know when he was born but his father died in 1760 and the various petitions always listed Nicholas last among his children and said he was a minor. In fact, when his sister died in 1776, he was a still a minor. A minor was someone under 16 so that gives a very narrow window in which Nicholas was born — it had to be just before or even just after his father died.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Could he be the Nicholas Marty in Bucks County in 1800?